

RELIGIOUS.

Lent is drawing to a close and the churches are actively engaged in making their preparations for the Easter festival.

Much interesting information concerning the growth of missions in the Presbytery of the Church of the Holy Cross is given in the report of the Presbytery of the Church of the Holy Cross.

It is learned by the American board of foreign missions that the troubles at Doshisha university in Japan are about to come to an end.

The Rev. John Lewis Smith D. D. whose death recently occurred at his home in Valparaiso, Ind., was distinguished as the oldest Methodist minister in Indiana.

Great preparations are making in Detroit for the Christian Endeavor convention in that city next July.

It is possible that there will be a split in the congregation of the Protestant Episcopal church of the Holy Cross in Jersey City on account of the establishment of the confessional in that church.

The services at the Railroad department Young Men's Christian association tomorrow will be a missionary service.

Religious News Notes

The Feast of the Annunciation will be observed today at the cathedral. Three masses will be celebrated at 6.30, 7.30 and 8 a. m.

The Sunday schools of the Second Presbyterian church will hold a union session at the church on Jefferson avenue, Sunday, March 26, at 2.30 p. m.

The Methodist Ministers' association will meet in Elm Park church Monday at 10.30 a. m.

Next Thursday the annual meeting of the Wyoming Home Missionary society of the Wyoming district of the Episcopal church, West Scranton.

"I DO MY OWN WORK."

So Says Mrs. Mary Rochette of Linden, New Jersey, in this Letter to Mrs. Pinkham.

"I was bothered with a low which would be quite annoying at times, and at others would almost stop."

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"Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has indeed been a friend to me. I am now able to do my own work, thanks to your wonderful medicine."

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"I shall use my influence with any one suffering as I did, to have them use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound."

Every woman that is puzzled about her condition should secure the sympathetic advice of a woman who understands. Write to Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and tell her your ills.

also new members will be received. The choir is making elaborate arrangements for Easter. The Sunday school will hold services on Easter eve.

There will be a musical at the North Scranton branch of the Young Women's Christian association on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

At the Baptist Ministers' conference next Monday morning, Rev. C. W. Welsh, pastor of the Calvary Reformed church, will read a paper on "The Reformation, and its Bearing on Recent Phases of Christianity."

Next Sunday morning General Bunting Booth of the United States Volunteer movement will preach at 10.30 in the Jackson Street Baptist church.

Father Parker, as the venerable clergyman is known, has been conducting a series of services this week in Elm Park church, which in some respects have been remarkable.

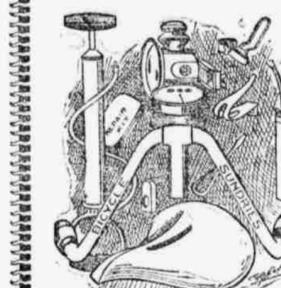


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Tomorrow's Services

Episcopal. Saint Luke's parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, pastor. Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate. Rev. M. E. Nash, junior curate. Sunday home, Easter eve.

St. Mark's church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 8.15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 2 p. m., St. Mark's, Dunmore—8 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Evangelical Lutheran. The Evangelical Lutheran—Palm Sunday. Gospel, Matt. 21:1-9. Epistle, Phil. 2:5-11. Vestment color, violet.

Presbyterian. First Presbyterian church—Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Special services will be held for one hour every evening next week except on Saturday.

Methodist. Elm Park church—Love feast at 9 o'clock, preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by Rev. John Parker, of New York East conference. Sunday school at 2 and Epworth League at 6.30 p. m.

Womans meeting at 4; Epworth League, E. L. Warner, leader, at 6; preaching service at 7. At the evening service the pastor will preach by invitation to the Knights of Malta, Electric lodge, with invited guests, will attend in the evening at 10.30 a. m. with an appropriate reading, will give a violin selection. All seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

Baptist. Penn Avenue Baptist church—Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by pastor, Rev. Robert P. Y. Pierce. Sunday school at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Juniors at 5.30 p. m. Epworth League at 6.30 p. m. A cordial welcome to all.

First Baptist church—Rev. S. P. Matthews, pastor. The usual preaching service at the First Welsh Baptist church, 11.30 morning and 7.30 evening. Sunday school 2.30 p. m. at the Plymouth church, Dr. J. B. Dodds, superintendent. B. Y. P. U. prayer meeting 6.20 p. m. Iovite hall, Industrial school 2.30 p. m. Saturday, Iovite hall. Weekly prayer meeting 7.30 p. m. at Welsh Baptist church, Wednesday evening. All are cordially invited.

North Main Avenue Baptist church—Pastor, Mr. Willie Leonard will preach to remain over tomorrow. He will, therefore, conduct three services, as follows: Preaching at 10.30 a. m. Bible reading at 9.30 p. m. and preaching again at 7.30. This will be the last opportunity to hear Mr. Neal in this city. Besides those services there shall be also a prayer meeting at 10 a. m. and C. E. meeting at 6.30 p. m. The ordinance of baptism will be administered at 2.30 p. m. on the evening of Saturday.

Dudley Street Baptist church—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Daughters of America, of the Junior Order United American Mechanics, will attend the evening service in a body, postponed from last Sunday night. The Juniors are invited to attend with the Daughters. A patriotic service, Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Young People's Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m.; Senior Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6.30. Good music. Seats free. All welcome.

