

WEST SCRANTON

REVIEW OF CHURCH WORK

INTERESTING PAPER READ BY EVAN J. DAVIS.

Told of the Work That Has Been Done Since 1845 When a Little Union Church Was Formed in Sycamore Hollow—Amount of Money That Has Been Expended to Maintain the Church and the Present Value of Church Property—News Notes and Personals.

At the interesting exercises connected with the burning of the mortgage of the First Baptist church of South Main avenue Wednesday night, an interesting report of the work done by the church was read by Evan Davis, one of its oldest members, and for ten years the financial secretary of the church. This report was prepared by Mr. Davis at the request of the committee in charge of the celebration. It follows:

About the year 1845 a union church was formed in a small school house in Sycamore Hollow, a locality included in the present Eighth ward of this city. Things continued thus until the year 1848, when the Baptist members left and formed themselves into a Baptist church, securing for their use a school house which had been built in that part now known as the Twelfth ward. The new church was composed of eighteen members. The following year they were organized into a church by the Rev. Daniel Bowen, William Richmond and Hugh Hughes and had a registration of thirty-three members, as follows: William P. Jones, Ann P. Jones, Lewis B. Lewis, Ann D. Lewis, Mary Evans, Elizabeth Jenkins, Mary Smith, William Hoekins, Anna Hoekins, Emma Hoekins, William Allen, Harriet Allen, William J. Evans, Mary Phillips, Mary Evans, Charles Edwards, Mary Williams, George Thomas, Richard Owens, Jane Owens, Evan Jones, John Hughes, John Davis, Mary Davis, William B. Jones, Elizabeth Jones, John P. Lewis, John Edwards, Evan Davis, Emma Davis, Thomas Powell, Margaret Powell and John Jones. William Hoekins and William P. Jones were elected to fill the offices of deacons of the new church, and Lewis B. Lewis acting as clerk.

In the year 1851 Mr. John W. James was added to their number. He had the gift of prophecy, and his opportunities were many in those days to tell his message to the people, and it was acceptable to them and they came to the conclusion the year following to obtain him as the full work of the ministry and engage him as their pastor at \$100 per year, or \$32.33 per month. A short time preceding the ordination of the new pastor the ordinance of Christian baptism was first administered in apostolic fashion in connection with the new church. Three con-

verts were immersed in the profession of their faith in Christ, in the waters of the Roaring Brook, by the Rev. Daniel Bowen, then of Canandaigua, who had been engaged for the occasion. The new disciples were Thomas Watkins, one of the pillars now in the Welsh Baptist church in Pittston; William Phillips and David Lewis. Shortly following the ordinance was again administered, when six were baptized by the same minister, Rev. Daniel Bowen. The converts were: John Thomas, Mary Lewis, Barbara Davis, Mary Jenkins, Ann Jenkins and Mary Hoekins. On Jan. 1, 1852, a business meeting was held, when it was resolved to obtain John W. James the first opportunity; also that invitations be sent to Rev. David Evans, Summit Hill; Rev. Benjamin Bowen, Pittston Ferry and the church in Canandaigua to take part in the ordination of the first pastor in Scranton, Pa.

At a meeting held Dec. 9, 1851, John P. Lewis, Morgan Jones and David L. Davis, trustees, were appointed a committee to negotiate with the officers of the Scranton Iron and Coal company in regard to purchasing the land upon which to build a church building. They were successful in purchasing the land on Millin avenue, and on March 6, 1852, the church appointed a building committee, as follows: John P. Lewis, John H. Davis, Isaac Walters, John P. Davis, "Foreman," Sept. 29, 1852, a meeting was made by the committee, Feb. 17, 1850.

According to appointment, the committee selected to superintend the erection of the Welsh Baptist church, having finished the work appointed us to do, and to hereby deliver our report in full of all particulars connected with the erection of said building, showing the amount of subscription and collections, the payments made and the balance of debt remaining unpaid on said house and lot, Feb. 17, 1856.

Chairman of Building Committee. "Report received in behalf of the church by David E. Owens, Feb. 17, 1856." The cost of building the church I am unable to give an account of, the records being lost.

A meeting was made by the committee, Feb. 17, 1856. The proposition was accepted and the property sold for \$2,500.

