

City Pastors and Their Hard Work

Religious Developments of One Week in All Our Churches.

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES NOTED

Carefully Compiled Compendium of News and Personal Mention Relating to the Churches and the Benevolent and Charitable Religious Societies.

The New York diocese of the Catholic church is erecting a building on Valentine Hill, near the city of Yorkers, which will cost \$500,000 and when finished will be the most complete in the world. The style of architecture is similar to the French of the sixteenth century. The building will be fire-proof and will contain no wood excepting the doors and trimmings; the material will be granite and Westchester grey rock. It will have a total frontage of 335 feet and a depth of 131 feet, arranged in the form of a center portion, and two wings each 47 feet deep. It will have a furnished basement, four full stories and a garret, and will front the Sound and Long Island, while from the other side theudson bay can be seen for many miles. The entrance to the main staircase passes through the main corridor, on either side of which are columns of granite. On the first floor are the visitors' parlors, reception rooms, private parlors and prayer halls. On the second floor are the quarters for the archbishop, rector, professors and the vicary. The third and fourth floors of the main portion are used as a library, while the students occupy the second, third and fourth floors of the wings. Over the central portion will rise an observatory that will obtain a range of several miles. On the lawn in front of the seminary will be a large statue of St. Joseph. The professors will be selected from the Provincial Order of Sulphurians, who are famous for their training of young men for the priesthood.

A Missionary to China.

Last Wednesday evening an audience of over 500 people filled Grace Reformed church to hear Rev. D. M. Stearns, of Philadelphia, the former pastor of the church. He was announced to speak chiefly on the missionary work carried on in connection with the "Kindness Tidings," a monthly publication started by Mr. Stearns in this city, and now published in Philadelphia. All money received by him as publisher of this paper, over and above paying all expenses of publication, are devoted to support missionaries in the foreign field. Mr. Stearns also raises funds for this purpose from the many Bible classes he conducts, so that he is able to support four missionaries on the field. Last Wednesday one of these men, F. C. H. Dreyer, of Dunmore, was set apart for the foreign field. He will go to China, and will labor under the China Inland Missionary society. Mr. Dreyer has been employed as a printer in our city. He was led to the missionary work by attending Rev. Stearns' Bible class. The last two years he has spent in Mr. Moody's college in Chicago. He leaves the city on Dec. 26, and goes to Toronto, where he will join a party going to China, which will sail from Tacoma, Wash., for Shanghai, Jan. 16, 1892.

Money for the Missionary Work.

The depressed condition of business during the last two years has affected all organizations throughout the country depending for their revenue on voluntary contributions. Amid many others that have felt the pressure of poor times are the missionary organizations of both home and abroad; and the problem that has troubled the executive boards is how to secure the necessary funds to carry on the noble work, hitherto conducted, without curtailing the force and abandoning fields already occupied. The gentlemen who attempt the solution of the difficulty are convinced that there is in the church an abundance of wealth, if they can devise a way to get every church and every individual member to contribute.

The American Board of Foreign Missions is putting into operation a scheme that will largely increase its income.

It has organized a co-operating committee of laymen, chosen from all over the United States. These men divide the territory and are assigned a section. Then each appoints a committee in the various associations in his section, to which he assigns the work of bringing the matter before each church and distribute literature, and, if necessary, deliver addresses on the question of foreign missionary work.

The New York branch of the co-operating committee has appointed Rev. T. C. Edwards, D. D., of Kingston; Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., of this city; and Rev. J. T. Jones, of Pittsburg, to have charge of work in Pennsylvania.

At Early Morning.

Next Tuesday Christmas services will be held in St. David's church, conducted by Rev. M. E. Mill, the rector. The first service will be at 6 o'clock in the morning. This is the third early Christmas service conducted in the history of the church. They were introduced by the present rector. The first, two years ago, was well attended, and last Christmas the audience was much larger than the previous year, and we doubt not that it will be still larger this year. The good attendance is accounted for by the bright and reverent spirit of the service, as well as its propriety for celebrating the Nativity of the Savior. At 10.30 a. m. a second service will be held, when a Christmas sermon will be preached and holy communion will be celebrated. John Morris, the choir master, has been rehearsing special music of an unusually high order, which will be rendered at both the above services.

Trees and Carols.

On Tuesday evening next a Christmas tree and carols will be given in the Sunday school rooms of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church.

The Sunday school of the Puritan Congregation will erect a Christmas tree for next Monday evening.

