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CONDENSED NEWS.

The month of roses.  
June has made a good start.  
The cherry crop will be short.  
Jane seems to be taking things coolly.  
The hot wave period is next in order.  
Wilkesbarre contemplates having a big time on the Fourth of July.  
The merchants and clerks are enjoying their evenings now since the stores close at 6 o'clock.  
Some of the Sunday schools of this city are already arranging their picnic dates.  
The festive potato bug is annoying the farmers.  
Welsh Bros. circus will appear in Danville in a few weeks.  
A heavy white frost was noticed at Hazleton on Monday morning.  
The fishermen are counting the days until June 15, when the bass season opens.  
It is time to pick the tomato bugs, and kill the green vermin from the rose bushes.  
With floods and tornadoes the southwest is bearing a tragic burden just now.  
The sweet girl graduate is numerous and nervously in evidence these days.  
The farmers say that blackberries will be the most plentiful this summer that they have been in many years.  
Edward Welliver of this city has been awarded the sub-contract for the stone and brick work of the High School annex.  
Arrangements have been made to begin work on the wall this morning. Two car loads of stone from Lime Ridge have already been unloaded at the spot along with a car load of lime.  
Another Memorial Day has been added to the list observed since the days of '65.  
The glorious Fourth is the next legal holiday.  
The New Jersey mosquitoes are not sparingly arranging for foreign vacations notwithstanding the active preparations going on in scientific circles for their extermination.  
If June will only promise to keep her place in the calendar and not try to play in May's back yard or run over into July's front porch she will be all the more heartily welcomed.  
The state encampment of the Sons of Veterans will meet at Allentown, June 16th, 17th and 18th.  
The rains that we are now having, will help materially in saving the grass crop and helping along vegetation generally.  
Mr. Ware, the commissioner of pensions says that the work of his bureau on the Civil War lists will continue for several years to come. He says that the survivors of the men who fought for the union reach over 900,000 of whom 700,000 are carried upon the pension rolls. He says the ravages death is making in the ranks of the old soldiers now show that about 100 are answering the last roll call each day.  
What's the use of bothering about any of the affairs of state? This is the season of graduation and there is not a graduate who is not capable of managing any knotty point in statecraft.  
Burgess Hodgkins of Tanawaka has started a crusade against the corner loafer and the man who delights in showing his expectorating powers. The Burgess declares that both must go and has given notice to the police to this effect.  
The awful loss of life and property through the floods which have devastated parts of the middle West must appeal to the generous sympathies of the country.  
The Pennsylvania State Educational Association meets at Wilkesbarre June 30, July 1 and 2. A fine program is offered, and there will no doubt be a large gathering of teachers and friends of education.  
Under the present warping an processes one will be able in a few days to tell that this is June without looking at the calendar.

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES

The program for Memorial Day was very successful. The weather conditions were ideal and not a detail was lacking that was needed to reflect a full measure of honor upon our soldier dead.



The march to the cemetery as usual, was a very beautiful and impressive feature of the day. The following were in line:

- Mechanicsville Band
- National Guard, G. A. R.
- School Children, P. O. S. of A.
- Woman's Relief Corps
- The Clergy
- Disabled Soldiers
- Citizens.

A very pretty feature of the parade were the children of the public schools. There were 82 little girls and 48 boys in line. The girls were all dressed in white and carried a bouquet of flowers. Each of the boys carried a flag. The children were in charge of Comrade Levi Sechler. The little people were most exemplary in their conduct and won much praise. At the cemetery several fine addresses were delivered at the G. A. R. plot. The intention was that each address should be cut down to ten minutes in time, but as was very natural under the circumstances inspired by the occasion they overran that limit. The speakers, each of whom had a topic assigned, were as follows: Rev. George E. Lambert, opening prayer; Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, address to the veterans; Rev. E. B. Dunn, address to the Woman's Relief Corps; Rev. L. B. Twichell, address to the children; Rev. W. E. Wenner, address to the citizens; Rev. N. E. Cleaver, benediction.

During the ceremonies in the cemetery the band played two dirges. A salute was fired by a squad from Company F, 12th regiment, N. G. P.

