RELIGIOUS NEWS

meeting on Monday evening in the Grace Reformed church, 328 Wyomining avenue, at which it is hoped every member of the union and at least one representative from each of the twenty-nine societies connected with the union will be present. Plans are being perfected for a season of activity in Endeavor circles under the direction of the city union. Henry L Perbody, the new president has had a long experience in organizing commit-tees and pushing work of this description to a successful issue, having been general secretary of Young Men's Christian association for over ten years

In connection with the work which he had charge of in Trenton, N. J., he successfully conducted for two years a meeting having an average weekly attendance of over eight hundred men, through which scores wer added to the churches of that city For nearly two years he was engaged as associate of Rev. B. Fay Mills, the eminent evangelist who will be remembered in this and other cities as a "Master organizer." W. H. Pennell, of Williston church in Portland, the first signer of the Endeavor pledge, was warm personal friend of Mr. Peabody being a member of the state committee of Maine, when the latter was secretary that state. With an enthusiastic Endeavorer in the lead, great things are expected, and it is believed that every society will rally to the possibilities at once. Remember the Monday night meeting.

Illustrated Sermon.

At the Penn Avenue Baptist church tomorrow evening, Dr. R. F. Y. Pierce. will, by request, give another illustrated crayon sermon, making the sketches while he unfolds the message of scripture truth. Beyond the novelty of the picture method of illustrating Bible topics, and being known as the "Artist practical and spiritual, and are directly aimed to save men.

He has many requests to give the illustrated sermons, both from officers and members of the church, and members of the congregation, but he only gives the crayon sermons four or five Sunday evenings during the year, and always in connection with the evangelistic work of the church. Large congregations are always in attendance.

Rev. C. W. King Called.

The vestry of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church has extended a call to Rev. Charles W. King, of Saratoga Springs, to become their pastor. The call has not yet been accepted, but in all probability will be.

Rev. King is at present pastor of the New England Congregational church at Saratoga Springs, and was formerly located in Brooklyn, N. Y. He is about 50 years of age, and preached in this city several years ago, when Rev. D.

M. Stearns was pastor of the church. Rev. King occupied the pulpit of the Grace Reformed Episcopal church here about three weeks ago. He is a Congregational minister and is regarded with much concern in the ministry.

Lectures on Religion.

Beginning next Monday night and nuing until December 2 be free lectures on religion in St. Peter's cathedral by Rev. F. Valentine, C. P., one of the priests who has been helping to conduct the mission at the cathed ral for the last two weeks. The subject that will be discussed follow: "You Cannot Be Happy Without Re

on. Why? "Sacerdotal Celibacy; or Why Priests

Do Not Marry."
"Lead Kindly Light": or Christianity and the Church.

Emmanuel-God with Us; or Christ Is Still Upon the Earth.' "Triumph in Defeat; or the Divinity of Christ Proved by the Divine Tragedy,"
"Do You Love Christ? Yes? Then re-

spect His Mother." 'Free Love, Human Love, Christian Love; or Marriage and Divorce." "Union; the Battle Cry of Freedom."
"Did the Priests Invent Confession or

Did Christ Institute It." There will be a question box at the door and those desiring information can place any information they desire to

ask in this box.

Religious Notes.

The Methodist ministers will meet in Elm Park Dec. 15th at 10:20. Rev. W. A. Edwards will present a paper on "The Efficient Minister."

Rev. Dr. Parsons Nichols, of Binghamton, will occupy the pulpit of the Dunmore Presbyterian church Sunday morning and will deliver one of the brilliant



That old copybook maxim finds its most forceful application in the waste of vitality, which is called "burning the candle at both ends." A woman is often tempted beyond her strength by domestic or social dem. ds. Some day she awakens from this waste of strength to the woeful want of it. She has become weak, nervous and miserable.

