RELIGIOUS.

"GRACE FOR GRACE."

(A Lenten Thought.)

For the Scranton Tribune.

Lord, give me strength, the creature cries,
To do Thy blessed will.
Give me the strength of Christ, Thy Son,
Jesus, the crucified.
Give me the strength that bore him through
His trial and his woes,
The strength with which he met his death,
And triumphed o'er the tomb.

That strength is thine, the Lord replies,
Through faith, and hope and love,
Through faith in Christ, through hope in Him,
Through love of His Dear Name.
Yet even then, my faithful one,
Know well another law.
Strength cannot be supplied to men
But in return for strength.

E'en Christ Himself came not to strength,
But by this same great law
He grew in strength though strife with sin—
By conquering His foes.
So men must strive to conquer sin,
And use their every power,
Their trials and their woes to bear
Their sorrow and their tears.

So here's the strength which I supply
Through My Eternal Son
In this way only is it man's,
And can be without end.
It's by this law alone that I
Can ever strengthen men.
It's by this law alone that they
Receive My "grace for grace."

—F. S. Ballentine.

Scranton, Pa., March 16, 1899.

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The annual Wyoming conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will begin at Kingston, April 12. It has been expected that Bishop Newman would preside, but he is at present so ill that some doubts are entertained as to the possibility of his attendance.

Already extensive preparations are being made for the conference, which will be a most important event in local Methodism, and the Kingston people will make adequate arrangements for the entertainment of the ministers and official visitors. Kingston has long been considered a center of Methodism, and the location of the conference school, Wyoming seminary, being there, will greatly add to the interest of the gathering, and it is predicted that it will be one of the most successful conferences ever held. A number of the most celebrated ministers, leaders in educational work, and gifted orators of the church, will be present and take part in the proceedings. A portion of each day will be taken up by the business of the session and the remainder will be devoted to the anniversaries of the different societies, and also to lectures.

The pastors from 215 pastoral charges, together with the candidates for admission the retired ministers and official visitors will bring to Kingston, will be over 300 men. The programme is nearly completed.

Some of the arrangements announced for the week are given below.

On Tuesday evening the temperance anniversary will be held and Hon. John G. Woolley, one of the most eloquent orators of this country, is expected to deliver the address. Dr. A. J. Palmer, of New York, one of the missionary secretaries, will preside at the meeting in the interest of missions on Wednesday evening.

The Freedman's Aid and Southern Educational anniversary will be observed Thursday evening, and Rev. Dr. C. B. Mason, one of the most scholarly and eloquent men of the negro race, will deliver the principal address.

Friday evening is set apart for the anniversary of the Educational society, and as Kingston is the seat of Wyoming seminary, special preparations are being made to make this anniversary a pronounced success. Rev. Dr. B. P. Raymond, president of Wesleyan university; Rev. Dr. James R. Day, chancellor of Syracuse university, and Rev. Dr. L. L. Sprague, president of Wyoming seminary, will be the speakers.

Two anniversaries will be held on Saturday evening and also on Sunday evening. On Saturday evening the Veterans' association will be addressed by Rev. G. T. Price, of Dallas, and the Preachers' Aid society will be addressed by Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin, of Elm Park. The church extension and the Epworth league anniversaries will be held on Sunday evening. Rev. Dr. M. S. Hard arranges the former, and Rev. Dr. J. F Berry, editor of the Epworth Herald, will address the latter

Thursday afternoon will be given to the Historical society. Friday afternoon to Women's Foreign Missionary society, and Saturday afternoon to Women's Home Missionary society. The business sessions of the conference will be held during the forenoon.

Dr. Marcus L. Buell, dean of the Boston University Theological seminary, will give a course of exegetical lectures to the conference.

The presiding elder of the Honesdale district and twelve pastors have reached their time limit, and, of course, must move. Others will be changed also.

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The special announcements for men's services in the Providence Presbyterian church are awakening general inquiry and anticipation particularly in the north end of the city. Tomorrow evening's service will be for ladies as well as for men, though Rev. Mr. Guild's address will be especially for men. He has selected a timely theme for the occasion, namely, "Man's Self Worth." Choir master C. F. Whittemore and choir have arranged a special programme of music as follows:

Bonum Est in A Flat .....Holden
Solo by Mr. Acker. Duet, Miss Smith, Mr. John and Full Choir.
Praise God in His Holiness .....Buck
Full Choral Founded on the 150th Psalm.
Male Quartette ...Nearer My God to Thee
Messrs. Whittemore, John, Acker and Morgan.

