Religious....

Rev. Charles Henry Newing, A. M., B. D., the new pastor of the Dunmore Methodist Episcopal church, was graduated in 1887 from Wyoming Seminary with high honors in the classical course. In the fall of '87 he entered Drew Theological Seminary, graduating from there in 1890, and in April of that year joined the Wyoming Conference.

He received the degree of master of arts from Grant university, and that of bachelor of divinity from Drew Theological Seminary. During the years since his admission to the confernce he has been stationed at Greene and Castle Creek, N. Y.; Falls, Dalton and Susquehanna. For three years he served as president of the Epworth League of the Binghamton district. During his previous pastorates he has been remarkably successful, and every charge has been left in an improved condition, which augurs well for the success of his work here.

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The Penn Avenue Baptist church is crowded every Sunday evening to hear the sermon-lecture and see the beautiful stereopticon views illustrating the old story of Pilgrim's Progress. The topic announced for to-morrow evening is "Vanity Fair and Doubting Castle." Dr. Pierce gives a brief review preceding the special sermon announced, that the congregation may have a connected story of the entire journey of Mr. Christian from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City.

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The monthly meeting of the Scranton-Wilkes-Barre Lutheran Pastoral association will be held on Monday at the parsonage of St. Paul's Lutheran church, Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. "The Normative Value of the Holy Scriptures" will be the subject of a paper prepared by Rev. H. F. J. Sencker, of Wilkes-Barre.

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The regular meeting of the Methodist ministers of Scranton and vicinity will be held in the parlors of Elm Park church, Monday, May 6, at 10.30 a. m. Speaker, Rev. H. C. McDermott, A. M.; subject, "Temperamental Interpretations of Spirituality." There will also be an election of officers.

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Rev. J. W. Dabney will speak at the men's meeting in the Railroad Young Men's Christian association Sunday at 3.45. A programme of hymns by famous singers will be given on the phonograph. All men are invited.

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Rev. F. Adams, a noted and able evangelist, will preach in the Providence Methodist church, Green Ridge, next Sunday, May 5, morning and evening. A welcome to all.

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The gospel meeting at the Young Women's Christian Association will be led by Evangelist W. F. Davis. All girls and women are cordially invited. Time, 3:45 p. m.

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There will be a symposium at the Baptist Pastors' conference, Monday at 10.30, on "Ministry to the Afflicted and Burial of the Dead."

Tomorrow's Services

Methodist Episcopal.

Elm Park church—Prayer and praise service at 9:30; sacrament of the Lord's Supper and reception of members at 10.30 a. m.; class meeting after morning service; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior league at 3.30 p. m.; Senior Epworth league at 6.30; preaching service at 7.30 p. m., sermon by the pastor, Dr. C. M. Giffin. Services at the Pine Street Mission: Sunday school at 9 a. m.; Epworth league at 6.30 p. m. A cordial welcome is extended to all.

Simpson Methodist Episcopal church—Hugh C. McDermott, pastor. Preaching at 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Morning subject, "Greater Than His Times"; evening subject, "Conversion of the Greatest Man God Ever Made." Other services as usual. The people are cordially invited.

Asbury Methodist Episcopal church, corner Mulberry avenue and Delaware street—Rev. W. G. Simpson, D. D., pastor. Quarterly meeting love feast at 9.30 a. m., led by Dr. Griffin, the presiding elder. Sacrament of the Lord's supper at 10.30 a. m., Dr. Griffin officiating. Sunday school, 2:30; Epworth league, 6:30; preaching, 7.30 by the pastor, subject, "The Momentous Question," Acts, xvi:30. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m. Seats free and all are welcome.

Cedar Avenue Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. F. P. Doty, pastor. Meeting of the Brotherhood at 9.45 a. m.; preaching by the pastor, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school at noon; Junior Epworth league at 3.30 p. m.; Epworth league, 6.30 p. m.; class meeting, Monday evening, 7.30; prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7.30. All cordially invited.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. James Benninger, pastor. Preaching at 10.30, subject of sermon, "The Seven Spiritual Frames of Mind," as taught by Dr. Pierson; class meeting at 11.30; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior league at 3 p. m.; Senior league at 6.30, leader, Susie Medley; evening preaching service at 7.30, subject of sermon, "By Whose Authority Is Sin Forgiven?" A cordial welcome to all.

