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annual Wyoming conference to name is mentioned as another. be held next April at Owego is the question of equal lay and ministerial representation in the National Methodist Episcopal quadrennial conference at Chicago next May, Heretofore the Wyoming conference has sent more clerical delegates to the conference than lay delegates and of late the matter has aroused considerable attention on the part of the lay members of the conference. The matter has long been regarded in a quiescent way by the lay members, and heretofore they have never made an attempt for decisive action, but it is said the matter will be settled one way or the other in April.

The committee in charge of the arrangements for the annual conference predict the largest gathering of members of the denomination ever held in the history of the church.

In 1800 the denomination had eight conferences. Now it has 147. Then there were 288 Hinerant ministers. there are now 17,783 and 14,289 local preachers or "exhorters." A century ago there were 64,894 lay members, today the total membership is 2,871,949, with a Sunday school army of over 3,000,000. The number of churches is 27,000, valued at \$116,275,007, while there are 11,000 parsonages valued at \$15,-341,811. The state of Pennsylvania alone has over a quarter million Meth-odists within its bounds.

Questions of the most vital importance will come before the National conference. One of the first things the body will be called upon to do will be to admit the provisional lay delegates. Their admission is highly probable, but by no means certain. One woman has been elected as a lay delegate and thus the right of women to be delegates will again come before the conference. The question of making the pastorate of the minister a permanent one will also come up for consideration again this year.

The amusement question is another serious problem. Four years ago an effort was made to change the rule against dancing, theaters, horse races, card-playing or playing at games but the effort failed. There is said to be a sentiment in favor of not naming a list of objectionable amusements but favors emphasizing the general rule on the question which says that "members shall avoid taking such diversions as cannot be used in the name of the Lord." Fraternal delegates will attend from Canada, Ireland, England, and New Zealand. Special sessions will be held to hear their addresses.

Perhaps that part of the conference about which the most interest centers is the election of new bishops, four agents of the book concerns and thirteen editors and ten corresponding secretaries of the benevolent societies. It is thought from three to five bishops will be elected to take the place of Bishop Newman who died, and others Cincinnati: Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Berry. of Chicago: Rev. Dr. A. J. Palmer and Rev. Dr. William V. Kelley, of

Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor of Grace Lutheran church of this city, vill be in attendance upon the meetings of the North Branch conference of the Susquehanna synod of the Evangelical Lutheran church, which will be held in Grace Lutheran church, Wilkes-Barre, next week, March 12 to-14. W. E. Shoener will attend as lay delegate, and James Matter as alternate. This conference includes twenty ministers, scattered from Sunbury to Scranton, along and near the north branch of the Susquehanna river.

Rev. Charles Lee, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Carbondale, will exchange pulpits with Dr. McLeod, of this city, tomorrow. Dr. Lee is one of the ablest preachers in the presbytery of Lackawanna.

Gospel meeting at the West Scranton branch of the Young Women's Christian association at \$.45 p. m. tomorrow. Mrs. Gates leader. All women and girls are invited.

Gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian association at 3.45 p. tomorrow. All women and girls are invited.

Secretary J. B. Sweet, of the Wyoming conference, is busy these days preparing for the annual sessions, to pegin April 18. A movement is on foot to send Rev. Mr. Sweet as delegate to the general conference in May. It is fitting that one of the five ministerial delegates should be a pastor. They are usually presiding elders. Other representatives who are prominently mentioned are Rev. Dr. Hard, Rev. Dr. Giffin, Presiding Elders Hayes, Forsyth and Hall. One of the lay delegates from the Wyoming dis-



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FEATURE that adds much to triet will probably be G. Frank Rey-the interest centering about the nolds of Elm Park. George Peck's

### Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Green Ridge street and Monsey ave-nue—Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector, Second Sunday in Lent. Holy Com-Second Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion at 7:30 a. m.; morning prayer and sermon at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

St. David's parish, Rev. Edward James McHenry, rector—Celebrations of Holy Eucharist at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m.; matins at 10:15; evensong at 7:30; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. The Rev. James H. Lamb, D. D., will preach in the evening.

