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**PERSONAL.**  
Mrs. Eugene Healy has been called to Pittston by the tragic death of her father, Mr. Shiffer.

Superintendent De Courcy May, of the Dickson Manufacturing company, returned Saturday from March Church where he attended a meeting of iron manufacturers.

Mrs. H. T. Wilkins, who went to Atlantic City with her sister, Miss Clara Tiffany, a nurse from Hahnemann hospital, for a few weeks, has some what improved in health.

Mrs. C. A. Laubach, of the "Five street," tendered the little friends of her son, Francis, a birthday anniversary party Saturday afternoon between 2 and 9 o'clock. The children were pleasantly entertained.

Mrs. A. D. Blackinton, delightfully entertained the Ladies' Aid society of the Dunmore Presbyterian church at "The Homestead" Saturday afternoon. It was the occasion of the annual meeting of the society, and a very large number of ladies was present. Refreshments were served and among the features of the afternoon was a sale of fancy articles, which brought in a nice sum. Mrs. Blackinton was re-elected president. The other officers are as follows: Mrs. Mary E. Cross, Mrs. C. R. Fowler, Mrs. W. F. Hibbons, vice president; Mrs. Hutch Hibbons, secretary; Mrs. Joseph Comstock, treasurer; Mrs. George Allen, assistant secretary. The receipts for the day were \$20.10.

I was reading an advertisement of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the Worcester Enterprise recently, which leads me to write this. I can truthfully say I never used any remedy equal to it for colic and diarrhoea. I have never had to use more than one or two doses to cure the worst case with myself or children.—W. A. Stroud, Pompano City, Md. For sale by all druggists, Matthews Bros., wholesale and retail agents.

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**STRIKING SERMON ON COVETOUSNESS**

**AT THE ROOT OF ALMOST EVERY OTHER SIN.**  
That Was One of the Broad Statements Made by Rev. W. J. Ford in His Sermon in the Green Ridge Baptist Church Yesterday Morning. A Word About the Covetous Man Who Is an Idolater of Self—The Rights of a Church.

In the Green Ridge Baptist church yesterday morning the Rev. W. J. Ford delivered a striking sermon on the sin of covetousness. He took for his text the words found in Ephesians verse 5: "For this ye know of a surety that no fornicator nor unclean person may inherit the kingdom of God." But I found that no covetous man, which is an idolater hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God."

Paul, in the first verses of this chapter, has been giving a list of sinners who by common consent have to claim to respectability. It is something of a surprise to the kingdom of Christ and of God that he places the covetous man in this list. He even goes further and declares that this man is an idolater and as such has no part in the kingdom of Christ and of God. I asked when my attention was directed to this verse, isn't there some mistake here? Have the translators given us the correct rendering of the which Paul wrote? But I found here the word that the text says tell us means "One eager to have more, especially of that which belongs to others."

There was no mistake, Paul had said it. But I asked can it be true? Isn't a covetous man a Christian? Has he no part in the kingdom of Christ and of God? Hasn't Paul, impelled by the intensity of his emotions, allowed a statement to slip into this passage that is not endorsed by other Scriptures? But I found that in Colossians III, 5, and 1 Corinthians VI, 9-10, as elsewhere, he places the covetous man in the same evil company classing him with those whom we regard as fit only for state's prison in this life and torment in the next. Peter, James and John rank this sin with sins of impurity and pronounce the same woes upon those who are guilty of it. Christ himself said (Mark VII, 21-23): "For from within out of the heart of man proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness." This then is the authority of the strong statements of Paul. But go back to the text. The Psalms and here covetousness is spoken of as "the sin that God abhors." He still further back and here admit the thoughts of kind "Thou shalt not covet."

**ARE ALL RATIONALISTS.**

We are all rationalists in our treatment of the commands of the decalogue. We place the same value upon them and distinguish between their relative importance. Some of them we feel cannot be violated without incurring the severest penalties. Others may not be violated with impunity. James tells us that any one of these may serve as a test of our obedience, and perjure violation of one of the laws is sufficient to bring upon us God's displeasure. We have no right to regard the command against covetousness as one of the least of the commandments.

Covetousness is a sin that is peculiarly displeasing to God. Once He showed His hatred of murder by putting the brand of Cain upon the murderer's brow. Once He directed that the fall penalty should be inflicted upon those who blasphemed His name. Once it is recorded that those who violated the sanctity of the Sabbath were put to death. In almost every book of the whole Bible there are denunciations of the sin of covetousness and terrible examples of punishment for the crime. This may not be because God looks with greater favor upon these other sins, but because He realizes that this is a sin into which men are especially liable to fall.