At the close of the service, Professor George Walkenshaw a prominent organist, of Glasgow, Scotland, who is visiting in this city, will play the following selections on the organ:

Andante Movement .....Wely
Prelude .....Bach
Aire .....Handel
Heroque .....Schubert

The service on Monday and Tuesday evenings will be Gospel services for men only. Boys, young men, middle-aged men and older men are cordially invited. On Monday evening Mr. F. W. Pearsall, secretary of the Railroad department of Young Men's Christian association will give the address on the subject "What the Child Brought." Mr. Joshua John will sing a solo from the Gospel hymns.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Mahy, secretary of the Young Men's Christian association, will speak on the theme "What Must I Do." The Yoke Fellows' and Workers' Band and Male quartette and Cornetist Stanton will also assist in these two meeings. The Gospel hymn singing will be made one of the prominent features of the two services. The meetings will begin promptly at 7.45 o'clock and close promptly at the expiration of one hour.

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The press committee for the eighteenth international convention of Christian Endeavor to be held in Detroit July 5-10 has begun work by issuing a letter setting forth the attractions of Detroit in general, and of the coming convention in particular. Detroit expects to entertain at least 60,000 visitors on this occasion. This letter says: "Never was there brighter promise of great things for the Endeavor hosts, and never has a city felt a gladder thrill over certainty of blessings to come. The programme promises a five-day feast that will educate, edify and enthuse the thousands that will partake."

The convention will be characterized by two new features, viz.: The employment of a higher grade of music than formerly, and lectures upon sociological questions and other present day problems. The latter feature is designed, however, to supplement and not to supplant the spiritual element which has always been the great characteristic of Christian Endeavor conventions. The attractions of Detroit as a convention city are set forth with particular reference to the city's well known outing facilities on land and water. The close proximity of Belle Isle, Detroit's great natural park, is cited in this connection.

In conclusion the letter says: "Crimson and white are the colors in which Detroit will array herself for the great convention. The houses of the city will be opened wide and cordiality will find expression in every face and voice and manner. You will have a one-fare railroad rate; you can come by rail from everywhere and by water from almost anywhere; your entertainment will be at a reasonable cost, and you can visit the famous Northern Michigan resorts after the convention. You need the physical invigoration of the trip to Detroit, and the mental and spiritual inspiration that comes from contact with the wholesome life of the Endeavor host. But most of all we want you."

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Rev. James O. S. Huntington, father superior of the Order of the Holy Cross, will be in this city on the 25th to conduct a series of services at St. Mark's church, Dunmore. The services will be at 8 a. m. and 8 p. m. He will hold children's services on Saturday and Wednesday afternoon. It is probable that he will be taken around to the shops and factories by Rev. E. J. Haughton, to speak at the noon hour. Father Huntington has been on a Canadian tour, but comes here from Princeton. One of his latest efforts is to found a new order of sisters to care for consumptives.

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The Lutheran Pastoral association will meet in the library of Rev. Ramer, South Lincoln avenue, on Monday at 1 o'clock. The Rev. C. F. Kuder, foreign missionary at Rajahmeondry, India, will be present during the afternoon. In the evening Missionary Kuder will deliver an address on foreign mission work in India, as carried on by the Lutheran church. The many years of this important work will warrant useful information from the lips of the missionary. Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Park Place, will also deliver an addrss.

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Rev. J. H. Keeley, field secretary of the Pennsylvania Anti-Saloon league, whose headquarters have been at Harrisburg, will shortly remove with his family to Wilkes-Barre and make that city his home. Mr. Keeley, who is an eloquent speaker, has endorsements from lodges, churches, pastors and the press for the good work he has accomplished, and various synods and other organizations have passed resolutions commendatory of his work.

