

Religious....

A T A MEETING of Methodist ministers, held in Wilkes-Barre last Monday, Rev. H. A. Greene, of Durvea, read a paper on "The Old Pittston Circuit," of which the following is a part:

The pioneers of Methodism have been her local preachers. The first preaching in the Wyoming Valley and surrounding territory was done by one Amning Owen, a blacksmith, who took private pupils. His first preaching was in 1828, and three years later the first Methodist class was formed by Colonel John Butler. Later Amning Owen visited some of the societies in the east and there was licensed to preach. For three years he was the only Methodist preacher in the valley. Later he became a traveling preacher, allowed to go about at will. In 1831 he was a noted man. The first ordained Methodist preacher was sent among the people of this valley was one Nathaniel B. Bills. He came from the Hudson Valley and was the first Methodist itinerant preacher to enter the Wyoming Valley. From that time until the time we are to write about this territory was called the Wyoming circuit.

Protections, hardships and toil were the lot of the early itinerants of those days. In 1828 there were only six preachers for the three circuits, which covered about the same amount of territory. One computes Wyoming conference, Josiah Bateman was the preacher in 1830. The Comell Gile club will render several selections, as they sing at the Metropolitan church, Washington, D. C., on March 31; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. At the Union, 1519 Pine street, Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Epworth League, at 6:30 p. m.

Saint Paul's Church—Rev. Rogers Isaac, D. D., rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Sunday before

special music. This will be the only family meeting until April 28, and all are urged to attend.

The gospel services at the Young Women's Christian Association tomorrow at 3:45 p. m. will be of an unusually interesting character. It is to be a union of all the branches with the central association and the national secretary, Miss Elizabeth Wilson, will have charge of the service. All women and girls are most cordially invited.

There will be services at the Dickson City chapel on Sunday morning at 10:30. Service will be conducted by Superintendent Sanborn, of the Rescue Mission.

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal.

Im Park Church—Prayer and praise service at 9:30; preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. by the pastor, C. M. Gifford, D. D.; sermons appropriate to Palm Sunday; at 12 m., a short Bible study in Sunday school room; Sunday evening prayer, 7:30 p. m.; mission services, 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End Mission, Prentiss Avenue—2:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes; 3:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon.

South Side Mission, Fig Street—2:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes; 3:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon.

St. George's, Olympia—2:30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes; 3:30 p. m. evening prayer and sermon.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Rev. George L. Atchick, pastor. Prayer and praise service at 9:30 a. m.; divine worship, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; mission services, 7:30 p. m.; "Jesus' Walk"; "Eph. 5:11"; "Studies in Malachi"; "The Burden of Love"; Mat. 1:1-2; Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30 p. m.; Seafarers free.

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