Providence Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. George A. Cure, pastor. Devotional meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Paul at 10 a. m. Subject of morning sermon at 10.30, "The Model Church of History," the first of a series in church history. Class meetings follow. Sunday school at 2 p. m. Epworth league at 6.45, topic "Decision of Character," Mrs. Susie Barnes Stonier leader. Subject of sermon at 7.30, "The Greatest of Promises."

Ash Street Methodist Episcopal church—Rev. J. R. Austin, pastor. Sunday school at 10.30 a. m., E. W. Stone, superintendent. The first quarterly meeting services will be held at 2 p. m., commencing with a love feast, Rev. Austin Griffin, D. D., the presiding elder, will preach and administer the sacrament of the Lord's supper; Epworth league at 6.45; evening preaching service at 7.30. A cordial welcome to all.

Nay Aug Methodist Episcopal church—Owing to quarterly meeting the preaching service will occur at 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school at 2.30, Frank Edwards, superintendent; Class meeting at 3.30, W. M. Nixon, leader. All welcome.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal church—G. C. Lyman, pastor. Class meeting, 9.45, O. D. DeWitt, leader. Preaching, 10.30; Sunday school, 11.45, G. R. Clark, superintendent; Junior league, 3.30; Epworth league, 6.30; preaching, 7.30. Seats free.

First (German) Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street—G. Bodlin, pastor. Preaching services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Subject in the morning, "The Ten Commandments in Scranton Life"; in the evening, "Character-Building According to Pattern." Sunday school at noon, and at 2 o'clock p. m. at the chapel on Taylor avenue. Epworth league at 6.45 p. m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening.

African Methodist Episcopal church, Howard place—Dr. D. S. Bentley, pastor. Preaching by Presiding Elder Rev. Benjamin Wheeler, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; preaching and holy communion at 3 p. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.; preaching, 7.45 p. m. Love feast, Monday evening; Tuesday evening, quarterly conference.

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. Dr. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D.; morning prayers in the lower temple at 9.45. Theme of the morning sermon, "Crumbs from the Master's Table." Reception of new members and communion. Sunday school at the Penn Avenue church at 2 o'clock and at the Ameman Memorial mission at 3.30 p. m.; Young People's meeting at 6.30 p. m. Topic of the evening sermon lecture, "Vanity Fair and Doubting Castle." This is the fourth in the series of illustrated sermons on Pilgrims' Progress. Brief evangelistic services in the lower temple.

First Baptist church, South Main avenue—Rev. S. F. Mathews, pastor. Services as usual Sabbath morning and evening, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the evening service; Sabbath school, 2.30 p. m., Plymouth church, Dr. Beddoe, superintendent; B. Y. P. U. services, 6.30 p. m. at Ivorite hall. Prayer meeting, Wednesday evening, 7.30 p. m. All are welcome.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 9.30, leader, George Widdick; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D., at 10.30, topic, "Is Our Love for Christ Real or Sentimental"; Sunday school at 2, Charles Holley, superintendent; evening service at 7 sharp. Praise service for the congregation and full choir will assist with anthems and quartette. This service will be followed by a short address by the pastor, topic, "Something Better Than Live." You are cordially invited to attend.

Green Ridge Baptist church—Morning prayer meeting at 10 o'clock. Preaching by the pastor at 10.30 and 7.30. Subject in the morning, "Hoping and Waiting"; in the evening, "Investing in Opportunity." The Lord's supper will be administered at the close of the morning sermon. Sunday school at 11.45; meeting of the Junior society at 3.30; roll call of the Senior society at 6.30.

