

Church and Sunday School

REV. THOMAS DE GRUCHY, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, says: "The strange manner in which some people complain of the coldness and unsociability of our churches would convey that the churches in Hyde Park are only so many refrigerators. I for one do not believe it, nor do I heed their complaint. These people come to church once or twice a week, but in the large congregation, and go out as if shot out of a cannon, and then go about finding fault the rest of the week among their friends because people did not speak to them. To get acquainted best with the churches of Hyde Park, if you are a Christian, attend the prayer meeting and take your part and you will find no lack of hands or hearts, you will easily come to know the faithful ones and will return home feeling that after all the churches have the love of God. When shall we know that the church is not a cradle for people in, but a great workshop in which every true Christian can easily find his place without much introduction. I know of a great many Baptists who live in Hyde Park, members of other churches of like faith, who have thus far failed to meet with any Baptist church. They are trying to find a church that will carry them and coddle them. Did they come to our prayer meetings they would soon find their places. We would soon know them and learn to love them, and make them feel that the church is a warm place and not the refrigerator they think it is."

The moderator of the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Henry C. Minton, will occupy the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church, along with Dr. McLeod, tomorrow morning. This distinguished minister is an enthusiast on the subject of the twentieth century movement in the Presbyterian church. If he succeeds in stirring up the First Presbyterians to hasten the building of their new sanctuary, he will do a good thing for the cause of religion in Scranton. Dr. Minton comes from California. He has had bestowed upon him the highest honor—that of moderator of the general assembly—in the city of the Presbyterians church, and he is also the chairman of the committee on the revision of the Westminster Confession of Faith.

An important meeting of the promoters of the Baptist Union of Scranton, consisting of members of the various Baptist churches of the city, will be held this evening in the parlors of the Penn avenue Baptist church. After the completion of the organization, the membership will be extended by invitation to the representative members of all of the Baptist churches of Scranton and vicinity, who may desire membership.

The usual Sunday meeting will be conducted on Sunday in the Young Men's Christian association room in the Guernsey building. Dr. W. E. Smith, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and S. M. Lewis, members of a Bible school in Brooklyn, but who were called home by the serious illness of H. H. Bushnell, are expected to be present and give brief addresses. Men are urged to be present at this service at 2:45 p. m.

The Rev. Ph. Fr. Zigelmann will occupy the pulpit of the German Lutheran Christ church, on Cedar avenue, Sunday morning at 10:30. All friends are cordially invited to attend this service.

Next Monday morning Rev. Dr. W. J. Ford of Green Ridge will present a paper before the Baptist Ministerial conference in the Penn avenue church.

SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

- Methodist Episcopal. Elm Park church—The pastor Rev. Dr. C. M. Dillon will preach morning and evening. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:30. Special services will be held each evening this coming week, except Sunday. All are invited. Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service, 10:30, sermon by Rev. J. R. Austin. 7:30 p. m. class meeting, 11:20 a. m., Peter Hartman, superintendent; Junior League, 3 p. m., Mrs. H. C. Demas, superintendent; Epworth League, 6:45; evening preaching service, 7:30. All are welcome. Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. The Brotherhood of St. Paul, next for prayer at 10 a. m. Preaching at 10:30, subject, "Jesus and the Called." Sunday school, 11:15.

BACKACHE

Is only one of many distressing symptoms which point to the presence of womanly diseases. If women thoroughly understand the relation of the local womanly health to the general health, they would understand that backache, headache, nervousness, headache, dizziness, faintness and similar feminine ailments, cannot be cured until the womanly health is established. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription cures these diseases peculiar to women. It establishes regularity, dries the drains which weaken women, heals inflammation and ulceration, and cures female weakness by curing these local diseases, it cures the ailments which they cause; backache, headache, dizziness, faintness, nervousness, and other peculiarly feminine. I wrote you for advice February 4th, 1897, and Mrs. Lona Haldstad, Clarence, Cherokee Nat. Ind. Ter. "I was having with pain from back of my head down to my heels. Had hemorrhage for weeks at a time, and was unable to sit up for ten minutes at a time. You answered my letter, advised me to use your valuable medicine. Medical Discovery and Pleasant Pellets also gave advice about injections, baths and diet. To my surprise in four months from the time I began your treatment I was as well woman and have not had the backache since, and now I put in sixteen hours a day at hard work."