A special programme of music and recitations will be rendered by the children.

On Monday evening a Christmas tree will be exhibited in the vestry of the Green Ridge Primitive Methodist church, when, in progress of song and recitations will be rendered.

The Sunday school of the Providence Christian church will give a rendering of "Santa Claus on Time" next Tuesday evening.

On Tuesday evening the Sunday school of the Providence Methodist Episcopal church will celebrate an old-fashioned Christmas tree.

Next Tuesday evening the children of the North Main Avenue Baptist church will be treated to a Christmas tree in the Sunday school rooms.

The children of St. David's Sunday school will celebrate their festival on

Friday evening next at 7.30 p. m., which is Innocent's Day. During the past week the officers and teachers of the above school have met in the church every evening preparing decorations for the festivities of Christmas, which will be far more extensive this year than they have been heretofore.

Next Monday evening the Sunday school of the Scranton Street Baptist church will celebrate their Christmas festivities.

The Sunday school of the Tabernacle Congregational church will conduct their Christmas exercises Monday evening next.

The Sunday school of the Jackson Street Baptist church will hold Christmas exercises next Tuesday evening.

On Monday evening next the Sunday school and infant department of the First Congregational church on South Main avenue will render a Christmas programme.

The Sunday school of the Plymouth Congregational church will render Christmas exercises on Tuesday evening next.

Next Thursday afternoon the primary department of the Penn Avenue Baptist Sunday school will celebrate their Christmas festivities, and in the evening of the same day the intermediate and adult departments will enjoy the same. Refreshments will be served and gifts given.

The Sunday school of the First Presbyterian church will hold their Christmas exercises on Friday afternoon of next week. An elaborate programme has been prepared by Tallie Morgan.

The Sunday school of the Elm Park church will hold their Christmas festivities on Tuesday evening of next week, and on the Saturday afternoon following, the teachers and children of the church will give a Christmas party to the children.

The New York street mission will hold Christmas festivities next Friday evening, and the evening of the following day a mission will be held on Thursday evening.

Special Programmes.

Rev. A. F. Chaffee, of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, will preach a Christmas sermon and appropriate music will be rendered by the choir.

A service of song will be given in the Green Ridge Primitive Methodist church tomorrow evening, when the children of the Sunday school will render "Christ in the Evening," a programme of song and recitations.

Tomorrow evening the choir of the Providence Methodist Episcopal church will give a special programme of Christmas music and recitations.

Rev. George W. Guild, of the Providence Presbyterian church, will preach Christmas sermons tomorrow, and the choir will render appropriate music at both services.

The Sunday school scholars of the Welsh Congregational church on West Market street will render special exercises tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Rev. A. F. Ferris, of the Puritan church, on West Market street, will preach special exercises tomorrow; the choir will render Christmas music.

Rev. W. G. Watkins, of the North Main Avenue Baptist church, will preach tomorrow morning on "Christ in Prophecy," and in the evening, "Christ in History." Special music by the choir.

On the West Side Christmas sermons will be preached by Rev. T. J. Collins in the Scranton Street Baptist church, by Rev. C. C. Hughes, D. D., in the Jackson Street Baptist church, and by Rev. Thomas Bell in the Plymouth Congregational church.

Tomorrow evening the Sunday school children of the First Welsh Congregational church will render the "Story of the Ages," under the leadership of Mrs. George W. Powell.

Rev. D. R. Jones, of the Tabernacle church, South Hyde Park avenue, will preach a special sermon tomorrow evening to the children.

Tomorrow morning the Sunday school of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church will conduct a missionary service, when Rev. Henry Jessup, D. D., of Syria, will deliver an address. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

Tomorrow Rev. W. G. Partridge will preach in the morning on "The Incarnation of Christ," and in the afternoon, "The Christ Child." The church will be decorated and an elaborate programme of appropriate music will be rendered by a choir of thirty voices. In the afternoon at 2 o'clock a special programme of Christmas music and recitations will be rendered in the auditorium by the Sunday school under the direction of Charles F. Whitmore.

Rev. James McLeod, D. D., will preach Advent sermons tomorrow in the First Presbyterian church. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

Rev. W. H. Pearce, D. D., of the Elm Park church, will preach tomorrow on "The Supremacy of Christ," and in the evening, "The Joy of the New Birth." Prof. C. C. Hughes will play the Messiah as a prelude to the services, and selections from the oratorio will be sung by the quartette.

Miscellaneous.