Shiloh Baptist church, 305 Centre street near Penn avenue—Services at 10.45 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. The pastor, Rev. James A. Sumlar, will preach at both services. Communion after the evening sermon. Strangers are invited and all the members are requested to pay up their dues.

Blakely Baptist church—David Spencer, D. D., pastor. 10.30 a. m., first sermon on "The Pattern Prayer," subject "The Fatherhood of God." Lord's supper; 11.15, Bible school; 6.15 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 7.30, first sermon on "The Book of Ruth," subject "Ruth the Loyal Heroine." Everybody welcome.

Presbyterian.

Second Presbyterian church—Services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Dr. Robinson will preach morning and evening. The topic for the evening sermon will be "Doing God's Will." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor; Rev. L. R. Foster, assistant. 10.30, service of worship, with sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Need and Value of Teaching in the Church; 12, Bible school; 6.30, Christian Endeavor; 7.15, service, with sermon by the pastor, subject, "The Law of Proportion in Life." All are welcome.

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, at 6.20 p. m., subject "Decision of Character," leader D. H. Hoffecker; prayer meeting Wednesday, 7.30 p. m., subject "Established Things in Religion." The pastor will preach morning and evening. All welcome.

Summer Avenue Presbyterian church, corner Summer avenue and Price street—Mr. Bezaleel Brown will conduct the morning service at 10.30 o'clock; Mr. W. E. Plumley will preach at 6 p. m.; Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Band of Hope on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Midweek prayer services on Wednesday evening at 7.45. The seats are free. All are welcome.

Capouse Chapel (Presbyterian)—Preaching, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. L. R. Foster. Sunday school, 3 p. m.; Senior Endeavor, 6.30; Junior Endeavor and singing, Monday evening; prayer meeting, 7.30 Thursday evening. Reading room open Friday evening. All welcome.

Providence Presbyterian church—Rev. G. E. Guild, pastor. At the morning service the pastor will preach the annual discourse of the church. Sunday school at noon; Endeavor meeting, 6.35 o'clock; evening service, 7.30 o'clock. The seats of the church are always free.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street—The Rev. James Hughes will preach at 10.30 and 7.30; Sunday school at 3 o'clock; C. E. at 6.45. All welcome to these services.

Episcopal.

Saint Luke's parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate; Rev. M. B. Nash, junior curate. Fourth Sunday after Easter.

St. Luke's church—7.30 a. m., holy communion; 9.45 a. m., morning prayer; 10.30 a. m., sermon and holy communion; 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 class.

East End mission, Prescott avenue—2.30 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.

Christ's church, corner Washington avenue and Park street—Rev. C. S. Ballentine, rector. 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. George L. Africh, pastor. 9.30 a. m., prayer and praise service; 10.30 a. m., communion and sermon by the pastor, "I Thirst," John 19: 28; 7.30 p. m., "Studies in Malachi: His Coming," Mal. 4: 1-6; Sabbath school, 12 m.; Y. P. S. C. E., 6.30 p. m.; lesson study, Wednesday, 7.30 p. m.; prayer meeting at 8. Seats free. All welcome. Rev. A. C. Gachelein, editor of "Our Hope," the eminent Bible teacher, will be with us Sunday, May 12. Come and hear him.

Evangelical Lutheran.

Evangelical Lutheran—Fourth Sunday after Easter. Gospel, John 16: 5-15; epistle, James 1: 16-21.

St. Mark's, Washburn and Fourteenth streets—Rev. A. L. Ramer, Ph. D., pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Wednesday service, 7.30 p. m.; Mission Band, Saturday, 2.30 p. m. Morning subject, "The Work of the Comforter"; evening subject, "Requisites to True Discipleship." The articles for the mission box for India should be brought to the church the early part of the week.

Holy Trinity, Adams avenue and Mulberry street—Rev. C. G. Spieker, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Luther league, 6.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.; Mission Band, Saturday, 10 a. m.

St. Paul's Short avenue—Rev. W. C. L. Lauer, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 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, Mitain avenue—Rev. P. F. Zizelmann, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch street—Rev. James Witke, pastor. Services, 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

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

Emanuel German-Polish Lutheran church, Reese street—Rev. Ferdinand Sittelmeier, pastor. Preaching in the German language at 10 a. m; Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Miscellaneous.