the evening.
Christ's Church, corner Washington avenue and Park street—Services, 10:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m. and 7:30 p. m. All seats free. All welcome. F. S. Ballen-

seats free. All welcome. F. S. Ballen-tine, rector.
Saint Mark's church, Dunmore—Sec-ond Sunday in Lent. S a. m., Holy Communion; 10:30 o'clock, morning prayer, litany and sermon; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible class; 7:30 p. m., evensong, prayer and sermon. The Rev. E. J. Haughton, priest in charge, will conduct the early service and the evening service. evening service.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church,

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue below Mulbery 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 at both services. Morning: "The Pilgrimage of Faith." Hebrews 11:13-16. Evening: "Studies in Zechariah: Prayer and its Answer." Zech. 7:11. Sabbath school at 12 o'clock noon; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Seats free at each and every service. All welcome.

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Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, Bible study, "Waiting on God." The Union Lible class for the study of the lesson, every Thursday evening at 7:45 o'clock.

#### Evangelical Lutheran.

Second Sunday in Lent-Gospel, Matt., 15:21-28; epistle, I Thess., 4:1-7. St. Mark's, Washburn and Four-teenth streets, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. teenth streets, Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. 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. Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street, Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Luther league at 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; meeting of catechumens Monday at 7 p. m.; Bible study Wednesday at 7.45 p. m. St. Paul's, Short avenue, Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor—Services at 10.30 a.

L. Lauer, pastor-Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at 2.30 Zion's, Mifflin avenue, Rev. P. F.

Zizelmann, pastor-Services at 10.30 a.

m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.
Christ church, Cedar avenue and
Birch street, Rev. James Witke, pas-tor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p.
m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m. St. Peter's, Prescott avenue, Rev. John Randolph, pastor—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday

school at 2 p. m. Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church who will probably retire. Among those spoken of for the bishoprics are Rev. Thomas B. Neeley of Philadelphia; Rev. Dr. John W. Hamilton, of m., Sunday school; 6:45 p. m., Christian m., Sunday school; 6:45 p. m., Christian Endeavor Society; 19:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., Divine worship, Morning topic; "A Test of Life." Evening topic: "The Saviour the World Wants." A con-gregational meeting will be held im-mediately after the morning service.

### Methodis: Episcopal.

Elm Park church-Prayer and Praise service at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, C. M. Giffin, D. D.; at 12 m., half hour Bible study in Sunday school room. Sunday shhool at 2 and Epworth

League at 6:30 p. m.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church,
Rev. J. B. Sweet, pastor—Special
morning service. Class meeting at 9.30;
preaching and special service at 10.30
a. m., a service of helpfulness and a. m., a service of helpfulness and profit for all; Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Epworth league at 2.50 p. m.; Young Men's meeting at 4 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.; evening preaching at 7.30 o'clock. All seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. John R. Austin, pastor. Morning sermon at 10:30 o'clock. Subjeht: "Will a Man Rob God?" Class meeting at 11:30 a. m. J. E. Masters.

meeting at 11:30 a. m., J. E. Masters, leader. Sunday school at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent; Epworth League at 6:45 p. m.; the evening sermon at 7:30 p. m. will be preached by Rev. J. M. Howell. Seats free. A cordial wel-

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church
—Rev. John R. Austin, pastor. Class
meeting at 11:00 a. m., Frank Turner,
superintendent; Sunday school at 2:20
p. m., William Nixon, superintendent; preaching of the Gospel at 3:30 p. m.; Evangelistic services each evening of the week except Saturday. E. W. Stone who thrilled us with his singing dur-ing the past week will be with us each evening. Short Gospel services and earnest work. Come and with us enjoy

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner Monsey avenue and Delaware street-Rey, W. G. Simpson, D. D., passtreet—Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 9:30 a. m.; preaching at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2:30 p. m.; Senior Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. and preaching at 7:30 p. m. by Rev. J. O. Spencer, returned missionary from Japan, and former pastor of Asbury church. Brotherhood of St. Paul meets on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.; prayer meets on Tuesday at 7:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Seats ree, All are welcome, Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal

church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services as follows: Presching at 16:30 a. m.; class meeting at 11:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Juniors at 3 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p.