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People's society of Christian Endeavor will hold an important step of the pastor, Rev. Latter Hess Waring, the pulpit of Grace Lutheran church, corner Mulberry street and Prescott avenue, will be filled tomor-row morning and evening by Rev. William M. Rearick, of West Milton, Pa.
The Baptist ministerial conference will be held Monday, Dec. 15, in the Penn Avenue Baptist church at 16,20. The Rev. J. S. Wrightnour, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church, will read a paper, Topic, "The Three Temptations of Jesus."

BLACKBOARD

BY REV. ROBERT F. Y. PIERCE, D. D. [From Author's Notes in "The Sanday School Lesson Illustrator," Published by F. H. Revel & Co., Chicago, III.]

LESSON XI LESSON NI.
The Boy Samuel.—I S. 3:6-14.
Golden Text Illustrated.—"Speak, Lord;
for Thy servant heareth."—I S. 3:9.
God's call to Samuel had four special
features. First it was an IMPORTANT
call. The very fact that God calls any
one implies that He has an important

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to deliver. Second, it was an IMPERATIVE call. It came from One pre-eminently in authority and was a call to duty. Third, it was an IMMPRES-Preacher," Dr. Pierce's sermons are SIVE call, both as to the time it was practical and spiritual, and are directwas thrice repeated. Fourth, it was an INDIVIDUAL call, each time repeat-ing Samuel's name. God never makes mistakes. He always calls the proper those who shall stand for truth and person and at the proper time. God is calling to many in and out of the church, (Rom., x:15). Blessed is he who is called to be and to do for Him. How merciful to call while the lamp of life and light is still burning

The strange call came to Samuel in the tones of a familiar voice. The message of God may be borne on the lips of a stranger or of a loving friend, and yet ney have the wings of the heavenly dove to fly to its rest in the soul. Samuel went to Eli to inquire about his disturbed rest. Many others since then have mistaken the voice of God for the voice of man. Happy the man who knows always when his Lord doth call.
Samuel heard the call and responded

personally, "Here am I." This means a full surrender of Self for the Service of the Master whenever and wherever He may call. The Lord called Samuel in his youth. Jesus called the blessed children. and they are being called as much now as in the past. Bring the children to the house of God and lead them early to love

and serve Jesus. Suggestions: In developing the lesson review, use the blackboard and write the important points of the great call and the great answer in large letters. Draw also a cross separating the words of the call and the answer, and apply the les-sons. What shall be our answer to God's call for our hearts and service? Color Hints: Make the letters white with scarlet outline; make the cross scarlet with bright yellow outline; make the

Scranton, Pa.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR DEC. 14

THE BOY SAMUEL.

I Sam., iii:1-14.

Secretary of American Society of Religious Education

INTRODUCTION. - The book from which our lesson is taken, was doubtless written by the eminent prophet whose name it bears, or under his direction. He begins with a brief account of his parnts (Ch. 1:2). His mother, according to the spirit of the women of the age (Gen., xvii:16), regarded herself greatly afflicted, because for a time childless (Ch., i:5). On one of the annual visits to Shiloh (Josh., xviii:1), the national seat of government and religion, she prayed earnestly for a son (Ch., 1:11), promising to dedicate him to God. Her prayer was answered. In to God. Her prayer was answered. In the course of time Samuel was born, his name signifying, "asked of God." Faith-ful to her vow, when he was weaned, she took him to Ell, then the priest and judge of Israel, with such offerings as the law required (Deut., xil:5-7). In presenting him she broke forth (Ch., ii:1-11) in highly impassioned words, prompted by the spirit of God. At that time the sons of Eil were grossly immoral, using the crivileges of the sacred office to gratify their unholy impulses (Ch., ii:22), bring-ing sorrow to their father, who, though he remonstrated, did not control them (Prov., xix:13). This scandal called for speedy reform in the administration of religious ordinances.