First church (Christ Scientist), 519 Adams avenue—Sunday services, 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m., subject, "Adam and Fallen Man"; 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 letters of inquiry are welcomed and given courteous attention and information free.

Calvary Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. Marion L. Firor, pastor. Services Sunday at 10.30 a. m., 7.30 p. m.; Sunday school, 11.45 a. m. Morning subject, "Go Forward"; evening subject, "Changelessness of God."

All Souls' Universalist church, Pine street, near Adams avenue. Service at 10.30 a. m., conducted by Mr. Alfred Donley, whose subject will be, "A Solid Basis for Our Belief"; Sunday school at 11.45 a. m.

Zion United Evangelical church, 1120 Capouse avenue—Preaching 10.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m., by the pastor, Rev. J. A. Messinger. Subjects, "Provoking to Good Works" and "Reckless Sailors." Sunday school 9.30; Junior Endeavor, 3 p. m.; Senior Endeavor, 6.30; prayer meeting, 7.30 Wednesday evening. Seats free and everybody welcome.

MUSICAL GOSSIP.

Following is the programme for the concert for the benefit of the Lend-a-Hand Missionary Circle of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church, to be given in Guernsey hall, May 10, under the direction of Mr. Tom Gippel, when these popular artists will be heard: Miss Dorothy Johnstone, harpist; Miss Julia Clapp Allen, violinist; Miss Charlotte L. Blackman, pianist; Miss Cordelia West Freeman, soprano; Mr. Tom Gippel, tenor:

Piano Solo ..... Selected
Miss Blackman.
"Cavalier Song" ..... Maude Valerie White
Mr. Gippel.
"Il Papayallo" ..... Alvars
Miss Johnstone.
"Villanelle" ..... Dill 'Acqua
Miss Freeman.
"Danse Fzigane" ..... Nachez
Miss Allen.
"Angels' Serenade" ..... Braga
Mr. Gippel.
(Violin Obligato, with Harp and Piano).
Intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana" Mascagni
Miss Johnstone.
"Air and Variations" ..... Proch
Miss Freeman.
Violin and Harp ..... Selected
Misses Allen and Johnstone.
Duet ..... Verdi
Miss Freeman and Mr. Gippel, with
Violin, Harp and Piano.

Mr. Charles Doersam, the well known pianist, is anticipating a trip to the continent to complete his musical studies under one of the masters. He expects to leave Scranton next fall.

The next concert by the Hemberger quartette is announced to take place May 27. The programme will contain numbers of great variety and will probably be the most pretentious yet offered by these sterling artists. The numbers assured thus far include the "big" F Major quartette, by Beethoven, a suite for violin and piano by Franz Ries, and a quintette for two violins, 'cello and piano, by Schuman.

The great C Minor Symphony No. 5, by Beethoven, will be performed for the first time in this city by the Symphony orchestra of sixty-five musicians at the Lyceum a week from Monday evening. The musicians and music lovers of the valley anticipate the presentation of this noble composition with genuine enthusiasm, as it is not only the most widely known Beethoven work, the most characteristic, but the most popular. Among musicians the C minor number is spoken of as always "filling the concert hall." This popularity may be truly ascribed to the work itself, "to the prodigious originality, force and conciseness of the opening, which, while it copied nothing, has itself never been copied; to the mysticism of the scherzo, and to the truly astonishing grandeur, spirit and pathos of the finale, to the way in which throughout the work technicality is effaced by emotion—to those things the C Minor holds its sway.

