

QUARTER CENTURY MARK REACHED SERVICE IN GREEN RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

It Was Organized Twenty-Five Years Ago Last Night and the Anniversary Was Fittingly Observed—Addresses Delivered by Former Pastors, Rev. W. B. Waller and Rev. N. F. Stahl, and a Number of Green Ridge Clergymen. Reception Followed the Service.

The Green Ridge Presbyterian church was twenty-five years old yesterday, and the notable event was celebrated last night in the beautiful main auditorium of that building.

Seated upon the stage, when the evening's programme was opened, were Rev. W. B. Waller, Rev. N. F. Stahl, Rev. J. J. Lansing, D. D., the present pastor of the church; Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor of the Green Ridge Baptist church; Rev. Francis Bateman, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd; Rev. W. G. Simpson, pastor of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, and A. W. Dickson, of the First Presbyterian church.

After an organ prelude and a Scripture reading by Rev. L. E. Foster, Dr. Lansing's assistant, most stirring music, "Praise Ye the Father," was sung by the church choir, under the leadership of George F. Whittemore. Rev. Dr. Lansing then gave a few informal words of greeting and introduced the pastors of the sister churches of Green Ridge, who came to show their brotherly feeling and to extend the best wishes of their respective congregations to the Presbyterian flock.

THE FIRST SPEAKER. Rev. Mr. Ford was the first speaker, and he emphasized the fact that the Green Ridge Presbyterian church was a power for righteousness not only in this city, but all down the valley. "It has realized," he said, "what should be the ideal of every evangelical church, a spiritual membership."

He was followed by Rev. Mr. Simpson, who, after extending the well-wishes of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, especially praised the philanthropic movements which have originated in the church. He hoped that the future years would see the people of the two churches nearer in congregational sympathy than they have ever been before.

Rev. Mr. Bateman, of the Episcopal church, followed. He spoke briefly, but his remarks were tinged with good cheer and encouragement. He explained that he spoke especially out of the fulness of his heart, as the Church of the Good Shepherd, of which he is now the rector, was the first church home of the Presbyterian congregation.

A. W. Dickson, of the First Presbyterian church, who was the clerk of the committee which organized the Green Ridge church, and who has accordingly a great personal interest in its welfare, was the next speaker. He extended to the congregation the best wishes of the First church session, of which the Green Ridge church is really a daughter.

He spoke of the fact that the twenty-five years during which the church has been in existence have been years of harmony, and also told of the personal experience he had had of the delightful social life of the church and its intense missionary spirit. "It is doing more than its share," said he, "to reform the city of Scranton."

THE FIRST PASTOR. After Miss Martin, Mr. Conrad and the choir had rendered another anthem, Rev. W. B. Waller, of New Rochelle, the first pastor of the church, was introduced by Dr. Lansing. Rev. Mr. Waller recalled many of the delightful reminiscences of the old days, when the church had a hard struggle for existence, and when it would have died had it not been for the faithful work of a few. "From the very beginning," said he, "the rank and file of the congregation have been active in the Lord's work."

A great ovation was tendered Rev. N. F. Stahl, now of Delaware City, but up to four years ago the pastor of the Green Ridge church, when he arose to speak. The members of the congregation were so enthused that they greeted him with quite a burst of applause. It could be plainly seen that Rev. Mr. Stahl was deeply touched and it was some moments before he could control himself sufficiently to speak.

After telling how wondrously glad he was to be back once more with the members of the flock among whom he had labored for so many years, he said:

"There is an underlying spiritual philosophy beneath the progress of this church. This fact is deep down in the nature of things. There are, to my mind, just three things which explain all that God has wrought through this marvelously blessed church, and each one has its own special significance.

"Firstly—This church is prosperous because it has been loyal to the Lord Jesus Christ in all its preaching, in all its teaching and in all its church life.

"Secondly—A most remarkable element of brotherly love and sympathy has characterized the lives of the members of this congregation. There has been a wonderful unanimity in all things. I cannot myself remember more than two instances in which the session during my pastorate was divided on a question.

"Thirdly—The members of this church have been unique in that each one has made an effort to do his or her individual work as the Lord called them. There has never been a time when the people have not rallied to the summons of their pastor."

OTHER ADDRESSES. After Rev. Mr. Stahl's address, C. H. Pond and E. B. Sturges, representing the trustees and the session respectively, briefly returned the greetings extended by all of the visiting clergymen.

The large congregation present then filed down stairs into the parlors, where an informal social and reception was tendered to the former pastors, a most delightful two hours being spent. Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

The first meeting for the organization of the church was held at the house of Joseph Crane, on Sanderson avenue, on Feb. 11, 1875. On May 26, of that year, the site of the old church on the corner of Monsey avenue and Green

Ridge street, was donated by George Sanderson and wife. A house of worship was erected on this site and was occupied on June 24, 1875, when the church was permanently organized, with forty-one members. The first elders were Rowell Marvine, Joseph Crane and George C. Stone. The present magnificent church on the corner of Green Ridge street and Wyoming avenue was first occupied about eight years ago. The church has only had three pastors, Rev. W. B. Waller, Rev. N. F. Stahl and the present pastor, Rev. I. J. Lansing, D. D. Tomorrow will be observed as Anniversary Sunday and special services will be conducted both morning and evening. There will be address by both of the former pastors at the evening service.

