RELIGIOUS.

propery designate the reading of an invited to these services. interesting chapter in the written history of the Presbyterian general assembly in session for eleven days in one of the most beautiful cities of our northwest, Minneapolis. The second Thursday of the assembly was a field day for foreign missions. Rev. Iv. Harris, of Indiana, read the annual report of foreign missions, which, abounding as it did, with suggestive and encouraging figures, dates, pa-thetic incidents of anxieties, sacrifices and achievements verily thrilled not only the 635 commissioners, but a thousand people besides who were present and who crowded all available space in the large auditorium of Westminster church,

The report was followed by an eloquent and stirring speech by the secretary of the board, Rev. Dr. Arthur Brown, of New York. He revealed the fact that thirty choice young men. and women had been commissioned by the board for foreign fields, but had been waiting ere they could be sent to work, for the funds with which to maintain them. Could not this assembly provide the money with which one of the young men could be sent at once to India? It appears that such an apnot the unmistakable voice, not only of a providential circumstance, but of a providential emergency? A willing offering toward a fund with which to send to Japan Rev. Mr. Harris, of the last class of Princeton Theological seminary, was taken.

And now comes the romance. In the congregation was a young lady of a refined New England family and educated in the east, as the collection plate came near she whispered to a friend next: "I have no money to give, ! must give something," and with these words she removed a plain gold ring. the only one she wore, and quietly, unostentatiously, laid it on the Master's plate for His use-

The ring attracted no little attention and was made the center of a dramatic scene on the following day, when an address was made in which the speaker said: "This is worth more than the \$23 at which it is appraised. Will not the people present redeem it for its real value. The ministerial and lay commissioners one after another advanced to the altar and heaped upon the moderator's table their gold and silver and bank notes to the amount of \$375. This offering added to the former sum, made nearly \$900. The whole amount was by no means fabulous, it was by no means large enough to boast of. The gift of \$900 by the assembly was hardly as much as the gift of the ring by the young lady missionary, but as a "Romance of a Ring" it altogether breathes a sweet and refining and gladsome fragrance and surely is worthy of a place in the voluminous records of Christian sacrifice and giving entitled "She hath done what she could."

All who attended the K. of P. Memorial service at the opera house Sunday afternoon were delighted with the excellent sermon of the Rev. E. R. Lewis, paster of the Congregational church. It was an ideal Pythian discourse, showing thought and research He brought out and made clear many facts of the Pythagorean period that were not fully understood by the K. of Mr. Lewis is a clear thinker and a logical reasoner. His many social qualities have endeared him to the people of Shawnee.-The Shawnee Journal, June 2, 1899. Mr. Lewis was formerly a resident of this city and resided at 1227 Academy street.

Right Rev. Bishop Hoban will bless an addition to St. Mary's cemetery in Wilkes-Barre this afternoon. On Sunday morning he will administer confirmation to a large class of children in the church in Georgetown of which Rev. F. P. McNally is pastor. On Sunday afternoon he will lay the corner stone of the new Church of the Immaculate Conception in Taylor, Rev. J. A. Moffitt, pastor.

The following programme of music will be rendered in the Second Presbyterian church Sunday evening:

The Day Is Ended".....Bartlett (Alto solo and quartette with violin obligato.) "The Homeland"Stebbins Organ postlude.

Sunday service in the Young Women's Christian association at 3.45 p. m. Mrs. Lowry will lead the service in the North Scranton branch, 2048 North Main avenue at 3.45 p. m. Service in the West Scranton branch

"The Romance of a Ring" might very | at 3.45 p. m. All girls and women are

Religious News Notes

A sunrise prayer meeting will be held at 6 o'clock tomorrow morning in the Gospel tent at the Driving park. Rev. W. A. Beecher, of Archbald, Pa. has accepted an invitation to preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class at Worcester, N. Y., June

The Home Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church has issued invitations to a reception Friday evening, June 16, at 8 o'clock, at the residence of Mrs. James Archbald, 424 Jefferson avenue.

Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

North Main Avenue Eartist church-Rev. W. G. Watkins, pastor. Preach-ing at 10.30 and 7.30. Bible school at 2 p. m. Subject for the day, "Fore-ordination," Morning phase, "Its Relation to God's People;" evening phase, "Its Relation to the Savior," All are invited.

St. Luke's parish-Rev. Rogers Ispeal of words, of opportunity, of need, racel, rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, sen-could not be resisted. Indeed, was it for curate; Rev. M. B Nash, junior curate.