High school commencement exercises were held at Nicholson, in the opera house on Wednesday evening. A very interesting programme was rendered. One of the features of the evening was the playing of the orchestra. The members were pupils of Miss Nellie Hollister's class, assisted by Harvey Blackwood, 'cello, and William V. Griffiths, trombone, of this city. Great credit is due Miss Hollister for the efficient work displayed by her pupils on the occasion. Miss Susie Black sang several solos, which captivated the audience. Mr. Llew Shields, baritone, sang in excellent voice. The piano solo work of Miss Nellie Mack demonstrated her ability as a master of the instrument and was well appreciated. Mrs. J. Baker acted as accompanist. The class was addressed by Mr. Moses Shields in an able manner, who after his closing remarks, presented each pupil of the graduating class with a diploma.

At tomorrow's services in the Second Presbyterian church the following musical selections will be given:

MORNING.

Organ Prelude ..... Ambroise Thomas
Anthem, "God Be Merciful" ..... Barnby
Quartette and Choir.
Offertory—Duet, "There Is Joy in Heaven" Smart
Misses Black and Garagan.
Organ Postlude ..... Turpin

EVENING.

Organ Prelude, "Pastorale" ..... Bridge
Anthem, "Oh, Be Joyful in the Lord" .... Buck
Miss Garagan, Mr. Gippel and Choir.
Trio, "Praise Ye the Lord" ..... Schnecker
Misses Black and Garagan and Mr. Morgan.
Offertory—Solo, "King of Eternity" ..... Jones
Mr. Gippel.
Organ Postlude ..... Bridge

Mr. J. M. Chance, Organist and Director.

At a pupils' recital in the studio of Mr. Chance last Wednesday afternoon the following programme was given by Mr. Harvey Bogart, of Dunmore:

Sonata in E Minor (Op. 90) ..... Beethoven
(a) "Berceuse" ..... Chopin
(b) Waltz in G Flat ..... Chopin
"Kamennoi Ostrow" ..... Rubenstein
(a) Prelude in C Sharp Minor ..... Rachmaninoff
(b) "Shadow Dance" ..... McDowell
Novelletten in F ..... Schuman

Music circles in this section have been materially strengthened during the past year by the fine piano playing of Professor Ernest Bovard, of Dunmore, who has given numerous piano recitals throughout the valley. Mr. Bovard is from the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., and in his teaching and playing shows the results of his finishing studies taken there. Two of the successful compositions of this year are "Tarantelle in E Minor" and "King Black Diamond March," both of which are from the pen of Mr. Bovard. These compositions, which are for the piano, show Mr. Bovard to be also a composer of note.

The Symphony orchestra concert occurs at the Lyceum, Monday evening, May 13, and will be in commemoration of Verdi. The programme, with the exception of the opening number, which will be the great C minor Beethoven symphony, will be devoted entirely to the works of the lamented Italian composer, and comprises both vocal and instrumental selections from Verdi's most famous operas. The orchestra will perform the brilliant overture to "Nabucco" and the hymn and triumphal march from "Aida." The soloists of the occasion, Mons. Alberti, Mme. Nobili and M. Massima, will sing a due, a trio, a duo and a solo each from "Trovatore," "Rigoletto," "Othello," "Aida," etc., etc. These singers have excellent reputations to sustain. They were be brought to this country by the great Madame Sembrich to sing with her in opera. This fact alone should be a guarantee of their ability as artists.

It is not generally understood by the Symphony orchestra subscribers that the forthcoming Verdi commemoration concert will be under the auspices of the Italian colony of the city and that the regular subscription tickets of the orchestra will not be good for this concert. The regular Symphony orchestra subscription tickets will be good, however, for the next regular symphony concert.

A. N. Rippard, Thomas Rippard and Frank Innes, three of Wilkes-Barre's representative musicians, were in attendance at the Symphony orchestra rehearsals this week.

Harvey Blackwood played some 'cello solos at a concert in Nicholson Wednesday evening.

The Hemberger quartette is engaged for three concerts in Wilkes-Barre this month.

HONESDALE.

Special to the Scranton Tribune.

Honesdale, May 3.—Mrs. Henry Z. Russell and son, Zenas, are sojourning at Atlantic City.