The Ladies' Aid society of the Asbury Methodist Episcopal church will serve a New Year's dinner in the parlors of the church.

On New Year's evening the self-denial committee of the Green Ridge Primitive Methodist church will hold a social, when all those holding self-denial cards will make their returns.

Last Tuesday evening class leaders were elected in the Green Ridge Primitive Methodist church. William Brown was chosen leader and Aaron Powell assistant.

The Band of Hope of the Welsh Baptist church on West Market street will render the sacred cantata, "The King in Zion," on Jan. 17, 1892. It is an excellent composition and the young people do it justice by their good singing and performing. Their efforts will be appreciated by the public, and if rumor be a prognosticator, they will be greeted with a full house.

Rev. W. G. Watkins, of the North End, and Rev. J. R. Ellis, of Blakely, were at Factoryville yesterday evening adjudicating in an oratorical contest.

Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D., of the West Side, will read a paper next Monday morning on the "Dispensation of the Logos," before the Baptist Ministerium.

The St. David's kindergarten will give a free entertainment this afternoon at 2.30 in the school rooms, to which the public is cordially invited.

Last Wednesday evening Rev. D. C. Hughes, D. D., delivered a lecture on Sociology at Dalton. On Wednesday of next week he will leave for New York city to attend the annual meeting of the American Bible union, of which he is secretary.

Rev. D. M. Kintor, of the North End, attended a special meeting of the Wilkes-Barre Rescue mission last Monday evening.

Special services will be held Christmas morning at 10.30 in the Grace Reformed church, when a sermon will be preached by the pastor, Rev. George L. Ulrich, and holy communion will be celebrated. Special music will be rendered by the choir.

SUNDAY'S CHURCH SERVICES.

All Souls' Church—Fine street, near Adams avenue, Rev. G. W. Powell, pastor. Service at 10.30 a. m., Christmas sermon, on "The Voices of the Angels." Lecture at 7.30 p. m. "What We Believe About God," Christ, Holy Ghost, Inspiration, Hell, Heaven and the Immortal Life."

Saint Luke's Church—Rev. Rogers Inverly, rector. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Holy communion, 8 a. m.; service and sermon, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 7.30 p. m.

Saint Luke's Mission, Dunmore—Rev. A. L. Urban in charge. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; evening prayer and sermon, 4 p. m.

Grace, Defiance, Episcopal Church—Wynning avenue, below Mulberry street. Morning worship at 10.30 o'clock. Evening worship at 7.30 o'clock. Sabbath school at 12 m. Young People's Society at 1.30. Christian Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor. Morning subject, "The Yoke Destroyed," Isaiah, 57. Evening subject, "The Two Resurrections," Luke, 14. Special service and communion Christmas morning at 10.30 o'clock.

The Second Presbyterian Church—Rev. Charles E. Robinson, D. D., pastor. Ser-

Health Hints and Rules of Hygiene

Suggestions That May Save You Many a Doctor's Bill.

WISDOM FOR THE HOUSEHOLD

These Hints Don't Cost Much, Are Not Copyrighted, and if They Don't Do You Any Good, They'll Not Do You Any Harm.

I fear thy kisses gentle maiden, Thou needest not fear mine, With pathogenic microbes laden, Thy kisses I decline.

I fear zymotic germs' infection, On lips, at any rate, For none can witness my objection! How long they incubate.

A practical unanimity of opinion may be said to prevail at present among physicians and chemists, that the Philadelphia Record, that the following methods of disinfection have proved the most effective and trustworthy: All fabrics which will not be injured in the process are to be boiled in water for at least four hours, and fabrics which will not stand this treatment require to be subjected to the action of dry heat for a much longer time. Furniture, etc., may be treated with a four-tenths per cent. solution of carbolic acid. All articles which have been in actual use by a patient are to be burned, the walls of the room must be thoroughly rubbed down with bread, which is afterward to be burned, and the spittoon and excrementary vessels to be disinfected with a solution of lime. German authorities advocate the employment of steam and heat, maintaining that these are cheap and efficient agents, being also highly penetrable and at the same time are dangerous to but few household articles. Of the three chemical agents destructive of disease germs, viz.: carbolic acid, corrosive sublimate and chloride of lime, the last is the least expensive and dangerous.

