

WEST SCRANTON

SERMON OF REV. DR. SWEET

TOPIC OF HIS DISCOURSE, "JEW AND GENTILE."

He Was Listened to by a Very Large Congregation—Miss Jane McGlone Seriously Injured by Being Thrown Down Stairs—Arrangements Are Being Made for the Observance of St. David's Day—Robert Morris Lodge Will Conduct a Banquet. Cases Heard in Police Court.

Rev. J. H. Sweet, D. D., preached a forcible sermon last evening to a large assembly in the Shiloh Methodist Episcopal church. The auditorium was crowded.

Never in the history of the church have so many young people attended divine services as under the present pastor. Every Sabbath evening a large number of young people are in attendance to listen to the thoughtful and striking discourses of the pastor. The theme of last evening was "The Jew and the Gentile." He took his text from Romans 1: 28: "The Jew and the Gentile?" Is He Not Also of the Gentile? Yes, of the Gentile, also. Among other things he said: "Now, the Jewish people in the days of the apostle who had believed that Jesus Christ of the seed of Abraham was the fulfiller of the promise made to Abraham, were feeling themselves to be better than all others, and having claim to exclusive benefits as coming from Jesus Christ, because the promise was made to Abraham. Christ is a direct descendant, therefore, He is a blood relative of ours and salvation is only for us."

"Come back to the promise made to Abraham. It says: 'In thee and thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.' Observe it does not say, 'The family shall receive,' but 'all,' which, of course implies that other families besides the Israelites would be in existence. Then the prophets emphasize this same truth, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Malachi and others positively assert it, so our conclusion is that the benefits of the Messiah's coming were not confined to the Jews alone, and Paul proves it a fact by the text when he says: 'Is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not also of the Gentiles? Yes, the Gentiles, also.' And all are Gentiles who are not nationally Jews or Hebrews in the Jewish religion. Yet Christ came obviously to the

Jews. His mission was to the lost sheep of the house of Israel, but He was compelled to say, 'Ye will not.' Therefore, he says, 'The Kingdom shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.' But as He hung upon the cross and uttered the grandly divine words: 'Father, forgive them, they know not what they do,' the way of salvation was left open for them and the disciples brought in both Jews and Gentiles such as should be saved."

The conclusion was a pathetic incident from the civil war, showing reconciliation between a soldier of the north and one of the south, both wounded unto death. So, over the bloody chasm of Christ's death Jew and Gentile can clasp hands with mutual love, for Christ is God over all, blessed for evermore.

Events of Pleasure. Mr. Alfred H. Shaffer was tendered a farewell party on Friday evening at the home of his brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Shaffer, of Stark court. The evening was spent in an enjoyable manner. At a late hour dining refreshments were served. Mr. Shaffer will depart for the west in a few days.

A surprise party was tendered Harry Snedman, on Friday evening at his home on Academy street. A pleasant time was had by all. Divisions incident to such events were merely indulged in. A sumptuous feast was partaken of at a late hour.

Mr. and Mrs. William Davis entertained a few of their friends at their home on Thursday evening. The evening was pleasantly spent in games and dancing. At a late hour refreshments were served. Those present were: Misses Belle Clark, Mary Clark, Pervia Jones, Miriam Perry, Mary Williams, Gertrude Owens, Jennie Edwards, Mary Jones, Marie Lewis, Mary Evans, Lizzie Jones, May Stevens, Bessie Lewis, Messrs. Robert Dickson, William Williams, William Redden, Lester Jones, John Williams, M. Smith, Wesley Jones, Ralph Redway, Henry Lewis, Robert Williams, Mr. Davis, Helen Williams, Mattie Williams, Bessie Williams, Margaret Morgan.

Sustained Serious Injuries. Miss Jane McGlone, a domestic employed at the home of Mrs. Burke, of 205 Ninth street, met with a very painful accident on Saturday while attending to her household duties.

She was walking down a flight of stairs when her foot caught in the carpet, precipitating her to the bottom, breaking her left arm and inflicting a deep gash over her left eye, endangering her eyesight.

Dr. Haggerty was called and dressed the injuries.

St. David's Day. The anniversary of the birth of St. David, the patron saint of Wales, which occurs on Friday, will be observed as usual in an appropriate manner by the Welsh people. Several Welsh organizations of this side are at present actively engaged in arranging for banquets, entertainments, etc.

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