At a meeting held by the pastors of the Honesdale churches on Monday, in the study of Rev. William H. Swift, it was decided to call a public meeting, to be held in the Presbyterian chapel on Sunday afternoon, May 12, at 4.30 p. m., to discuss the question and fix upon plans for fresh air work for city children. Mr. Strader and Mr. Parsons, of Port Jervis, are expected to be present and speak on the subject.

County Superintendent D. L. Hower will deliver a lecture in the Methodist church, Waymart, Tuesday evening, May 7. Subject, "My Travels in Europe."

Honesdale citizens will petition Andrew Carnegie for funds to start a public library in Honesdale.

Miss Anna E. Reury, who has held a position in the office of the Wayne Independent for a number of years, has accepted a position on the Schenectady, N. Y., Evening News, and will sever her connection with the Independent.

Colonel Coe Durland is on a business trip to Philadelphia.

Miss Louisa M. Keefer is visiting friends in Scranton.

Jurymen doing duty at the Wayne county courts, who reside in the remote parts of the county, have been receiving excess mileage, or traveling fees, by representing that they came via railroad, causing many miles travel, while the actual route was across the county by wagon. One man, whose conscience smote him, came to the county officers and refunded the excess. Another man was arrested and brought before the authorities. He was penitent and confessed that he had collected for fifty-four miles via rail and came overland a distance of thirteen miles. He was allowed to settle on payment of $25, to cover excess and costs. He received $16.50 for mileage and jury duty and paid $25 for his experience, and they say there are others who should do the same.

The grand jury, which met Monday afternoon, completed their work and was discharged on Tuesday.

When the contemplated lawn work is completed on the grounds around the union station, Honesdale will have as pretty a passenger station as can be found in the country, as a substitute for the old coal screens of the Delaware and Hudson canal.

Indications of coal have been found in Clinton township, this county. Arrangements are being made to test the rock beneath to ascertain if the yield will be sufficient to warrant mining.

Dr. Mead Shenck, who has practiced dentistry in Germany for the past few years, will open a dental parlor in West Pittston about June 1.

Sunday School Lesson for May 5.	Jesus and Peter. John xxi: 15-32.	BY J. E. Gilbert, D.D Secretary of American Society of Religious Education.

INTRODUCTION.—The events following the resurrection show how Jesus treated His disciples and sought to win them to faith and prepare them for service. That treatment was suited to the peculiar temperament of each one. Mary was granted the first interview, the other women afterward, next the two men on the way to Emmaus, then the ten in the upper room, finally Thomas after a week. All this was in or near Jerusalem. The company of disciples then repaired to Galilee and evidently thought the Master had abandoned them, as they proposed to return to their old avocations (John, xxi:3). In this Peter was the first to make suggestions. A strong and impulsive character he naturally led the others, and all went on a fishing excursion. While so engaged Jesus appeared. At His word the miraculous draught of fishes was secured, and the whole party sat down to dine, their Lord officiating as host. After the repast Jesus addressed Peter with the evident purpose of securing him to greater steadfastness that he might be more serviceable, in the apostolic college. How the case was conducted appears in our lesson.

FIRST QUESTION (Verse 15).—An appeal was made to the heart of Peter by direct question. Did this apostle love Jesus more than the others? The inquiry was called forth by the strong protestations of superior affection, made at the supper (Matt., xxvi:33). That declaration of unchanging fidelity on the night of the betrayal was doubtless sincere, although at the time Jesus gave solemn warning and predicted what actually occurred (Matt., xxvi:34). It was highly proper in view of what had transpired in the meantime to begin at that point and secure a re-examination of interior conditions. The reply was incomplete. There was no assertion of love greater than that of associates. Such boasting would have been unseemly. Instead Peter was content to submit himself to the searching examination of his Master to abide the decision that might be given, as that must be according to His absolute and sufficient knowledge. "Thou knowest that I love thee," was his half-evasive answer, and Jesus accepted it and commissioned him to feed his lambs.