MINISTRY-When God undertakes a great work, he usually begins with a lit-tle child and its mother. For proof, note the case of Moses, the liberator and lawgiver (Ex., ii:9); of John, the fors-runner (Luke, i:76); of Jesus, the Christ (Matt., i:21), and of Timothy, Paul's as-sistant (II Tim., ii:15). It is difficult to reform a man-to tr. sform the agent of Satan into an instr ment of righteousness. The best men are grown (Psalm, 1:3). Year by year adding to their beauty and strength, they come at last, poised and symmetrical, to their place and work able to summon all their powers. And so Samuel, after a plous mother's care had done its utmost, was to be put under further preparation for his career, to meet the needs of the time. He had little duties to perform, such as trimming lamps and opening and closing doors, in one sense a ministry for God. And yet the work signified more to him than to my other. It gave opportunity to mediate and pray, the two essentials in outlding true and stable character I Tim, v:15). Under the influence of the sanc-tuary (Psalm, xxvii:4), in the midst of its rich and instructive symbolism, the moy might develop into the great refor-

VISION—The time is not less import-ant than the place in the production of a mar. When one appears with certain abilities there must be need of him, or he can do but little. Many men have seemed to come too late or too early into the world's history to be largely useful. Even the advent of Christ was timed. Even the advent of Christ was timed. (Gal., iv:i). The season of Samuel's appearance was opportune. Besides the immorality among officials, already mentioned, another fact prepared for him, there "was no open vision." God had promised to raise up men who should peak for him (Numb., xii:6), to whom He would give His spirit. But many years had passed without such men. After the death of Moses, only here and there one had been so endued, and he gave only

generated into formalism Prov., xix:18. Good men, saddened by prevailing wick-edness esteemed the word of the Lord as extremely precious, and anxiously and prayerfully waited for one who by open "vision" should obtain further knowledge of God, and come with authority to his countrymen. Their prayers were being countrymen. Their prayers were being answered. When Hannah's son is ready, the nation will be ready. When he speaks, men will listen. He will be the man for the time

OCCASION.—At last the time arrived when God would make His first direct and formal approach to Samuel. From the first He had given those gentle influences of the spirit, which were granted to all men (Titus, ii:li). Now He proposes a larger and fuller communication. The boy, who had been a mere assistant to Ell, must know what will ultimately reader him a principal, acting without refer-ence to Ell. We do not know Samuel's precise age. It has been generally as-sumed that he had reached his twelfth year (Luke, ii;42), inasmuch as at that LESSON HINTS of the law. The night season was chosen for the Divine approach, a most impressive time, the general quietness and the darkness being favorable to the soul's communion with its Maker (Psalm, lxxvii:6). The lamp of God, symbol of His presence, was burning in the tabernacle, according to the ordinance of Moses (Lev., xxiv:2-3). Eli had laid down in his accustomed place. The infirmity of age, indicated by failing vision, was upon him and he had therefore gone early to rest. In an adjoining room Samuel had also found his couch as usual. The old man and the little child, the former servant near his end, the new servant about to enter upon his mission, alone at night in God's house. Such was the occasion when a new chapter was to be opened in the history of Israel.

CALLING.-While lying thus upon his bed, Samuel heard his name spoken. Was it a real voice? Did his ear catch the sound? Or was it a spiritual impression, a communication to the soul, which, had another been near, he could not have heard? On this point there has been much unprofitable discussion. It matters not whether the word was addressed to the inner or the outer car (Isa., xiii:1). It is enough that it was heard. Once, twice, thrice, "Samuel," was spoken, and afterward, "Samuel," "Samuel," twice uttered, as if to arouse the more careful attention and secure the more speedy response. It was God who spoke, calling His servant, bringing forward a new worker in His kingdom. In this way by direct appeal the mighty ones of all ages have been set apart-Noah (Gen., vii:1), the patriarch of the flood; Abram (Gen. xli:1), the father of the faithful; Joshua (Josh. i:1), the great captain; the prophets (Jer., i:2) and the apostles (Acts, ix:5). Samuel, given in answer to a mother's prayer and consecrated before birth, is to be added to the company of those who shall stand for truth and (Rom., x:15). Blessed is he who is called early in life.