Returning from the cemetery a very beautiful ceremony was observed in honor of the navy's dead. Headed by Mechanicsville band and accompanied by the Woman's Relief Corps, the school children marched to the River Bridge and taking the lower sidewalk, while the band discoursed appropriate music 25 little girls and 8 boys each dropped a bouquet of flowers into the river. There was something very touching in the conception and as the beautiful offerings were borne on the bosom of the water no one could help but think of the brave men who manned our fleets of war and offered up their lives on the ocean.

This is altogether a new idea of honoring the memory and the heroism of the navy. The custom was suggested by Mrs. A. S. C. Forbes, of Los Angeles, California, some years ago. The present year, however, seems to have been the first that this method was employed in the East in commemorating the deeds of sailors who fell in defense of their country. In Philadelphia, Saturday, very beautiful and impressive exercises were held at the Delaware. The scene of the ceremonies was at Recreation pier at the foot of Race street, where innumerable clusters of bright flowers were cast upon the tide in the presence of distinguished sea fighters and a large gathering of members of the Naval Veterans' Association.

Judge Little Passed Sentence.  
Court convened Saturday morning at the ringing of the Court House bell. President Judge R. R. Little and Associates Thompson and Blee were on the bench.

William E. Grove, who pleaded guilty to the charge of forgery was called up for sentence. He was informed by the court that sentence would be suspended on two of the three indictments, but that on the one involving the forgery of A. C. Amesbury's name he would proceed to pass sentence.

The sentence was that he—William E. Grove—pay the costs of prosecution, restore the money falsely obtained as set forth in the indictment, pay a fine of \$100 and undergo imprisonment at separate and solitary confinement for one year in the Eastern Penitentiary.

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZES

The School Board held a meeting Monday evening at the home of D. Dietrich, East Front street. The full board with the exception of Dr. E. A. Curry went into session at 7:30 o'clock.

The minutes were read, after which a communication was read from Dr. Curry, in which he tendered his resignation as School Director of the First Ward. On motion his resignation was accepted.

Dr. Harpel nominated C. P. Hancock as a member of the School Board to fill Dr. Curry's unexpired term. No other nominations were made and Mr. Hancock was unanimously elected. The oath of office was administered by Notary Public A. H. Grone and the new member immediately took his seat.

The president signed the affidavit and certificate for the past year, after which the old Board adjourned sine die.

Dr. I. G. Barber, Harry R. Harp, Abram Burger and Aaron Beckwith, whose terms expired, retired from the Board. The meeting was called to order by Secretary Orth, after which P. J. Keefe was elected temporary chairman and W. H. Orth temporary secretary.

The members presented their credentials as follows: First Ward, John L. Evans, Second Ward, J. N. Parsel, 3 years, and W. J. Burns, 2 years; Third Ward, Samuel Werkheiser; Fourth Ward, Jacob Von Blodn. The oath was administered to the new members after which they took their seats.

On motion Mr. Keefe was elected permanent President and Mr. Orth, permanent Secretary.

Communications were received from the three banks of town with reference to handling the finances of the School District. The People's Bank and the First National Bank made a similar proposition, each offering to handle the funds of the district with out compensation and, if desired, to give a bond for the proper distribution of the funds. The Danville National Bank went one better and offered to act as Treasurer without compensation and likewise to furnish a bond, if desired, and to pay \$5, equivalent to interest on money handled.

The Board discussed the three propositions at length and finally rejected them all. The Board took the view that where competition was so sharp and so much was undertaken without compensation it would be hardly likely that they would receive the prompt attention which they felt their business required. Mr. H. Schram, former Treasurer, was much praised for his efficiency and it was the sense of the Board that he should be re-elected.

The Treasurer's compensation was fixed at 1 per cent, the same as last year. The commission, however, it was agreed should go only so far as the school expenses; the money involved in handling is to be handled without compensation.

Mr. Hancock nominated M. H. Schram to be Treasurer and he was unanimously elected.

On motion the tax rate for the ensuing year was fixed at 5 mills for school purposes and 1 mill for building.

On motion the school term for next year was fixed at 9 months. The schools will open on August 31st.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Misses Amelia and Lena Boers and Miss Minna Cole of Bewick, were guests over Sunday at the home of D. Dietrich, East Front street.

George Brown of Berwick, spent Sunday in South Danville.

Charles Horton of Philadelphia spent Sunday with old friends in this city.

