

Religious.

THE ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN church, of which Dr. A. L. Torrey has been the pastor for the past six years, will celebrate the tenth anniversary of its organization on next Sunday and Monday.

Stokes, of East Hampton, Pa., will preach at the church on Sunday evening, September 16. Stokes has never preached in Scranton, but he is well known as a clear thinker and an excellent preacher.

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal. Elm Park church—Prayer and praise meeting at 8 o'clock; services at 10:30 by E. B. Singer, assistant pastor. Class meeting at close of service in Sunday school, led by Brother Hoffman.

Sunday School Lesson for September 8.

Jacob at Bethel. Gen. xviii: 10-22.

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INTRODUCTION.—Between last lesson and this we have an account of the blessing bestowed upon Jacob by his father, depriving him of the birthright which he had previously sold (Gen. xxxv: 22). The custom of patriarchal times was equivalent to the execution of a will in our day by which one who is about to die transfers his worldly goods to the care of another, however, the spiritual gift was bestowed more than the temporal.

PROMISES (Verses 13, 14 and 15).—What was thus expressed in a picture to the mind was afterward declared in words. The duplicated deliverance was intended to increase the impression of the message, the one interpreting and confirming the other. And yet the explanatory language was fuller than the first vision. It contained three important points.

YOUTH.—(Verses 18 and 19).—The most elevated spiritual experiences begin in the intellect and proceed then to the emotions, but they do not end there. They are completed only by affecting the will. Wherefore one who has received, he rises to highest dignity when he resolves, and when he so resolves he determines his own conduct. Jacob now passed into the wilderness, and made his vow, a promise of living loyalty to God. "The Lord shall be my God" was his self-imposed pledge (Gen. xxi: 33), a voluntary consecration. But this God never before or since, was so conditionally upon the faithfulness of God to the promises just made. If God would be with him and help and prosper him, and bring him back in safety to the land which he held, an implication that otherwise it would be null and void.

On Monday evening, the Rev. Dr. H. H. Brunning, of White Haven, Pa., will preach. Following the service, a congregational reunion will be held, when the Sunday school will serve refreshments. A little pamphlet containing a brief historical sketch and parish directory has been published by the pastor.

Beginning Tuesday afternoon, September 10, a convention of the Christian churches of Eastern Pennsylvania will be held with the Christian church, North Main avenue, Rev. R. W. Clymer, pastor. A large number of churches are working in these parts, interest is centered upon it on account of its phenomenal growth in the central west.

Their distinctive plea, therefore, has been Christian unity on the Bible alone, asserting at all times that Bible things should be called by Bible names, divisions among the followers of Christ and the frustration of His Holy attempt to convert the world.

At the convention Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings representative men from Philadelphia, Cincinnati and Buffalo will make addresses.

Rev. R. A. Torrey, D. D., principal of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago and president of the Chicago avenue church, will be at the North Main avenue tabernacle in Providence every evening during the week, beginning September 16. Dr. Torrey is one of the greatest Bible teachers in America, a man of comprehensive intellectual power, deep concentration and untiring to teach. He Bible lectures thro and pulsate with life. One never hears a more enthusiastic theologian. Since Dr. Torrey became the leader of the Chicago avenue church the church has witnessed the conversion of more than a thousand persons each year. This will be his first visit to Scranton. It is expected that great crowds of people will enjoy his ministry. A provisional programme for the meetings at the tabernacle includes the following subjects: Justification of Faith, The Atonement, The New Birth, The Future Condition of the Impenitent, The Ministry of the Holy Spirit. Noon meetings will be conducted by Dr. Torrey for men only at 12 o'clock and for women only in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 3 o'clock on the same days.

The ninety-third annual anniversary of the Abington Baptist association will be held in the Berean Baptist church, Carbondale, beginning at 10 o'clock next Wednesday, Sept. 10, and continuing Wednesday and Thursday.

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SUMMER (Verses 10 and 11).—Leaving his father's home in Beersheba, which was in the southern part of Palestine, Jacob traveled in a northerly direction toward Haran, the place where he was to spend the remainder of his life. The entire distance to be covered must have been at least five hundred miles from the point of departure. It was a long and arduous journey, and the day he was in the open plains about forty-eight miles from the point of departure. As the sun was declining, he found that it was impossible to reach the place of his journey before he would be closed for the night, and he knew that he might reach it, and covering that, doubtless, some garment or cushion, he laid down to slumber in the open field. He may have been apologetically watching the stars, for he may have felt secure under the protection of God (Psalm lxxv: 1). The weariness of the journey and the purity of the atmosphere were favorable to repose.

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REFLECTIONS.—This chapter in the life of the patriarch may be taken as a lesson for Christians. It is simply showing us how God appeared to Jacob at this important time in his history and what response he made. Accordingly, what we are to learn from it is, that in the same way, and in a similar manner, we should be able to see God as he really is, and in a similar manner, we should be able to see God as he really is.

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THE power to exert a strong influence, is to be depreciated. The musical programme at the First Presbyterian church prepared by J. T. Watkins for tomorrow's service will include the following numbers: Te Deum (B-flat minor). Dudley Buck. Solos and quartets. Recitative and Aria from the Oratorio Elijah, "It Is Enough." Mr. J. T. Watkins. Duet, "Love Divine." Soprano and Mezzo. Hymn anthem, "Abide with Me." Schnecker. Solos and choir.

The Art of Self-Defense. The popular idea expressed in the phrase, "the art of self-defense," shows the opinion that the chief enemies a man has to defend himself from are visible and external. In the air we breathe and the water we drink are countless minute organisms leagued against the health of the body.

