

RELIGIOUS.

Will J. McConnell will speak in the Baptist church in Blakely, Sunday evening at 7 o'clock, and every evening until further notice. "The People's Rights," "The Best Strike to Go On," "A Hit on Life's Stage." "Women in Conventions and at Home" will be some of the subjects discussed. The meetings, although in a Baptist church, will be non-sectarian and all classes and conditions of people are invited to attend. Rev. J. R. Ellis and the singers of Blakely will assist in the campaign. Mr. McConnell is now in perfect health, and during his recent lectures at Forest City displayed his usual vigor and influence.

The commencement announcements and honors of the past week of Washington college in the honorary degree of doctor of divinity conferred by the faculty and trustees upon the Rev. George E. Guild, of this city. Mr. Guild is well known all through this section as a hard student and a scholar of effective preacher, who has had a long and successful pastorate. His gifts as a preacher and as a platform speaker, as well as his general personal popularity, have given the North Main Avenue Presbyterian church a prominent place among the religious organizations of the valley. Washington college is one of the oldest of the noted institutions of learning in the so-called southern tier of states. The college was founded in 1780 by Scotch-Irish Presbyterians. Mr. Guild is an alumnus of Amherst college in Massachusetts, and pursued his theological studies in Yale university, and in Union seminary, N. Y. He will wear his new honor with becoming grace and worthiness.

The woman of the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian church in New York are interesting themselves in the establishment of a scholarship in honor of the late Dr. John Hall in the Christian college at Canton, China. The idea of the scholarship presented itself to the Chinese whom Dr. Hall had baptized and brought into the church, and they raised the nucleus of the fund. The sum of \$1,000 is needed, however, and it is hoped by those who have charge of the scholarship that anyone interested in the advancement of Christian education will contribute. Dr. Hall was deeply concerned in the missionary work in China and was one of the first to advocate the establishment of the Christian college. This institution is now in a promising condition and is calculated, through its teaching and training, to perform an important service in the intellectual and industrial development of the people.

Sunday services at the Young Women's Christian association at 3.45 p. m. Subject, "Redemption." North Scranton branch of the Young Women's Christian association, 204½ North Main avenue, at 3.45 p. m. West Scranton branch, corner Main and Scranton streets, at 3.45 p. m. Subject, "Atonement." All women and girls are invited to these services.

The following music will be rendered at the Second Presbyterian church tomorrow evening: Prelude, Adagio (First Sonata), Mendelssohn; Quartette, "Great God to Thee My Evening Song," Rheinberger; Quartette, "The Bible," Lohmann; Eastern Songs; "March Pontifico," Postuda; "March Pontifico," F. Tombelli.

The musical features of tomorrow's services in the Providence Presbyterian church are special and attractive, and particularly in the evening, when the evening hour of worship will be largely devoted to a one hour service of anthem and hymn praise. Among the hymns there will be old and new selections. Miss Cordelia West Freeman will sing at the morning service "Nearer My God to Thee," by Holsten; "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say," an arrangement of this favorite hymn original with herself. The special music for evening will be:

Anthem, "Praise the Lord, O My Soul," with soprano obligato by Miss Smith. Union solos and full choir. Quartette, "As Pants the Heart," Miss Smith, Miss Moran, Mr. John, Mr. Acker. Solo, aria from Elijah, "Then Shall the Righteous Shine," Then Shall the Righteous Shine." Mr. Joshua John.

Mrs. McDowell will preside at the organ and choirmaster C. F. Whittemore will be in charge of music.

Religious News Notes

Rev. L. R. Foster will speak at the Rescue mission tonight. Preaching by the Free Methodist in Swinge's hall, William and Ash streets, Dunmore, Sabbath, 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. All are invited. John Cavanaugh, pastor. The Rev. W. J. Guost, of Wilkes-Barre, will preach Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock, and in the evening at 7.30 o'clock at the Church of the Good Shepherd of Green Ridge. Next Wednesday evening Rev. James Witke will be installed as pastor of Christ Lutheran church. The officiating clergymen are: Rev. J. O. Schlenker, of Hazleton, Pa., president of the

Wilkes-Barre conference, and Rev. H. F. Lisse, Harrisburg, Pa., the former pastor of Christ Lutheran church. At the Baptist Ministers' conference, next Monday morning, Rev. D. J. Williams, of Blakely, will read a paper on "The Demology of the New Testament in the Light of Recent Scientific Investigation."