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A large attendance was present at the celebration of a month's mind mass at St. John's church on Thursday for the late Very Rev. Father Finnen. The officers of the mass were: Rev. E. A. Garvey, celebrant; Rev. N. J. McManus, deacon; Rev. R. A. McAndrew, sub-deacon; Rev. P. F. Quinnan, master of ceremonies. The office of the dead was commenced at 9.30, the antiphonarians being Rev. E. S. Phillips and Rev. James Moffat. Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban occupied a seat in the sanctuary during the mass. A double quartette sang the "Stabat Mater," by Rossini, very effectively. At the conclusion of the mass Rev. E. S. Phillips sang the "Dies Irae' and Rt. Rev. Bishop Hoban gave the absolution. The visiting clergy were entertained at dinner in the parochial school building. The following priests were in attendance: Rt. Rev. M. J. Hoban, Revs. James O'Reilly, M. E. Loftus and W. P. O'Donnell, Scranton; T. F. Coffey and W. A. Nealon, Carbondale; P. C. Nagle, R. A. McAndrew, M. F. O'Rourke and J. J. Curran, Wilkes-Barre; N. J. McManus, Providence; E. P. McNally, Georgetown; James Moffatt, Taylor; J. Sandel, Athens; J. H. Judge, Nanticoke; E. S. Phillips, Hazleton; T. Hanley, Honesdale; J. Dunn, Avoca; J. F. Jordan, Old Forge; J. F. Kiernan, Parsons; John Costello, Williamsport; Thomas Rea, Sugar Notch; J. Morrison, M. J. Bergrath, J. Loughran, William O'Donnell, William Brehl, J. Greve, M. Janeola, M. Szedirdis, P. F. Quinnan and George Dixon, Pittston; Father Gramlevich, Nanticoke; William Gision, Old Forge, and Father Potanski, Mill Creek.

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At the Methodist ministers' meeting at Elm Park church on Monday, Rev. A. F. Chaffee gave an interesting review on Bowne's "Revelation." In the absence of the secretary, Rev. S. Guy Snowden supplied the place.

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Rev. L. B. Weeks, of Sayre, occupied Rev. J. B. Sweet's pulpit at the Simpson church on Sunday last.

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The Woman's Foreign Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church held its annual meeting yesterday, after which tea was served to those present. Mrs. H. A. Kingsbury and Mrs. H. V. Logan were in charge and were assisted by Miss Kingsbury, Miss Fletcher, Miss Augusta Archbald and others.

Religious News Notes

Rev. John P. Dunn preached in the Olyphant church last Sunday.

There will be a German service at St. Mark's Lutheran church on Sunday at 2.30 p. m.

At the Baptist Ministers' conference next Monday morning Rev. S. F. Mathews will talk on the subject "The Pastor and Church Finances."

Rev. Lisse, pastor of Christ Lutheran church, on the South Side, will conduct a public examination with his catechumens on Sunday morning. He will confirm a class of nineteen catechumens on Palm Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Jackson Street Baptist church have organized for the coming year with Mrs. R. Nichols, president; Mrs. T. de Gruchy, vice president; Mrs. Caroline Miles, secretary, and Mrs. W. O. Jenkins, as treasurer.

Rev. C. F. Cooper, treasurer of Muhlenberg college, Allentown, Pa., and also business manager of the central jubilee committee, will preach at the morning service in Zion's Lutheran church and in the evening in St. Mark's. Rev. Mr. Cooper is closely associated with the educational interests of the Lutheran church.

Rev. T. C. Edwards, D. D., of Kingston, Pa., will preach in the Welsh Congregational church tomorrow morning and evening. The sermon in the evening at 6 o'clock will be in English. Mr. Edwards is an eloquent preacher and our people should embrace this opportunity to hear him.

Frank W. Pearsall, the retiring secretary of the Railroad Young Men's Christian association, will lead the Christian Endeavor meeting at 6 o'clock and preach at the regular service at 7 o'clock at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church tomorrow evening. This will be Mr. Pearsall's last appearance on the West Side before starting for his new field of labor.

The service at the Railroad Department Young Men's Christian association next Sunday will be a missionary service. The work of the association in India and Japan will be the subject. A collection will be taken up for the foreign work of the association. Meeting begins at 3.45 o'clock. All railroad men and their families are cordially invited.

Because of the reception to be given to the boys of the Thirteenth regiment, Pennsylvania volunteer infantry, on March 23, the proposed lecture on "Ben Hur," which is to be given in Calvary Reformed church by the pastor, Rev. G. W. Welsh, will be postponed until Friday, March 24.

The regular Sunday afternoon service of the Young Women's Christian association will be held at 3.45 in the central rooms. All girls and women are invited. The North Scranton band of the Young Women's Christian association will hold a service every Sunday at 3.45 p. m. in the rooms, 2048 North Main avenue. All women and girls are invited.

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

St. Luke's parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Fifth Sunday in Lent.

St. Luke's church—7.30 a. m., holy communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer, sermon and holy communion; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

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 class.