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Episcopal. St. Luke's church—Prayer and praise meeting at 8 o'clock; services at 10:30 by E. B. Singer, assistant pastor. Class meeting at close of service in Sunday school, led by Brother Hoffman.

Reformed Episcopal. Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street. Rev. George L. Albright, pastor. Morning prayer services at 8 o'clock; services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Morning service, "Without Carefulness," I Cor. 7: 32; evening service, "Christ the King," I Cor. 2: 7; Bible study, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock, followed by prayer meeting at 8 o'clock. Seats free. All are welcome.

FASHION NOTES. Special to the Scranton Tribune. New York, Sept. 6.—There is art in the fashions of the autumn of 1901, and in the art that combines beauty, grace and harmony. Everything seems so entirely new and original that the woman who would be well-dressed feels that she would like to relegate her present wardrobe to the second-hand dealers or some other insignificant place and begin all over again.

Baptist. Fern Avenue Baptist church—Prayer and praise meeting at 8 o'clock; services at 10:30 by E. B. Singer, assistant pastor. Class meeting at close of service in Sunday school, led by Brother Hoffman.

Evangelical Lutheran. Evangelical Lutheran—Forty-third Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Luke 11: 19; epistle, Gal. 9: 16-24. St. Mark's church, Wallburn and Fourteenth streets. Rev. A. L. Bauer, Pa. pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Luther League, 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2:30 p. m. The tenth anniversary will be celebrated. Rev. Edwin Linn Miller, of Williamsport, will preach at the morning service. The pastor will occupy the pulpit in the evening. Reunion of the congregation Monday. Address by Rev. Dr. Brunning, of White Haven.

MUSIC. It is not surprising that the prospects for a very large attendance at the Conservatory of Music the coming year are extremely bright. This institution is progressive and its success is due to progressive methods and actual results. Mr. Pennington spares no pains to introduce each year into the conservatory new improvements and advantages which will materially conduce to the students' progress.

Presbyterian. Second Presbyterian Church, Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor—Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The Rev. Shepherd Knapp, Jr., of New York City, will preach morning and evening. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

MISCELLANEOUS. First Church (Christ Scientist), 351 Adams avenue—Sunday services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 11:45 a. m., subject, "Substance"; testimonial meetings, Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room. "Science and Health, with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitation and letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free of cost.

FINE WRITING. English as the Indian Babu Wrote It to the Editor. From the London News. In the latest copy to hand of an Indian contemporary is an interesting example of Babu loquacity. It takes the familiar form of a "Letter to the Editor," and runs as follows: "Honoured Sir—I should like to bring to notice of public through widely scattered columns of your valuable journal, a peradventure that overlook my personality, whilst making neutral perambulations on West Coast road, in order to caution fellow citizens against simultaneous dangers. Whilst wending my way along above said thoroughfare on the evening of the 23d inst., and pursuing a course as crowd flies toward my humble domicile, I was suddenly and instantaneously confronted by a full party of miscreants, who, being well-armed, were in immediate vicinity. I first remained stoic voice, and then, on applying close scrutiny of my double optics to spot where proceeded above said disturbances, I was much gratified and contemporaneously paralyzed to be and behold a mighty enormous reptile of Corbra de Capello making frontal attack.

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THE TRIBUNE has received a copy of The Conservatory Keynote, which is issued in the interests of the Scranton Conservatory of Music. Besides short articles pertaining directly to the Conservatory, it contains several pithy articles on music and musical education. The one on "Trash That is So-called Music" deserves to be headed, "That 'Con Songs' are not conducive to refinement." It is a fine study, and their popularity is a sufficient index of the low moral plane which produced them. The most of them are worse than silly, both as to words and music, and their use especially by those whose social position gives them

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OUR COLLEGE POPULATION. From the Scrippsian. Today there are 629 universities and colleges and 42 schools of technology in the United States. The total value of the property possessed by institutions for higher education amounts to \$312,888,301, a gain of about \$1,900,000 over the amount for the preceding year. The endowment fund amounts to \$154,121,530. The total income for the year, excluding benefactions, amounted to \$27,739,154. The value of gifts and bequests during the year 1898-1899 amounted to \$12,925,456. Some \$25,000 is invested for each student who is now enjoying the advantages of one of the institutions of learning. Classical courses claim by far the greater number of students—33,255 students out of the 147,164—while 21,567 were taking the general culture course; 8,838 general science courses, 2,283 instruction in agriculture, 4,578 in mechanical engineering, 2,659 in civil engineering, and 2,320 in electrical engineering; 1,622 students were studying mining engineering, 627 architecture, 2,561 pedagogy, and 6,698 were taking business courses. The number of degrees conferred during the year for work done was 15,987—10,794 for men and 5,193 for women. Thirty-eight different varieties of degrees were conferred, and in some cases only one candidate received a degree, musical doctor, for example. Seven hundred and thirty-five honorary degrees were conferred. In 1872 the number of students in all 1,000,000 of population was 572; in 1880 it had increased to 770, in 1892 to 836, in 1898 to 1,967, while in 1899 the number was 1,196. That's Different. "I am not expiring any package," said the lady of the house. "This is the number," persisted the driver of the delivery wagon, looking at his book again. "Name's Higgins ain't it?" "Yes, it is." "Then it's our number." "Then it's for you." "I think not. It must be a case of mistaken identity." "No, num. It's a case of beer." "Till Bits.