In January, 1861, the First Welsh Baptist church of Scranton, Pa., having sold its place of worship in Scranton on account of the distance which the members had to go to worship, a meeting was held in the following members and a motion was made by William McGregor, and seconded by William C. Williams, that the property be sold on Millin avenue. A motion was made by David S. Roberts, and seconded by William McGregor, that we ask \$2,500 for the property, \$1,000 down, \$1,000 in six months, and \$500 with interest, in one year. Also, that the trustees present a copy of these resolutions to the German Lutheran church, and Benjamin Hughes were added to the committee. The committee purchased a lot and a half for \$800 from Joseph Fellows. Having purchased the lot, Mr. Long was selected as architect to make plans and specifications for the church building. In April, 1861, announcement was made in the Scranton newspapers for sealed proposals. They received two proposals, one from E. Hoernans for \$8,000, and one from Messrs. Wooley and Hammond for \$7,500. The contract was awarded to Edward Hoernans, as the committee thought it better to give it to home industry. I will say here that the contractor delayed the work for two or more years, so you will note that there

are over two years without any record of the building. The building was completed in 1861. The cost of the building was \$8,000. The building was completed in 1861. The cost of the building was \$8,000.

RECEIPTS. Collected by the sisters of the church monthly during 1888, 1889 and 1890, \$4,200.00. Collected by the sisters of church and other sources during 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, \$1,200.00. Total \$5,400.00.

DISBURSEMENTS. Paid W. B. Williams, contractor, \$8,500.00. Paid E. L. Walters, architect, 250.00. Paid sundry persons for furnishings, 1,000.00. Paid for rent of building, 1,000.00. Total \$11,750.00.

RECEIPTS. Received from general collections, \$2,142.00. Received from Caranah's concert, 810.00. Received from the Ladies' Aid society, 1,202.00. Received from the Young Ladies' Association, 400.00. Received from the Ladies' Aid society, 20.00. Received from Home Workers, 20.00. Received as donation for new windows, 100.00. Received from the choir, 500.00. Received from relatives, 2,520.00. Received as loan on property, bond and mortgage, 9,500.00. Received from old heater bought by Oliphant church, 75.00. Total \$18,222.00.

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DISBURSEMENTS. Leaving the church property in debt by bond and mortgage, 9,500.00. In summing up I will give a brief statement of the cost of the church property as it stands today: Ground for church building, \$8,000.00. The main building cost, \$8,184.00. The four annexes, 15,529.52. The total amount, 31,713.52.

Observance of Flag Day. The pupils of the public schools observed flag day yesterday in an appropriate manner. The teachers were diligent in their efforts to impress upon the children the spirit of the occasion, and in many of the rooms special exercises were held.

Young Ladies Choir. The young ladies' choir of the First Welsh Baptist church, which is led by Mrs. D. B. Thomas, are being urged to enter the competitions at the Pan-American exhibition in September. Similar choruses have previously been successful under Mrs. Thomas' direction.

Wheelmen in Century Race. William Seagraves and J. Elmer Crane, representative members of the Electric City Wheelmen, left yesterday for New York, accompanied by their trainers. These riders will participate in the New York Journal's century run today.

Two Excursions Today. The excursion of Division No. 3, Daughters of Erin, and Division No. 20, Ancient Order of Hibernians, will be run this morning to Lake Lodore. A large crowd is anticipated.

Jackson Street Baptist Church. The choir gives a concert in the Baptist church of Oliphant on June 20th. Professor Lewis Davis has been rehearsing the choir and there will be no disappointment.

SOME FOOLISH PEOPLE. Allow a cough to run until it gets beyond the reach of medicine. They often say, "Oh, it will wear away," but in most cases it will wear away. Could they be induced to try the successful medicine called Kemp's Balsam, which is sold on a positive guarantee to cure, they would immediately see the wisdom of taking the first dose. Price 25c, and 50c. Trial size free. At all druggists.

ed to Mrs. J. Williams, of North Hyde Park avenue, she bringing in the sum of \$100. Mrs. Redmond came around with \$10.45, and will receive a silk lining quilt.

