Religious....

ONE OF the prominent features of Young Men's Christian association work everywhere is the Sunday afternoon meeting for young men. Very little is said about this work other than the regular announcements concerning it. But when we consider that at the same hour every Sunday afternoon more than fourteen hundred association's gather audiences averaging one hundred and fifty or a total of twenty-one thousand young men for the discussion of non-sectarian, yet vital religious truth, it can be seen that a tremendous influence is exerted by this agency.

In the early days of Young Men's Christian association effort, this meeting was open to both sexes, but because this necessitated a service much along the line of church services and was in no sense a definite work for young men, the mixed meeting was abolished and men's meetings arranged for.

A peculiar zest and interest seemed at once to attach itself to these gatherings of men. The deep rich voices of an audience of men, made the music a powerful attraction, and the song service became a recognized feature. Specialists in work for men were enabled to handle personal purity and other topics without gloves, and so forcefully, that men were aroused and started out of a life of personal impurity.

The formality of a mixed audience failed to hold the men's meeting in its icy grasp and thus in every city and town where the Young Men's Christian association exists the men's meeting has become a power for good, strongly evangelistic, but broadly tolerant of every form of belief which recognizes Jesus Christ as the Eternal Son of God, who made sufficient atonement on the cross for the sins of the world, and was raised from the dead for our justification.

In these meetings more than four thousand young men have been led in the past year to accept the principles of the Christian religion and to ally themselves with some church. While the local association has been without a building, yet its distinctively religious work has been more vigorously carried on than before, and the results accomplished are seen in the changed lives of nearly two hundred men who in the past two years have given up sinful practices and forsaken places of evil resort in an effort to build up clean and pure manhood in the name of Jesus Christ.

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General Secretary George G. Mahy, of the local association, who before locating in Scranton was state secretary, has just returned from a brief tour among some of the associations in the western part of the state which were under his care while in that office. The associations at Franklin, Bradford, Warren, Oil City, Erie and other places were reorganized by him at that time and aided in securing the sum of eighty-seven thousand dollars for new buildings and current expenses.

On the present trip Mr. Mahy gave several public addresses, three of them being before union mass meetings, and in a one day's canvass secured the bulk of the money needed for the current expenses of the Oil City association. At Warren, where nine years ago the association was unable to retain their secretary for lack of funds, they have now a beautiful property costing in the neighborhood of sixty thousand dollars as a result of a ten days' visit from Mr. Mahy at that time. Franklin has a beautiful building costing forty thousand; Bradford has property costing fifteen thousand. Oil City is moving for a new building and Erie is paying off its indebtedness while carrying on a vigorous all-round work.

These are illustrations of the value of the complete organization which characterizes the Young Men's Christian association and which by banding them together through state and international committees makes them permanent and successful in the face of many obstacles.

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A Thanksgiving Sabbath evening and anthem praise service will be held tomorrow evening in accordance with the custom in the Providence Presbyterian church. Besides the Thanksgiving music by the excellent choir, the congregation will unite with the choir in singing several Thanksgiving hymns. Rev. Dr. Guild will have charge of the service and will give a brief address. Musical Director Chas. F. Whittemore has arranged the following special choir selections:

Prelude in C.....Calkin
Mrs. William McDonnell.
Anthem, "I Will Feed My Flock"..Caleb Simper
Mr. Heberling and Choir.
Solo.....Mr. Joshua John
Duet, "Inspirer and Hearer of Prayer"....Geibel
Miss Smith and Mr. Heberling.
Male quartette, "Harvest Tide"....E. H. Trusted
Anthem, "O Lord, How Manifold"..Caleb Simper
Mr. John, Mr. Heberling, Mr. Morgan and Choir.
Offertory in G.....Tobian
Postlude in C.....Clark

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"The Drummer Evangelist," Rev. W. H. Williams, speaks three times tomorrow on the Wayne circuit of the Evangelical church in Wayne county. Friday, Nov. 30, 7.30 p. m., Baptist church, Elmhurst; Sunday, Dec. 2, 7.30 p. m., union temperance meeting, Factoryville; Sunday, Dec. 9, 7 p. m., Plymouth Congregational church, Hyde Park; Tuesday, Dec. 11, 7.30 p. m., Presbyterian church, Mehoopany; Wednesday, Dec. 12, 7.30 p. m., Baptist church, Russell Hill. Beginning with a watch night service, Mr. Williams will conduct two weeks of special revival meetings in the Methodist church, Dunmore, Jan. 15 to 21 inclusive, special revival meeting in Ash Street Methodist church.

