

RELIGIOUS NEWS

Sixth Anniversary. The Jackson Street Baptist church will tomorrow night celebrate the sixth anniversary of the pastorate of the Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D.

Sunday School Workers' Conference. An important meeting of the Sunday school workers of the city and of Lackawanna county will be held in the parlors of the Penn. Avenue Baptist church.

Religious Notes. The Baptist ministerial conference will hold its regular session next Monday morning in the parlors of the Penn. Avenue Baptist church at 10.30 A. M.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS

Lesson X.—Ruth and Naomi.—Ruth 1: 1-22. Golden Text.—"Be kindly affectionate one to another."—1st Cor. 13: 4. Doctrinal Thought.—Love.



and cleave only unto Him in loving obedience to His commands and with life devoted to His service. Ruth's choice led her to a home and her life in a new land.

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RUTH'S CHOICE

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR DEC. 7

RUTH AND NAOMI.

There is much diversity of opinion concerning the authorship of the little book from which our lesson is taken. Conservative scholars following the views of Jewish rabbis and many of the Christian fathers, assign it to Samuel, or to some member of the school of the prophets.

STORY.—The book will be best appreciated if read entire at a single sitting. But the following outline of its narrative will prepare for the study of our selected passage. In the time of the judges the date not precisely known, a severe famine caused Elimelech, a resident of Bethlehem-Judah, to emigrate to Moab.

PARTING.—Our narrative opens in the point in the lesson where Naomi and Ruth parted from the others. They were doubtless approaching the border of Judah. The journey thus far may have been regarded as a lonely coasting.

ENTREATY.—Once more Naomi renewed her efforts with Ruth, moved by the genuine desire of a true mother to meet the natural longings of the young heart.

RESOLVE.—Ruth was unmoved. Her answer was beautiful, prompt, concise, conclusive, respectful. She begged Naomi to cease her entreaties, thrice made in a single sentence she presented a three-fold argument.

death itself. That determination involved a total abandonment of all that she had cherished in early life, its memories and hopes, its pleasures and rewards (Job, xiv: 6-11).

JOURNEY.—There was no need of further argument. The hearts of the two women being knit together, their lives must henceforth flow into one channel. Naomi yielded to the steadfast mind of her young companion (Acts, xxiii: 10).

to the dead, left behind, to the scenes through which they passed, the speculations and plans in their new home.

GREETING.—The travellers reached Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest (Ex. 16: 31-32), about the first of April, a most delightful season, when the joy of ingathering filled the land.

SORROW.—The heavy heart of Naomi was near to breaking at these words from old neighbors. She made a hasty defense, either for her appearance of mistakes, with commendable humility she desired that her name might be changed, in a commendable way she would yield, to express her misgivings, willing to be known in the village as Mara (Ex. xv: 23), that is bitter.

CONCLUSION.—The central figure in our lesson is Ruth. It was very proper to give her name to the whole book, for she is its heroine. It is fitting that she should be the power of love between man and woman, the theme of the novelists (Sang, viii: 10), not love of men for man (Sam. viii: 1), the theme of the poets. But as the love of God to man (John. iii: 16), the theme of redemption, but the love of woman for woman. Ruth's affection for Naomi exemplified in her devotion (Ruth. i: 15), was of the purest, most unselfish, most extraordinary kind, a widow for a widow, a daughter-in-law for a mother-in-law, a childless for a childless.

SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL. Elm Park.—Rev. Dr. C. M. Griffin, pastor. Prayer and praise meeting at 8:30; sermon by the pastor at 10:30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior League at 7:30; Senior League at 8:30. Worship Word by pastor at 7:30 p. m.

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ASH STREET METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.—Rev. J. A. M. Fenton, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 A. M.; class meeting at 11:30 A. M.; Epworth League at 2 P. M.; Epworth League at 6:50 P. M.; Evening prayer service at 7:30 P. M.; subject: "The Transmission of Power."

PROVIDENCE M. E. CHURCH.—Rev. Geo. A. Cary, pastor. The Brotherhood of St. Paul meet for prayer at 10 A. M.; preaching at 10:30 by the Rev. George E. Guild, D. D. Sunday school at 2 P. M.; Epworth League at 6:45 P. M.; subject: "The Missionary Training of the Young People." Rev. J. S. Tranger leader. Preaching at 7:30 P. M.; subject: "Truer Than Eyes and Ears."

ST. PAUL'S M. E. CHURCH.—J. P. Doty, pastor. Morning prayer services; 10 A. M.; evangelistic services; noon, Sunday school; 3:30 P. M.; Junior Epworth League; 6:30 Epworth League social session; 7:30 P. M. evangelistic services. Mr. and Mrs. Vandorder will be with us all day. Come and hear them.

