

Religious....

The thirteenth annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Diocese of Pennsylvania will convene in Trinity Episcopal church, Pottsville, beginning on Tuesday evening, May 21.

On Tuesday evening the procession will form in the Sunday school room and enter the church in the following order: Choir, lay deputies, clergy and the bishop. In the afternoon the bishop will be the Revs. H. L. Jones, D. D., William D. Gandy, D. D., Mr. Tolman, and the Rev. James F. Powers, D. D., rector of Trinity church. The services will be conducted by Rev. G. Sterling, D. D., of South Bethlehem, and the Rev. William Bilton Butts, of Williamsport.

The service will be choral at the offertory, the choir will sing "Fling Wide Ye Portals Everlasting," from "The Redemption," by Gounod,

Tomorrow night's sermon by Rev. Dr. F. E. Y. Pierce, at the Penn Avenue Baptist church, on "In His Steps," will inaugurate a series of addresses on Rev. T. M. Sheldon's remarkable story, and will be illustrated by a number of views taken from real life.

The Brotherhood of St. Paul will have its annual convention at Utica, N. Y., next Wednesday and Thursday, Rev. Dr. W. G. Simpson, of Asbury church, who is the Pennsylvania Secretary, will deliver an address on "Modern Life and Brotherhood" on Thursday.

The regular meeting of the Methodist ministers of Scranton and vicinity will be held in the parlors of Elm Park church Monday, May 20, at 10:30 a. m. The Rev. Francis Kendall will present a paper subject, "The Millennium, and How to Reach It."

W. J. Erdman, the eminent Bible teacher from Philadelphia, will conduct a Bible study class, Saturday evening, May 25, at 8 o'clock, in the Second Presbyterian church. Every one is invited and urged to come.

The men's meeting at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association tomorrow will be addressed by Mr. B. T. Stone at 3:45 p. m. Mr. Stone will sing "Days of My Childhood." A cordial invitation to all men.

Rev. H. P. East will lead a paper at the Baptist Pastors' conference, Monday at 10:30 a. m. on "Wyclif, the Morning Star of the Reformation."

There will be no meeting at the Young Women's Christian association tomorrow. Rooms are closed for repairs.

MORROW'S SERVICES

Methodist Episcopal.

The Park church—Prayer and praise service at 10:30 a. m. Preaching service at 10:30 a. m.; the assistant pastor, Rev. E. B. Singer, Class meeting after the morning service. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Junior League at 3:15. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.; subject, "What is Hypocrisy?" Sunday school at 11:45. Union meeting of Juniors and Seniors at 3:30.

Blakely Baptist church—Rev. David Spencer, D. D., pastor, Morning prayer meeting at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject for the evening will be "The Pattern Prayer," subject, "The Missionary Desire"; 11:45 a. m., Bible school; 7:30 p. m. special sermon on "The Book of Ruth," subject, "Ruth, the Industrious Gleaner." Every welcome.

North Main Avenue Baptist church—Preaching in the morning and evening by Rev. Albert H. Smith. Morning theme, "Investment in Opportunity"; evening theme, "The Power of Right Thinking." Sabbath school at 2 o'clock; Juniors and Seniors at 3:15; Christian Endeavor at 6:30; leader, Mrs. Charles Holloman, superintendent. Evening service at 7:30 p. m.; subject, "The Christian Life at Work"; topic, "Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, on the second fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. H. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service at 10:30 a. m.; subject, "Is Salvation Contingent?" Sunday school at 2:30 p. m. Emporia League at 6:30 p. m.; a minor service of seniors and juniors, an event of much interest. Preaching at 7:30 p. m.; subject, "The Christian Life at Work"; topic, "Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, on the second fourth Tuesdays of each month, at 7:30 p. m.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services on Sunday as follows: Love feast at 10 o'clock; 10:30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; preaching service at 7:30. The pastor will take his subject "Abraham, or the Obscure of Faith." This will be the first in a series of services on the life of Abraham.

First Avenue Presbyterian church—corner of Summit and Broad streets—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services on Sunday at 10:30 a. m.; 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to attend.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. L. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant, 10:30 service of worship with sermon by the pastor; 12:30, Bible school; 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12:30; Mission band, Saturday, 10 a. m.

St. Paul's, Mulberry street—Rev. W. W. Jackson, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.; Catechetical instruction, 3:45 p. m.; Luther league, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Special congregational meeting at 8:30 p. m.

Zion's, Mifflin avenue—Rev. P. F. Zigmund, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 p. m.; preaching in the evening at 6 o'clock; C. E. society, 7 p. m.; mid-week service, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.; All welcome.

Washington Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John McLeod will preach. Mid-week prayer service, Wednesday evening, 7:45.

Strangers' Union—Rev. J. E. Parker, pastor. Services 10:30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12:30; Mission band, 7:30 p. m.

Grace English Lutheran church (General Synod) Madison avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor, 9:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 10:30 a. m.; divine worship, 11:30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 7:30. Monday prayer meeting at 6:30; leader, Mrs. James Benninger; union meeting with Juniors. Evening preaching service at 7:30; subject, "Profit and Loss."

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. Brotherhood of St.