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Gospel service at the Young Women's Christian association Sunday afternoon at 3.45. Superintendent Sanborn, of the Rescue mission, will conduct the service. A most cordial invitation is extended to all women and girls to be present.

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On account of God having worked during the week, at the revivals held in the Undenominational church, corner Luke and Kirk streets, Little England, in saving souls, and manifesting Himself in convicting many others, the revival will continue every night next week at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome. G. C. Van Hoesen, from D. L. Moody's Chicago Bible institute, is in charge. Sunday morning at 10.30 o'clock, Sunday school; Sunday afternoon the song service begins at 2.30 p. m. Preaching at 3.45. Regular evangelistic services in the evening at 7.45 o'clock. All are welcome.

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At a recent meeting of the stockholders of the Wyoming Camp Ground association the following managers were elected: Rev. A. Griffin, W. R. Saxe, W. H. Jackson, T. W. Kyte, West Pittston; Rev. C. E. Mogg, Wilkes-Barre; Rev. G. C. Lyman, J. L. Crawford, Scranton; Rev. L. C. Murdock, Kingston; Rev. Clarke Callender, Carverton; Rev. Stephen Jay, Wyoming; Edwin Davenport, Plymouth. The managers met and elected the following officers: President, Rev. A. Griffin; vice-president, W. R. Saxe; secretary, Rev. S. Jay; treasurer, T. W. Kyte; executive committee, Messrs. Crawford, Griffin, Jay, Jackson and Kyte.

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In Simpson Methodist Episcopal church on Monday and Tuesday, December 3 and 4, the Twentieth Century Forward Movement convention will be held. The gathering is in charge of a committee consisting of Rev. Austin Griffin, D. D., chairman, West Pittston, Pa.; Rev. Charles M. Giffin, D. D., Elm Park church, Scranton; Rev. Levi L. Sprague, D. D., principal Wyoming seminary, Kingston, Pa.; Rev. Webster H. Pearce, D. D., First church, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Rev. John B. Sweet, D. D., Simpson church, Scranton. The programme will be as follows:

FIRST SESSION—MONDAY, 2.00 P. M.
Devotions conducted by Rev. W. A. Wagner.
2.30—"Object of a Convention"—
Rev. A. Griffin, D. D.
2.45—"Why a Twentieth Century Movement?" .....Rev. W. H. Pearce, D. D.
Discussion—
Rev. H. H. Dresser, Rev. C. B. Henry.
3.30—"Will the New Century Demand a New Methodism?"—
Rev. C. E. Mogg, Ph. D.
Discussion—Rev. H. H. Wilbur, Rev. H. D. Smith.
SECOND SESSION—MONDAY, 7.30 P. M.
Devotions.....Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D.
Address—"Five Historic Graves or Lessons for the Twentieth Century"—
Rev. A. W. Hayes, Binghamton, N.Y.
THIRD SESSION—TUESDAY, 9.00 A. M.
Devotions .....Rev. W. J. Hill
9.30—Business.
10.00—"Our Schools in the Twentieth Century Movement"..
Rev. L. L. Sprague, D. D.
Discussion.....Rev. S. Moore, D. D.
10.45—"A Positive Christian Experience the Necessity for a Christian Worker"—
Rev. G. A. Cure, M. A.
Discussion—
Rev. S. Jay, M. A., Rev. Will H. Hiller.
11.15—Christian Workers' Conference and Open Parliament.
FOURTH SESSION—TUESDAY, 2.00 P. M.
Devotions .....Rev. F. W. Young
Symposium—"He that winneth souls is wise."
2.30—"Power of Personal Interview"—
Rev. C. M. Surdam.
Discussion—Rev. W. L. Thorpe, Rev. O. L. Severson, Ph. D.
3.30—"Preaching That Stirs to Action"—
Rev. Manley S. Hard, D. D.
Discussion—Rev. John Bradshaw, Ph. D., Rev. A. J. Van Cleft.
4.30—"Entrance to Church Made Easy"—
Rev. C. M. Giffin, D. D.
Discussion—Rev. M. S. Godshall, Rev. E. V. Armstrong.
FIFTH SESSION—TUESDAY, 7.30 P. M.
Devotions .....Rev. James Benninger, Ph. D.
Pertecostal service, conducted by
Rev. M. S. Hard, D. D.
Closing.