m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Juniors at 3 p. m.: Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.; preaching service at 7:30 p. m.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—G. C. Lyman, pastor. General class, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; men's meeting, 3 p. m.; Junior league, 3:30 p. m.; Evangelistic services, 7 p. m. Prof. R. C. Buck, the singing evangelist, will be at all meetings.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, corner Cedar avenue and Cherry street—Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor. Morning service at 10:30 a. m.; evening service at 7:30 p. m.; Junior Epworth league at 6:30 p. m. Class meeting Monday evenings. Strangers cordially welcome. Dunmore Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, pastor—Subject of the pastor's sermon in the morning. "Jehosophat's Great Victory;" evening. "David's Repentance and Restoration." The other services as usual.

Watson Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Lincoln Heights.—Sunday school at 2 p. m.; preaching services at 6 p. m.

Presbyterian. The Second Presbyterian church— Services 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Dr.

Sunday-School Lesson for March 11.

### The Paralytic Healed. MARK II, 1-12.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, LLD., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

this. On the morning after the busy day in Capernaum Jesus departed into a solitary place to pray. Shortly afthat men were carnestly seeking Him. On hearing this the Master, doubtless to avoid the crowd, visited the adjoining towns and preached in the synagogues. While on that journey He still the people gathered to 14fm from every quarter.

AUDIENCE (Verses 1 and 2) .- After awhile Jesus re-entered Capernaum, His home city (Matt. ix, 1), having done a great work during His ab-His presence was quickly noised abroad, resulting in a large concourse of people, and even crowded the street. It was a magnificent display of popular enthusiasm for a nota-ble personage. That fame is legitimate and most desired that promotes one's usefulness. On this occasion a splendid opportunity was offered, and Jesus improved it by delivering a ser-We may picture to ourselves the great Preacher addressing that vast audience upon the stupendous themes of the gospel. It is said that "He preached the word." It was probably an exposition of Scripture (Luke xxiv, 27), after His usua! custom.

PATIENT (verses 3 and 4) .- While the chief appeal to men is to their intellects and, consciences they are more concerned for their physical comfort. The truth, the one instrument of spiritual elevation (John xvii, 17). is often rejected, while material good is eagerly sought. The sermon that day was suddenly interrupted by some men who sought to bring a paralytic under the power of Christ. At first they made attempts to enter by the ordinary way, but were prevented by the crowds who blocked the passage. As a last resort they mounted the roof and removed the tiling and the timberg, which they might easily do, as the coverings of the dwellings were constructed in a loose way. And then by means of ropes they let down the helples; man as he lay upon his cot. so that he came into the very midst of the open court where Jesus was standing. The patient was thus within reach of the Physician.

PARDON (verse 5) .-- Jesus was no at once diverted from the high pur-pose that dominated Him in the preaching. He came to be a Saviour (Matt. 1, 21), to minister to the souls of men (Luke xxiv, 47). Deliverance from sin, reconciliation with God. this whole transaction Jesus was evi- of men.

Robinson will preach morning and eve. a. m.; Christian Endeavor at 6:45 p. m.; which have recently appeared in the Washburn Street Presbyterian church

Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor,
Services at 10:30 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.;
Bible school at 12 m.; C. E. Young

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Mid-week service wednesday at 8 p. m. and Friday evening at 8 p. m. Explanation of Christian confession.

All Souls' Universalist church, on Pine street between Adams and Jeffer-People at 6:20 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Subject for morning, "There Is No Beauty in Him." Special music morning and eve-

Him." Special music morning and eve-ning. All welcome. Providence Presbyterian church-The pastor, Rev. Dr. Guild will occupy the pulpit at the morning and evening ser-vice. The offerings of the day will be for Foreign Missions. Sunday school, 12 m.: Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. The seats of the church are free Green Ridge Presbyterian church, Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. I. R. Foster, assistant pastor—At 10.30 a. m. Rev. A. A. Meyers will preach on "The Apostle of the Cumberland Mountains;" 12 m., Bible school; 6.30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7.30 p. m., service with sermon by Rev. I. J. Lansing; subject, "A Wonderful Riddle."

### Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue between Spruce and Linden streets-Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Plerce. Morning prayer in the lower temple at 9.45 o'clock. Topic of morning sermon, "Christians of Today to the Church of Tomorrow." Sunday schools, Bible, intermediate and primary departments at a color form. mary departments at 2 o'clock, Sunday school at the Amerman Memorial tabernacie at 3.20 p. m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Topic of evening sermon, "The Religion for Today, or Help in the Time of Need." Evangelistic ser-vices following the sermon, at which the paster will use crayon sketches in illustrating Seriature tenths. illustrating Scripture truths.

At the Jackson Street Baptist church—Prayer meeting at 9:30 a. m., Dea Geo. Widdick, leader; service at 10:30 a. m., the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., will administer the ordinance of Baptism to ten candidates at this service. The pastor will address the candidates. Sunday shhool at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts, superintendent. Evening service at 7 sharp, the pastor will give the first in the series & illus-trated sermons. Topic: "Abraham the Friend of God." Hymn will be sung from the canvass at each service. cure your tickets at Bro. R. Nichols' store. No children will be admitted unless they are attended. Silver offering at each lecture. Green Ridge Baptist church—Ser-

vices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sub-ject in the morning, "Jephetate's Vow." In the evening the pastor will Shiloh Baptist church-Meets 305 Cen ter street. Morning services, 10:30 a. m.; Sabbath school, 2 p. m.; Christian Union, 7:30 p. m.; preaching, 8 p. m. All are welcome. Rev. W. A. White,

North Main Avenue Baptist church-Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Theme for morning, "An Ideal Band:"

Theme for morning, "An Ideal Banu; theme for evening services will be "The Bible vs. Intemperance, or What God Thinks of the Liquor Business." Rev. S. G. Reading, D. D., pastor.
Welsh Memorial Baptist church, Wayne avenue—Freaching services at the usual hour: Bible school at 2 p. m., Isaac Williams, superintendent. The Isaac Williams, superintendent. The sermon in the evening will be preached in English by the pastor, Rev. W. F. Davies. The Young People's society will meet Tuesday evening. The leader will be Miss Mary Williams.

### Miscellaneous.

Calvary Reformed Church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Firor, pastor. Services Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Subject for morning, "A Mother's Faith Rewarded." Evening subject, "A Sign Which Was No Sign." Sunday School at 11:45

made a very brief record (Mark i, life, were in His eyes vastly more im-35-45; Luke Iv, 42 to v16), of what portant than any temporal blessing. 35-45; Luke 1v, 42 to v16), of what portant than any temporal blessing, transpired between last lesson and Hence, looking upon the man, lying before Him, and recognizing the faith of those who brought him (and without doubt his own faith) Jesus deterter His disciples followed and reported mined at first to bestow the chief good. "Thy sins be forgiven," He said. It was a masterly stroke of wisdom. an implication that spiritual things should be attended to first, even as He declared on another occasion (Matt, vi. 33). If need be a man might be content on a bed, helpless, borne about by friends, if he could only feel that he was forgiven of his sins.

BLASPHEMY (Verses 6 and 7) .- Sit-

ting in the audience were some of the scribes. The original service of these men, as their title implies, was to copy the Scriptures. Put that employment made them so familiar with the sacred writings that they had gradually come into the teachers' office. For a long time they had been instructors in the synagogues, duly respected as such by the people. Accordingly they were esteemed compe-tent to judge of any teachings by others, and felt themselves obligated in measure to determine the soundness of any man's utterances. These men were surprised when they heard Jesus ronounce pardon upon the paralytic. and they questioned in silence about the matter. Knowing full well from the Scriptures (Isa. xiiii, 25), that this was a Divine prerogative, they adjudged him to be guilty of blasphemy. But then came the perplexity. Why should He, evidently a good man, benevolently inclined, be guilty of an offence which under the law might be funished with death (Lev. xxiv, 16). ALTERNATIVE (verses 8 and 9) .-

The scribes were more surprised when they discovered that their thoughts were known. Jesus possessed the re-markable ability to discern the most secret things of the heart. (Matt. ix: 4.) without waiting for the oral criticism which might have come in a few moments He sought to remove the cause of their questioning, and that He did in a very adroit way. The peo-ple had confessed His power to heal, as was shown by the act of the four men who broke up the roof and let down the paralytic. No one would have been at all perplexed had Jesus instantly cured the helpless man. But was that any easier than to forgive sins? Did the one act imply less power than the other act? In short had not enough been done by Christ in the natural realm to warrant this further exercise of authority in the spiritual realm to warrant this further exercise of authority in the spiritual realm? The alternative, put thus strongly before these learned men, was well cal-culated to silence their cavils, and to prepare for what was to follow.