Balaam, the prophet of Jehovah, coveted the rewards of King Balak. He accepted the call to a larger field "but was slain among the idolaters at Baal-peor. Achan coveted the spoils at Jericho, but his sin brought destruction to the armies of Israel and destruction to his class of covetous men. He coveted more money than his position as treasurer of the Israelites could give him an opportunity to steal. He sold his Master, but he forfeited his position of honor, and lost his soul. Ananias and Sapphira could not bear the thought of giving so much to the church. They coveted both the proceeds of the sale of their property and the reputation for generosity and consecration. They kept back a portion of the sale while claiming to give all, but it cost them their lives.

**ROOT OF MANY SINS.**

Covetousness may be at the root of almost every other sin. It drives men to murder, theft, adultery, lying, Sabbath breaking and idolatry. But Christ had none of these sins in mind when he said to his disciples "Take heed and beware of covetousness." He was thinking of a certain man with whom he saw one of his fields an unusually large harvest and began to consider how to dispose of it. It never entered his head that there was anything that he ought to do with his sin that could do with it, but keep it for his own enjoyment. So he determined to pull down his barns and build greater.

And then with the prospect of future enjoyment in his mind he said: "I will say to my soul, soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink and be merry." The man was Christ's conception of a covetous man, which we would never think of applying such a term to him. There is no evidence that he defrauded anyone. He did not fill his granaries by "cornering" the wheat crop and taking money from the pockets of the poor to fill his own. He raised his crops on his own fields and his prospect to enlarge his buildings would furnish employment for a large number of men and make good times.

Why, he is just the sort of man of which any community would be proud. We would call him progressive, enterprising and honor him with every office within our gift. Yet Christ held him up as an awful example to enforce His warning against covetousness and represented God as calling him a fool. In what did his sin consist?

Not in extension, not in looking with longing upon another's possession, but in giving himself up to a good thing, regardless of the claims which God had upon his wealth. He was an idolater, he worshipped self. It was his fields, his barns, his goods, his pleasure with no thought of God's share, no sympathy for his brother's need. Christ adds: "So is everyone one that is rich toward this world but poor toward God."

**OUR BESETTING SIN.**

This form of covetousness is one of our besetting sins. Our homes are increasing in luxury. We spend more on ourselves every year, and the amount devoted to the Lord's work, if not actually decreasing, is not keeping pace with the increase in our own expenditures. Compare the amount which your hands have placed in the Lord's treasury with the amount which has gone for your own enjoyment and see if you can conceive of any "Well done, good and faithful servant," waiting for you ever worded. Every church has a powerful minority who contribute nothing regularly to its least or benevolent work. What does this mean? It means that there are many

**SECOND DISTRICT T. A. B. CONVENTION**

**QUARTERLY SESSION IN WEST SCRANTON YESTERDAY.**

Delegates Representing Nineteen Different Societies Were in Attendance—Several Matters Discussed and Suggestions Made. Resolutions on the Death of President Kelly—Guests Well Entertained—Next Quarterly Convention Will Meet in Bellevue.

Delegates representing the different Total Abstinence and Benevolent societies of the Second district assembled in St. David's hall, West Scranton, yesterday, in attendance at the second quarterly convention of the year. R. A. Maloney presided, and Thomas N. Biglin was secretary. The district includes the societies of the central city, North and South Scranton, Minooka and West Scranton. Addresses were made by President Maloney, Vice President Gallagher, M. J. O'Toole, John H. Devine and others.

The matter of receiving the report of the committee on ritualistic work caused much discussion. Resolutions were offered on the death of ex-Mayor Kelly, of Carbondale, and on the anniversary of the fiftieth anniversary of the coming of America of Father Mathew on June 22 was referred to the district board. The celebration of Dewey's day was also suggested. The next meeting will be held in Bellevue, on the auspices of St. Peter's society on the second Sunday in July.

The convention was called to order at 3:30 o'clock by President R. A. Maloney, who made the address of welcome. He suggested the advisability of organizing more societies in the different parishes, and incidentally added that a junior organization to be known as the Father Whitty cadets is being organized in North Scranton.

**MR. GALLAGHER'S ADDRESS.**

Vice President J. C. Gallagher, of the Scranton Diocesan union, was then introduced to the convention and made an interesting address pertaining to the interests of the cause. John Maloney, of the Father Whitty society, sang a solo entitled "She's More to Be Fitted Than Censured," accompanied by Miss Marie Shearns on the piano. Thomas Biglin recited "The Irish Philosopher," very cleverly. At this juncture M. S. Devine interrupted with the query as to whether the delegates were assembled for business or pleasure. The president suppressed him with the announcement that the committee on credentials would make their report.

