

WEST SCRANTON

Special Services at Simpson M. E. Church.
New Sunday School Organized.
Other Interesting Notes.

A patriotic service was held in the Simpson M. E. church last evening, when the members of Camp No. 178, P. O. S. of A. attended in a body. It was the one hundred and twenty-fourth anniversary of the death of George Washington, whose picture was suspended above the pulpit. The interior of the church was decorated in the national colors.

The choir, under the leadership of Prof. W. W. Jones, rendered a special program, assisted by the Simpson Male quartette. The church was filled with people to hear the pastor deliver a special sermon on "The Ideal Citizen." He chose his text from Matthew XXIII:21, "Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's and unto God the things that are God's." An outline of the sermon is here given.

God seeks to do some of his work in all His people in this world to concern themselves with God's affairs and to establish righteous relations between all classes of men.

George Washington was an ideal citizen. An ideal citizen is one who is a patriot. He should be morally honest. His integrity of life and purity of conduct should be unquestioned. He should be rich in character because righteousness exalts a nation. He should have independence of character, a backbone of disposition, because an uncrowned king, as is every American citizen, should be master of himself, his conduct, desires and aims. We owe it to our country, to society as well as to ourselves and our God to live a pure, moral life.

Second—The ideal citizen is a politician in the best sense. I do not mean a partisan. A true politician is one who seeks his country's interests rather than his own, while a partisan may be seeking his own, and not his country's good. The supply of the latter class largely exceeds the legitimate demand; while the first which opens before the former is well-nigh boundless. Every American citizen ought to take an interest in public affairs.

The best service we can render the weaker races in the Philippines is to lift up our own lives to the purity demanded by high character and deal with those peoples on the basis of the Golden Rule. The best service we can render ourselves is to lift up the moral tone of life in this land.

Keep only the very best men in official position; purify the ballot box and place the mark of Cain upon the man who buys a vote, sells a vote, intimidates a voter, takes advantage of the weakness, necessity or occupation of another to compel him to vote other than his convictions allow, contributes to a corrupt fund to buy votes or otherwise offends against the purity of political life.

Third—An ideal citizen is a patriot. This is a glorious country. There is more land under the stars and stripes than in the continent of Europe. We have resources enough to sustain a billion people. We have free education and great prosperity. We have spiritual, religion and political liberty. We are part of the most magnificent national life under the stars. Paul said: "I am a Roman." That meant much. It meant protection and honor. But it means more to be able to say I am an American citizen. That not only means protection and honor, but it means opportunity. It means a call to the highest patriotism and highest fidelity.

Fourth—The ideal citizen is a cheerful taxpayer. To shout out the Fourth of July and then dodge the tax collector in the autumn is the mark of a nuisance rather than a patriot.

Fifth—The ideal citizen is a Christian. The best citizenship demands a high moral character and high morality only springs from religion in the heart. The right kind of a citizen loves righteousness but the love of righteousness must flow from a contact with the author of righteousness. To be a Christian is the great thing. It is everything in the end. To love God and keep his commandments is the whole duty of man.

Rehearsing Christmas Cantata.
The Christmas cantata, "Santa's Surprise," will be given at the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church Christmas night by members of the Sunday school under the direction of Prof. W. W. Jones, the church chorister. He is being assisted by Charles W. Lull, George Paack, Mrs. W. W. Davis, Mrs. Robert Williams, Misses Eva Kittie and Edna Saxe, Robert Bertley and Fred Crawford.

The cast of characters will be as follows: Santa, the children's friend, Arthur Beck; Bashful Scrumie, Rudolph Scrank; Captain Bob, Harold Hingrich; Tom, Ned, Jack, Bruce McDermott, Walter Ellis, Elliot Acker; Berdie, Lucy and Maud, also chums, Marjorie Mitt, Etella Hallett and Maud Barry.

Five choruses will be rendered: "The Sailors," "Dolly Girls," "Bucconers," "Fairies," and "Fiddle Boys." Miss Gussie Fritz is the accompanist.

West Side Republican Club.
An adjourned regular meeting of the West Side Republican club was held in the rooms Saturday evening, when officers were nominated for the coming year, as follows:
President, Griffith T. Davis; vice president, Charles E. Acker; secretary, William W. Griffiths; directors, W. E. Thayer, W. J. Thomas, David B. Jones, H. L. Taylor and C. E. Lanning. The election will take place at the first meeting in January.

Among the Churches.
A substantial offering for the Board of Freedmen was taken up yesterday at the Washburn street Presbyterian church.

Two interesting and instructive ser-

mons were delivered by Rev. James Bonninger at the Embury Methodist Episcopal church yesterday, on the subjects, "Where Are the Nine," and "Where the Paths Meet."

"Buried Souls" was the subject of Rev. J. S. Wrighton's discourse in the First Baptist church last evening, which was listened to by a large audience.

"The True and False Estimate of Christianity," was given by Rev. Thomas de Gruchy at the Jackson street Baptist church yesterday morning and the sacrament of the Lord's supper was afterward administered.

Rev. A. L. Ramer, pastor of St. Luke's Lutheran church, preached a sermon on "John, the Baptist," yesterday morning, which was a scholarly effort.