To the Brethren of Wyoming District:

This convention takes the place of our Autumnal Ministerial association meeting. We desire that it shall be exceedingly helpful both to pastors and churches. Please attend and so contribute to its success. Invite the officials of your church, urging the importance of the convention; especially invite your pledged Christian workers. Notice the character of the programme and see whether you can afford to miss any of these announced good things.

The hospitality of Simpson church is proverbial. Dinner and tea will be freely served to all attending on Tuesday, while the ministerial brethren will find generous and hearty entertainment throughout the entire session.

It is no more than right that we should notify the pastor, J. B. Sweet, as early as possible, as to the time of coming and expected length of stay, so that proper provision can be made for all. Sincerely and hopefully, yours,

The Committee.

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Next Tuesday evening, beginning at 7.30, in the Second Presbyterian church, an "echo meeting" will be held of the great annual Christian Endeavor convention of the state, which has been in session this week in Philadelphia. A number of the Scranton representatives at that convention will make reports concerning the work reported done during the year and the work outlined for the future. The new president of the Scranton Christian Endeavor union, Rev. Luther Hess Waring, will announce his committees and present plans for the coming year's work. Four superintendents of departments will be elected. Prof. J. M. Chance will have charge of the music. Miss Julia Allen will play a violin solo, and Mr. Gippel will sing a solo. Let every Christian Endeavor society in the city turn out in a body and respond to roll-call by a verse of Scripture or a sentiment.

Religious News Notes.

The subject for discussion at the Baptist Pastors' conference at 10.30 Monday will be "Church Extension and Federation."

Bishop Ludden, of Syracuse, has issued an irrevocable order against dancing and card playing at church entertainments. The bishop holds that such amusements in connection with church affairs are not in conformity with the teachings of the Catholic church in these matters.

"They that be far from God shall perish" is the subject of an address by Mr. George G. Mahy, the general secretary, at the Young Men's Christian association meeting on Sunday at 3.45 in Guernsey's music hall. This is a non-sectarian meeting free for all men when "hobbies" and "isms" are not discussed, but where practical every day religion is illustrated and emphasized.

Mr. W. E. Fenno, of New Haven, Conn., will address a meeting for men only at the Railroad Young Men's Christian association Sunday, November 25th, at 3.45 p. m. The orchestra will render special music and assist in the singing. Baritone solos by Mr. D. W. Davis, formerly soloist at Central church, Wilkes-Barre. Every man is welcome. Building opposite Lackawanna depot. Come and enjoy the meeting.

An effort is being made to make the fourth Sunday in November an annual "Universal Temperance Sunday," the object being to bring about concerted effort on the part of all churches and religious organizations to the end that a mighty wave of Christian temperance sentiment may sweep over the land and the people aroused to see the evil of the liquor traffic. The plan commends itself to all earnest workers for temperance. The appeal is to pastors, superintendents, Sunday school teachers, and all earnest workers for temperance. November 25 will be observed this year.

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park church—Prayer and praise service at 9.30; preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor, C. M. Giffin, D. D. At 12 m., half-hour Bible study in Sunday school room. Sunday school at 2 and Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. At 7.30, topic, "A Hole in the Wall and a Peep at the Abominations of Scranton."