Second Sunday after Trinity.
St. Luke's church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon, 7.20 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday chool and Bible classes. St. Mark's, Dunmore-8 a. m., Holy

Communion; 10.30 a. m. morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion; 7.39 p. m., evening prayer and ser-mon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible East End mission, Prescott avenue

3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.
South Side mission. Fig street—2.20
p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.
St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m.,
Sunday school and Bible classes; 2.30
p. m., evening prayer and sermon.
Church of the Geod Shepherd—10.30
a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The rector, the
Rev. Francis R. Bateman, will officiate.

Evangelical Lutheran.

The Evangelical Lutheran-Second Sunday after Trinity, Gospel, Luke, 14:16-24; epistle, I John, 3:15-18. Vest-

.30 p. m.; Luther league at 6.30 p. m.;

Sunday school at 12 m. Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mul-berry 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, Mifflin avenue, Rev. P. F.

n.; 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 2.30

Christ, Cedar avenue and Beech street, Rev. James Witke, pastor—Ser-St. Peter's, Prescott avenue, Rev. J.

Grace Evangelical Lutheran church

of the General Synod-Rev. Luther Hess Waring, paster, corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street. Divine services and preaching by pastor 19.30 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. Sunday school and pastor's Bible class 9.30 a.m., Christian Endeavor, 6.30 p. m.

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park church-Prayer and praise day exercises by the Sunday school and baptism of children. Epworth League at 6.30 p. m. and preaching by the pastor, C. M. Giffin, D. D., at 7.30. Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Children's day services at 10.30 a. m. No Sabbath school session will be held. Address by George L. Peck, esq., at 7.30 p. m. Other services as usual.
Allis mission, Keyser avenue and
Luzerne street—Sabbath school, 2.30 p. m. Mr. Henry Curry will preach at ?

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church -Annual Children's day exercises in

—Annual Children's day exercises in the morning; Epworth league at 6,30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor, Rev. W. G. Simpson, at 7,30. An invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Frovidence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. William Edgar, pastor. Children's day exercises at 10,30 a. m., under auspices of Sunday school. An interesting program will be rendered. Epworth League at 6,45 p. m. The pastor Children's day service in the morning. Children's day service in the morning. Children's day service in the morning. ter will preach at 7.30 p. m. At the morning service offerings will be re-ceived to assist worthy young men and omen to obtain an education, Services at the Howard Place African Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday, June 11. as follows: Sermon at 10.30 a. Children's day service in the morning m, by the pastor, Rev. H. A. Grant, D. 10.30. Bible school and church service B. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Children's day exercises will be conducted gramme, full orchestra, a beautiful ser-

•••••• Sunday-School Lesson for June 11.

Christ Risen.

JOHN xix, 11-20.

BY J. E. GILBERT, D. D., LL. D.,

Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

CONTEXT .- The death of Jesus was | pear and disappear at pleasure, but in | cause so contrary to the expectations attended by startling phenomena. The darkness covered the land. (Luke xxiii: disciple of Jesus, (John xix:38) having body from the cross, embalmed it, and laid it away in a new tomb. To prevent fraud, as they claimed, the chief priests and Pharisces caused the stone at the mouth of the sepulchre to be scaled, and a strong guard of Roman soldiers was stationed there. came on and Jesus rested in the house of the dead. Very early Sunday morning certain women went to the sepulgone, One of them, Mary Magdalene, hastened to inform Peter and John, who ame and quickly withdrew. After their departure Mary returned, and our lesson recites what followed.

APPEARANCE.-The sepulchre of the East was not unlike the vault to be found in the modern cemetery,it had an inner apartment where the lead was deposited and an outer vestibule where one might stand or sit at pleasure. For a time Mary remained alone in this vestibule weeping, her sorrow occasioned partly by the Lord's death, but increased by the fact that His body had been taken away. (V. 11.) Stopping down to peer through the narrow passage way, her loving heart yet hoping that the mystery might be disclosed, she saw two angels, who were stationed at the head and feet, where the body of Jesus had been, (v. 12.) This appearance, strange as it may m to us, was in full harmony with the entire earthly career of the Saviour. which was marked on many occasions (Luke 1:28), by the visitations of beings from the heavenly world. (Matt. 1:21.) The interest of angels in Him and in His mission was publicly announced. (Matt. xv1:27.)