The gospel meeting at the Railroad department Young Men's Christian association will be addressed by J. L. B. Sunderlin, secretary of the Railroad association at Hoboken, N. J. There will be special music. All railroad men and their families are heartily invited. On account of the meeting of the Susquehanna synod at Shamokin this week, there will be no preaching services at Grace Lutheran church on Sunday. This will not interfere, however, with the Sunday school at 5.30 a. m., and the Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.

Tomorrow's Services

Evangelical Lutheran. First Ascension, Gospel, John, 15:26-16:4; epistle, 1 Peter, 4:7-11. Vestment color, white. St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets, Rev. A. L. Hamer, D. D., pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league at 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m. Morning subject, "Testifying for Christ," evening subject, "The Believer's Attachment to His Lord." 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 p. m. Zion's, Milfill avenue, Rev. P. F. Zietelman, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. 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 Birch street, Rev. James Witke, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. St. Peter's, Pinesoft avenue, Rev. J. W. Randolph, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. Grace Lutheran Church of the General synod, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. Paul J. Giff, pastor—On account of the meeting of the Susquehanna synod, there will be no preaching services. Sunday school and Young People's Society Christian Endeavor usual at 9.30 a. m. and 6.30 p. m., respectively.

Episcopal. St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior warden; Rev. M. H. Nash, junior warden. Sunday after Ascension. 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 classes. St. Marks, 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. St. James, 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. St. David's Episcopal church, Edward James McHenry, rector—Sunday after Ascension. Celebration of holy eucharist at 10.30 a. m.; matins, litany and sermon at 10.30 a. m.; evensong (choral), at 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Litany will be said Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8 o'clock; evensong Wednesday at 7.30. Christ's church, corner of Grand View and Washington avenues, Rev. F. S. Ballentine, rector—Services in the morning at 10.30 at the house; Sunday school at 12 m.; evening prayer and sermon at 7.30. Evening services will be held in a tent near the country club. Extra music will be furnished. All are welcome.

Methodist Episcopal. Elm Park church—Prayer and praise service at 9.30, preaching at 10.30 a. m. by the pastor, C. M. Giffin, D. D. Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. Evening service, Epworth League anniversary. Special musical programme and addresses by J. G. Shepherd and the pastor. Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Prayer meeting 9.30 a. m. Sermon by Rev. William Edgar at 10.30. Sunday school, 12 m.; Junior league, 3 p. m. The Epworth league will observe its tenth anniversary at 7.30 p. m. Short addresses and special music. Every one welcome. Allis Mission—Sunday school 2.30 p. m. Sermon by Rev. William Floyd at 7 p. m. Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. H. A. Grant, B. D., pastor; 10.30 a. m., subject, "For the Master;" 2.30, Sunday school; 7 p. m., Christian Endeavor, led by Mr. W. K. Harris; 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Future of the Church." At 2.30 will preach at the county jail.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church services. Class, 10 a. m.; 8. Brader's League by the pastor 10.30; Sunday school, 11.45. 7 p. m., anniversary of the Epworth League. Come and enjoy the services. Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Isaac J. Lansing, pastor, 10.30 and 7.45 services of worship with sermons by the pastor; 12. Bible school; 6.30 Christian Endeavor. A most cordial invitation to friend and stranger. German Methodist Episcopal church, Haendiges, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 noon; Epworth league, 6.45 p. m.; prayer meeting Friday 7.45 p. m. Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, F. P. Doty, pastor—Mrs. Talmadge, revivalist, will speak at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. on the Sabbath and at 7.30 each evening except Saturday during the week. The services of the past week have been attended with good success. All are invited. Providence Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. William Edgar, pastor. Services at the usual hours. At 10.30 a. m. Rev. J. Crawford will preach. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Devotional meeting of Epworth league at 6.45 p. m. At 7.30 p. m., anniversary exercises of the Epworth league will be held. Rev. L. F. Bower will deliver an address. There will be other interesting exercises. Seats free. Everybody welcome.