At the Mission, 1519 Pine street, Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. B. Sweet, D. D., pastor. Love feast at 9 o'clock, led by the pastor; sacramental service, Holy Communion, at 10.30; Sunday school at 12 m.; Junior Epworth league at 2.30; Young Men's meeting at 4; Epworth league at 6.30; evening preaching service at 7.30, sermon by the pastor. Text, Psalm 122:6; subject, "Prayer, Peace and Prosperity." All seats free. A cordial welcome to all.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner Monsey avenue and Delaware street—Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul, 9.30 a. m.; preaching, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; preaching, 7.30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Business meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7.30 p. m. Seats free and all are welcome.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Services on Sunday as follows: Love feast, 10 a. m.; preaching at 10.30 a. m. by the presiding elder; Sunday school at 2 p. m., J. T. Rendle, superintendent; Junior league at 3 p. m.; Senior league at 6.30; evening preaching service at 7.30, subject, "Cleansing the Temple."

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Morning preaching service at 10.30 o'clock; class meeting at 11.30 a. m., J. E. Masters, leader; Sunday school at 2 p. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent; Junior league at 3 p. m., Miss Kate Hartman, leader; Epworth league at 6.45 p. m.; evening preaching service at 7.30 o'clock. A cordial welcome to all.

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m.; class meeting at 3.30 p. m., Frank Turner, leader; preaching service at 7.30 p. m. All welcome.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor. Sermon by the pastor at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, noon; Junior Epworth league, 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; evening sermon, 7.30. Strangers cordially welcomed.

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—The Brotherhood of St. Paul meets at 10 a. m. Pastor's morning subject, "How to Defeat Jesus"; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth league at 6.45, topic, "Praise the Lord," leader, Florence Walker; evening song service, 7.30 to 7.45, led by large chorus choir, enlivened by solos, duets, etc. Pastor's evening subject, "How the Saints in Heaven Are Clothed, and Why." Revival services will continue every evening of next week, but Saturday. All welcome.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class, 9.45 a. m., O. D. De Witt, leader; preaching, 10.30, subject, "Thanksgiving"; Sunday school, 11.45, G. R. Clark, superintendent; Brotherhood of St. Paul, 3 p. m.; Junior league, 3.30; Epworth league, 6.30; preaching, 7.30. The new choir will sing at both services. Come. All are welcome. Seats free.

First German Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street—G. Bobilin, pastor. Preaching services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at noon; Epworth league meeting at 7 p. m. The congregation will unite in revival services with the German Methodist Episcopal church, on South Side, corner Prospect avenue and Birch street, this week, every evening except Saturday.

African Methodist Episcopal church, Howard place—D. S. Bentley, D. D., pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m., subject, "Faithfulness Rewarded"; Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. At 7.45 p. m., preaching, subject, "The Close of Summer." To all these services a cordial invitation is extended.

Dunmore Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. A. J. Van Cleft, pastor. The pastor will occupy the pulpit at both the morning and evening services. The subject of the morning sermon will be "Profit and Loss." The subject of the talk to the children will be "The Locusts." The Sunday school will be held at 2.30 p. m., Mr. Dan Powell, superintendent. The other services will be held as usual. Seats free and all made welcome.

Baptist.

Penn Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets—Preaching morning at 10.30 and evening at 7.30 by the pastor, Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D.; morning prayers in the lower temple, Mrs. George E. Fritchey leading the service. Topic of morning sermon, "The Glorified Life." The Sunday school will have their annual Bible day exercises at 2 o'clock in the auditorium of the church. Sunday school at the Memorial mission, on Prescott avenue, at 3.30 p. m.; Y. P. S. C. E. meeting at 6.30; topic of evening sermon, "The Overflowing Cup," an object sermon. The sixty minute service will have many practical and spiritual lessons. Baptism preceding the sermon. Evangelistic meeting in lower temple from 8.30 to 9 o'clock.

