

# WEST SCRANTON

## MISSIONARY WORK IN CHINA

### REV. MARK WILLIAMS SPEAKS ABOUT HIS EXPERIENCES.

#### He was Among a Party who Were Driven out of Peking Just Before the Siege and Escaped Across the Desert of Gobi—Mrs. Newell Tells of Work Being Done in the South and West—John Lukas the Victim of an Assault—Other Matters of Interest.

Rev. Mark Williams, a missionary who has labored in North China for thirty years, and one of a party who was driven out of China by the Boxers, at the outbreak of the uprising in Peking a year ago spoke before a large audience at the Plymouth and First Methodist congregational church, South Main avenue, last evening. He shared his experiences of crossing the desert of Gobi into Siberia, and also many other stirring incidents.

He said there was a great deal to encourage the missionaries in their work in China, and that the government was protected and materially aided in preaching the gospel during the past forty years. The gospel is centered in various ways, books are sold and missions are established. The Christians are aiming to induce the native Christians to become self-supporting and self-sustaining.

Meetings are held weekly. The Chinese New Year is observed with a ten days' religious service, and annual meetings are also held in July, when prayer services are held and the work discussed and planned for the coming year. Revival meetings are also held in China, and much was accomplished at these meetings just before the massacre.

It was at these meetings that many of the natives resolved spiritual strength for the trials that afterwards came upon them. In reference to the missionary work in China, Mr. Williams said it will be resumed as soon as possible, and he believes that God will do more there than ever before. He believes that the martyrs who were killed were ready to die for God's cause.

The speaker told of a number of missionaries who were killed, but did not relate much about the siege, as he escaped at the outbreak. The American Board of Foreign Missions, he said, is now sending back men to China, when the work will be resumed, China wanted to be left alone, but God

has stirred it up, and he believes she will yet receive the gospel.

The missionaries have been stirred up to active work, and God is stirring up China, as well as the rest of the world, not because he has a grievance, but because he has a purpose in view. He wants to triumph over all. Regarding his personal experiences, Rev. Williams said they had seen so many trivial uprisings in China that the old missionaries thought the one a year ago would blow over.

It was the anti-foreign movement, and not the missionaries, that were responsible for the uprising of the Boxers. The construction of railroads and other improvements, he said, caused them to believe that their rights were being encroached upon. When the party of twenty-three, of which he was a member, made its escape, the siege was on in earnest. Six Americans were in the party.

Shortly after they vacated the house it was burned down. They traveled three weeks in a wagon over the desert. In Siberia and at St. Petersburg they were cordially received, and their homeward journey was a glad one.

During his talk the speaker used a map, showing the different points at which he had worked, which aided him materially in relating his experiences.

#### Home Missionary Work.

Mrs. L. M. Newell, representing the Women's Home Missionary society, spoke three times in West Scranton yesterday. At 3:30 o'clock she addressed a women's meeting at the home of Dr. Hedrick; at 6 o'clock she spoke at the First Welsh Baptist church, and at 7:30 o'clock held the attention of a large audience at the Jackson Street Baptist church.

At both of the churches she related practically the same thoughts, telling of the missionary work being performed among the emigrants at Ellis Island, the negroes in the south, the Chinese in San Francisco, the heathens in Mexico and Indians on the reservations. In each instance, the speaker told many interesting narratives, and made an earnest appeal for furthering the work.

The south, she said, is a needy field. Education is needed there among the illiterate. A great many of the colored preachers in the south are not true Christians, neither are they educated men, and many of them often appear in their pulpits under the influence of drink. Thousands of members of the churches there are not Christians, and many of the children don't even know about the Lord Jesus.

Through the medium of their open air Sunday schools and industrial schools, the children grow up and carry into their homes the lessons of Christianity learned in the schools. But there is an absolute dearth of sympathy and affection among the lower classes. In speaking of the work in Mexico, Mrs. Newell said their greatest hope for salvation is in the children and young people.

She described the existing conditions in the Chinese quarter of San Francisco, and how the Indians are being taught to love the Lord Jesus Christ. How they are becoming civilized,

#### Resolutions of Regret.

At a meeting of the members and congregation of the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, held last evening, the following resolutions of regret and sympathy were read and unanimously adopted:

Whereas, God in His wise providence has seen fit to take into His merciful arms the late Professor W. Phinley into our midst, we, the members and congregation of the Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church feel with deep regret and sympathy, sorrow the loss we have sustained in the departure of one who not only knew to be our dear and Christian friend; one who had realized the need of our church here and one who had such an interest in our worthy cause that we cannot realize the true loss of such a friend, and we shall always feel with the deepest sorrow that in the death of one so noble, one whom we loved so well, that we have lost one of our true friends and sympathizers.