East End Mission, Prescott avenue—3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class; 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—Fifth Sunday in Lent. Holy communion 8 a. m.; morning prayer, litany and sermon, 10.30; Sunday school, 12 m.; Bible classes, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, by Rev. M. B. Nash, 7.30. All seats free. All welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

The Evangelical Lutheran — Fifth Sunday in Lent. Gospel, John, 8:46-49; Epistle, Heb., 9:11-15. Vestment color, violet.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.D., pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30; Sunday school, 12. Morning subject, "He That is of God, Heareth God's Word." In evening, Rev. C. F. Cooper, of Muhlenberg college, Allentown, Pa., will occupy the pulpit. A German service will be held at 2.30 Sunday.

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Luther league at 6.30. Lenten service on Wednesday at 7.45.

Zion's, Mifflin avenue, Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Rev. C. F. Cooper, treasurer of Muhlenberg college, will occupy the pulpit.

St. Paul's, Short avenue, Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12.30 p. m.

Christ, Cedar avenue and Beech street, Rev. H. F. Lisse, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Rev. Lisse will publicly examine the catechumens. There are nineteen candidates for confirmation on Palm Sunday.

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

Emanuel, Reese street, Rev. John Kowala, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 p. m.

Grace Lutheran Church of the General Synod, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Foster U. Gift, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.; Y P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m.

Methodist.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, J. B. Sweet, pastor—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30; preaching service at 10.30; sermon by the pastor, text, Hebrews, 1:1; Sunday school at 12; Junior league at 3; Young Men's meeting at 4; Epworth league, Mr. F. W. Pearsall, leader, at 6; preaching service, sermon by Mr. Pearsall at 7. All seats free. A welcome to all.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services on Sunday as usual. Preaching at 10.30, subject, "Things That Make a Strong Church;" class at 11.30; Sunday school at 2, J. T. Rendel, superintendent; Juniors at 3; Epworth league at 6.30; preaching at 7.30, "Extracting Honey From Unlikely Source." Second sermon in the series on "Samson."

Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor. 10.30 a. m., subject, "The Victory of Faith;" 2.30, Sunday school; 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7.30 p. m., by request, will give discourse upon "Boasting." Text, Psalms, xxxiv, 2: "My soul shall make her boast in the Lord, the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad."

Methodist Episcopal church, Clark's Summit, Pa.—Rev. Frank W. Young, pastor. Sunday school, 10 a. m., conducted by the superintendent, S. H. Isby; class, 12 m.; Epworth league, 6.45 p. m., led by Miss Grace Myers; preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The theme for the evening sermon is "The Bravest Soldier."

Moscow Methodist Episcopal church—S. Guy Snowden, B. D., pastor. 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 10.45 a. m. and 7 p. m.; preaching by the pastor; 12 m., class; 3 p. m., Junior League; 8 p. m., Epworth league, Thursday, 7.30 p. m., prayer meeting. Turnersville, Sunday, 2.30 p. m., holy communion. Spring Brook, Tuesday, 7.30 p. m.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church—Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach. In view of the special meetings so soon to be held, the subjects of his sermons will be: "The Magnetic Power of Christ," in the morning, and in the evening "Our Need of a Revival, and the Revival We Need." Strangers welcome.

Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles Robinson, D. D., pastor. Morning service at 10.30 o'clock. Sermon by the Rev. Mr. Hughes, of South Africa. No evening service.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, pastor. 10.30 service of worship with sermon, fourth in series on the Lord's prayer, subject, "Give us this day our daily bread;" 12, Bible school; 6.30, Christian Endeavor; 7.30, service with fifth sermon on "The Life Everlasting," "A Revelation of the Gospel." On Tuesday evening next in the chapel Rev. Mr. Lansing will give his lecture recitation on "The Land of the Lady of the Lake."

Providence Presbyterian church—Morning service in charge of the pastor, Rev. George E. Guild; sermon by Rev. John T. Dunn; Sunday school, 12 o'clock; Endeavor service at 6.25 p. m. The pastor will give a sermon for men at 7.30 o'clock. Theme, "Man's Self-Worth." Special music by the choir. At the close of the service Prof. George Walkenshaw, of Glasgow, Scotland, will give short selections upon the organ.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. Rev. John P. Moffat, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m.; Young People's Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Special services will be held each night the coming week. The announcement of the speakers for each evening will be made at next Sunday's services. Preparatory services will be held on Friday evening. The sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed the last Sunday in March. All welcome to all of these services.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, corner of Sumner avenue and Price street, Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor—Morning service, prayer and praise, at 10.30 o'clock; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; evening service at 6 o'clock, preaching by pastor; theme, "Man, the Honor of Creation." Christian Endeavor service at 7 p. m.