Gibson street—Rev. Marlon L. Fifer, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.; Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; prayer meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m. Carlebach, Saturday 3:30 p. m. Morning subject, "Call for God." Evening, "A Great City for Help." Zion United Evangelical church, 1430 Cedar avenue—Preaching at 10:30 and 7:30 by Rev. N. Young, P. E. of Lewisburg, Pa. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at these services, Sunday school, 10:20; class meeting, 3 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Senior Endeavor, 6:30. Special music will be rendered on Sunday. Prayer meeting, 7:30. Wednesday evening, Welcome to all. Free Methodist church, Green Ridge—Rev. S. D. Miller, pastor. Gospel meeting Sunday morning, 10:30, Lizzie Trammel, leader. The next district meeting of the Wilkes-Barre district, New York Conference, will be held at the Free Methodist church, Green Ridge, Feb. 27 to March 1, 1902. Preaching Thursday evening, at 7:45; Friday and Saturday, at 2:30 and 7:45 p. m.; meeting all day Sabbath, Love feast, 9:30; preaching, at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Everybody is cordially invited to attend all these meetings. Seats free.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR FEB. 22 THE ARREST OF STEPHEN. Acts, vii-15.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D. Secretary of American Society of Religious Education. CONNECTING.—The passage assigned for today's lesson might appropriately follow the sixth verse of the first chapter of Acts, which is lying between treat the relation of the church to the outside world. If omitted from the narrative we have a more continuous account of the interior conditions of the church, which we have approved of that condition. It will be remembered that under the prompting of extreme brotherly love the followers of Christ had a common treasury out of which the needs of the widows and orphans were met (Acts ii:27-35). The outcome of that communistic arrangement appeared that in the deception and death of Ananias and Sapphira. Our present lesson shows that, although the people had received large measures of the spirit and had acted in the most delightful fellowship (Acts ii:42), they were unable to maintain proper relations on this basis.

MURMURING.—(Verse 1). The church at Jerusalem was composed of two classes. There were some of pure blood, descended direct from Abraham, converted to Christ by the preaching of the apostles, and others of a mixed race, proselytes to Judaism and afterward to Christianity (Acts ix:22). These were called Greeks because they were Greek tongues and lived in Greek cities. They were among those who came annually to the great festival (Acts xii:20). There was a strong race prejudice between these classes which the Jews resented when they became followers of Jesus, and which caused the church to be in a manner that one would least expect. The custom of caring for widows was brought over from Judaism (Lev. xiv:17), and the daily ministrations to them were made possible through the abundant supplies (Acts ix:37). There was favoritism shown toward the Hebrews to the neglect of the Greeks, and the friends of the latter complained.

PROPOSING.—(Verses 2 and 3). The apostles did not wait for a public outbreak, but acted on the first suggestion of a general gathering of the church, which all might attend who desired, they proposed a remedy. They would continue to devote themselves to the ministry of the word, while the brethren should be honest and full of good will, and they should be chosen or elected by the congregation and afterward appointed by the apostles. This plan involved the removal of the church from the hands of ecclesiastical bodies—a kind of congregational episcopacy. The suggestion was not unlike that made by the father-in-law of Moses (Ex. xviii:17-22), and it probably resulted in a meeting in new officials to meet an emergency is ever admissible in any organization.

ORDAINING.—(Verses 5 and 6). The late approved the plan of the apostles, an indication of his wisdom and of the harmony between the two orders of members. The seven men selected—Stephen, Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, Nicolas—all had Greek names. The church apparently put the work of distribution largely in the hands of the complainants who would not be likely to disparage or overlook the Greek element. Two only of the seven, Stephen and Philip, are afterward mentioned in the New Testament (Acts viii:1-40). The elected men were then brought before the apostles who prayed and laid hands on the head of each. This ordination was highly proper as it attested approval and formed a connecting link between the church and its members. It was valuable in the interest of good order. Probably borrowed from Judaism (Num. xviii:15), it represented the giving of authority and it was supported by the apostles with the Divine blessing, and the bestowal of the Spirit (Acts viii:17).