SECOND QUESTION (Verse 16).—But the case was not to be dismissed thus easily. A shorter question came, with all comparison omitted, "Lovest thou me"? The purpose was to provoke self-examination, to change the apostle's thought from an appeal to his Lord's knowledge and cause him to know himself. Not what Jesus knew of Peter but what Peter knew of his own heart—this was the end sought. It was the same as to ask, "Do you really love me? The emphasis should be laid first upon the pronouns, and the true meaning of the word love must be put into the sentence. It was a more personal and searching examination than the first. Peter's answer was the same as the first given. He did presume to place an affirmative reply by itself, but felt it wise and necessary to appeal still to the Saviour's knowledge of Him, an appeal designed to move a tender heart. Upon this confession of the apostle came the renewed commission slightly changed however, "Feed My Sheep."

THIRD QUESTION (Verse 17).—Jesus was not yet satisfied with the result of the interview. There was good reason to think that thus far the man's heart had not been moved, and until then the end sought was not gained. Once more came the question, this time the form and words the same as in the second question. And now the stout fisherman was touched as he had not been. He was grieved because of these repeated inquiries, as if there was doubt concerning him. That grief softened the heart and prepared it for the truth, as the soil is made ready for the seed by the plowshare. With more emphasis he repeated the answer twice given, adding only these words, "thou knowest all things" (John xvi:30), turning his very inner self to the inspection of the searcher of hearts. It will be remembered that Peter denied his Lord thrice during the time of the arrest and trial, and now he is made to confess his love for Him thrice (John xiii:38). This last declaration was final and Jesus said unto him, "Feed my sheep."

FORCED GIRDING (Verse 18).—It should be noticed that in these questions Jesus addressed his disciple by his old family name "Simon," son of Jonas, without reference to his new name, given to designate his apostolic office (Matt., xvi:18), of which by his denial he had been deprived. It is also to be remarked that the expressions, "Feed my lambs," and "Feed my sheep," restored the apostolic prerogative. There was included under those directions the duty to supply spiritual food and to govern the flock, composed of the young and tender and of the older and more established. Thus Simon became Peter again and was reinvested with the honor and privilege lost by his fall. This being accomplished Jesus further instructs his restored apostle, making him know something of the future of his ministerial career. In all his early life he had followed his own choices, going forth to that which was most pleasing, rejoicing in his conscious strength. But in the work of the ministry he would become the victim of persecutions, his liberty would be taken away, he would be bound and compelled to submit to the will of others.

FOLLOW ME (Verse 19).—It was in one sense a gloomy outlook that was thus presented to this man. He had declared his love even with sorrow that it should be questioned. He had been freely forgiven for his denials by his Lord and he had received again the commission that had been forfeited. All that might well have gladdened his heart. But now, to hear the outcome of this—opposition, persecution, bonds, even death itself—was enough to test the man's faith and loyalty. Many would shrink back and beg to be excused. No wonder the test had been three times applied to the heart. No one would be firm unless the heart was strong. Immediately Jesus spoke two words to strengthen the will and put the case in its true light, "Follow Me." Surely Peter would not hesitate if what he had protested was true. Why should he hesitate? Need he expect a lot better than his Master's (Matt., x:25)? Here comes then the rule of his life. He had seen Jesus under all circumstances—persecuted, killed and risen. He must follow in the same steps to be a minister.

CURIOSITY ROUSED (Verses 20 and 21).—It had been thought that a part of this interview between Jesus and Peter was private, that if they began in the presence of others they went forth to walk and commune more fully. A little way behind was the disciple Jesus loved, John as it is believed (John, xiii:23), so mentioned elsewhere, seeing him following, Peter asked, "What shall this man do"? Various conjectures have been made as to the motive which prompted this abrupt digression in the conversation. It has been suggested that Peter was embarrassed by the extremely personal character of the conversation, and that he desired to direct attention from himself by calling another into the company. It has been thought that we understood the remarks of Jesus as applying to the hardships to be encountered by the apostles generally, and on that account was curious to know what would be the fate of the beloved John, whether the portion of one would be more favorable than that of the other, whether in fact his own lot was to be peculiarly fortunate.