PENN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, between Spruce and Washington streets.—Pastor: James W. Bennett. Preaching morning at 10:30 and evening at 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert P. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning and evening services, 10:30 and 7:30 P. M. subject: "The Path of the Just." Evening subject: "Grace, Its Blessings and Limits after ten years of absence, would excite interest in any community. Among eastern people of simple and demonstrative manner the 'holy city' was moved, from lip to lip that Naomi, who went out in the famine, had returned, old friends gathered about and looked seriously into the sad faces of the bereaved. The light had gone out of her eye, the smile had departed from her face, and the look of desolation had succeeded that hopeful, happy expression which belongs to the woman inquired. (Isa. xxxiii: 7) Can this be our friend, whose name signifies pleasant, truthfully reported her disposition in other days? It was not wonder alone that led to the question, 'There was a time when I heard thee say, "I will build me a great city, and I will dwell therein; and I will inherit it for ever." But now thou art become a stranger to all that thou hast said, and thou art become a stranger to all that thou hast said, and thou art become a stranger to all that thou hast said.' (Psalm, lxxv: 21.)

MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, Church avenue.—Rev. N. F. Davis, pastor. Services tomorrow at 10 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The pastor will preach Welsh in the morning and English in the evening. Prayer meeting Monday evening, and Young People's meeting Tuesday evening. Seats are free and all strangers welcomed.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Services 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. The pastor will preach. His evening subject will be: "Joseph Parker and C. H. Spurgeon, the two greatest preachers of the Nineteenth Century." Singers welcome. Services will be held on Washington avenue near Lackawanna.

GRACE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH (General Synod), corner of Mulberry street and Prescott avenue.—Rev. Luther Kleckner, pastor. 10:30 A. M. Sunday school; 10:30 A. M. divine worship with sermon by the pastor. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. The offering will be for synodical benevolence. 7 P. M. Y. P. S. C. E. Subject: "Do I Discourage Others?" 7:30 P. M. evening service with sermon. Everybody welcome. Zion's Evangelical Lutheran church, 28 Millin avenue.—Rev. O. A. Gallenkamp, pastor. Morning service, 10:30 A. M., subject: "Our Year Head and Look Back." King is Coming. Sunday school at 2 P. M. Rehearsal of Christmas play, German, evening service 7:30. The Pastor of Our Lutheran Faith, Gustavus Adolphus, King of Sweden.

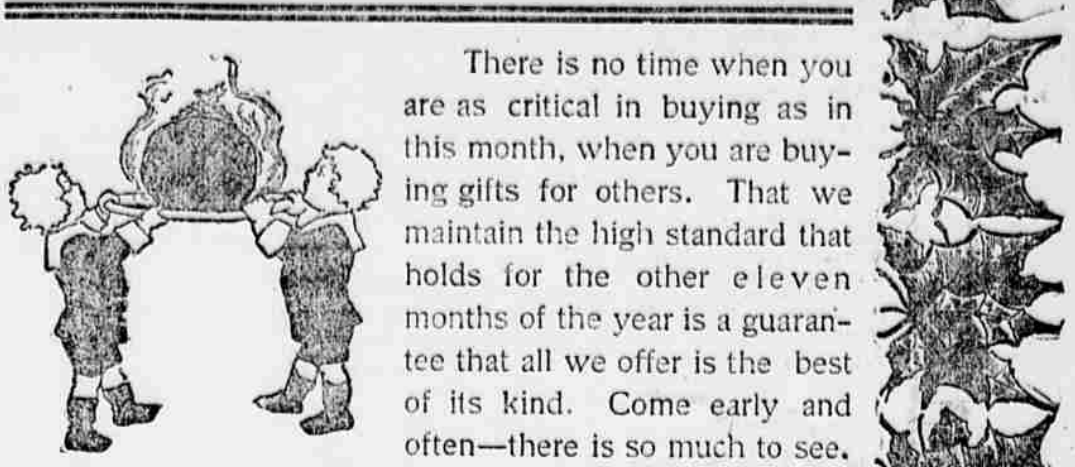
GREEN RIDGE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. J. S. Tranger, pastor. Morning service at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Evening service at 7:30 P. M. Postor will preach in the morning. Bible school at 2 P. M. and Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30 P. M.

WASHINGTON STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. John P. Mott, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Bible school at 12 M. C. E. Junior at 2:30 P. M.; C. E. Young People at 6:20 P. M. Communion of the Lord's Supper and the Advent. Whatever comes out here is worthy will be observed at the morning service. The pastor will preach in the evening. All welcome.

CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD, corner Mulberry avenue and Green Ridge street.—Second Sunday Advent. Morning prayer and Holy Communion at 10:30 o'clock; Sunday school and rector's class at 2:30 P. M.; evening prayer at 7:30 P. M. St. John's Mission, Osterhout Hall, Providence Square—Holy communion, 7:30 A. M.; Sunday school, 2 P. M.; evening prayer, 4 P. M.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH. of the Holy Trinity, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry street.—Rev. E. P. Hiller, A. M. Pastor. Services at 10:30 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Morning subject: "A special sermon." Evening subject: "The Annunciation."

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING.



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