RESPONSE .- Samuel's answer, "Here am I." bursting forth before leaving his couch, revealed his character. He was in his place waiting for a summons, anxious to do. Those eminent qualities were in him which are at the basis of all noble manhood (Matt., xxiv:41). Supposing that Eli had spoken, Samuel ran through the apartment, to be informed to the contrary, and to be directed to his bed. Again the voice came, with like response and result. A third time he heard and hastened, saying with surprise and emphasis, "Thou dids't call." Until this visit, Eli had not understood what had transpired. He may have supposed that there was some disturbance in slumber through disordered vital functions. Now he perceives that there was a Div-ine manifestation. Perhaps recent communications made to him were recalled (Ch., ii:27-35). He therefore directed the boy to lie down once more, and told him what to say if called a fourth time. God intended in this way to teach Samuel reverence for authority, as Jesus did (Matt., viii:4). Again came the sum-mons. "Speak, Lord, thy servant hear-eth," was the answer. In that one sen-tence Samuel recognized the person who spoke, and acknowledged his readiness do with him according to his pleasure.

KNOWLEDGE .- The seventh verse our lesson sheds light on the conduct of Samuel. The marginal rendering is a better expression than the original, "Thus did Samuel before he knew the Lord and before the word of the Lord was revealed unto him." This accounts for his tiree visits to Eil, and explains why he did not recognize the voice—he did not know God. But, by implication, the verse shows Samuel's state after that night—he did know God. He was brought into personal acquaintance with Jehovah higher state than that enjoyed by most men, even the righteous. That state cannot be described, but it was evidently one of great blessedness (John., xvii:3). It was undoubtedly the plan of the Al nighty to bring the entire race into such intimacy with Himself. Adam began thus (Gen., ii:16), but fell away by trans-gression (Gen., iii:8). Subsequently, as the centuries passed, here and there men eturned and knew their Maker. Among the more illustrious of these were Enoch (Gen., v:22) and Abram (James, ii:23), of the olden time. Such were the writers of Scripture. This direct knowledge of God prepared a man to bring purifying and elevating influences to his fellow-

JUDGMENT .- Now that Samuel has heard, recognized, and answered the call, what will God say to him? Or, rather, inasmuch as many things will be communicated in the course of the years Sam., iii:21), what will God say first? It prudent to trust weighty subjects to a child? If he knows God, is he prepared to receive such messages? When the Divine enters the human heart it purifles and expands. A child with God is wiser than a man without Him (Eccl., iv:13). On that night God made known to Samuel His proposed judgments upon the house of Ell, His purpose to remove the priest-hood from his family. He also disclosed the reason for this purpose, the notorious immorality of Eli's sons. Why tell this to Samuel? It was a very timely lesson for the boy. He needed to know that God's ministers must be holy (Lev., xxi:s) that Hophni and Phineas were rejected on account of their sins, and he needed above all to adjust his own conduct and character not according to the loose practices then prevailing, but according to the higher standards which God had set up. Moreover, although there is no rec-ord to that effect, Samuel had reason to infer that his promotion would follow Eli's rejection.

TEACHINGS .-- Of the many instructive points in the lesson we have room only for the following: 1. The religion of a people is dependent upon its minis-ters (Jer., v.31). Their character and example are most potent. Licentiousness in them is a public calamity. Holiness to the Lord should be their motto (Ex., xxviii:36). Fathers are responsible for their sons, many of whom become way ward and fill the land with mourning because unrestrained and untrained. Ell is an example of parental failure worthy of study. 3. A pious mother is God's best

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SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES

METHODIST EPISCOPAL.