Mrs. S. V. Border of Williamsport is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Rogers, this city.

John Maloney of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in Danville.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills of Bloomsburg, spent Sunday in this city.

James Legor and Philip Deppie of Scranton, were guests over Sunday at the home of Edward Hartman, Water street.

Charles Howe of Jersey Shore, spent Sunday with his parents on East Market street.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ditzler spent Sunday in Muncy.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hershey and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hershey of Santary, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chris. Horsey, Grand street.

Miss Sara DeLong and Mrs. F. C. Angle will leave this morning for a visit with Mrs. D. A. Huse at Williamsport.

C. E. Yorks of Central, spent last evening in this city.

Edward S. Gearhart, Esp., left for Harrisburg last evening.

Rev. C. R. Botsford, pastor of the Lutheran church at Northumberland, yesterday called on Levi Boyer, Riverside Heights, who is on the sick list.

J. H. Gosser left last evening on a business trip to Hazleton and Philadelphia.

Boeber Vastine, who is taking a course in the Dental Department, University of Pennsylvania, has arrived in Danville for the summer vacation.

Dr. W. C. Taylor and daughter Miss Ivy, of Altoona, returned home last evening after a visit at the residence of Rev. Harry Curtin Harman.

F. H. Vannan last evening returned home from a visit to Johnstown.

Miss Pearl Morris and Miss Annie Baumgardner of Riverside, left yesterday for a visit at Logansport, Pa.

Mrs. S. R. Kramer left yesterday for Baltimore, Md., after a visit with her daughter, Mrs. Frank G. Scheel, East Market street.

ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT

The annual commencement of the Danville High School took place in the Opera House Tuesday. The usual large audience which may be relied upon each year to attend commencement was present last night and every available seat in the parquet and dress circle seemed occupied.

The decorations were a marvel. These were considered worthy of a special article in these columns on last week's issue, and were fully described. Language, however, is inadequate to portray the full effect when the stage was lit up—when the soft and mellow rays of red and green electric lights fell on the leaves and the vari-colored flowers. Had the class started out with the design of surpassing every previous attempt at stage decoration in Danville it would have to be said that they accomplished their object, for on every side Tuesday it was admitted that on no previous occasion had the stage of the Opera House appeared so beautiful, or given evidence of so much originality and artistic taste.

The full program of commencement, which was printed in these columns a few days ago, was rendered in a way which could not fail to please the most critical. The class of '03 is accredited as being an especially hard working one and each member last night in carrying through his or her part measured up to as fair a standard as could be attained in any High School. Several of the papers were exceedingly clever and all bore evidence of study and careful preparation.

The music, all of which was furnished by students of the High School, was much enjoyed. It was really of a high order, and reflects unbounded credit upon Miss Weiss, the teacher of music in the public schools and to whom those who rendered the musical numbers Tuesday are indebted for their instruction.

Help the Flood Victims.  
Having opened their hearts and their pocketbooks to the survivors of the Kishoneff atrocities the good people of the United States will undoubtedly render financial assistance to the sufferers who have been made homeless by floods in the Kaw valley. It is estimated that nearly 30,000 persons have been deprived of homes and one-third of them are altogether shelterless and a large proportion of them on the verge of starvation. Even though relief should come promptly many will die of diseases having their origin in exposure.

Unfortunately in too many deserving cases the relief comes much later than it should. The victims of the Kishoneff atrocities should have had assistance at once, but the story of the crime was not known until some time after its commission. Meanwhile those who actually needed the assistance continued to suffer. What can be done in the case of the Kaw valley sufferers should be done as promptly as service will admit. There are destruction and suffering and death at our doors. It devolves upon a humane and generous people to assist the stricken. Now is the time to do it, and without flourish of trumpets.

It is terrible to think of what must be the sufferings of tender women and children, without shelter, without food, exposed to pitiless rain. It wrings the heart even to imagine their anguish. They must be relieved while relief can be practical instead of sentimental. Help them now.

Granted Right of Certification.  
Borough Superintendent U. L. Gordy who some time ago made application to the Columbian University, of Washington, D. C., for the right of certification, has received a reply informing him that his application has been approved by the Committee on accredited schools and in accordance with this the Danville High School has been placed on their accredited list.