CONSTABLES ARE THANKFUL. Propose to Formally Notify Judge Archibald of That Fact.

The various authorized constables in the several wards are grateful to Judge Archibald for his disposition of the Ellman case, in which a deputy constable was acting as an officer of one ward and holding his residence in another. They propose to express their gratification by sending a signed statement to the court thanking him for his action.

At the same time the constables propose to inform the court that other deputy constables connected with the courts of some of the aldermen in the city are acting as Ellman was. They complain that the deputies are taking away from them all of the business which rightfully belongs to them by virtue of their appointments.

INDUSTRIAL JOTTINGS.

Negotiations Said to Be Pending to Settle the Anthracite Coal Controversy—D. L. & W. Board.

Since the return of J. Pierpont Morgan negotiations have been renewed for the settlement of the controversy between the anthracite railroads and the Pennsylvania Coal company, whereby, it is expected, the independent road from the Pennsylvania coal regions to tide-water, at Kingston, N. Y., will not be built. No direct confirmation of this fact could be obtained, but assurances that a settlement is near at hand were obtained from trustworthy sources.

It is expected to result in the purchase of a controlling interest in the stock of the Pennsylvania Coal company. It is understood that some of the larger stockholders of the Pennsylvania Coal company are not averse to selling out to Mr. Morgan or a syndicate, organized by him, knowing that their investment interests would be amply protected, in fact much improved by a closer combination of anthracite interests.

The importance of the deal will be recognized when it is said that operators generally agree that this is the last struggle to break the fraternal coal agreement, which now exists among the coal railroads, and if this fails, the control of the coal trade will be permanently held by the coteries of bankers who now manage the leading anthracite roads.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

D. L. & W. Board for Today. The Delaware, Lackawanna and Western board for today follows:

- WILD CATS, SOUTH. 9:20 p. m.—P. Gilligan. 11 p. m.—S. Carmody. Saturday, June 23. WILD CATS, SOUTH. 12:30 a. m.—E. Van Vleet. 2 a. m.—P. Fitzpatrick. 4 a. m.—J. V. Colvin. 6 a. m.—H. V. Colvin. 8 a. m.—G. Rafferty. 10 a. m.—J. J. Duffy. 12 p. m.—C. Bartholomew. 2:30 p. m.—J. H. McCann. 4:45 p. m.—A. Bartholomew. SYMPTOM. 6 a. m.—south—J. E. Masten. 7:30 a. m.—north—G. Froumlecker. 11 a. m.—north—Nichols. 12 p. m.—north—T. Boudican. 6 p. m.—south—McLane. PULLER. 10 a. m.—J. Mosier. PUSHERS. 8 a. m.—Houser. 11 a. m.—Moran. 7 p. m.—Murphy. 7 p. m.—G. Cawley. PASSENGER ENGINE. 6:30 p. m.—Magovern. WILD CATS NORTH. 5 a. m.—C. Kingsley. 7 a. m.—F. Fitzpatrick. 7 a. m.—John Galsagan. 8 a. m.—J. O'Hara. 10 a. m.—H. Higgins. 11 a. m.—F. Nauman. 12 p. m.—W. D. Wartel. 12 p. m.—A. Randolph. 12 p. m.—A. E. Ketchum. 12 p. m.—F. Wall. 12 p. m.—Mullin. 6 p. m.—Ludlow. 7 p. m.—Larkin.

PUPILS RECEIVE THEIR DIPLOMAS

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Ruskin, comparing the national characteristics in a clever manner. His speech was carefully written and well delivered and one of the most masterly efforts of the evening.

PRESERVE THE FOREST.

Miss Anna Russ chose as her subject "Forestry" and treated it in a very clever manner. "The greatest enemy to the forests is the fire," said she, "which destroys the great woodlands, even as the huge serpents crushed out the life of Laocoon and his sons. Persia, once the garden of Asia, now is a waste of sand through the devastation of the forests."

The class and chorus then arose and sang "The Woodman," a joyous, buoyant air, after which Miss Mabel Stot read a well written essay on the "Possibilities of the Twentieth Century." She pictured Scranton in the year 2000, and drew an alluring panorama of houses of dazzling white appearance, of the Lackawanna river, with some water in it, of sidewalks and pavements of an entirely different and superior nature. All communication will be done through phonographs, fresh air will be brought from California and the western states to purify the local atmosphere, and other wonderful innovations introduced, among which are swift flying airships, and the absence of smoke and dust.

Victor Dana Thayer, whose subject was "Ruskin as a Teacher," spoke very interestingly. He said Ruskin's attitude toward the world was that of a lover of truth and nature. "Ruskin was the greatest teacher and educator of the century, and by his views entirely changed England's views of art and artists," said he, "and as a writer of pure English has no master. His magnificent word painting stands highest in the English language."