Presbyterian chapel, Adams avenue and New York street, Rev. James Hughes, pastor—Subject, "Songs in the Night." Time of service, 7.45 p. m. Free seats and hymn books for all visitors.

Taylor Presbyterian church, Taylor, Pa., Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor—Regular preaching service at 10.30 a. m., followed by Holy Communion. Sunday school at 11.30 a. m. Evening service at 7.30 o'clock, preaching by the pastor.

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church—Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce. Morning prayer service in the vestry at 9.45; Sunday school at 2 o'clock; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30. Sunday school at the Amerman mission at 3.30.

First Baptist Church of Scranton—Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. The usual morning and evening services at the First Welsh Baptist church; morning, 11.30; evening, 7.30. Both services to be held in the basement of the church building; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. at the Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe superintendent; B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting, 6.30 p. m., Ivorite hall; industrial school, 2.30 p. m. Saturday, Ivorite hall. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7.30 p. m. Welsh Baptist church. All are cordially invited.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30, Brother W. O. Jenkins, leader. Morning service at 10.30, the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy will preach. Topic, "Thyself and Thy Teaching." Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts superintendent. Evening service at 7 sharp. Praise and song service followed by a short address. Topic "Labor's Demands." Excellent music is given by the choir at these services. These services will be given to the workingmen of our city. They are cordially invited to attend.

North Main Avenue Baptist church—Rev. W. G. Watkins, pastor. Tomorrow will be Evangelist Neal's last day in the city. The order of services for tomorrow is as follows: Prayer session at 10 a. m.; preaching by Mr. Neal at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Bible reading by Mr. Neal at 3.30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor meeting at 6.30 p. m.; preaching by Mr. Neal at 7.30 p. m.

These services are open to all, and the public is cordially invited. In the evening Mr. W. J. Owen will, by request sing "Flee as a Bird to Yon Mountain."

Green Ridge Baptist church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "The Standard by Which Sin Is Judged." In the evening the pastor will deliver the third sermon in the series on "Ancient Types of Modern Women." Subject, "The Witch of Endor." Young people's prayer meeting at 6.30 p. m.

Shiloh Baptist church, Centre street—Morning, preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Young People's union, 7 p. m.; evening subject, "Ashamed of the Gospel." All are invited to attend. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor.

Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street, Rev. George L. Alrich, pastor—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, morning, Matt., 4:3-10; evening, Dan., 11:10-20. Sabbath school at 12 noon. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats are all free. Strangers cordially invited. Bible study on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, subject, Lev. 5. Union Bible class for lesson study on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome.

Calvary Reformed church, corner of Monroe avenue and Gibson street, Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor—10.30 a. m., morning service; 11.45, Sunday school; 6.45, Christian Endeavor; 7.30, evening service.

United Evangelical church, Capouse avenue, Rev. C. D. Moore, pastor—Sabbath school at 9.45 a. m.; preaching at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.; Junior Christian Endeavor, Monday, 7 p. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

First Church of Christ (Scientist), 519 Adams avenue—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m., subject, "Reality," and 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Good Shepherd." Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock.

People's Prohibition church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular preaching services on Sabbath evening at 7.30 p. m. in Co-operative hall, No. 1.5 North Main avenue, Hyde Park. Subject, "Mustered Out—Heaven's Whispers Amid the Thunders of War." All welcome.

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Imitation of Christ.
Lang's Fairy Books.
Milton's Paradise.
Plutarch's Lives.
Hawthorne's Wonder Book
Ruskin's St. Mark's Rest.
Ten Nights in a Bar Room.
Uncle Tom's Cabin.
Lamb's Essay of Elia.
Three Men in a Boat.
Vicar of Wakefield.
Rab and His Friends.

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Men's 89c Walking Gloves--Today 69c

We say "89-cent" Gloves, for that is what we've sold them for, though they're worth a dollar. Genuine English Pique Walking Gloves, one clasp—very nicely made. They come in all shades of red and tan. 69c today—at other times 89c.

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CAUSE OF NORTON'S DEATH.

Information Received by District Attorney Jones.

District Attorney Jones yesterday received a letter from District Attorney James C. Rives, of Los Angeles, Cal., containing information concerning the death of John J. Norton, son of M. J. Norton, of Wyoming avenue, who was found dead in his room in a Los Angeles hotel on the morning of Feb. 13 last. There was $65 in Norton's pockets at the time.