Among other institutions who have granted the right of certification to the Danville High School are Lafayette College, Dickinson College, Washington and Jefferson College, Washington and Lee University. Graduates of our local High School are also admitted to Bucknell University on certificate.

Supervisor Posts Notice.  
Notices signed by C. W. Gearhart, Supervisor, were posted in South Danville yesterday prohibiting bicyclists from riding on the sidewalks under penalty of the law.

Wheeling upon the pavement had become a great nuisance in South Danville and pedestrians, children especially, were exposed to great danger. The situation became little short of scandalous whenever there was anything going on at DeWitt's Park. At the close of a base ball game it was no unusual thing for a string of wheel men all in a row to take the sidewalk leaving but little room for pedestrians. Several very narrow escapes occurred at different times.

Visiting Danville.  
Abert H. Jones of Sharon is visiting his old home in this city. Mr. Jones is employed in the Sharon Tin Mill, one of the largest in the world. He brought with him several samples of the product turned out at the big mill where he works, which may be seen in the window of M. H. Schram's store.

REV. JAMES E. HUTCHINSON

A congregational meeting was held at the Mahoning Presbyterian Church last night at which it was decided to extend a call to Rev. James E. Hutchinson, of Irvin, Pa.

The congregation did not proceed to the election of a pastor until after prayer meeting. Rev. J. W. Gilland, D. D., of Shamokin acted as moderator. The matter of salary was first taken up. It was decided that this should remain the same as formerly, \$1500, with the use of the manse and the usual vacation of one month. The election of Rev. J. E. Hutchinson was unanimous, one hundred and ten ballots being cast. W. V. Oglesby and C. V. Amerman acted as tellers.

The Trustees and the Session signed the call, after which Howard Shultz of the Session and F. C. Durr of the Trustees were elected to prosecute the call before the Northumberland Presbytery, which will convene at Milton on the last Monday of September. The clergyman to whom the call was extended preached at the Mahoning Presbyterian Church last Sunday. His sound views on theology, his able and straightforward way of preaching appealed to the entire congregation and in the choice of a pastor they instinctively turned to him. This is certainly a compliment which he cannot esteem too highly, considering the large number of ministers that have been heard by the congregation during the year that the pulpit has been vacant. In addition, considering the large representation at the meeting the unanimity of the call counts for a great deal. The Mahoning Presbyterian Church with its fine manse, pleasant location and good salary attached can not but constitute a very desirable field of labor.

Rev. J. E. Hutchinson is about thirty-eight years of age. He has a wife and two children.

Funeral of Jesse Snyder.  
Jesse Snyder of Riverside, whose death occurred Monday morning, was buried yesterday afternoon, interment taking place at Mt. Vernon cemetery. The services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Allen, pastor of St. Peter's M. E. Church.

The deceased was an employee of the Reading Iron Works. He was a very industrious young man, courteous in manner, kind and obliging in disposition. He was very well liked by his fellow employees and was just as highly esteemed in all other circles. His funeral was very largely attended.

The deceased belonged to the P. O. S. of A. and the Knights of the Golden Eagle. Both orders were represented at the funeral, the Knights of the Golden Eagle having forty-three men in line and the P. O. S. of A. forty-five. The pall bearers were chosen from the two orders and were as follows: Daniel Ross, Frank Mensch, and John Mitchell of the Knights of the Golden Eagle, and William Lewis, Oscar Eberly and Grant Huber of the P. O. S. of A.

The services were very beautiful and comprised among other offerings one from the employees of the Reading Iron Works.

Three Days Shoot.  
The first annual spring tournament of the Northumberland County Sportsmen's Association will be held on the grounds of the association near the new dye works, Sunbury, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, June 9, 10, 11. The opening event will be a team shoot between the West Branch Rod and Gun Club, of Williamsport, and the Northumberland County Sportsmen's Association, at twenty-five targets per man, six men to the team.

Sechler Farm Sold.  
The one hundred and fifty-five acre farm at Kipp's Run belonging to the estate of the late Alam Sechler was sold at public sale yesterday. It was knocked down to Lafayette Sechler, son of the deceased, for \$5000. The farm, which has been in the Sechler family for fifty years, is in a good state of cultivation. It has been farmed by the purchaser for a number of years past and at present supports a dairy. Mr. Sechler having a milk route in Danville.