To Sir Andrew Clark we are indebted for this excellent advice: "Worry is killing. It is bad management that kills people. Nature will let no man overwork himself, and he who plays the game, unless he takes stimulants at irregular times, smokes much or takes opium. If he is regular and obeys the laws of health and walks in the way of physiological righteousness, nature will never allow him or any person to work too hard. I have never yet seen a case of breaking down from overwork alone, but I admit that it is necessary to do all things to cultivate tranquillity of mind. Try to exercise your will in regard to this—for will counts for something in securing tranquillity—to accept things as they are and not to bother about yesterday, which is gone forever; not to bother about tomorrow, which is not ours; but to take the present day and make the best of it. Those women who will continually peer into my eyes and never have any peace of mind—all they are always grizzling over the past or prying into the future, and this blessed today, which is all that we are sure of, they never have."

Few people drink enough water. A reason, says a physician, why I often prescribe one of the mineral waters for my patients and have them take it daily in considerable quantities is simply to give them sufficient water. It is an error committed by many otherwise sensible and intelligent persons that drinking much water interferes with digestion. One of those persons said to me lately: "I rarely drink a swallow of water; a cup of coffee with my breakfast, a cup of tea or chocolate with my luncheon, and an after-dinner cup of coffee with my dinner, which is practically all the liquid I take" (this with an air of conscious rectitude). To begin with tea, coffee, chocolate, or beer, wine, and the like are not substitutes for water, which is one of the most important of all substances required for the sustenance of the body. Don't drink a half-pint glass of iced water just as you sit down to eat; that is palpably injurious; but do have a big glass of water that has been boiled and cooled brought to you on waking, and by the time the bath and toilet have been accomplished and breakfast is under way, you will have had three pints of water a day should be regularly taken; fully this is needed by the system.

Writing of neuralgia and its treatment, Dr. Andrew Wilson says: "Neuralgia is more absurd, to my way of thinking, than to seek relief by swallowing doses of quinine in the hope of stopping neuralgia, when the true way to get at the root of the trouble is a visit to the dentist, or some reform in food. Quinine is an invaluable medicine, and we should be lost without it in the treatment of many diseases; but like everything else it must be properly used if it is to do good in neuralgia or of other ailments; when the system is little or no service where the patient's habits, food, or other details require alteration and improvement. Neuralgia, besides, is an affection which seems to attack rich and poor indiscriminately, and one may not be very far from the truth if one says that over-feeding and under-feeding alike dispose to it. It is those who are at all times in a state of starvation. Again, I believe it is well established that there is such a thing as a neuralgic habit." By this I mean that once a person has suffered from the affection and been cured, anything lowering to the system, or irritating, will in all likelihood bring on the attack again.

I wish, writes a frank physician, I could make tired, nervous women believe that what they need is proper exercise, amusement of an innocent nature, and rest from ceaseless worry. Instead of drugged nerve tones. There is not such a tonic sold that does not contain the germs of poison to some extent. Most of them have arsenic in them, and that is a poison that should be administered only by one's family physician. Others are full of opium and morphine, while they all have liquor as a part of their composition. They ought to be labeled body and mind destroyers, instead of builders. The common drug is arsenic. It is efficacious in skin diseases and malarial fever, if used by a skillful physician, but is dangerous, indeed, if tampered with by those who do not know its power. It makes the complexion lovely for awhile, eradicating wrinkles, because it puffs up the flesh in a dropical manner, when the system is in the simpler types of rheumatism common to young men, where the only predisposing cause was exposure to the elements.

To become very muscular—Walk a great deal, carrying always something in the hands. This develops the arms. To roll a hoop might be good if one were brave enough to do so in public. Practice lifting a little every day. Never strain or tire yourself. Eat meat, drink milk and practice bending backward, forward and sideways every day. At night rub about a tablespoonful of brandy or rum into your skin on the under and tender part of the thigh for a few minutes.

Dr. Billing points out a few minutes that not popples, nor mandragoras, nor all the drowsy syrups of the east could bring the peace to a sufferer from malarial chill that would come of strong coffee with a little lemon juice added; that strong tea was almost a specific for neuralgia in its simple, uncomplicated form, while turpentine was found to be almost a specific in the simpler types of rheumatism common to young men, where the only predisposing cause was exposure to the elements.

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To have a white skin—Eat no meat at all. Become a vegetarian. Once in six weeks or so eat a meal of fresh meat. This does away with the tendency to become sallow. Eat meat, drink milk and practice bending backward, forward and sideways every day. At night rub about a tablespoonful of brandy or rum into your skin on the under and tender part of the thigh for a few minutes.

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