INTERVIEW .- The two bright one from the realms of glory had not come ment color, green.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets. Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.
D., pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and
D., pastor—Services at 6.30 p. m.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets. Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph.
spot where the body of Jesus had lain, although such a service would have been worthy of them. But they were there to advise and comfort. Invisible when Peter and John visited the spot, (John xx:7) they appeared when a woman came in sorrow. "Why weepest thou?" they inquired, employing hu-Zizelmann pastor-Services at 10,30 a. man language to reach a troubled heart. (V. 13.) The emphasis should be laid on the first word of this question. There was no occasion for weeping. Rejoicing would be more appropriate. How often in this life do men words. The body of Jesus had been re-W. Randolph, pastor-Services at 10.30 moved and she did not know where a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at She knew nothing of a resurrection. moved and she did not know where. and could only suppose that the sacred tragic scenes of the crucifixion, was dead was alive, nough to fill a woman's heart with

> RECOGNITION .- While thus acounting for her tears Mary became resurrection He had the power to ap- seemed to most persons incredible, be- the grave (Acts iv, 10).

> > Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church-Morning

In the evening Harry Nye, of Prince-ton Theological seminary, and a mem-

er of this church, will preach. All are

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, paster. Children's day service in the morning

Sanitary, not a garment

made in a sweat shop,

full sizes, no poor mus-

a form so different as not to be known. and added, "Whom seekest thou?" 44.) When the death was officially certified, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret and hoping that he might explain the secret of the empty and angel-haunted where He is and I will take Him." as one rarely discovers, a most ad-One word only was spoken by Jesus, the woman's name, "Mary." (v.16.) now slightly changed and made like to chre to embalm the body, but it was the old habit, caused Mary to recognize Jesus, and she exclaimed, "Raboni," that is Master,

> INSTRUCTION.-In an instant Mary was transferred from the profoundest fore had promised (John, xiv, 27). grief to the most exalted joy. Twice had she lost the Christ-once in the crucifixion, once in the disappearance of His body from the tomb. Now that He stood before her she desired to throw herself at His feet, to seize and hold Him and enjoy His society, but He restrained her. "Touch me not," He said, assigning two reasons (v. 17). He had not yet ascended to the Father, the statement being a support to the doctrine of the intermediate state, as held by some. (I Peter iii:19.) It is evident that the post-resurrection intimacy of Christ with His disciples was intended to be on a higher plane than that allowed before the crucifixion. (2 Cor. v:16.) Besides, Jesus desired this woman to be the first evangel. He would not have her tarry to express her affection for Him, but He directed her to hasten to the disciples, whom He called brethren and declared to them, that having broken the bands of death, He would ascend unto His Father, In all this Jesus gave Mary instruction on four important doctrines which afterward had large place in the church.

REPORT.-Did Jesus immediately disappear after instructing Mary? We may reasonably suppose that He did, for nothing could be gained by continuing longer with her. Shortly after He came to the other women, who had (Mark, xvi, 7). Thus two messages likely to publish a falsehood. ascension. Mary was true to the ducy The other women. ples to doubt,

Sumner Avenue Prsbyterian church

Rev. L. R. Foster, pastor. Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Children's day exer-

ises at 6 p. m.; Christian Endeavor,

he school will occupy the central posi-

the service of the evening the pastor

will give a short sermon; theme, "A

Taylor Presbyterian church-Chil-dren's day exercises at 10.30 a. m., fol-

Baptist.

p. m. Wednesday. All are cordially invited to these services.

Jackson Street Baptist church—
Prayer meeting at 9.30, Brother Ben
Smith, leader. Preaching service at
19.39. The pastor, Rev. Thomas de
Gruchy, will preach; topic, "Memorials
by the Way." Sunday school at 2, Alfred Roberts, superintendent. Evening service at 7 sharp, praise and song

ing service at 7 sharp, praise and song service, followed by a short sermon; topic, "Christ Above All." The Lord's

supper will be administered at the close of evening service. The public is always welcomed at this popular evening service. Monday, 7.50 p. m., Fidelian society will meet; Tuesday, B. Y.

P. U. delegates are to be elected for the national convention held at Rich-

Miscellaneous.

Baptist church, 305 Center

owed by communion.

at 8 p. m., at which time a good pro- vice. In the evening there will be

nesday.

of friends and foes. Besides, the silly veil of the temple was rent in twain. (Luke xxiv:30-31.) Jesus put to Mary story of the soldiers, which they were the earth quaked. (Matt: xxvii:51) and the same question asked by the angels bribed to put forth, circulated even before the message of the women (Matt. xxviii, 11-15), gained currency to serve its bad purpose. One thing, however, was settled, and might be obtained Pilate's permission and secured grave, she replied with a tender apthe assistance of Nicodemus, removed peal, 'If you took Him away, tell me What had become of it? In the evening the disciples came together, prob-(v. 15.) There is in these words such ably to discuss the situation, if possian outburst of affectionate solicitude ble to arrive at the truth and determine their proper course of action. Sudmirable exhibition of a woman's heart. denly there came into the assembly two who had returned from the villuge of Emmaus, declaring that Jesus Something in the tone of His voice had appeared to them (Luke xxiv, 13-possibly, or something in His manner, 35). They had scarcely finished their recital, when the doors of the room being shut, Jesus stood among them (v. 19). This was His fourth manifes-With great gentleness He tation. saluted the company, saying "Peace be unto you," imparting what He be-