President Maloney reported for the district that he had seen Father McLeary regarding a sum of money to which the district was entitled, which he had in his possession. The committee was directed to collect the same.

M. J. O'Toole, for the ritual committee, made a verbal report. Objections were raised to the plan suggested by the committee, by Thomas Mulhern, of Father Whitty's society, and Walter McNichols, of St. Paul's. John H. Devine, of St. Leo's, spoke in favor of devoting society sessions for the lasting good of the order. Charles Canavan, of the Father Mathew society, also spoke on the subject of the ritualistic work, which will be presented at the Harleigh convention. Mr. O'Toole also reviewed the matter, the ritualistic of the ritual to the different societies within the next two weeks. Under the head of new business, the following resolution was read and adopted on the death of ex-President John Kelly, of Carbondale.

**DEATH OF HON. JOHN KELLY.**

A motion was made that the report be received and the committee authorized to make another report to the committee and typewritten copies of the report to the different societies within the next two weeks. Under the head of new business, the following resolution was read and adopted on the death of ex-President John Kelly, of Carbondale.

**RELIGIOUS NEWS NOTES.**

Rev. John Williams, of Hazlet, occupied the pulpit of the First Welsh Baptist church at both services yesterday.

Rev. Bishop Talbot confirmed a class of twelve children at the Episcopal church at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

At the Summer Avenue Presbyterian church last evening the Rev. J. D. Foster, preached a sermon on "A Rock of Refuge."

Rev. E. A. Royle, of Clatsop, Michigan, occupied the pulpit of the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday morning and evening.

Rev. A. J. Ramer, of St. Mark's Episcopal cathedral church, preached yesterday morning on the subject "Even Be Unto You."

The hand of fellowship was extended and the ordinance of the Lord's supper administered at the Jackson Street Baptist church last evening.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was observed by the members of the First Baptist church last evening, of which Rev. S. P. Mathews is pastor.

The quarterly love feast and communion of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church was held yesterday morning. Presiding Elder Griffin conducted the services.

The offering for the general assembly was taken up at the Washburn Street Presbyterian church yesterday morning, and the quarterly statement of the church's finances was read by the treasurer.

**WILL BE A MAMMOTH WALL.**

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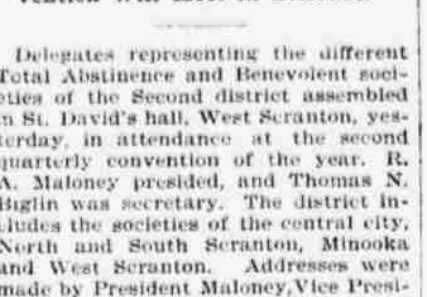
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**PROFESSOR GREENE.**

boyhood, he spent his early years on a farm and while yet in his teens began teaching. In 1888 he was elected principal of the graded schools of Uniondale and from that time decided to devote his life to educational work. Soon afterward he entered Mansfield State Normal school, being graduated in 1891. He has also been a student at Keystone academy and at Western Normal college, Rushville, Ill., and has taken a post-graduate course at Bloomsburg Normal school, being among the first to qualify. He has also according to the requirements of the State High school course of study.

In 1891, through the recommendation of Dr. Thomas, president of Mansfield Normal school, he became principal of the graded schools of Clark's Green, which position he held for three years, resigning to accept a similar post at Dutton, where he taught a year. After teaching the succeeding year at Uniondale, he returned to Clark's Green to become the supervising principal of the South Abington schools. Under his direction the graded school has advanced in every respect, growing from 165 pupils in 1891, with three teachers, to nearly 400, requiring six teachers and a fine large building. From a curriculum containing scarcely any of the higher branches, the course is now one which compares favorably with the best suburban high school to be found.

Professor Greene, himself country bred, with a practical experience as principal and teacher in the rural ungraded schools, is eminently fitted to understand the needs of the country educational interests. His progressive work under the graded system would enable him to encourage advanced methods in the town and village schools. He is eminently fitted to understand the needs of the country educational interests. His progressive work under the graded system would enable him to encourage advanced methods in the town and village schools.

He is making educational work a profession and not a stepping-stone to something else, and represents fully what is wanted by the schools of Lackawanna county. Professor Greene has the support and encouragement of a large constituency in his candidacy, and it is conceded by many that superintendent of Lackawanna county he would fulfill expectations for progress in the schools which is greatly to be desired.

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**ENTRIES FOR THE HANDICAP.**

Two of Them Are from This Vicinity.

The list of entries and handicaps for the Grand American Handicap shoot, which will begin at Elkwood Park, N. J., on Wednesday, April 12, contains the following from this section: A. Williams, Scranton, Pa.; C. E. Francis, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; and William Holden, Pittston, Pa.

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