Ball Game Today. A game of base ball has been arranged for this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock on the Browns' grounds, between the Howell and Harris teams, representing those residing north and south of Washington street. The contest will be for a box of cigars. The line-up of the two teams will be as follows:

Howell team—Beatty Williams, catcher; Leo Crossin, pitcher; Walter Jones, short stop; David Owen, first base; John Lloyd, second base; Robert Carson, third base; Will Johnson, right field; Frank Reese, center field; John E. Edwards, left field.

Harris team—Reese Lewis, catcher; George Hubbard, pitcher; Will Gallagher, short stop; Edward Thayer, first base; Eugene Fellows, second base; Sanford Phillips, third base; Matt. Anneman, left field; Thomas Williams, center field; Ely Harris, right field.

West Side Tennis Club. The following schedule has been arranged for the games of the West Side Tennis club this afternoon: A Mixed doubles—Laura Davis, Ely Harris, Anna Mason, W. Hayden Evans.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES. A well attended meeting of Hyde Park Lodge, No. 366, Knights of Pythias, was held last evening, at which there was a large attendance. A special session following the business meeting.

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Thomas Watkins, of North, Garfield avenue. The Loyal Crusaders will meet this afternoon at 2 o'clock in Co-operative hall.

The Sons of Temperance club will meet tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. A full attendance is desired. It is reported that the extended annual meeting for July 1 and 2 at Atlantic City, has been postponed until next year.

North Scranton Notes. Alfred Pedley was taken before Alderman Myers yesterday morning by Constable Thomas E. Mills, having been arrested on a warrant issued at the instance of his wife, Mrs. Julia Pedley, who charges him with assault and battery.

An Exciting Runaway. Mrs. Thomas Watkins, wife of Rev. Thomas Watkins, of Wales street, was slightly injured in an exciting runaway last Thursday at Moscow, Pa. in company with Mrs. Lewis, of Brook street, South Side, they journeyed to the above place to inspect a farm which Mrs. Lewis had recently purchased. While returning the horse which they drove, being a spirited animal, became frightened by the plunging of the carriage into the ditch at the side of the road, and dashed madly away.

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Special Diseases of Men IS MY SPECIALTY. I Do Not Scatter My Faculties I Center Them on My Specialty

If you are suffering from any disease or condition peculiar to men, or if you have been disappointed in not getting a permanent cure, I want you to come and have a special chat with me. I will explain to you MY SYSTEM OF TREATMENT, which I have originated and developed after my whole life's experience in treating special diseases of men.

DR. MACKENZIE'S MEDICAL AND SURGICAL OFFICES Permanently Located at Rooms 208-209-210 Pauli Building, 426-428 Spruce St., SCRANTON, PA. TAKE ELEVATOR.

The Cambria Cemetery The Cambria Cemetery Company beg to announce The Opening of Their New Cemetery On Washburn Street The Cemetery Grounds are high and dry, immediately adjoining the old Washburn Street Cemetery, and commanding a magnificent view of the Keyser Valley.

THE ORIENTAL. A Letter from Madge Dear Rachel: Just have time before going to Mrs. H's reception to post you a line about the M. wedding. Everything was just grand, the bride a dream and the presents well, they simply baffle description.

Gruener & Co. 205 Wyoming Avenue. The Scranton Gas and Water company is extending its gas mains to town. A large force is engaged at present laying a main on Haskely street.

E. Robinson's Sons Lager Beer Brewery Manufacturers of OLD STOCK PILSNER 435 to 455 N. Ninth Street, SCRANTON, PA. Telephone Call, 2333.

HUYLER'S SCOTCH KISSES FOR SALE AT G. W. JENKINS.

Saturday Needs For Little Money At the Lace Counter You will find scores of good bargains tomorrow, but there's room for the men of one only, here.

Children's Muff Hats In pink, red, light blue and white. Regular \$1.00 kind at 69c Regular \$1.50 kind at 98c

Corset Sale--Linen Batiste Corsets Short hips, new model, guaranteed to fit like a glove. A 65c Corset for 39c

Hosiery Special--Ladies' Lisle Thread Hose Drop stitch, lace effects, fast black, in all sizes. The 35c quality, 25c

Notion Bargains--Ladies' Pocketbooks In Walrus Leather, colors, grey, tan and black, with aluminum trimming, new clean stock. 75c and \$1.00 Pocketbooks, 50c

Men's Furnishings--Fancy Half Hose Full fashioned and positively stainless black. The 25c kind for 15c

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