Presbyterian. First Presbyterian church—Services 10.30 a. m. and 4.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach morning and afternoon. Subject, "Our Saviour's Ascension, a Cardinal Truth of Our Holy Christianity." The afternoon service at 4.30 will be brief. Strangers welcome. Providence Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. George E. Guild, will officiate at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Endeavor meeting at 6.30 p. m. The 7.30 o'clock session will be a Sabbath evening hour of

anthem and hymn praise. The musical features will be in charge of Choirmaster C. F. Whittemore. The seats of the church are free. Presbyterian chapel, Adams avenue and New York street, Rev. James Hughes, pastor—A sermon to young people. Time of service, 7.45 p. m. All are welcome. Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, Rev. L. R. Foster, M. A., pastor—Sunday school at 2 p. m.; preaching services at 6 p. m. Endeavor at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Taylor Presbyterian church—Preaching service at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 11.30 a. m. Evening school at 7 p. m. Bible school at 12 m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. The 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. Christian Endeavor Young People's meeting, 6.20 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday 7.30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening.

Baptist. Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets—Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert P. Pierce. Morning prayer in the lower temple at 9.45; topic of morning sermon, "Hold the Fort; or, The Problem of the Sabbath." Sunday school at 11 o'clock; Young People's meeting at 6.30 p. m. Topic of evening sermon, "The Young Man in Church, or, The Arena of Christian Conquests," the last in the series of half-hour practical talks to young men. First Baptist church—Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor. Regular services morning and evening, 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. at the Welsh Baptist church, Main avenue. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m. at Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent. Morning prayer in the lower temple at 9.45. Topic of morning sermon, "The Vine and the Branches—Can the Believer Be Holy?" Evening school, "The Betrayal of Jesus." Mr. Watkins will sing a solo at the evening service. All are invited to all the services of the church. North Main Avenue Baptist church—Rev. W. G. Watkins, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., and Christian Endeavor meeting at 6.30 p. m. Morning theme: "The Vine and the Branches—Can the Believer Be Holy?" Evening school, "The Betrayal of Jesus." Mr. Watkins will sing a solo at the evening service. All are invited to all the services of the church. Shiloh Baptist church, 305 Center street—Preaching 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Young People's union, 6.30 p. m. Evening school at 7.30 p. m. "Shall We Go?" All are welcome. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor. The Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30. Brother or Robert Holley, leader. Preaching service at 10.30. The pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, will preach. Topic, "Spiritual Myopia." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Alfred Roberts, superintendent. Evening service at 7.30 p. m. A short and bright service. Praise and songs, aided by full choir, followed by a short sermon. Topic, "Abah's Covetousness." The public always welcome. Seats are all free. At the close of the evening service the Lord's supper will be administered. Green Ridge Baptist church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Preaching services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. In the morning, "What the Lord Most Needs;" in the evening, "Christ's Conception of a Great Man." Young People's prayer meeting at 6.30 p. m.

Miscellaneous. Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor, A. C. T. M. Sunday school at 12 m. Bath school at 12 m. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats free. Strangers cordially invited. Union Bible class for lesson study on Thursdays at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome. All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, between Adams avenue and Jefferson avenue, Rev. O. R. Heardsley, pastor. Morning service at 10.30. Rev. B. H. Fairchild, of Gibson, Pa., preach evening sermon at 7.30. The pastor will be regular. Special musical programme, text, Gen. 9:5. Sunday school after morning service. Mrs. Sanford Benjamin, superintendent. Y. P. C. E. meeting at 6.30 p. m. will be led by Prof. Dooly. Strangers cordially welcome to all services. Come, hear and then judge of our message. Calvary Reformed church, corner Monroe avenue and Gilson street, Rev. G. W. Welsh, pastor—10.30, morning service; subject, "Grasshopper Men;" 11.45, Sunday school; 7.30, evening service, "Ascension of Jesus." Dunmore Gospel Tabernacle, Rev. William T. MacArthur, pastor—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Mr. MacArthur's afternoon Bible class will give place to the tent service at the Driving park. First church of Christ, Scientist, No. 519 Adams avenue. Sunday services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject, "Soul and Body." Special musical programme at 8 o'clock. All welcome. Seats free. People's Prohibition church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular preaching service on Sabbath morning at 10.30 a. m. in Co-operative hall, Hyde Park. Subject, "The Way Out." Mr. Bird will preach in the evening in the Christian church, Dunmore. All welcome.