OLD PEOPLE

Have a charm of their own when they are not weak and feeble, but pale and heavy, enjoying the sports and pleasures of youth though they cannot participate in them. The whole secret of a sturdy old age is this: Keep the stomach and organs of digestion and nutrition in perfect order. The young man who does not think of his stomach will be made to think of it as he grows old. It is the "weak" stomach, incapable of supplying the adequate nutrition for the body, which causes the weakness and feebleness of old age.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures diseases of the stomach and other organs of digestion and nutrition. It makes the "weak" stomach strong, and so enables the body to be fully nourished and strengthened by the food which is eaten.

I suffered for six years with constipation and indigestion, during which time I employed several physicians, but none could help me in my case," writes Mr. G. Popplewell, of Rock Springs, Carroll Co., Ark. "I felt that there was something wrong with my stomach, but could not tell exactly what it was. Had vertigo and would fall helplessly to the floor. Two years ago I commenced taking Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery and immediately began to improve. After taking twelve bottles of the 'Discovery' I was able to do light work, and have been improving ever since. I have had good health for one of my age—so years. I owe it all to Dr. Pierce's medicine."

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Reformed Episcopal.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry 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 service at 7:30; Sabbath school at 11:45 a. m.; infant deportment, 2:30 p. m.

Christ's church, corner Washington and Park street—Rev. F. S. Ballantine, rector. Services 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran—Sunday after Ascension: John, xviii-xix; Epistle, 1 Peter, 1:1-14.

St. Mark's, Washington and Fourth streets—Rev. A. L. Bauer, D. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Luther league, 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 10 a. m.; Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m.; Mission band, Saturday, 2:30

Sunday School Lesson for May 19.

Jesus Ascends Into Heaven

Luke xxiv: 44-53.

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INTRODUCTION.

CONTEXT.—We have no certain record of what Jesus said to the members of his school eleven in a moment of rapture. Having thus passed their communion the Savoir may have privately withdrawn from the apostles that they might have time and opportunity to adjust their thoughts to their worldwide mission. It is probable, however, that He came to them occasionally, although the evangelists make no mention of this. In the days of Jesus' earthly ministry he was seen at frequent intervals, as mentioned by the Rev. Dr. Austin Griffith, president, at 2 p. m.; Junior league at 3:30 p. m.; Emporia league, 6:30 p. m.; short sermon by the pastor, 7:30 p. m. A welcome to all.

COME STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—P. D. Doty, pastor. Meeting of Brotherhood at 9:45 a. m.; Prayer meeting, 10:30 a. m.; quiet meeting in the parsonage, 11:30 a. m.; Service in the parsonage, 12:30 p. m.; Sermon by Rev. Dr. Austin Griffith, president, at 2 p. m.; Junior league at 3:30 p. m.; Emporia league, 6:30 p. m.; short sermon by the pastor, 7:30 p. m. A welcome to all.

LYMAN AVENUE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 9:45 a. m.; O. D. Edwards, superintendent of Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; G. R. Clark, superintendent, Juniors, 12:30 p. m.; Fred King, superintendent; Emporia league, 6:30 p. m.; Preaching, 7:30 p. m.; Seafarers, 8:30 p. m.

ANGELUS METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH—SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. At 2 p. m.; Prayer meeting, 10:30 a. m.; Morning service, 11:30 a. m.; Sunday school, 12:30 p. m.; Juniors, 1:30 p. m.; Senior, 2:30 p. m.; Emporia league, 6:30 p. m.; short sermon by the pastor, 7:30 p. m.

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INTRODUCTORY.—The passage set for our present study may be divided into two great parts. The first part (verses 44 to 49 inclusive), relates the instructions delivered by Jesus to the apostles in Jerusalem—His last words to them, deeming on that account most careful consideration. In the second part (verses 50 to 53), we have an account of the departure of Jesus from the upper room.

THE ASCENDING JESUS.—OLIVER.—Some think that all the foregoing was in dream; others, that it was real or not. It occurred at the company walked forth from the city. Be that as it may, Jesus led the apostles across the eastern gate, the same through which He passed to Gethsemane across the little valley, up the western slope of the Mount of Olives, probably along the road which the pilgrim processions took to the city, and came at last to the brow of the hill where He had led and lamented (Luke, xxiii:51). There they paused. Behind them was the great city. Before them the little village of Bethpage and the town of Bethany, the home of Mary, appeared. That was the spot selected for the closing scene in the life of Jesus. There He prepared to return to His ancient home (John, xviii:20). liable to misinterpretation.

BLESSED.—Liturgy. His hands toward heaven, an attitude of reverence and Divine communion, Jesus prayed for the apostles and worked and promised, ay, and multiplied blessings. Saved from spiritual misfortune! In the words of the psalmist, "Save us, O God, save us!" (Psalm, cxlviii:2). Thereupon, He bade them go in peace, and gave them the upper room, made sacred by blessed association, and there engaged in prayer (Acts, i:13).

They determined to wait until the Master's promised power was bestowed. They were in no danger of turning again to secular pursuits (John, xxi:21). Their new-found faith and hope bound them together in compact and loyal brotherhood. Some time later, both the apostles went to their room, and there, finding the Master waiting for them, He proposed to return to His ancient home (John, xviii:20).

CONCLUSION.—**THE TEACHING JESUS.**

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INSTRUCT.—Having appealed to Scripture, Jesus sought to prepare the apostles to study Scripture themselves, as well as to teach them the direct energy of the Holy Spirit (Galatians, xvi:14), as afterward Lydia received belief (Acts, 16:14). This spiritual quickening granted, He explained certain passages that referred to the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ, and then, in the words of the apostle, "Behold the King!"

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