

Religious....

THE FOLLOWING address is to be read tomorrow in the twenty-five churches represented in Scranton by the Christian Endeavor city union:

No. 625 Present Avenue, Scranton, Pa., Dec. 5, 1900.

My Dear Christian Endeavor Friends: As we near the twentieth anniversary of the birth of Christian Endeavor; as we prepare to celebrate it in our new year-in our city, let us have more of Christ and of the church, and we will do more for them. Let us undertake great things for God. Let us expect great things from God. Let us let Him use us.

As to our local and city work, we need:

(a) Let me know that the president and corresponding secretary of each and every Endeavor society in the union, and every officer of the union, be present at every meeting of the executive committee. Its regular meetings is held on the third Monday evening of each month.

When the president of any society cannot attend, let him send a representative in his place. The work of each local society depends upon the work of the union. Fellowship, inspiration and mutual help will be developed in other ways. The Executive Committee and every superintendent will be expected to make a visit to each society during regular monthly meeting, as the by-laws require.

(b) Let me recommend that a missionary committee or superintendent be elected or appointed by each local society in the union, to systematically, faithfully and efficiently administer all the work of the Christian Endeavor.

(c) Let every effort be made during the coming year to have a Christian Endeavor society, that is equivalent, in every Evangelical church, that recognizes and practices Inter-denominational fellowship in the city and vicinity, and to have every such society in our union.

(d) Let every officer and every committee in every society, as well as in the union, be at least as honest and faithful in his business for His King as for his business employer or for himself.

H. As to our world-wide work and needs. In presenting and emphasizing briefly the special features of our work for the coming year, as outlined in "The Christian Endeavor," our world's president, I urge a loyal and hearty response from every Endeavor in our city.

(e) Let us make much of the "Honorable Membership," that is pledged to attend the regular church prayer meeting and take up specific church work, but still ready to advise, encourage and assist the active members of the society.

(f) Let us develop our younger members in office and position, training them in the Master's service. The old are not to drown out the young.

(g) Let every Endeavor spend a few minutes each day to those ends waiting man God in debt and persistent prayer for a deep, prevailing, widespread revival of religion this winter.

(h) As far as practicable let each society spend the last hour of the old year and of the old century, from 11 to 12 o'clock p. m., Dec. 31, 1900, in united prayer for a peculiar blessing for our country, our church, our world, for great religious awakening and for a multitude of decisions for Christ. Let us search our own hearts; let us put away sin, and let us set right with God ourselves.

(i) Let us plan to make Feb. 3, 1901, a great "Decision Day" for Christ in our own local societies, giving a full report of the results through our own denominational bands, a liberal and thoughtful "Thank Offering" for missions.

Let us pledge more faithful and more self-sacrificing service for Christ and the church during the coming months and years than we have ever given before.

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The plan of attack is to go through personal work and local, individual and general methods, will be employed. There is a growing need of personal work and the pastors desire that members of the churches pledge themselves to perform it, being hopeful that by personal effort greater results will be accomplished than by evangelists or so-called revivalists.

The churches are awakening to the fact that they are responsible for the carrying on of God's work. The promoters contend that all services of the church should be of such a nature that salvation might be possible at each and every service, that preachers should take on more and more the revival character, and that constant opportunity to unite with the church should be given unto every one desirous of doing so.

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church debts, the equipment and endowment of schools and colleges and will be separate and distinctly apart from the fact that \$1,200,000 is raised annually by the Methodist Episcopal church for missionary work. The new fund will be independent of any sum raised for benevolent purposes.

Already there is a countless number of pledged workers affiliated with the forward movement, and all services are to be held with that end in view. Rev. E. M. Mills, D. D., of Elmira, has been appointed by the general conference as secretary of the Twentieth Century Forward movement and his duty is to inspire the churches.

Rev. Samuel Moore, D. D., of Wilkes-Barre, is now working solely in the interest of the Wyoming seminary to entitle students in the movement.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner Madison and Mulberry street—Preacher, Rev. James Hughes, pastor; assistant, Rev. L. H. Miller, at 10:30 a. m.; 7:30 p. m., service; 10:30 a. m., Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; mid-week service, 7:45 Wednesday evening. Strangers welcome.

First Presbyterian church—Rev. McLeod will preach morning and evening. Morning service, 7:30 a. m.; Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; mid-week service, 7:45 Wednesday evening. Strangers welcome.

Baptist church—Rev. David Spencer, D. D., will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Themes, "A Study of Exodus and Syntyche," and "The Conversion of Zacchaeus"; Bible school, 11:45 a. m.; Y. P. C. E., 6:45. Evangelistic afternoon meeting in the evening. Everybody welcome.

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Second Presbyterian church—Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Dr. Robinson will preach in the morning. "The Open Heart" is the topic for the evening. "How to Live or Outgrow It." All are cordially invited to attend.

Grove Ridge Presbyterian Church—Rev. J. Landen, pastor; Rev. Is. R. Foster, assistant; 10:30 a. m., service of worship with sermon by the pastor; 12 m., Bible school; 7:30 p. m., service of worship with special anniversary exercises of the Grove Ridge Endeavor.

Other features of special interest will accompany these. All invited to all services.

Sommer Avenue Presbyterian Church, corner Somer and Price street—Preacher, Rev. John P. Fife, D. D., pastor; Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.; offering morning and evening for Freedmen Board. The pastor will preach morning and evening. Special music by the choir at each service. All welcome.

Providence Presbyterian church—Rev. John E. Gundersen, pastor; Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; offering morning and evening for the colored people.

Plymouth Congregational church, Jackson street—Rev. W. H. Williams, pastor; Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; offering morning and evening for the colored people.

Calvary Reformed Church, Monroe Avenue and Gilson street—Rev. Marion L. Flory, pastor; Services Sunday at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sabbath school, 12:15 noon; Y. P. S. C. E., 6:30 p. m.; offering morning and evening for the colored people.

Halford Young Men's Christian Association—Rev. James Boninger will speak. Subject, "What About That Babylonian garment?" All railroad people welcome.

Zion United Evangelical church, 1129 Capone avenue—Preaching at 10:45 and 7:30 by the pastor; Rev. J. W. Messenger, Subjects, "Prove Your Hold"; "Are You Alive"; "Sunday School"; "Home Tie"; 7 p. m., Plymouth Congregational church, Park Street—Rev. W. H. Williams will preach at 10:30 and 7:30. Sunday school at 9, at 7:30. Dr. Lansing will preach a special sermon and there will be special music by the Junior choir. All are welcome, and all "X-members" and young people are cordially invited to meet with us.

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Religious News Notes.

The Rev. James Hughes will read a paper to men on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Thomas Houston, the blind evangelist, will be at the Young Men's Christian Association on Sunday afternoon. Topic, "The Necessity of Believing Correctly." He will also sing "My Mother's Prayer."

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church will hold their annual anniversary rally on Sunday evening, December 9, at 7:30. Dr. Lansing will preach a special sermon and there will be special music by the Junior choir.

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