EVIDENCE (verses 10 and 11).-In

All Souls' Universalist church, on Pine street between Adams and Jefferson avenues—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor. Residence, 629 Adams avenue. Morning service, 10:30 a. m. Subject, "The Practicability of Common Sense on the Part of God in Creation." Evening service, 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The True Joy of Life." Sunday school after the morning service, Mrs. S. Benjater the morning service. Mrs. S. Benjater the control of the c True Joy of Life." Sunday school after the morning service, Mrs. S. Benjamin, superintendent. Y. P. C. U. meeting at 6:30 p. m. Subject, "For What is Your Life." "Have We Not All One Father." Come and worship with us. First Christian church, North Main avenue—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning theme, "The River of Life." In the evening the fifth sermon in the series of "Sip and Escape" will be preached by the pastor, the Rev. R. be preached by the pastor, the Rev. R. W. Clymer, the subject being, "Escape of a Persecutor." Bible institute at 3 p. m. in old No. 27 school; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor

will meet at 6.30 p. m. Zion United Evangelical church, Capouse avenue—Sunday school at 9.30 a. m.; preaching at 10.30 a. m. by B. T. Stone; K. L. C. E. at 6.30 p. m., and preaching at 7.30 p. m. by Rev. William Barsons.

iam Parsons.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street. The Rev. James Hughes, pastor, will preach both morning and evening, at 10.30 and 7.30 o'clock. Mr. Chandler, superintendent. The Christian Endeavor society will hold a meeting the lower room at 6.45 p. m. A ing in the lower room at 6.45 p. m. A cordial invitation is given to all. These services are intended to be short, evan-gelical and helpful to all. The People's Prohibition church—Rev.

The People's Probabilion church—Rev.
Dr. Bird. pastor. There will be regular preaching service on Sabbath evening at 7:30 p. m. in Morell hall, Breaker street, Green Ridge. Subject, "A Prophecy By One of the Prophets." All are welcome.

Capouse chapel—10.30 a. m., reception of members and Communion, with ad-

of members and Communion, with address by Mr. Foster: 3 p. m., Bible school; 7.30 p. m., service with sermon by Mr. Foster. To all these services a cordial invitation is extended.

Chapel Mission, Hulbert's Hall, 117 Wyoming avenue.—Preaching at 10:30 a. m. Evening subject. "Hope In Death." Christian Endeavor Society at 7:30 p. m. Good singing, James Wilson, leader. All are welcome. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor. of members and Communion, with ad-

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

The many friends of Professor George C. Carter will be glad to read the following pleasant words concerning him

## THE FOOD DRINK

Grain-O is not a stimulant, like coffee. It is a tonic and its effects are permanent.

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CONTEXT.-The evangelists have | peace of mind, purity of thought and | dently working toward an important end, one which may have been specially desirable at that period of his ministry. He wished to be known in His true nature and mission. Many thought of Him merely as a wonderful teacher. (John iii: 2.) Hence He sought to convert this incident into evidence of His delty. The logic of the case had already been stated in His question to the scribes. God only forgives sin. He had wrought miracles and that had entitled Him to forgive sins. Therefore He was not a blasphemer, but a Divine person. that they might know this, and that the last doubt might be removed from their minds, He determined to give immediate proof. "Arise and go thy way" was His authoritative word to the paralytic. Bold and blasphemous anguage that was if he were only a man. And yet lest the opinion of those present should rest upon some per-sonal claim He called Himself the Son of man. RESULT (verse 12) .- On that com-

mand hung the future both of Jesus and of the paralytic. If no cure is wrought the one is a pretender, and the other is doomed to helplessness for life. But if the word is obeyed then the Saviour and Teacher passes into history as Lord, and a man is restored to health and usefulness. Amidst profound silence, while many witnesses beheld, the man arose, took up his bed and walked away. He had heard the voice of the mighty one-forgiven, healed, soul and body in a moment made new. There were none to criticise or doubt. An occular demonstra-tion had removed all ground for debate. All were amazed, and all had wisdom to see that God was in the deed in some way. They therefore glorified God—praised Him and reloiced. And the company dispersed with thorough conviction and unbounded enthusiasm. They declared that they had never seen anything like