The fourth sermon in the series on "The Church," was given by Rev. T. A. Humphreys at the Plymouth Congregational church yesterday morning, and at the evening service he related "More About Paul's Balance Wheel."

Rev. Ellis Roberts, of North Scranton, occupied the pulpit of the Bellevue Welsh Calvinistic Methodist church yesterday morning, exchanging pulpits with Rev. William Dwyer.

Miss Jessie Stackhouse played a violin solo at the Washburn street Presbyterian church yesterday morning and Chorister Tom Gippel sang a tenor solo.

Rev. Nye, formerly of Elmhurst, occupied the pulpit of the Sumner street Presbyterian church yesterday morning and evening.

St. David's Church Notes.
St. Agnes Chapter will meet to-day. It is requested that all articles for the sale to be held to-morrow evening be brought to the church by 10 o'clock.

The Ladies Aid society will hold its usual meeting on Wednesday. At the last meeting of the Sisters of Bethany the election of officers resulted in the selection of Miss Ida Evans as president; Mrs. Alfred Pike, vice-president; Mrs. Sobert, secretary; Miss Bessie Hughes, treasurer.

The Sunday school will meet on Thursday evening for practice of the Christmas music. The pupils who will speak are to meet in the school after school this afternoon.

The St. Agnes chapter to-morrow evening the following programme will be rendered: Piano solo, Miss Sarah Williams; vocal solo, Miss Eva Kittie; recitation, Blodwin Jenkins; vocal solo, Miss Lillian Osborne; piano solo, Molly Fitzsimons; recitation, Mrs. Darsy; vocal duet, Miss Letitia Barry and Norma Jones; recitation, Lucy Thomas. A sale of fancy articles and ice cream will be held after the entertainment.

The Sunday school at Fair Heights was organized yesterday afternoon with twenty-one pupils and the following officers: Lay superintendent, Harry LeRoy; assistant, William Phillips; secretary, Charles Dorsey; treasurer, George Dorsey.

The following were appointed as teachers: Rev. Edward James McHenry, bible class; William Phillips, intermediate boys; Miss Emma, Kirk, intermediate girls; Miss Ethel Kirk and Miss Ida Evans, infant school.

The school will hold its sessions in No. 29 school building each Sunday at 3 o'clock.

Simpson Church Notes.
The primary department of the Sunday school will inaugurate Christmas exercises on Christmas eve.

The ladies of the church, whose names begin with the initials S. T. U. V. W. X. Y. and Z will serve a supper in the lecture rooms next Thursday evening. They will meet in the church this evening for the purpose of making the missionary study class will meet to-morrow evening.

GENERAL NEWS NOTES.
Hyde Park lodge, No. 22, Free and Accepted Masons, will meet in Masonic hall this evening and elect officers for the coming year.

There will be a fair and ice cream social held in the Plymouth Congregational church, Jackson street, tomorrow evening, under the auspices of the young ladies' Sunday school classes, No. 6 and No. 19, Admission free.

Edward Carr, for some time in the clerical department of the Embury road company here, left yesterday for Bradford, where he has accepted a more lucrative position.

Mrs. A. L. Bryden, of North Blakely street, is visiting friends in Pittston.

Mrs. Margery Lewis, of Pittston, is a guest here. They are Mr. A. D. Blackinton on Elm street.

Miss Ellen Bronson has returned from a week's stay with Carbonade friends.

Mrs. FRANCIS CAMPBELL died Friday night after a somewhat prolonged illness, at her home, 29 Capeau avenue. Before her marriage she was Miss Maria Roche. She was a young woman of rare brightness of heart and a disposition so bright and cheerful that she was an inspiration to those with whom she came in contact. She was an ideal wife and mother and a friend whose thoughtful-

ness made another the rough road of those upon whom the burdens of life were too heavily. Her death is sincerely mourned. Mrs. Campbell is survived by her husband and the following children: James, Harry, John, Frank and Gertrude Campbell. Two brothers and a sister also survive her. They are: Michael Amsbury and Miss Kate Roche, of this city. The funeral will be held this morning at 2 o'clock, at the residence. A requiem mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's cathedral at 9:30 o'clock, and interment will be made in the Cathedral cemetery.

MRS. KATERINA HILTZ, whose death occurred on Friday night last, was one of the oldest residents of North Scranton, and had resided in this city for three score years and ten, after having lived a life of rectitude and Christian brightness. She is survived by two sons, Peter, an employe of the city, and George, another resident, who is well known among residents of this section, and a brother, William Amsbury, of Newark, N. J. The funeral will take place from the home of her son, Peter Hiltz, 42 Maple street, this afternoon at 2 o'clock, when services will be conducted by Rev. William Amsbury, of Newark.

MICHAEL J. McDONOUGH died on Sunday at his home, 41 Lawrence street, aged 33 years. He is survived by a wife, four children and the following brothers and sisters: Patrick, James A., Mrs. Patrick, Joseph and Mrs. Martin Brennan. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning from Holy Cross church, with interment in the Cathedral cemetery.

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