Elm Park church-Rev. Dr. C. M. Gifpastor. Prayer and praise meeting at This is the ninth anniversary of the church, and Dr. S. L. Beiler, pastor of Richmond Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, Buffalo, will preach in the morning at 10.30 and in the evening at 7.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior league at 3.30; Senior league at 6.30.
Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—
Rev. H. C. McDermott, D. D., pastor.

Worship and sermon at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 12 m.; Juntor league at 3 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.39 p. m. At 7.30 p. m. the paster will preach a special ser-mon on "The Ideal Citizen" to Washington camp, No. 178, Patriotic Order Sons of America. Special music by the choir and the Simpson male quartette.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Delaware and Monsey avenues-Rev. Charles A. Benjamin, pastor, will preach at 10.30. Subject, "Essentials and Non-Essentials in Conversion"; at 7.30, "The Wedding Feast." Brotherhood at 9.30; Sunday school at 2.30; Epworth league at 6.30. Seats free. Reception of members at morning services.

Embury Methodist Episcopal church—

Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Preaching at 10.30; subject, "Where Are the Nine?" Class meeting, 11.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.30, Amos Krause, leader. Preaching at 7.30, subject, "Where the Paths Meet."

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Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church

-Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Preaching at
10.30 a. m.; subject, "The Closet, or Secret

Prayer." Class meeting at 11.30 a. m.,

Charles Croop, leader. Sunday school at Charles Croop, leader. Sunday School at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent; Ep-worth league at 6.45 p. m., M. H. Fine, leader. Preaching at 7.30 p. m.; subject. "Bo Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." Services in the Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church at 3 p. m. Providence Methodist Episcopal church

-Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. The Brotherhood of St. Paul meet for prayer at 10 a. m. Preaching at 10.30. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth league at 6.45; topic, "Our Fellowship," Olive Munn, lender. Preaching at 7.30; subject, "Saying the Price." Evening service opens with fifteen minutes of song, led by Professor J. H. Cousins, assisted by Sunday

School orchestra and choir.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class No. 1, 9.45, O. D. DeWitt, leader, Preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 11.45, G. R. Clark, superintendent. Young Christians' class, 3 p. m.: Epworth league, 6.30, Mrs. J. Archer, leader. Preaching, 7.30 p. m. Class No. 2, Tuesday, 7.30, J. Archer, leader. Seats free.

St. Paul's Methodist Episcopal church— F. P. Doty, pastor, 10:30 a. m., morning worship and sermon by pastor; 11.45 a. m., Sunday school; 3.30 p. m., Junior Epworth league; 6.30 p. m., Epworth league devo-tional service; 7.30 p. m., evening wor-

African Methodist Episcopal church, Howard Place-Preaching at 10.30 a. m.; subject. "The Spirit of Christ the Christinn's Monitor." Sunday school, 230 p. m. Preaching, 7.45 p. m.; subject, "Apostasy, or the Sin of Unbelief." A cordial wel-

BAPTIST.

Penn Avenue Baptist Church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets.— Strangers always welcome. Preaching morning at 10:30 and evening at 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D. Morning prayers in the lower temple at 9:45. Theme of the morning sermon "Called Back to Bethel." Sunday schoo at the Penn avenue church at 2 o'clock and at the American Memorial Mission at 3:30 p. m. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. At the evening "Bright Hour" service the congregational hymn will be beautifully illustrated, and by request the paster will give an illustrated crayen sermon on "The Door of Hope." An evangelistic aftermeeting will follow the sermon. First Baptist Church, South Main aveme. West Scranton-Rev. J. S. Wrightour, D. D., pastor. Preaching service at

10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Evening subject, "Buried Souls" Jackson Street Baptist church-Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., pastor, Mornring men's prayer meeting at 2.45. Brother William Protheroe, leader. Sermon by the pastor at 19.39. Topic, "The True and False Estimate of Christianity." The Lord's supper will be administered immediately at the close of the morning ser-vice. Sunday school at 2 p. m., John Lloyd, superlutendent. Hvening service at 7 sharp. Praise and song service, followed by a short address. Topic, "Know Thyself." The public is cordially invited to all our services, Green Ridge Baptist Church—The pas-