Resolved, That we extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family of our departed friend and adviser, and trust that they may have the power from on high to bear the trying ordeal with patience and grace, and that they are willing and ready to submit with reverence to the will of God in taking the dear husband and father away and that they will be able to realize the fact that he is gone to receive his reward for the work which he had done in this world of sorrow, and may they be reconciled to the plans of the Almighty, who ruleth all things, and we trust that they will have strength in their heavenly Father, whose will they will do. "Gone, but not forgotten."

#### First Baptist Church.

The Sunday school has received the children's day music, which promises a rare treat when learned.

On Sunday morning, Pastor Matthews preached from the text, "God Is Love." In the evening he delivered an excellent sermon from the subject, "Here a Little and There a Little."

On Thursday evening, Mrs. L. M. Newell wishes to meet the young ladies of the church at the home of Mrs. Dersheimer. Mrs. Newell is the representative of the Wyoming Missionary society, and all who attend will be profoundly interested.

#### An Unprovoked Assault.

John T. Lukas, of Sixteenth and Division streets, was assaulted last night by John Martin, of 180 South Sherman avenue, and Michael Shuska, of the tenth street, who professed to be his friends. The party, with several others, were returning from Wilkes-Barre, where they attended the dedication of a Greek church. When they reached Seventeenth street on Luzerne, Martin, with apparently no provocation, knocked Lukas down, and Shuska cut him about the head and hands with a knife. The wounded man was removed to Dr. Roberts' office, where his injuries were dressed. Later, warrants were sworn out for the arrest of the offenders, and they placed in the hands of the constable, Timothy Jones. They were arrested at a late hour.

#### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mrs. William H. Snover and son, Ralph, are visiting relatives in Factoryville.

Miss Ella Williams, of North Main avenue, has returned home from a visit with relatives in Hackensack, N. J.

Miss Nellie Gerrity, of Hoboken, is visiting relatives on Ninth street.

Misses Millie Coons and Emily Darling and Cora Cooper and George Daniels, have returned home from a visit at Hancock, N. Y.

Mrs. Oscar Price and children, of North Sumner avenue, are visiting relatives in Albany, N. Y.

Mrs. William J. Evans and her sons, of Lafayette street, are the guests of the former's mother at Dalton.

Miss Jessie Brong, of Hyde Park avenue, is visiting relatives in Buffalo, N. Y.

Mrs. Albert Becker, of 332 Thirteenth street, will entertain in West Side charity club tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock.

Thomas Tague and son, Fred, of Luzerne, Pa., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Tague, of Jackson street.

#### GENERAL NEWS NOTES.

The Colonial club, of Camp 178, Patriotic Order Sons of America, will conduct a drawing for a \$5 gold-piece next Thursday evening.

A special meeting of the Columbia Hose and Chemical company will be held this evening at their quarters, on Division street.

The Barbers' union will also hold a meeting this evening.

A new brick building is being erected in Brown's court for the Columbia Lamp company by Contractor Boland.

Hyde Park lodge, No. 329, Free and Accepted Masons, will meet in Masonic hall this evening and work the M. M. degree.

The choir of the Jackson Street Baptist church will meet for rehearsal this evening to prepare for a concert to be held at a depot next month.

Patrolman Thomas Evans put a stop to the Sunday ball players in West Park yesterday, and warned them that arrests will follow if the practice is not stopped.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Robert Cooper will take place at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon from the house in Tripp Park. Interment will be made in Forest Hill cemetery.

The sisters of Bethany, of St. David's church, will give an ice cream and strawberry festival on Thursday of this week.

#### A SENSIBLE MAN

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#### NORTH SCRANTON NOTES.

##### Base Ball Playing Stopped by the Police—Stolen Horse and Buggy Recovered.

The Sunday base ball playing on the Van Storch field, near the homes of well-known residents on Church avenue, has become such a nuisance that the police of the Third precinct were called upon yesterday to disperse the hundreds of young men and boys who had gathered together to witness the game.

The game had been started but a short time, when the ball players began to act in a disorderly manner.

Patrolman Finlay Ross and Constable Thomas Mills, of the Second ward, came upon the scene and drove away the teams, after warning the players not to play ball there any more on Sundays. The officers will hereafter keep a close watch on this field and prevent any further ball playing on Sunday.

##### Rig Is Recovered.

The horse and buggy which were stolen last month from the barn of John Hughes, was located Friday in Rendham by Chief of Police Loftus, of Pittston. Superintendent of Police Robinson, of this city, was notified and he in turn notified Mr. Hughes, who identified the property.

The horse and carriage were found in a barn owned by a Poleander, who claimed he bought the horse from two young men for \$25. Mr. Hughes has a full description of the young men, who he thinks are from this section, and for their return he will have them arrested for horse stealing.