PORTUGAL'S MISFORTUNE. How That Country Came to Lose the Philippine Islands. From the Brazilian Bulletin. We who see Portugal in the period of her decay and almost total eclipse cannot understand how so small a nation, occupying so insignificant a portion of Europe—"only a veranda," as one of her writers has said, should count so important a figure in the world's history as she did in the fifteenth and sixteenth centuries.

Early in the eleventh century Prince Henry, "the navigator," of Portugal, obtained from Pope Eugenius IV a bull which gave to Portugal all discoveries between Cape Hun, in Morocco, and India. In 1472 St. Thomas, Annobon and Prince's islands were added. When the equator was passed and Fernando De gave his name to an island in the Eight of Biebra he seized 500 leagues of the African coast and the king of Portugal took the title of "Lord of Guinea." Very early in the days of discovery and conquest toward the end of the fifteenth century the Catholic sovereigns of Spain, Ferdinand and Isabella, and his equally Catholic majesty, John II, of Portugal, fell out about the ownership of the land yet to be discovered. Like faithful children of the church, they referred the whole matter to the holy father at Rome, Pope Alexander VI, a Spaniard, who cut the Gordian knot by giving them the earth and setting the limits of their respective

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possessions. An imaginary line was to be drawn from pole to pole, 100 degrees west of the Azores, or the Cape de Verde Islands; all west of this line was to belong to Spain, and all east of it to Portugal. King John was not satisfied, and the treaty of the Tordesillas was made in 1494, giving to Portugal all lands east of an imaginary line drawn 360 leagues from the most western point of the Cape de Verde Islands and all south of the Cape of Good Hope. To Spain was allotted all lands west of this line, ignoring completely all other nations. Ferdinand de Magalhães, or, as we write it, Ferdinand Magellan, and Ruy Balboa, both Portuguese subjects, who had differences with their king on account of some petty pensions, offered their services to Spain. Both had served two years with Albuquerque and knew all about the Portuguese possessions in the east. Magellan represented to Charles V, who then ruled over Spain, that he was sure the world was round, a theory then credited by few. He declared his ability to find a shorter passage to the east than any known to the Portuguese and would prove that Moluccas, rich spice islands, were within Spanish territory; Charles V had a small fleet fitted out and sent Magellan with his companion in charge, well equipped for those days. He went south against the express stipulations of the treaty and discovered the straits which bear his name. His fleet crossed the broad southern ocean, passed the Ladrones and the then unknown Philippines, inspected the Moluccas, and returned by way of Cape of Good Hope. Magellan lost his life, and out of five vessels which comprised his fleet only one returned, under the command of Sebastian del Cano, who brought Magellan's written report of the expedition and a map of the route, showing that all but the spice islands and the whole of the Indian ocean were within the 180 degrees belonging to Spain under the treaty of Tordesillas. In the map Magellan had deliberately cut forty degrees of longitude and brought the whole archipelago within Spain's half of the world. He concealed the fact that the number of miles in a degree of longitude decreases toward the pole. Portugal protested and declared war, which continued two years, when the celebrated congress of Madrid was held in a small frontier town to discuss the matter and discover the real facts. Portugal was at a manifest disadvantage. Magellan was the first and only man who had sailed around the world, and his map of the southern ocean was a solid document. Spain refused to give up her alleged rights, and Portugal held on to the islands. The matter was finally compromised by an indemnity of 350,000 cruzados of the gold of Molucca, which Portugal paid to Spain for the supposed 175 degrees of Spanish sea which she held. A new line was drawn from pole to pole, starting from the Ladrones. This division gave to Portugal all west and south of the line, which was supposed to be 130 degrees from the other line drawn, 360 leagues west of Cape de Verde. This treaty was approved by Pope Julius II in the bull Ea quo pro bono pacis, and the matter was settled.

Years afterward a Spanish expedition discovered the Philippines, so named after Philip II, who was then King of Spain. These islands, though many degrees within Portugal's line, were taken possession of by Spain. Portugal protested, and would undoubtedly have obtained possession of them had it not been for the disaster to the Portuguese arms in Africa, which threw Portugal into the hands of Spain, where she remained for sixty years. This period is known in Portuguese history as the "sixty years of captivity." When Portugal finally regained her independence she was much weakened, and was more interested in settling the boundaries north and south of her valuable South American colonies; as the Philippines remained with Spain through no fault rather than by right, and Portugal retained them it is more than likely that they, like many other of her eastern possessions, would have fallen into the hands of the English, and their whole history would have been changed.

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