INCREASING.—(Verses 7 and 8). This happy adjustment of the difficulty restored the church to perfect harmony. There was no discrimination on the one side and no murmuring on the other. The wants of all were freely and promptly met. As a result the apostles gave themselves entirely to their legitimate work, what would have been impossible had there been disturbance over secular matters, and the word of God was preached brought forth fruit (III Thess. iii:1). The number of disciples was greatly increased, and the church grew rapidly. The names of the members were written in the church books, and the church was established in the Christian body. The spiritual interest of the church was maintained. Indeed, nothing more is heard of the service which had been newly ordained were expected to render to the church. Stephen, who was at the head of the list appears in an entirely different function, and becomes one of the most conspicuous workers and preachers.

DISCUSSING.—(Verses 9 and 10). According to Habbibullah, these verses were in the times of the apostles more than four hundred synagogues in Jerusalem. These were places of religious instruction as arranged as to meet the needs of the people from the various nations, and were designated by appropriate titles. Men well versed in Scripture and in ecclesiastical literature were associated with these synagogues something like the faculty of a college. The synagogue of Stephen, perhaps in the temple, and sometimes in the synagogues, where great liberty of expression was allowed (Acts xii:15), attracted attention by his wisdom and spirit, until some false called to oppose him. Chief among them were men out of the most influential synagogues—those of the Libertines, Jews returned from foreign bondage; the Cyrenians, those from Cyrene in Northern Africa; the Alexandrians, those from the city of Alexandria, a famous philosophical center; and those from Cilicia and Asia, Roman provinces. This formidable combination of talents against Stephen indicated the ability of the latter.

ACCUSING.—(Verses 11 and 12). This new mode of opposition to Christianity failed. The men who arrayed themselves against Stephen were not equal to him. The appeal to the judgments of the people on matters of doctrine helped the cause of Christ. It was necessary, therefore, to

THE CHILDREN ENJOY

Life out of doors and out of the games which they play and the enjoyment which they receive and the efforts which they make, comes the greater part of that healthful development which is so essential to their happiness when grown. When a laxative is needed the remedy which is given to them to cleanse and sweeten and strengthen the internal organs on which it acts, should be such as physicians would sanction, because its component parts are known to be wholesome and the remedy itself free from every objectionable quality. The one remedy which physicians and parents, well-informed, approve and recommend and which the little ones enjoy, because of its pleasant flavor, its gentle action and its beneficial effects, is—Syrup of Figs—and for the same reason it is the only laxative which should be used by fathers and mothers.

Syrup of Figs is the only remedy which acts gently, pleasantly and naturally without gripping, irritating, or nauseating and which cleanses the system effectually, without producing that constipated habit which results from the use of the old-time cathartics and modern imitations, and against which the children should be so carefully guarded. If you would have them grow to manhood and womanhood, strong, healthy and happy, do not give them medicines, when medicines are not needed, and when nature needs assistance in the way of a laxative, give them only the simple, pleasant and gentle—Syrup of Figs.

Its quality is due not only to the excellence of the combination of the laxative principles of plants with pleasant aromatic syrups and juices, but also to our original method of manufacture and as you value the health of the little ones, do not accept any of the substitutes which unscrupulous dealers sometimes offer to increase their profits. The genuine article may be bought anywhere of all reliable druggists at fifty cents per bottle. Please to remember, the full name of the Company—CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP CO.—is printed on the front of every package. In order to get its beneficial effects it is always necessary to buy the genuine only.

The Heiress of Northwood.

JEMIMA ANNE HAYWARD!

"Great Caesar! What a name!" "You are very foolish," she said, "to allow a silly prejudice to spoil your prospects in life—great heiresses are not to be met with every day. Of course 'Jemima Anne' is not exactly a pretty name, but that is no fault of hers. After all—"

"You are much mistaken, father," replied the young man, as he turned from the window from which he had been gazing with admiration on the fair scene which even winter could not succeed in robbing of its charm. "I assure you I have no such ideal as you describe. But don't you admit that it's most unreasonable to have my future wife chosen for me without either consulting my wishes or those of the lady herself? You know we have never even seen each other."