Contract Awarded.  
The Valley township School Board has awarded to Charles Erwine the contract for tearing down the school houses at the Slope and at Stroub's church and for building the new one at Kasville. The contract price is \$396. The material in the two buildings torn down will be used in the construction of the new school house. The shingles on the old buildings will not answer and the roof on the Kasville building will have to be of new material.

The Fall Fairs.  
The following are the dates of the fall fairs held in this section of the state: Centre Hall, September 2-18; Hughesville, September 22-25; Lewisburg, September 29 to October 2; Milton, October 6-9; Bloomsburg, October 13-16.

Robinson Again.  
In the list of 39 deputies appointed by State Factory Inspector John Delaney on Saturday, John K. Robinson of Milton, was reappointed for Northumberland, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata and Monton counties.

GROUND BROKEN YESTERDAY

Work on the sewer was begun yesterday morning. The forenoon was occupied in getting the grade and otherwise preparing for the actual work of digging. At one o'clock five men were put to work on the excavation. Ground was broken below the river bank and by evening a long ditch had been dug extending from low water mark to the river bank. An additional number of hands will be employed this morning.

The Borough water pipe is laid through the alley between West Mahoning and West Market streets which will be traversed by the sewer. It required considerable digging yesterday morning to locate the water pipe, as the intention is to lay the sewer so as not to interfere with the water.

The alley through which the sewer will pass is shut out, but travel will be shut out for some time to come.

Funeral of John M. Geise.  
The funeral of John M. Geise, whose death occurred on Wednesday, took place Saturday morning and was very largely attended. The services were conducted by the Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church.

The deceased was a member of Mahoning Lodge, No. 516, F. & A. M., and he was laid away with the beautiful and impressive Masonic burial service. The pall bearers were all Freemasons: E. W. Peters, E. F. Williams, W. G. Pursel, W. G. Williams, John L. Evans and W. M. Vastine, the latter of Catawissa. M. G. Youngman, Cashier of the Danville National Bank, of which John M. Geise was teller, as master of the Masonic lodge to which the deceased belonged performed the last sad rites over his grave. Rev. Harry Curtin Harman, of Danville Lodge, No. 224, F. & A. M., officiated as chaplain during the masonic ceremonies at the grave.

The flowers were very lavish and beautiful.

Among those from out of town who attended the funeral were: Mr. and Mrs. Amos Johnson, of Reading; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Jacobs of Pittsburgh; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Jacobs, of Philadelphia; Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Geise of Germantown, and Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Jacobs of Hazleton.

Pennsylvania Pays Most.  
Farm wages in Pennsylvania as shown by the crop report issued by the Agricultural Department are away above those paid in any other state in the Union.

The wages of farm laborers in the summer time run from eighty-five cents up to \$1.25 per day, with board included. By the day without board the men who earn their living by the sweat of their brow receive from \$1.10 to \$2 per day, a salary that is paid by few farmers in other states.

Labor by the month when board is of course included is worth from \$14 to \$25, the amount ranging between the two figures in different counties, Delaware, Elk and Erie counties pay the largest wages for farm labor, as statistics in the Agricultural Department show.

Female help with board per week runs from \$1.25 to \$3. This kind of labor is little sought after though by the extensive farmers.

Statistics show that farm land is worth from \$10 to \$10 per acre in different counties of the state. In Potter county the average price for the land is \$10 per acre, the lowest average of any of the counties. Chester county's land is worth on an average of \$70 per acre, the highest price of any of the land in the state. In Dauphin county land is sold on an average of \$40 per acre, and farm labor is worth \$145 a year including board, or \$1 a day without board.

The aggregate wages of the farm laborer, taking the whole country, is about \$9 per month with his board.

Flag Day June 15.  
As Flag Day this year falls on Sunday, the day will be observed on Monday, June 15, and the American Flag Association with headquarters at New York has issued a circular letter to the Press, masters of schools, officers, patriotic societies, school officers, and teachers, urging their co-operation in securing the widest possible recognition of the day and requests a general and patriotic celebration.

Indians Versus Bucknell.  
The Carlisle Indians will play baseball with Bucknell at Lewisburg on the afternoon of June 6 at 3 o'clock. The Indians are always an attraction, and the game will be very interesting, as the opposing teams are strong and well matched. Admission, twenty-five cents.