Green Ridge Baptist Church—The pastor, Rev. Henry Sterling Potter. will preach at both services. Subjects: Morning. "A Little Glimpse of a Big Life"; evening, "The Price of Success," one of the series to the young. The Bible school at the close of the morning service. Juniors at 3.30 p. m. Faptist Young People's union meeting at 6.30 p. m. North Main avenue Baptist church.— Albert Hatcher Smith, M. O., pastor. 10:30,

the morning as well as the evening service will be held in the Tabernacle and the pastor will preach. 7:30, the series on "The Book of Ecclesiastes" will be con-tinued. Theme: "Solomon's Conception of the Right Use of Wealth." 2. Sabbath school. 3:30, Chinchilla Mission services. 6:30, Christian Endeavot, Memorial Baptist church, Church ave-

alemorial Baptist cauren, Churen avenue—Rev. W. F. Davies, pastor. Services tomorrow at the usual hours. Welsh in the morning and English in the evening. Bible school at 2 p. m., Isaac Williams, superintendent. Services during the week as follows: Monday evening, 7.30, prayer meeting: Tuesday evening, Young People's meeting: Thursday evening, class meeting. First Welsh Baptist church, West Mar-

ket street-Rev. J. V. Davies, pastor. The pastor will occupy the pulpit on Sunday next at the usual hours, 10 a. m. and 6 p. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. The evening service will be conducted in English. A cordial welcome to all. Shiloh Baptist church, corner Mulberry street and Adams avenue-Rev. J. B Boddle, pastor. Preaching, 11 a. m.; sub-ject, "Christ All in All." Sunday school at 12.30. R. S. Timberlake, superintendent: 7.45 p. m., preaching; subject, "Love That Passeth Knowledge." Communion at the close of the evening service. All are invited. We will have our Christmas tree during the Christmas. Further no-

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tices will be given.

First Presbyterian church-Services in the old building, 19.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. McLeod will preach. All the mem-bers and friends who desire to attend services in the old building must do so dur-ing the remaining Sabbaths of this month, as it is likely the church will meet for worship in the new Y. M. C. A. building on the first Sunday of January, 1903. Second Presbyterian church, Jefferson avenue, between Mulberry and Vine streets-Joseph H. Odeli, paster. Morning worship, 10.39 a. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian En-deayor, 6.30 p. m.; evening worship, 7.39 p. m.; subject, "Christ and the Centuries." The Rev. J. H. Odell will preach morning

and evening.

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Endeavor session, 6:35. Seats of the church are free. Washburn Street Presbyterian church— Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor, Ser vices at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m. Christian Endeavor Juni ors at 3.30 p. m.; Christian Endeavot young people at 6.20 p. m. Prayer meet-

ing, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Subject, "If there had been no Saviour," John, iii, 17; Romans, ii. 1-6. The offering for the Board of Freedmen will be taken morning and evening. The paster will preach morning and evening. All welcome to all of the services. Adams Avenue Chapel, New York stree -Men's prayer meeting at 9.15, conducted by Robert Jones. The Rev. James Hughes will preach at 10.30. Subject, "An

Honest Man, the Noblest Work of God. Sunday school at 3 o'clock, Mr. Chandler superintendent. Christian Endeavor so clety at 6.30. Mr. Hughes' evening sub ject, "The Trinity; or the Tri-unity of the

EPISCOPAL.

