

# 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 this world through the state. He wants all His people in this world to concern themselves with the state 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. A patriot is one who loves his country. He should be independent of character, a man of high character, a man of high moral character. He should be morally honest. The integrity of life and purity of conduct should be unquestioned. He should be rich in character, a man of high character, a man of high moral character. He should be morally honest. The integrity of life and purity of conduct should be unquestioned. He should be rich in character, a man of high character, a man of high moral character.

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.

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

Three—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 against 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 Paek, Mrs. W. W. Davis, Mrs. Robert Williams, Misses Eva Kittle and Edna Saxe, Robert Bertley and Fred Crawford.

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

Five choruses will be rendered: "The Sailors," "Dolly Girls," "Bucannery," "Fairies" and "Folde 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.

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Two interesting and instructive sermons 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. Wright'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 Bessie 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 Washburn 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.

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. Sobor, 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.

St. Agnes chapter to-morrow evening the following programme will be rendered: Piano solo, Miss Sarah Williams; vocal solo, Miss Eva Kittle; recitation, Blodwin Jenkins; vocal solo, Miss Lillian Osborne; piano solo, Molly Fitzsimons; recitation, Mrs. Darsy; vocal duet, Miss Letitia Parry 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 class; 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 to discuss the same.

The missionary study class will meet to-morrow evening.

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.

Chapter No. 212, Epworth League, of the Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, recently elected the following officers: President, Ralph Keitt; first vice president, Charles Voltz; second vice president, Lulu Hayward; third vice president, Lulu Hayward; fourth vice president, Margaret Hughes; secretary, Grace Daniels; treasurer, Wendell Phillips; chorister, Will Sutton; pianist, Ethel Pease; Eucharistic aids, Charles and Harry York.

Division No. 4, Ladies' Auxiliary of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, have elected the following officers for the next two years: President, Mrs. Mary H. Gallagher; vice president, Miss Mary Wisted; recording secretary, Mrs. Margaret Moran; financial secretary, Miss Annie Lavelle; treasurer, Miss Mary Hilder; sergeant at arms, Miss Mollie Allen; sentinel, Miss Mary McNulty; standing committee, Miss Julia Lamb, Mrs. Kate Gilfillin, Miss Alice Blidde, Mrs. Bridget Smith, Mrs. Mary Burke.

A regular mass was celebrated at St. Patrick's church yesterday morning in the remains of the late Thomas Cuklin, who died at his home on Chestnut street. Rev. J. J. Pannell officiated. The pallbearers were: Martin Farrell, Thomas Cayne, Dominick Healey, Andrew Lunny, Lawrence Rooney and James Grogan. Interment was made in Dunmore cemetery.

The Ladies' Sewing circle of the Chestnut Street German Presbyterian church will hold a bazaar in Washington hall during Easter week. The proceeds of which will be applied to the church debt and making improvements on the church property.

The members of the Oxford Mine Accidental fund will meet in Co-operative hall this evening to receive a division of the funds in the hands of the treasurer. Rev. J. S. Wright, D. D. is the new pastor of the First Baptist church, will read a paper on "The Three Temptations of Jesus" at the Baptist Ministerial conference in the Park Avenue Baptist church this morning.

William Penn Morgan has resigned his position at Vintonville, and will move back to his old home on Jackson street. The funeral of Edward, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Richards, of 29c Washburn street, occurred yesterday afternoon, with interment in the Cananda cemetery. This is the fourth son lost by the family within a short time.

Why journey to town for your groceries and Christmas goods when you can get everything you need almost at your door. Goods and prices just a shade better than in the city. Every thing in season. Christmas toys and presents a specialty. Charles Graf, 437-29 Pittston avenue.

Final arrangements have been made by the Fourteen Friends to hold a New Year's festival at their headquarters, 316 Cedar avenue. The details are in charge of a capable committee, who will do all in their power to not only interest the members but to create a feeling of comradeship and is sometimes that should be more than temporary.

An important meeting of Camp 429, Patriotic Order Sons of America, will take place in Hartman's hall on Pittston avenue, this evening.

Dr. Schley's Lung Healing Balsam is guaranteed to cure all coughs. "No cure, no pay." For sale by all dealers.

Comet Lodge, Knights of Pythias, will meet in special session tomorrow evening.

DUNMORE DOINGS.  
Eloquent Sermon by Rev. Dr. G. Parsons Nichols, of Binghamton, on "Consecration of Life."

Rev. G. Parsons Nichols, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church, at Binghamton, N. Y., occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at yesterday morning's service and preached a most eloquent and forceful sermon, taking as subject, "Consecration of Life." He took for his text the words found in Matthew xvi, 25: "Whosoever shall save his life shall lose it and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." He said in part:

"You save not what you keep to yourself but what you take from yourself. You lose not what you give out and part with, but what you hold back and use for your own purposes. Self renunciation is self exaltation.

"The man who always thinks about his own bodily health is sure to lose it, but he who forgets about himself in some high pursuit leaves disease behind him and goes forth sound in mind and body."

"We know the only life that is worth living is the one which is lived for the benefit of others. The student who is swayed by motives higher than his own ambitions is the one who makes the most rapid improvement, while the one who seeks culture for culture's sake, fails in what he seeks."

"There are just two things one can do with his life. You can do either one but not both. You can spend your life on yourself and lose it or you can yield your life to the service of God and thereby attain life eternal. It all depends on the life one seeks."

"Make the present life your end and you must lose it here and hereafter, but make your life a means for the higher end which God has in view and you will keep your life here and save your life hereafter. We know the only life of man is within him, the only life that God knows, the only life that death leaves, is within him. My wish in closing for you all is a life true, beautiful and eternal. These will be yours just in the degree that you live into it."

"Do not be cold, do not be cynical, do not be selfish, but consider you have to live for others, remember even misery comes from want of sacrifice, remember you help others only by sacrifice. Remember every thing you do will be measured by its effect."

The singing of several selections by John T. Watkins were much enjoyed by the large congregation present.

Briefly Noted.  
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. Miss Margery Lewis, of Pittston, is a guest here. They are Mrs. A. D. Blackinton on Elm street. Miss Ellen Bronson has returned from a week's stay with Carbonade friends.

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