> GLADNESS.-This evening visit of Jesus to the disciples in Jerusalem was an important event. It is evident that up to that time the fact of the resurrection had scarcely been accepted. The Journey to Emmaus indicated a disposition to scatter abroad, the hope having died out of the heart, and the words of the women having made but little impression (Luke, xxiv, 21-24). It His cause is to be rescued from defeat and His chosen leaders shall be prepared for their mission, something must be done quickly to confirm their faith. Hence Jesus gathered the astonished men about Him and showed His hands and side, in which were the wounds made by the nails and spear (John, xix, 34), furnishing the highest possible evidence that the body before them was not a mere spectre, but the veritable body that hung on the cross. That exhibit ended all discussion, They who were present were convinced that their Master had returned to them. In that hour faith in the resurrection be came clear and strong in the minds of men competent to witness. Their sorrow passed away (John, xvi, 32). Hope revived, and gladness filled their hearts (v, 20).

CONCLUSION .- The lesson is chief approached the sepulchre with Mary ly valuable in establishing the facts and had been separated from her, and of Christ's resurrection. The entire having allowed them a liberty before recital bears on its face the simple and denied, He gave them orders to report | honest purpose of the actors. Women, to the brethren (Matt. xxviii, 9-10), who went to the grave to embalm that He would meet them in Galilee, a dead body, showing that they had no promise made before His death (Matt. thought of a restoration to life, were xvi, 32), which the angels recalled the first to testify, as they were least were borne-one by Mary alone, one by who are generally inclined to quesvices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sun-less at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sun-st Petar's Person's believe until they saw the form of Jesus, bearing the marks of death and laid upon her, and as she first received the company that saw was too large instructions it is probable that she was to admit the theory of a delusion or first to arrive in Jerusalem (v. 17), a conspiracy for fraud. All this ocremains of the one she loved had been honored in being permitted before any curred in less than twenty-four hours, stolen. The bare thought, after the other to bear the glad tidings that the while there were abundant facilities for determining the truthfulness of an coming after, confirmed her words, matter, A band of terrified and bewilleaving no good ground for the disci- | dered Galileans, assembled in the city where their Master was condemned was transformed in a single evening SALUTATION .- All through that into a joyous company of believers, onscious of another Presence, Turn- first day strange and conflicting ru- who, while for a time they lacked purng backward she saw a person stand- mors floated about Jerusalem, causing pose, yet eventually became earnest ng near. It was Jesus, but not as she much excitement. The statements of heralds to their fellowmen, declaring had known Him, (V. 14.) After His the women, repeated by the disciples, even unto death, that Jesus rose from

"The Book Unsealed." Danl., 12:4. Sab bath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats are free. Strangers always welcome. The Union Bible class

gramme will be rendered, under the echoes from the morning service, also management of Mrs. S. J. Morton. The public is cordially invited to any or all of these services.

Bawen, the tenor, will also sing; full orchestra in the evening. Offering at each service for Subbath school work. for lesson study Friday evening at 7.43 All Souls' Universalist church, or All welcome, church will seat 1,200 per-All Souls' Universalist course, on Pine street between Adams and Jeffer-son avenue—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pas-ter. Merning service, 10.30. There will be a brief sermon, subject "Origin and Usefulness of Children's Sunday." Folp. m.; prayer meeting, 7.30 p. m., Wedwing the morning service children's exercises appropriate for the Green Ridge Presbyterian church. lay. Evening service, 7.30, subject Strikes Their Cause and How to Set-le Them." Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6.30 day. Rev. Isaac J. Lansing, pastor—10.30, subject "Strikes." Their Cause and How to Settler, "Why Christ Called Peter, Satan:" Their Cause and How to Settle Them." Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6.30 p.m. Bible school; 6.45 p.m. Christian Endeavor; 7.45 p.m. service with sermon by the pastor, subject "Judah's Silver." A cordial welcome to all.

Gay. Evening service, 7.30, subject "Strikes and How to Settler Them." Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6.30 p.m. The morning service will be interesting and we trust the evening subject will give an idea bearing upon the affairs of our city today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, 519 Providence Presbyterian church, Rev.
George E. Gulid, D. D., pastor—The morning hour of worship will be devoted to Children's day. The services will be in charge of Sunday School nesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. Superintendent H. H. McKeehan, and All welcome.