First Baptist church, South Main avenue—Rev. S. F. Matthews, pastor. The usual services Sabbath morning and evening, 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. in the basement of Welsh Baptist church; Sunday school, 2.30 p. m., Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; B. Y. P. U. service, 6.30 p. m. at Ivorite hall. Covenant meeting, Wednesday evening, 7.30 p. m. All are welcome to these services.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30, leader, Brother Davis; preaching service at 10.30 by the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., topic, "Naomi, or Cloud and Sunshine"; Sunday school at 2 p. m., Alfred Roberts, superintendent; evening service at 7; gospel concert followed by a short address on "A Plea for Thanksgiving." This service is always bright and cheerful. The public is made welcome.

Green Ridge Baptist church—Rev. W. J. Ford, pastor. Morning prayer meeting at 10 a. m. Church services at 10.30 and 7.30. Subject in the morning, "The Evangelical and the Skeptic;" in the evening, "The Condition of the Unsaved." Sunday school at 11.45; meeting of the Junior society at 3.30; monthly missionary meeting of the Senior society at 6.30.

Dudley Street Baptist church—Preaching by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Kreamer, 10.30 a. m., subject, "Taking Away the Stone." 7.30 p. m., revival service, subject, "The Young Man Who Left His Home." The pastor will sing a solo at the evening service. Sunday school, 12 o'clock noon. All welcome.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church—Morning service, 10.30; evening, special praise service, 7.30. Thanksgiving service on Thursday at 10.30 a. m. Dr. Thomas B. McLeod, of Brooklyn, will preach the Thanksgiving sermon.

Second Presbyterian church—Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. Robinson will preach in the morning on "Helps in Hindrances" and in the evening on the "Rich Fool." All are welcome.

Sumner Avenue Presbyterian church, corner Sumner avenue and Price street—Rev. Frank J. Milnan, Ph. D., will preach at 10.30 a. m. Sunday school at 2 p. m. At 6 p. m., delegates from the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor state convention will speak. Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor after the evening service; subject, "Praise the Lord," Pslam 147, 1-20, a thanksgiving meeting. Meeting of prayer and praise Wednesday evening at 7.45 o'clock; theme, "Thangskiving." All strangers welcome.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant. 10.30, service of worship, with sermon by the pastor; 12, Bible school; 6.30, Christian Endeavor; 7.30, service of worship, with sermon by the pastor. Subject, "A Worthy Gift to the Child of the Twentieth Century." A special invitation to citizens and strangers to attend all services.

Providence Presbyterian church—The pastor, Rev. Dr. George E. Guild, will occupy the pulpit as usual. Sunday school at noon. Endeavor meeting at 6.45 p. m. Thanksgiving and anthem praise service at 7.30 o'clock. The seats of the church are free.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Bible school at 12 m.; Christian Endeavor, special reports from delegates, 6.20 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Preparatory service to communion, Friday evening, the 30th. The pastor will preach a sermon in the morning appropriate to the fifth anniversary. In the evening a popular service will be held. The orchestra will be present and special music by the choir will be given. A brief sermon by the pastor will be given. All cordially welcomed.

Taylor Presbyterian church—Professor W. E. Plumley, of the School of the Lackawanna, will preach in the morning. No evening service. A congregational meeting is called for Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock sharp, Rev. Dr. Moffat, the Presbyterian moderator, will preside.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street—The Rev. James Hughes, pastor, will preach at 10.30 and at 7.30; Sunday school at 3 o'clock, Mr. Chandler, superintendent. The pastor will teach the Men's Bible class; C. E. society will meet at 6.45. Consecration society. All welcome.

Episcopal.

Saint Luke's Parish, Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Sunday next before Advent.

St. Luke's church—7.30 a. m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 7.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon; 9.15 a. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

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; 3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

East End Mission, Prescott avenue—3 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

South Side Mission, Fig street—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. George's, Olyphant—2.30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 3.30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

St. David's Episcopal church—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist, 7.30 a. m.; Matins, litany and sermon, 10.30; evensong, 7.30; Sunday school, 2.30. Rev. E. J. Henry, rector.

Christ's church, corner Washington avenue and Park street—Rev. F. S. Ballentine, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 2.30 p. m., 7.30 p. m. All seats free. All welcome.