Saint Luke's parish-Rev. Rogers Israel D. D., rector; Rev. Edward John Haugh ton, senior curate; Rev. Robert Ewell Roe, junior curate. Third Sunday in Advent. Saint Luke's church-7.30 a. m., Holy communion; 10.39 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.39 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday

school and Bible ciasses, Saint Mark's, Dunmore-8.00 a. m., Holy communion; 19.39 a. m., sermon and holy communion; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 2.00 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.
East End mission, Prescott avenue-3.30

. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 7.39 p. m., evening prayer and sermon. South Side mission, Fig street—2.30 m., Sunday school and Bible classes. Saint George's Olyphant—2.30 p. m. Sunday school and Bible classes; 3.30 p n., evening prayer and sermon. Saint James, Nicholson-10.30 a.

morning prayer and sermon; 9.45 a. m. unday school. Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Monsey avenue and Green Ridge street— Rev. Francis R. Bateman, rector. Third Sunday in Advent. Holy Communion, 7.30 a. m.; morning prayer, 10.30 a. m. Sunday school and rector's class, 2.30 p m.; evening prayer, 7.30. St. John's mission, Osterhout hall Providence Square—Sunday school, 2 p

m.; evening prayer and sermon by Rev F. R. Bateman, 4 o'clock. REFORMED EPISCOPAL.

Grace church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street-Prayer and praise vice at 9.30 a. m.; divine worship at 10.3 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Mr. W. W. Adam will preach at both services; morning will preach at both services; morning subject, "The Spirit's Three-fold Re-proof," John, xvi, 8; evening, "Bearing His Image," II Corinthians, iii, 18; Sun-day school at 12 m.; Young People's So-ciety of Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m.; prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Seats free, Everybody wel-

Reformed Episcopal Branch church Hose House, Tripp Park-Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Henry Cardew will reach at both services; Sunday school a 2 m. Rehearsal of Christmas music Wednesday, at 7 p. m. Prayer meeting Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN.

school; 6.30, Christian Endeavor; 7.30, the Sunday in Advent; Gospel, Matt., 11:2-10. Epistle, I Cor. 4:1-5. St. Mark's, Wash burn street-Rev. A. L. Ramer Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.: Sunday school, 12 m.: Luther league 6.00; catechetical instruction, Friday, 7 p.m. Morning subject: "John the Baptist." evening subject: "The Magnificent-The Song of the Virgin.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch

street-Rev. James Witke, paster. Services, 19.39 a. m. and 7.39 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. St. Peter's, Prescott avenue-Rev. John

Randolph, pastor, Services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. Wednesday even-ing service, 7.45, catechetical instruction Wednesday and Saturday, 7 p. m. Emanuel German-Polish Lutheran church—Rev. Ferdinand Satelmeier, pas-

tor. Services in the German language, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. Evangelical Lutheran Zion church, 229 Mifflin avenue-Rev. A. O. Gallencamp, pastor. Morning service, 10.30, subject: "Art Thou He That Should Come or Do We Look for Another;" Sunday school, 2 p. m.; rehearsal of Christmas programme. German Saturday school, every Saturday from 9 until 12 a. m. German evening service, 7.30; "Gustave Adolph, the Protector of Our Faith." German private lessons for adults at any time, apply for terms.

school, 12 m.; Luther league, 6.45 p. m. Evangelical Lutheran Church of Holy Trinity, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry street-Rev. E. F. Ritter, M., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m. and p. m. Morning subject, "The Great Advent Question and Its Answers." Evening subject, "The Magnificat." Sunday school, 12 m. Luther league, 6.45 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Gospel Tabernacle church, Jefferson avenue, Dunmore—James Leishman, pas-tor. Sunday preaching, at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Bible school, at 12 noon; Young People's meeting, at 6.30 p. m. Saturday, 8.00 p. m., study of Sunday school lesso at the pastor's home, 164 Madison avenue. Tuesday, Meetings of the Christian alliance; sessions at 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. Al

Plymouth Congregational church-Rev T. A. Humphreys, pastor—preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m.; subject of the morning serman: "The Working Church," being the fourth in the series on "The Church." Subject of the evening sermor "More About Paul's Balance Wheel." Sunday school at 12 m. and at Sherman avenue at 2.15 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6 p. m.; Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m. Monday; preparatory meeting at 7.45 p. m. Thursday; teachers' meeting at 8.45 p. tr