Rebuilding Station at Catawissa.  
The frame work has been started for the new D. L. & W. station at Catawissa to replace the one which was burned to the ground several months ago. It will contain ladies' and men's waiting rooms and also a ticket office in the center of the building.

Teachers' Examination.  
Benjamin Apple, Superintendent of Schools for Northumberland county, held a teachers' examination at South Danville yesterday.

Another Circus.  
Welsh Bros. Circus will appear in Danville on Monday, July 6th.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Probably the largest congregation that ever assembled in Shiloh Reformed Church crowded into the building Sunday to hear the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the High School preached by the pastor, Rev. George E. Lambert. Considerably before 7:30 o'clock those seeking admittance were told at the doors that every bit of available room was occupied and thus a very large number were disappointed and returned to their homes.

The auditorium was very nicely decorated with the class colors and a profusion of palms and flowers. The graduating class, the faculty of the High School and members of the School Board occupied seats in the front of the church. The ushers were: Misses Frances Welliver and Jane Foulk of class '04 and Misses Jessie Kimerer and Catherine Vastine of class '05.

Rev. Lambert chose for his topic "Mary's Choice." The text which he found in Luke 10: 41-42: "But the Lord answered and said unto her: 'Martha, Martha, thou art anxious and troubled about many things. But one thing is needful: for Mary, hath chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'"

We recognize Jesus Christ as one who speaks with authority on all phases of human life. He has something to say for our relation to God and our relation to men, on character and on conduct. He teaches us what are the best things in life and what the best life is. Both from his teachings and example we learn what choice to make—how to distinguish accurately between the false and the true, between the non-essential and the essential, between the transient or temporal and the permanent or eternal. He does this in a variety of ways. On this occasion we shall learn a lesson from one of the most interesting and instructive incidents in His ministry; from an event which occurred in the home of Martha and Mary of Bethany.

Christ's answer to Martha's complaint as expressed in the words of the text embraces a deep and significant truth, worthy of constant consideration on the part of all men, but especially on the part of those who are on the very threshold of life's active career. These words have been selected as a basis of our discourse of this special occasion because they come from the very highest authority and because they touch upon that which is fundamental and all-important in the ideal life of man.

The sermon was divided under two heads:—

1st. "Martha's anxiety about many things: negative of Mary's choice."  
2nd. "Mary's choice of the Good Part—the one thing needful."

Under the first head the speaker drew a very beautiful picture of the home of Mary and Martha in the village of Bethany, very aptly applying to human life in general the lesson learned by the incident that occurred during the Savior's visit there. In this busy age of materialism, of commercialism, when men are unduly and intemperately anxious and troubled about the things of this world we may be thoroughly convinced that Christ will say unto all such with disappointment and condemnation what he said to Martha: "Thou art anxious and troubled about many things, but one thing is needful."

Under the second head, "Mary's Choice of the Good Part," the lesson drawn was that success lies not in a multiplicity of pursuits, which, away, turn and distract the mind and energies of man, but that it lies in one all-dominating aim.

Whilst he may be a very useful man who is able to do all things, yet the highest efficiency and success do not lie in diversity of pursuits. To be Jack of all trades is to be master of none.

This choice must be of the essential and the good. It must carry with it an ambition which includes the glorifying of God and the enjoying of self. Mary was not the more normal believer in Christ, but her Christ was the supreme object of her life. She sat at his feet and heard his word. An attitude of grace and devotion set as a model for the human race.

Young friends of the class of 1903, since accepting the kind invitation of the Honorable Board of Directors to preach the sermon to you on this auspicious occasion there has been a keen recognition on my part of the great responsibility resting upon me. But once the privilege may be mine to address you as a minister of Christ. What shall the message be? In preparation of this discourse but one main desire has been uppermost in my heart—to bring to your attention a message from Christ, the Savior, which should speak a needful truth to your minds and hearts and which should help you to make the wisest choice and to unfold and develop in your own being what is noblest, purest and most enduring.

The words of our Great Teacher and only Savior as embraced in the text under consideration contain and convey a truth which you can not afford to slight or pass by, but which you should consider carefully and seriously and which you will do well to embody in your own lives and bring to their highest realization in whatever sphere of usefulness your lot may be cast. Always choose the good part—the one thing needful. Whilst you have been sitting at the feet of faith—

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