PERSONAL LOYALTY (Verse 22).—Whatever may have prompted the question it was altogether improper. It revealed a disposition too common among men to meddle with the affairs of others and neglect their own. This habit unfits one for resolute and well-directed effort—it blinds to the duty of the hour, and weakens the energy needed to achieve success. Peter must be cured of this if he is to do the Lord's service. He must know that every man has his peculiar outfit for a certain station which he must fill regardless of all others (Acts, ix:36). Jesus, therefore, resorted to stern measures. "What is that to thee"? he said, "you have nothing to do with John's work or destiny, even though he should live to see the second coming, and you had better dismiss that matter entirely from your thoughts. Give good heed to your part. That is enough to absorb all your energies and time. Press into it with entire consecration. Personal loyalty is demanded. Follow thou me." That was the meaning of the message.

REFLECTIONS.—1. Every one who attempts to serve Christ must love Him, and must be sure that love is genuine and abiding. Self-examination is therefore necessary. What can a shepherd of the sheep do without love for Jesus? If he love the honors and emoluments only he is unworthy and incompetent. 2. True service for Christ consists in following in His footsteps, doing what He would do, at least what He would have done, surrendering the will to His will. 3. Faithful discharge of duty in the service of Christ often brings pain and personal loss, but this must be accepted with resignation and composure as part of the reward which He gives, but always in His name and spirit. 4. The servant of Christ must be single in his aim and effort, dismissing from the mind those questions that lead away from the performance of present duty. Fellow workers, indeed, men must be, but each for himself must render whole-hearted service.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS.

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In the quiet "table talk" of Jesus with his disciples by the sea of Galilee, the Master asked the one great test question for Christian discipleship "LOVEST THOU ME?" This is a personal question; a present tense question; a practical question, and it was such an important question that Jesus repeated it three times with increasing emphasis. "Lovest thou Me" more than the pleasures and profits and friendships of life? "Lovest thou Me" more than thou fearest the world? Perhaps Peter was reminded of his oft repeated denial, by the oft repeated question of Jesus.

The lowest motive for service is fear; the highest motive is love. The question was not: "Dost thou fear, honor, or admire me?" but "Dost thou love me?" Peter had wept bitter tears of penitence. The question was not: "How much hast thou wept, how much feasted, how much afflicted thy soul, how much given?" but "Lovest thou Me?"

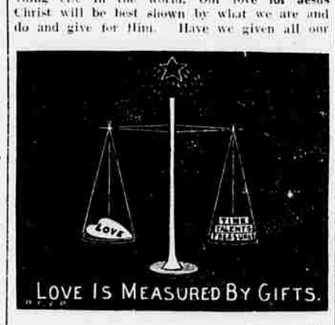
In developing the lesson draw a large question mark or interrogation point (?) and write on it Our Lord's question to Peter, "Lovest Thou Me?" To indicate the Person and the authority of the questioned draw a cross as a shadow back of the interrogation point, and speak of Christ's love for us "even unto death." Draw around these designs an outline heart, and press home to each scholar the heart question of the Golden Text.

A second lesson of great importance to be taught today is that love is manifested by gifts and service. Jesus said to Peter: "Feed My Sheep." If you love me show that love by your service.

Wise men seek Jesus first, for what He is; second, for what He does; third, for what they can get from Him; fourth, for what they can give to Him.

It is significant that the first act of worship which Our Lord received on earth should be characterized by rich gifts, brought by devout men to Jesus. They brought "Gold, for a king—Myrrh (for embalming) indicative of his mortality—and Frankincense, incense for a God."

Love is the most costly thing in the world. We will be more for love, we will do more for love, we will give more for love than for anything else in the world. Our love for Jesus Christ will be best shown by what we are and do and give for Him. Have we given all our



time, our talents, our treasures to Him and His service?

Suggestions: First draw the balances. In one scale draw a heart and write in it the word LOVE. Now how can we measure our heart love? By our gifts. What gift shall we offer to Him first, second, etc. If we are unwilling to give to Jesus, we cannot love Him.

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