Reformed Episcopal.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue, below Mulberry street—Rev. G. L. Alrich, 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: A. m., "The Commandments," "Only One God," Exod. 20: 1-3; p. m., "Bible Temperance." Prov. 23-31; Sabbath school at 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6.30 p. m. Seats are free. Strangers cordially invited. Lesson study on Wednesday at 7.30 p. m., followed by prayer meeting at 8. All are welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran—Twenty-fourth Sunday after Trinity. Gospel, Matthew, ix, 18-26. Epistle, Colossians, i, 9-14.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7 p. m. Luther league, 6 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; catechetical instruction, Monday, 7 p. m.; Wednesday evening service, 7.30. Mission band Saturday, 2.30. Morning subject, "The Parable of the Ten Virgins;" evening, memorial service for member who died during the past church year.

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; catechetical instruction Monday, 7 p. m. Bible study Wednesday evening, 7.45. Mission band Saturday at 10 a. m.

St. Paul's, Short avenue—Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2.30 p. m.; catechetical instruction 3.45 p. m. Luther league Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.

Zion's, Mifflin avenue—Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. Memorial service for the dead.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch street—Rev. James Witke, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m. In the morning memorial service for the dead.

St. Peter's, Prescott avenue—Rev. John Randolph, pastor. Services 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Grace English Lutheran church (General Synod) corner Madison avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. Luther Hess Waring, pastor. 9.30 a. m., Sunday school; 10.30 a. m., divine worship. The pastor will speak of the lessons from the great Philadelphia Christian Endeavor convention; 6.45 p. m., Y. P. S. C. E.; 7.30 p. m., divine worship. Everybody welcome.

Miscellaneous.

All Soul's Universalist church, Pine street, between Adams and Jefferson avenues—Rev. O. R. Beardsley, pastor. Residence, 629 Adams avenue. Morning service 10.30; subject, "Intemperance;" evening service, 7.30, subject, "The Old Daguerrotypes Found in the Dead Soldier's Pocket." Sunday school, 11.30, Mrs. S. Benjamin, superintendent. Come and worship with us. Strangers welcome to all our services. Special meeting will be held commencing the evening of Dec. 3.

Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Firor, pastor. Services Sunday at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sunday school, 11.45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 6.45 p. m. Subject for morning, "Wise and Foolish Virgins;" evening, "Death, and How to Die."

Plymouth Congregational church, Jackson street—10.30 a. m., morning service, sermon by the pastor; 12 m., Sabbath school. A. B. Eynon, superintendent; 2.15 p. m., Mission Sabbath school, Sherman avenue, John R. Thomas, superintendent; 6 p. m., Christian Endeavor, Hayden Oliver, president; 7 p. m., evening service, sermon by the pastor. All services are in English. Rev. E. A. Boyl, pastor.

Zion United Evangelical church, 1420 Capouse avenue. Preaching at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Messinger, subjects, "God's Mark" and "The Vital Question"; Sunday school at 9.45 a. m.; Keystone League Endeavor at 6.30 p. m. Seats are free. All invited to attend.

People's Prohibition church—Rev. Dr. Bird, pastor. There will be no regular preaching services on Sunday in Morel's hall, as the pastor leaves the city today for the Adirondacks to hold a series of revival meetings in the Congregational church at Wilmington, N. Y.

Tripp Avenue Christian church—Rev. J. D. Dabney, pastor. Preaching by pastor morning and evening. Morning topic, "A Sober Life"; evening topic, "The Measure of Heaven." Sunday school at 10 a. m.

First Church (Christ Scientist), 519 Adams avenue.—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., subject, "God the Only Cause and Creator"; testimonial meetings Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The Bible and all Christian Science literature is kept in its free public reading room. "Science and Health, with Key to the Scripture," by Mary Baker Eddy, will be loaned to investigators without charge. Visitors and letter of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free.

Sunday School Lesson for November 18.

Sober Living.

Titus ii, 1-15.

BY J. E. Gilbert, D.D
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The chapter to be studied forms part of Paul's letter to one of his helpers (II Corinthians), the pastor of the church in Crete. It may be divided into three parts. The first exhibits the desirable qualities of the minister; the second shows where he must serve and how; the third assigns the reasons for faithful teaching. Taken as a whole, the passage contains wholesome instruction for all classes and indicates what kind of society would be formed if the precepts and spirit of the gospel were applied to real life.