At the Saptist Ministers' conference

At the Baptist Ministers' conference next Monday morning, Rev. J. R. Eltion of the auditorium. The offering will be for Sunday school missions. At lis, of Blakely, will read a paper on The Poet Preachers-Tennyson and Browning.

Christ's church, Protestant Episcopal, Washington avenue near the Country club—Tent services, 19:39 a.m., 2:39 p. Endeavor service at 6.25 o'clock.

Presbyterian chapel, corner of Adams avenue and New York street. Rev. James Hughes, pastor—Subject, "The Man Fell Among Thieves." Time of m. 730 p. m.: Hudson orchestra: popular hymns: good music; all welcome Rev. F. S. Ballentine, pastor. United Evangelical church, Capeuse avenue, Rev. C. D. Moore, pastor—Sab-

bath school at 9.45 a.m.; preaching at 19.45 a.m. and 7.39 p. nt.; Keystone League Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.: prayer meeting Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. All are welcome. First Baptist church. Rev. S. F. Calvary Reformed church corner of Mathews, pastor—The usual services Monroe avenue and Gibson street, Rev morning and evening. II.30 a. m. and G. W. Welsh—19.39 a. m. morning ser-7.30 p. m., at the Welsh Baptist church. vice, subject. "A Quiet Sabbath:" 11.45 a. m., Sunday school; 6.45 p. m., Chris-tian Endeaver; 7.30 p. m., evening ser-vice, "Christ's True Relatives." The People's Prohibition church, Rev. Main avenue: Sunday school at 2.30 p.m.. Plymouth church, Dr. Beddee superintendent; B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting at 6.30 p. m. in Iverite hall. Regular weekly prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m. Wednesday. All are cordially invited to these avenues.

Dr. Bird, pastor-There will be no regular service in Co-operative hall for sev eral weeks as the pastor expects to take several weeks' vacation, visiting Auburn, Ithaca and other places in New York before his return. Notices of service will be given later.

Volunteers of America, 310 Washing-ton avenue. Captain George Totten in command—Sunday, June 11. meetings will be held at 3 and 8 p. m., to which everybody is cordially invited. Scats free. Nice, cool hall. Meetings are also held every night during the week ex-cept Monday. Christian workers invited to lend a helping hand.

DOUBTS AS TO THE DATE. Difference of Opinion as to When Ohio Became a State.

from the Cincinnati Enquirer.

shilon Baptist church, 305 Center street—Preaching at 10,30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 n. m. Young People's union, 7 p. m. Evening subject, "Prayer, its Creeda, its Effects and its Results." All are welcome. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor, There is some doubt as to the exact late upon which Ohio became a state. Ohio was a separate "territory," being a part of the northwest territory. In 1801 the people living in the portion of Grace Reformed Episcopal church, the northwest now embraced in the Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry state of Ohio called a convention to atreet, Rev. George L. Airich, pastor— frame a state constitution for the dis-Prayer and praise service at 9.39 a. m.:
divine worship at 10.39 a. m. and 7.30
p. m.: preaching by the pastor in the
morning, subject, "The Holy Spirit,"
John, 2:34; evening studies in Daniel, frame a state constitution for the dictriot which had set up a claim to state-hood under the fifth article of the or-dinance of 1787. That convention met



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Nov. 29 completed its work. The con-stitution thus framed was not submit-Nov. 29 completed its work. The coned to the people, but was declared ratifled by the convention it self.

On Feb. 17, 1803, the United Stars ongress passed an act admitting Ohio into the union as a state, said act bycoming operative upon the assembling of the first state legislature at Chillicothe at 10 s. m. Tuesday, March 1 1803, and both houses immediately or ganized.

Thus there are three dates about which opinions may differ as to the xact initial period of Ohio statehood They are Nov. 29, 1802, when the con stitution was perfected and ratified Feb. 17, 1803, when congress passed the act admitting Ohio, and March 1, 1803, when the legislature assembled and organized. The latter date appears to have the greatest claim, in view of the language of the act of congress and the organization of the legislature. The wo houses of the legislature met in Goldsmith Bros., 391 Lackawanna. joint session at 11 a. m., March 3, 1803, to open and declare the result of the ballot for governor. Edward Tiffin was declared elected, receiving 4,564 votes. There were no ballots cast against him. At 1 o'clock p. m. the day Go n at a joint session of the two houses f the legislature by Judge Meigs.

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