Thursday.
All Soul's Universalist church, Pin street, between Adams and Jefferson ave-nues—Rev. Thomas B. Payne, pastor. Divine service, with sermon, at 10.30 a. m.; subject, "Show Your Colors." Sun-day school at 12 m. Seats free. Strangers welcome

First Primitive Methodist church, Green Ridge-Rev. G. Lees, pastor. Preaching services at 10:30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sub-jects, morning, "He Knoweth Them That Are His;" evening, "The Great Renuncia-tion." Class meeting at close of morning

First Church of Christ (Scientist), 513 Adams avenue-Sunday services at 10.30 a m. and 7.30 p. m.; subject, "Sacrament," Wednesday hight testimonial meeting at 8 p. m. The public is cordially invited to attend those services.

Seventh Day Adventists, Guernsey hall 16 Washington avenue-Young People: neeting at 6.30 p. m. in hall No. Preaching service conducted by C. F. McVagh at 7.30 p. m. Bibl Bible class

Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street-Rev. M. L. Ffror, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.30 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. You are cordially wel-

Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church. Wayne avenue.—Rev. E. R. Roberts, pastor. Services during the week as follows: Welsh sermon to-merrow at 10 a. m., preached by the Rev. William Davies, Bellevue; Sunday school, 2 p. m.: English sermon, 6 p. m., preached by the pastor, topic: "Christ Suffering for Man's Sin." rayer meeting Monday evening at 7:30; bristian Endeavor Tuesday evening at 0: Ladles' Aid Wednesday afternon at e; Junior C. I.. Wednesday evening at class meeting Thursday evening at Bible class Friday evening at 7:50

All are welcome, Gospel Hall, 504 Lackawanna avenue.— Mr. Alrich will speak at 7:30 o'clock, Study of the Sunday school lesson and the Book of Romans on Monday evening

at 7:45. Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Holy Trinity, corner Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. E. F. Ritter, A. M., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and preached by the Rev. Ellis Roberts. Mulberry street—Rev. E. F. Ritter, A. Welsh services untug in week as thouses.

M., pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Great Advent Question and Its Answer;" even will preach in the Providence Welsh C. ing subject, "The Magnificat." Sunday

M. church. Class meeting 11:30 a. m., Sunday school, 2 p. n.: English sermon, 6 p. m., by the Rev. William Davies. Prayer meeting Monday evening at 7:30: Christian Endeavor Tuesday evening at 20: Margaret Francis to address, Taliesin W. Davies to lead; class meeting Thursday evening at 7:39; meeting of Bib-lical and Literary society Friday evening at 7; Mrs. Davies' bible class Friday even-

AVOCA.

The Avoca Hose company will meet on Monday evening.

Joseph, the three weeks' old son of Mr. nd Mrs. Joseph Clifford, died on Tuesday evening. Interment was made yesterday afternoon in St. Mary's cometery. The funeral of Frances, the eight months old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher took place yesterday afternoon.

nterment was made in St. Mary's come-The Knights of Honor deserve commenlation for their promptness in paying leath claims. The claim of John Allan was paid vesterday after six days' report o the grand lodge. During twenty-six years they have paid out \$60,000 in Avoca. Miss Bea Reap is visiting friends in

CLARK'S SUMMIT.

Arthur Miller, of Edella, attended the 'armers' institute held here on Monlay and Tuesday. Miss Idella P. Swift is visiting rela-

tives in Scranton.
I rank Lynch, of Alamagordo, New Mexico, is spending the holidays with his parents at this place, after an ab-

sence of two years. Edward Gibbons and George Shales have been drawn to serve as jurors during the January terms of court.

The addresses delivered at the far-

mers' institute this year were of un-usual merit, thoroughly instructive from every point of view. Those who failed to avail themselves of this opportunity missed an unusual treat