THE MINISTER'S QUALITIES.

SOUND DOCTRINE.—(Verse 1)—He must be well grounded in the faith. He must know the system of doctrine contained in the Scriptures, and he must not blend with that any of the vagaries or fallacies of men, put forth by those who formulate their opinion instead of inquiring what God hath revealed. (Ephesians, iv, 14.) This doctrine is sound because it is healthful and nourishing, designed and able to build one up in all goodness (II Timothy, iii, 16-17) and because also it endures the most searching examination by the most gifted minds. In all ages it has been approved as Divine. The more it has been studied the more it has been admired and praised. The minister must therefore hold and support these ancient veities. (Judges, 3.)

GOOD PATTERN (Verse 7).—Truth received in the mind must be incarnated. Jesus said, "I am the truth," a living embodiment and illustration of it. (John, xiv, 6.) So it must be with the minister. He must live as the truth requires. His character must be the product of the doctrine which he holds, a commentary revealing its glory, commending itself to all beholders. In this way he becomes a good pattern to men (II Tessalonians, iii, 7) who can understand what they see more readily than what they hear. There is after all no testimony so eloquent as that of a good life. No one can say aught against it or resist its argument and power. (I Timothy, i, 16.)

SOUND SPEECH (Verse 8).—Still, the truth is to be proclaimed. It must find expression in words as well as in lives. By speech the ears and minds and hearts of men must be reached by a process wholly unlike that when they beheld a good life. Truth in the concrete cannot make the same impression as truth in the abstract. We must all learn that there are great principles and rules, eternal and precious, which we must acquire and by which we must live whether any others found them and lived by them. We are not to be dominated by men, but by the veities of God. And so the minister, having the truth and having a life in accord with it, must acquire a speech, in style and substance that is well suited to convey to men the absolute and unchangeable truth. This is not the speech of the world but that of the inspired writers. (I Corinthians, ii, 1.)

HIGH REGARD.—(Verse 15.)—By all these means—by what he knows, by what he is, and by what he says—the minister ought to win the respect of all who know him. He should expect a good reputation and desire it. (I Timothy, iv, 12.) He must not seek it by compromising himself or by lowering his standard, but rather by lifting up a lofty ideal before his mind and striving after it. He should challenge criticism as Jesus did (John, viii, 46), and welcome it so long as it is justly delivered, because by it he may know and correct his faults. And he should not be puffed up by expressions of approval, but consider these as so many means for increasing usefulness to be employed with care.

THE MINISTER'S AUDIENCE.

AGED MEN.—(Verse 2.)—It might seem a piece of presumption, especially in a young man, to speak to those much older than himself, at whose feet he might properly sit to learn. But he has a duty to them which may not be neglected, and it is probable that they more than any others will have respect for his words. He must commend to them what will be recognized by all as highly becoming to their years—gravity, temperance, faith, charity. These four virtues would render any old man an object of peculiar delight to all beholders, and prepare him to exert a most salutary influence upon those about him. They are the crowning qualities of an extended experience in the service of Christ.

AGED WOMEN.—(Verse 3.)—These must be urged to a deportment that becometh holiness, a course of life comporting with the teachings of Christianity. This is substantially the same as was enjoined upon the aged men, only it is the obverse side. Here gospel ideals are to be regarded; their manly ideals, yet gospel also. The reason for this is that woman's place in that time was less defined. Paul cautious against two unwomanly practices which must have been quite common or they would not have been mentioned false accusation, or slandering, and intemperance. It seems very strange that such vices should have disgraced the women of that time. He enjoins that these aged women be teachers of good things to the young women, thereby extending their influence. (Proverbs, xxxi, 26.)