##### First Annual Ball.

The Yeoman Social society, one of the leading societies of this section, will give its first annual ball at the Auditorium next Friday evening. Lawrence's full orchestra will be present and will furnish music for the dancing.

Invitations to the affair have been issued for some time, and it is expected that the ball will be one of the leading events of the season in this section.

##### IN A FEW LINES.

The Keystone Literary and Dramatic club will produce the "Passion Slave," under the auspices of the North End Glee club, on Wednesday, June 5, at the Auditorium. Between the acts selections will be rendered by the Glee club, in which fifty or more voices will be heard.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Vandermark spent yesterday with Mr. and Mrs. J. Vandermark, of Carbondale.

#### SOUTH SCRANTON NOTES.

##### Large Class Confirmed at St. John's Church—Reception at St. John's Church—Other Notes.

A class of forty-six girls and six boys received the first Holy Communion at St. John's church yesterday morning, at the 10:30 o'clock mass, at the hands of Rev. E. J. Melley. They are:

Teresa Walsh, Katie Toomey, Genevieve O'Hara, Teresa Sullivan, Ella Coyne, Genevieve Foley, Mary Biddy, Annie Brennan, Mary Minkata, Laura Dougherty, Anna Barr, Catherine Quinn, Rose Kelly, Veronica Murphy, Laura Winton, Katie Haper, Anna Jordan, Anna Dolan, Stella May Muller, Nell Healy, Barbara Barrett, Matilda Anna Walsh, Gertrude Scott, Agnes Kenny, Martha McEalla, Mary Gallagher, Anna Dolan, Mary Holden, Teresa Grogan, May Devers, May Franklin, Mary Gandy, Anna Scabbell, Teresa Barrett, Anna Jordan, May Devere, Agnes May, Celia Roche, May Lavelle Connell, Susan Binimence, Mary Moran, Genevieve Kennedy, Bridget Taylor, Sabella Coopers, Patrick Craig, John McTigue, John T. Kelly, William Judge, Daniel Leary and James Devers.

Excellent music was furnished by St. John's church choir.

##### Church Reception.

The sodality of St. John's church held a reception last evening at the church. A splendid sermon was preached by Rev. Father O'Malley, of Honesdale.

He dwelt upon the history of the sodality and the general good it has done for the young people. A special musical programme was rendered by St. John's church choir.

##### NUBS OF NEWS.

James Tomhill, of this side, has left for Syracuse, N. Y., where he will spend his vacation.

Camp 430, Patriotic Order Sons of America, will meet in regular session this evening at the Farmers' hall.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church will open a rummage sale on Tuesday at 211 Wyoming avenue.

The Orpheus Glee club will meet for rehearsal in St. John's church hall this evening at 8 o'clock.

William Notz, a young man, who resides on Birch street, and his right arm severely injured yesterday afternoon by a fall which he received. Dr. J. J. Walsh is attending him.

William Tasso and John Schmidt were arrested early yesterday morning, on Prospect avenue, by Patrolman Haggerty, for being drunk and disorderly. They were arraigned before Magistrate Storr and were fined \$5.

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##### GREEN RIDGE.

An interesting union meeting of the Junior and Senior leagues of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church was held last evening. Mrs. Simpson and Mr. Ferrell, superintendents of the Junior leagues, had charge of the meeting. The following questions were discussed: "Does the Bible Honor Childhood More Than Other Ancient Literature?" "Why Should Every Church Have a Junior League?" "Have Your Epworthians Done What 'They Should for the Juniors?" The young people showed good advantage the training they had had during the winter in their Bible history and along other lines. A solo was given by Little Miss Hazel Ferrell, and a delightful address was given by twelve of the boys and girls. The meeting was full of interest and the enthusiasm of the young people was inspiring.

Mrs. Manse, of Pean avenue, has returned tonight from a visit at Elk Lake, Susquehanna county.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Pross spent Saturday at Factoryville.

Mr. and Mrs. Jadin, late of Honesdale, are occupying the former residence of Rev. and Mrs. Madison, on Monday.

The H. B. Reynolds residence is being improved by having a wide porch built across the front.

William Peck, of West Pittston, spent Sunday with Green Ridge friends.

Olin Carr, of Wyoming seminary, spent Sabbath with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Carr, of Green Ridge street.

W. W. Patterson, of Philadelphia, visited Green Ridge friends yesterday.

Mrs. Hamm, of Honesdale, is the guest of Mrs. Helen Franklin, of Sanderson avenue.

Tickets for the public school excursion, which will take place Saturday, June 1, are for sale at the drug stores of Green Ridge.

John Götter, a lad employed in the Connelly colliery, was severely injured Saturday morning by a fall of rock. He was attended to by Dr. Walsh.

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##### End of Colombian Revolution.

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