"Besides," he added, in a more compelling tone, "you will have plenty of opportunity of seeing her. Lady Westborough, her chaperone, has invited you to spend some time at Northwood, the purpose of making the young lady's acquaintance. Her coming of age will be celebrated in about a month, and your engagement will have to be announced at the ball which will be given on that occasion. Before Sir Philip's death he made all these arrangements, although his daughter was then only six or seven years old. The poor fellow had once been under a great obligation to me, and he thought this was the best method of repaying it."

"I wish he had chosen some other way of showing his gratitude. However, as I have no objection to becoming acquainted with the heiress, but no power on earth will compel me to marry her!" and a loud bang of the library door prevented all further remonstrance from the colonel.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS

BY REV. ROBERT F. Y. PIERCE, D. D.

From Author's Notes in "The Sunday School Instruction," Published by F. H. Revell & Co., Chicago, Ill. The Arrest of Stephen.—(Acts vii:15). Golden Text—"Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul."—Mat. x:28.

Who can estimate the power and the value of a good life? As John the Baptist was the forerunner of Jesus, in a sense it may be said that Stephen was to prepare the way for the Christian life in the city of Jerusalem. How simple and beautiful is the story of Stephen. The man who lived so near God that the Holy Spirit could work in him, and through him with grace and power. I am sure that many pastors young for men like Stephen—thoughtful, sympathetic, kind, efficient, full of faith and the Holy Ghost. But are there not many deacons and church members who are waiting for pastors who are likewise gentle, loving, kind, full of good deeds, mighty in word, and living so near to God, that God is ever working through them and never ceasing to bless them?

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DALTON.

The ladies of the Methodist church realized the sum of \$15 from their supper on Wednesday evening.

The meeting of the Dalton Literary circle at the home of Rev. A. W. Cooper on Monday evening, has been postponed for one week.

Rev. A. W. Cooper and Rev. J. N. Lee, of Factoryville, will exchange pulpits on Sunday morning.

Miss Lenna Tiffany, of Wyoming seminary, spent Sunday with her parents here. Miss Tiffany has just completed a commercial course at the seminary and has accepted a position with the Brown's fruit store, at Wilkes-Barre.

Services will be held at the Baptist church on Sunday at the usual hour. In the evening the pastor will begin a series of sermons on "The Bible and the Future Life." The theme of the first discourse will be "Man's Inquiry About Another Life."

A number of the Masons and their wives from this place were in attendance at the banquet last evening at Factoryville, given by the Masonic lodge of that place.

The Glendon public school, under the leadership of the teacher, Miss Lena Northup, gave a pleasing entertainment last evening in the school building.

Frank Brooks is going to move on Edward Northup's farm about April 1. Mrs. Edward Northup, of Glendon, entertained at dinner, on Thursday, Mrs. George Northup, Mrs. Myron Hall, Mrs. Mary Hall, Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mrs. O. W. Watson, Mrs. Niles Smith, Mrs. Frank Brooks and Mrs. R. R. Thompson.

Mr. Hurd will move his family back to Buffalo, April 1.

Word has been received here that Rev. W. A. Goveell and his entire family, formerly of this place but now of Texas, are afflicted with the smallpox.

CLARK SUMMIT. A new building is being erected on Depot street where, in a few weeks, the postoffice will be located. The church will be greatly benefited, as it will bring the office nearer the center of the town.

Election day passed with little of interest there being but little activity on the different offices except for that of school directors, which resulted in the choice of Messrs. W. F. Lewis and Durand Bell. Stormy weather also interfered with the vote, so less than the expected number was cast.

Miss Annie Knolls and her mother are visiting relatives in Philadelphia.

The Women's Christian Temperance union held a special meeting in the Methodist Episcopal church on Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served after the programme.

The church will be in circulation for the first time the granting of a license to O. S. Heald.

Mrs. Thomas Carnody and Mrs. Elizabeth Smith were in the city this week.

G. A. Stener, who succeeded the late R. C. Peck in the meat business, is giving excellent service in catering to the wants of his patrons.

CLARK'S GREEN. There will be a Martha Washington dinner in the Baptist church Saturday evening, February 22, 1902, beginning at 5:30. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

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BE TRUE THERE IS A CROWN ABOVE THE CROSS

MOOSIC. Dr. S. K. Watson is spending a few days in New York city.

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