YOUNG WOMEN.—(Verses 4 and 5.)—A beautiful cluster of virtues must be presented by the minister to the young women of his congregation. Three of them are personal—she must be discreet, chaste, good—the elements of true womanhood in every land and age. Two of them are domestic—keepers at home, obedient to husbands. It appears that the advice is for young married women, the unmarried women are bound by the law of their parents. (Exodus, xx, 12.) She who enters into wedlock is thereafter obligated to make her home the center of her world and regard herself as the help-meet of one who makes that home for her. (Genesis, xi, 18.) What is here enjoined is for the Christian households. The wife may there well obey her husband, not in servile fear, but in holy love, counting him the rightful head!

YOUNG MEN.—(Verse 6.)—Paul expected that Titus would have young men in his audience and that instruction would be given them. In our time it is no easy task to secure their presence. At intervals the preacher announces a discourse or series of discourses to attract them. Various are the themes discussed, sometimes with rhetoric and oratory, with anecdote and sensation. See how briefly and simply Paul treats this part of ministerial service. It is all done in a single sentence. He does not refer to the practices, associations and dangers of young men, but strikes at the very center of the subject. Sober mindedness, in opposition to frivolity, is all that he enjoins. That secured, all other excellences follow. (Lamentations, iii, 27.)

CHRISTIAN SERVANTS.—(Verses 9 and 10.)—It would have been very strange if Paul had said nothing on the labor question. Servants were slaves in these days, and by common consent they were left under their masters without instruction. But some of them became Christians. To pass them by in silence would be a reproach to the gospel. But what instruction shall be given, to meet their needs, to prepare for a better order of society? The practical part of the advice is very beautiful. The order to adorn the gospel is all important. A slave may shine. (Phil., iv, 11.)

THE MINISTER'S MOTIVES.

DIVINE GRACE.—(Verse 11.)—This kind of ministerial service, and this kind of living on the part of those addressed, is to be commended because we live under a dispensation of grace. (Ephesians, iii, 2.) It is the free favor of God, and not any merit in man, that brought people into the relations in which they are expected to live to His glory. But grace ought to be a constraining force, inclining men to goodness (I Corinthians, v, 14-15). This grace brings salvation from sin and wrath to faith and holiness. This that is enjoined is the very end sought by divine grace. To live in this way is to live agreeably to the design of God.

DIVINE TEACHING.—(Verse 12.)—Moreover, the gracious revelation is a teaching process. It is not merely a call or command, a life or a pattern, but a series of precepts, all running in one direction and urging men to deny ungodliness and worldly lusts and to live soberly and righteously. It is no longer a matter of inference, but a course of wholesome instruction. As such it is an appeal to the good judgment and reason of those addressed.

BLESSED HOPE.—(Verse 13.)—The gospel bids men to look forward and to be influenced by the things of the future. Herein it is distinguished from most purely human systems of thought. They rest largely upon the past, the memory of which creates a conservative spirit. Orientalism is conformity to the institutions of the fathers. Hence, the eastern world is stationary. But the Christian nations are progressive because they are dominated by hope. In this instance Paul cites as the ground of hope which he calls blessed, "the glorious appearing of Jesus Christ."

PECULIAR PEOPLE.—(Verse 14.)—Finally, as the most potential of all motives, the apostle mentions the end which Jesus sought to accomplish by his self-sacrificing life and death. He came into the world, taught, labored and died that he might gather out of the great masses of humanity a people for himself (Matthew, i, 21) who should be distinguished from all others by their purity, by their zeal for good works, that is for right living, and by these qualities might be a very peculiar people. (Ephesians, xi, 10.) This being the case the ministry which Paul urged and the doctrine which he outlined, as well as the kind of life which he enjoined, were all so many necessary preliminaries to the accomplishment of our Lord's purpose.

SUMMARY.—We see what pointed and practical work the minister has to do, a work not less important in our day than in the first century. We see what a large place the minister has in perfecting society. He is the teacher of the people. We see how the various members of society—old men, old women, young men, young women, servants—are to conduct themselves toward each other; what dispositions they should cherish, what practices they should avoid, what practices they should indulge. The maxims presented herein are old-fashioned, quite contrary to modern thought and custom, but good homes and orderly communities would result from their faithful application.

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