The essay was well written and splendidly delivered, and was one of the most enjoyable numbers of the evening.

THE BUSINESS WORLD.

"Woman in the Business World" was the subject of Miss Isabella Graves' essay. Miss Graves was the representative of the Commercial class, and her theme was therefore particularly pertinent. She quoted prominent authorities, who urged the visibility of the gentler sex entering the professional and business world, and pointed out the great number of employes going the clerical work in offices who are women. She spoke of the great business enterprise of Mrs. Betty Green, and quoted her as an example of the shrewd woman financier.

Norwood Pitcher chose "Imperialism" as his subject. His remarks were decidedly antagonistic to expansion, and he denunciated "benevolent imperialism," being accomplished by wholesale slaughter. He declared it was a positive evil to keep the Philippines, and said that annexation was entirely contrary to this country's policy, and only impairs the present condition, being a wrong to both the Philippines and to the home government.

Carl William Ziegler, valedictorian of the class, had as his theme the popular subject of "Our Navy a Necessity." He traced the history of the American maritime forces from Paul Jones and the Bonhomme Richard to Dewey and Schley. Our sea-coast he claimed to be the nation's greatest strength, and at the same time the greatest weakness, on account of the lack of fortification. "Let our nation," he said, "be like the eagle, our national emblem, strong and powerful, and withal unwilling to take advantage of any one weaker. Today is a time of the survival of the fittest, and we should have a navy large enough to defend our national honor, the decision of which rests in your hands."

In speaking his valedictory, he commended the class to the crusader of old, leaving home to conquer and war in new fields. He concluded by bidding farewell to teachers, friends, members of the board of control, and lastly fellow-members.

MR. JAYNE'S SPEECH.

President of the Board of Control B. T. Jayne, addressed the graduates as follows:

June is not only the month of roses and beautiful flowers, but also the month of anticipation. From north to south, from east to west, commencement are in season and the graduates of colleges and high schools are looking anxiously for some beacon light to guide their ships of destiny across the waters of life. School work is over and the commencement of real life is at hand. To say our hearts are full of sympathy and love for the untired members of the "Class of 1900" is to but faintly express our deep solicitude for those who merit our commendation for faithful work and good conduct in the Scranton High school. This is the first class of the regular four-

year course that has successfully completed the year prescribed and we feel justified in greeting success for each and every member in fighting the battles of life for they go forth to meet the world trained and prepared by men and women who are qualified to do their work as well as well.

Class of 1900: You have been educated to fight temptations and to face duty as good citizens of a grand republic. You are to be congratulated on your equipment for your education today is broader and deeper than the college education of Sumner, Webster and Garfield, at the time of their graduation. The nineteenth century and the recent developments in education give you exceptional advantages and we have a right to expect from you exceptional results that will redound to your honor and the reputation of your teachers.

Education means more today than it did a few years ago. It is a term now that stands for property, for intelligence builds our factories and railroads, constructs our machinery, runs our largest business enterprises and teaches us to talk with the lightning. It makes the world brighter and lifts us to a higher plane of civilization. On the threshold of the twentieth century there is but one message:

"Out of the shadows of night The world rolls into light. It is daybreak everywhere."

We are beginning to realize slowly but surely that our greatness as a nation and community lies not in things material but men. The strength of New Hampshire is not her granite hills, but Webster the expounder of constitutional law. The pride of Massachusetts is not in her factories, but in her great sons, Winthrop, Adams and Horace Mann; Pennsylvania is not glorified by her oil and coal, but by her Penn and Franklin; Virginia boasts not of her fertile soil, but of her Patrick Henry and Thomas Jefferson. South Carolina and Kentucky see their wealth not in rice fields and blue grass, but in the heritage of ideas bequeathed them by Clay and Calhoun. Ohio, if asked today her most precious possessions, would answer Garfield and McKinley.

What credit you will reflect upon the state and community is for you to determine. "You are your own fate." We prize your intellectual worth not so much for its use in your education and it is our sincere wish that you may honor the state and people of this community in your good thoughts and noble deeds. You have within you power, strength to rise to ambition's height, and if you are fearless and unrelenting the palm of victory and crown of glory will be your honest and just reward. The age in which you live is a rapid age, but be patient!

"The heights of great men reached and kept, Were not attained by sudden flight; But they, while their companions slept, Were toiling upward in the night."

DIPLOMAS PRESENTED.

He then presented the diplomas. As the name of each graduate was called, the audience acknowledged the recipients with applause, the honor men being given especially heavy applause, which they shared with the young athletes, heroes of the foot ball field and base ball diamond, the crack right-end on the eleven and the star pitcher sharing the honors with the valedictorian and salutatorian.

The Misses Iris E. Burns and Anna Boland, of the present Senior class, handed the diplomas to the graduates as they rose from their seats.

The benediction pronounced by Dr. Giffin brought the commencement to a close, and one hundred and two freshly made alumni of the Scranton High school then received the congratulations of their friends, who flocked upon the stage.

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