The immediate cause of death was congestion of the lungs, due to a cold and the effects of illuminating gas, of which there was a considerable quantity in the room when the body was found. The day before his death Norton informed acquaintances that he was on his way to Tuscan, Arizona.

While the circumstances surrounding Norton's death were not particularly suspicious, District Attorney Rives promised to make a thorough investigation and report the result to Mr. Jones at the earliest date possible.

PROGRESS OF ARRANGEMENTS.

Plans for Opening Firemen's Fair Frustrated.

A meeting of the executive committee of the firemen's fair was held in Chief Hickey's office Thursday afternoon and invitations prepared for the fire companies in Lackawanna, Luzerne and Susquehanna counties that are to be invited to participate in the annual parade and inspection. The action of common council last night in defeating the resolution permitting the department to change the date of the parade to May 8, the opening day of the fair, will likely result in the invitations being withheld.

A special committee consisting of C. D. Wegman, Joseph W. Hall, Joseph Danner, H. J. Spruks, A. L. Lewis, H. R. Long and D. G. Newman was appointed to look after the entertainment of the executive committee of the state association when it comes here in May to look after the arrangements for the convention.

HEARING WAS CONTINUED.

One of the Two Defendants Was Not on Hand.

The hearing in the case of Joseph Harris and Mendel Friedman, who are accused of having used the mails for fraudulent purposes, while doing business under the name of C. Friedman, in Forest City, was to have been held before United States Commissioner George D. Taylor Thursday evening, but owing to the absence of Friedman, a postponement was had.

Friedman was arrested in Brooklyn and is being held there awaiting the arrival of the Pennsylvania officers. United States Marshal Sol Bacharach, of Wilkes-Barre; Postoffice Inspector H. P. Gorman, of this city, and Assistant District Attorney John P. Myers went to Brooklyn yesterday to secure the prisoner and some witnesses who are in New York.

WASHINGTON.

Four Day Personally Conducted Tour via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The almost unparalled success of the tour last year has induced the Pennsylvania railroad company to offer the residents of Williamsport, Wilkes-Barre, Sunbury, Harrisburg and neighboring cities in central Pennsylvania another opportunity to avail themselves of the peculiar advantages of a personally-conducted tour to Washington, and has therefore arranged for a four-day tour to the national capital on Monday, March 27.

Train will leave Renovo at 6.40 a. m., Williamsport 8.30 a. m., Scranton, 7.48 a. m., Wilkes-Barre 8.45 a. m., Sunbury 10.50 a. m., Mt. Carmel, 7.30 a. m., Altoona 7.15 a. m., Lancaster 10.25 a. m., Harrisburg 12.35 p. m., stopping at the principal intermediate stations and at York. Returning, special train will leave Washington at 3.30 p. m., Thursday, March 30. Passengers from points west of Williamsport and from Dewart, Selinsgrove, Lykens, Dillsburg, Lebanon and points on the Shamokin division will use regular train from Washington returning. All tickets will be good to return also on regular trains until Saturday, April 1, inclusive.

Round-trip rate, covering transportation, hotel accommodations from supper on date of tour until after luncheon March 30, $12.90 from Williamsport, $13.60 from Wilkes-Barre, $11.50 from Sunbury, $14.00 from Altoona, $10.10 from Lancaster, $10.10 from Harrisburg and proportionate rates from other stations, including stations of the Cumberland Valley railroad north of Chambersburg. Guides to Washington will be distributed free on the train.

For itineraries, rates, tickets and full information apply to ticket agents; E. S. Harrar, division ticket agent, Williamsport, Pa.; tourist agent, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; or address George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia. **

VISITED THE HIGH SCHOOL.

New Committee Extends the Glad Hand to Professors.

Chairman B. T. Jayne, Louis Schwass, John Gibbons and D. I. Phillips, of the newly appointed high and training school committee, in company with Superintendent George Howell and Secretary E. D. Fellows, made a visit to the high school yesterday morning.

They attended the opening exercises and afterwards made a tour of the different departments, Superintendent Howell introducing the committeemen to the teachers.

After witnessing the opening exercises Messrs. Jayne, Gibbons, Howell and Fellows, at the request of Principal Phillips, made addresses to the children. Major Fellows evoked a burst of hearty applause by a happy reference to the excellent record made by the high school boys in the Thirteenth regiment.

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