Shiloh Baptist church, 335 Center street—Preaching 10.30 a. m. Sunday school 2 p. m. Young People's union 7 p. m. In the evening, Rev. D. C. Thomas will preach a sermon for the church. All are invited to come and hear him. Rev. J. H. Bell, pastor. Morning prayer meeting at 9.30. Brother Robert Holly, leader. Preaching service at 10.30 the pastor, Rev. Thompson will preach, topic, "The Dying Need of the Church." Sunday school at 2 p. m. Alfred Robert, superintendent. Evening service at 7.30. Praise and song service; excellent music will be rendered by the choir. The pastor will preach a short sermon, topic, "The Defense of a King, or the Cost of Taking Sides with the Oppressed Against the Oppressor." This public is cordially invited to this popular evening service.

Miscellaneous.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, Rev. M. Murray street, Rev. George L. Ulrich, pastor—Prayer and praise service at 9.30 a. m., divine worship at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Preaching by the pastor in the morning, Luke, 4:14-15; evening, Dan. 11:10-20. Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats are all free. Strangers are cordially welcome. The special services for the following are: Bible study on Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock; preaching and communion on Thursday evening at 7.45 o'clock. Regular morning service on Friday morning at 10.30 and the Bible class for lesson study on Friday evening at 7.45. All are invited.

First church of Christ, Scientist, 319 Adams avenue—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m., subject, "Unreality"; and 7.30 p. m., subject, "The Only Way to Know the Doctrine of Christ Jesus." Wednesday evening meeting at 8 o'clock. The People's Prohibition church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be regular services at 10.30 a. m. on Sabbath evening at 7.30 p. m. in Co-operative hall, No. 128 North Main avenue, Hyde Park. Subject, "If Satan Should Leave Scranton." All are welcome.

The Free Methodist, the Rev. John Cavanaugh, of Waverly, Pa., will preach in Swingle's hall, Dunmore, Sunday at 2.30 and 7 o'clock. All are welcome.

Have Given Their Mite to the Mail Carriers' Convention Fund. The following additional contributions have been made to the fund for the entertainment of the delegates to the Letter Carriers' convention: Mrs. A. P. Bedford, Miss Elizabeth Joseph, Mrs. H. A. Kaulbach, Mrs. J. A. Rhodes, Mrs. William Jackson, Mrs. T. F. Welles, Mrs. W. W. Phillips, Mrs. Charles Thompson, Mrs. M. D. Farrington, Mrs. Ella Maize, Mrs. Thomas Sprague, Mrs. Charles Seelye, Mrs. D. M. Reilly, Mrs. T. J. Foley, Mrs. John Lavelle, Mrs. M. J. Toole, Mrs. Miss Joseph Goley, Mrs. A. M. Toole, Mrs. M. Mannezz, Mrs. F. Smith, Miss Annie J. Connell, Mrs. M. G. Atkinson, Mrs. A. W. Chase, Mrs. J. B. Fairinger, Mrs. J. Fitch, Mrs. M. E. Towler, A. Friend, Mrs. Pat Gavin, Miss Ellen Cleveland, Mrs. M. G. Metcalf, Mrs. E. M. Ramsey, Mrs. J. Long, Mrs. Miss, Mrs. Lynn, Mrs. A. C. Campbell, Miss G. Letterman, Mrs. J. A. Harris, Mrs. J. J. Boomer, Mrs. Thomas McHugh, Mrs. Dilliah T. Evans, Mrs. U. V. Sanford, Mrs. Adolph Reich, Mrs. George L. Pock, Mrs. D. D. Jones, Mrs. D. L. Jones, Mrs. W. N. White, Mrs. Richard Rodolick, Mrs. T. G. Knight, Mrs. H. E. Welles, Mrs. E. M. Strong, Mrs. S. L. Reynolds, Miss Sarah Kresge, Mrs. Elias Williams, Mrs. Charles Raynor, Mrs. P. R. Kimble, Mrs. H. Knoepfel, Mrs. William

NEW MILFORD.

Mrs. Charles Jay has returned from Elmira, where she has been visiting relatives. The funeral services of Henry H. Bradley were conducted from his residence on Church street Thursday afternoon. Mr. Bradley was one of our oldest residents and one who stood high in the estimation of all who knew him. The marriage of Homer Tingley and Miss Eva Tennant, both of the township, is announced to take place March 28, 1899.

Mrs. Anna Coughlin, who has lived with her daughter, Mrs. M. J. Crane, in this place, died Sunday morning. The funeral services were conducted in St. Patrick's church, in Binghamton, on Tuesday morning. Frank Deane, of Mason, visited his brother Fred, in the township, last week.

The Ladies Missionary society of the Baptist church will conduct the services at the church next Sunday evening. There will be recitations, reading and songs. All are invited. M. J. Crane and family have returned to their remodelled house which was damaged by fire some time ago. Miss Jennie Moore spent Sunday with friends in Nicholson.

Miss Jennie Lowmerranx visited her mother, Mrs. D. W. Hager, the first of the week. The revival meetings in the First Methodist Primitive church are well attended and good interest is being evoked. Many have been converted. Evangelist Shiloh is an entertaining speaker and a good singer. Sunday will be his last Sunday here, and all should hear his farewell sermon at 6.45 p. m. Come early to get a good seat. PITTSTON.

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