CONCLUSION.-What shall we say to this incident. There are but two the miracle was never wrought. Some have so asserted, sweeping away all the miraculous from the gospel history. Then must we reject the books as worthless. This record is so circumstantial, made with such evidence sincerity, that to ascribe it to the fabulous is to prove the writers unworthy of any confidence. To do that is to reject the whole system of Christianity, a result for which few are pre-pared. Second, that the passage is to be taken as reliable history. Then are we forced to place Jesus upon the throne. We must take Him at His own word. He entered first into the spiritual and afterward into the phy-sical and did what only God could do. He was therefore God in human flesh. (John 1: 14.) As such He is worthy to receive the love, reverence and service

newspapers of Delaware, O., where h is instructor of the organ in Wesleya: university. The College Transcript says: "Professor Carter's name on any programme is enough to assure success. He has now a warm place in the hearts of the people." The Delaware Daily Gazette speaks equally as pleasantly of him: "Professor Carte stands high in the music circles of this state, where he has appeared in recitals and special engagements. He has won the hearts of Delaware people by his great ability on the pipe organ and plane, always being greeted with applause." Professor Carter has bee who has occupied the position of vocal asked to remain another year in his at Bittenbender & Co. present position, and it is probabl that he will do so, although at present he is undecided.—Elmira Advertiser.

Mr. Herbert Stains, of South Scranton, has recently done some very creditable work in musical composition. under the tuition of Alfred Wooler.

The third in the series of mid-winter recitals given by the Scranton Con-servatory of Music will be held at Guernsey hall on Tuesday evening next. The following is the programme for

the Honesdale Philharmonic concert next Thursday, March 15. Mr. J. T. Watkins, baritone, and Master Edmun Thiele, violinist, of Scranton, are the

Keler-Bela overture .... Orehestra, Massenet—"Vision Fugitive" .Heriodeads
Mr. J. T. Watkins.
Rode—Violin Concerto No. 7 A minor Moderato, Adagio, Rondo. Master Edmund Thiele

(a) Andante from Surprise Symphony (b) March, "Alla Turka" ...... Mozart Orchestra. Leslie Stuart-"Bandalero"-Mr. Watkins.

(a) Beethoven-"Alla Polacca," from Serenade. (b) Bach-Air on G string for violins. (c) Gillet-Loin du Bal. Orchestra

Handel-"But Who May Abide," recit, and aria from "The Messiah"— Mr. Watkins. Offenbach—Overture, Orpheus..Orchestra

The following musical selections will be rendered at the morning and evening services at Elm Park church to-morrow under the direction of J. Alfred Pennington: 

EVENING. 

Religious music is the foundation of all music, and all music is a form of or digression from religious music. The most beautiful music is the most religious, and the most religious is the most beautiful.

J. T. Watkins sings tomorrow morn ing at the Dunmore Presbyterian church, his brother, James E. Watkins, singing at the First Presbyterian

The Schubert quartette's singing at E. J. Smith's funeral was most impressive and touching. The selections another composition of Mr. Alfred tor.

## Life and Strength Restored to **Palsicd** Limbs

Follett Street, Pawtucket, R. I. says:
''About eight years ago, I was taken with nervous prostration which was followed by a partial paralysis of the lower limbs. The loctor called it locomotor atamia.

I could not direct my steps, and I would often fall down. I tried many remedies but was not bene-fited until I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. Several doctors had told me that there was no cure for my trouble, but my improvement continued and I took the pills steadily for two years. At the end of that time I had regained full control of

Mrs. H. T. Salisbury, of 11

my limbs. The pain left me and has never returned."

MRS. H. T. SALISBURY, Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of August, 1899. CARLOS L. ROGERS, Notary Public.

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