

Church and Sunday School

THE Cincinnati Commercial Tribune of April 7 contained the following with reference to Rev. Warren G. Partridge, who was formerly pastor of the Penn Avenue Baptist church:

The 1,000 members of the Ninth Street Baptist church are preparing for a big jubilee and thanksgiving service, in celebration of the fact that today, for the first time in twelve or fifteen years,



REV. WARREN G. PARTRIDGE, D. D.

The church organization starts in the fiscal year without a cent of debt, about \$25,000 worth of outstanding obligations having been paid off since last fall, and there still is left in the treasury \$500.

Dr. Warren G. Partridge, the pastor of the church, who has been facing this debt during his six years' pastorate, started a debt-raising campaign last fall, and the result of six months' hard work by himself and congregation will be shown in the report to be made at the annual meeting today.

The jubilee meeting will be a novel one. The \$16,000 worth of cancelled bonds will be passed around through the congregation for inspection and will be kept as souvenirs, but \$5,000 worth of notes will be burned in a public bonfire, with the congregation singing "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow." Speeches will be made by deacons and elders and laymen, and in addition, the seventy-two years' history of the church will be treated in a reminiscent way. The exact date of this meeting has not been fixed, but it will be some time during the next two weeks.

The manner in which this money was raised is interesting. The first real step by the congregation was last Thanksgiving, when \$1,455 was raised by subscription, and the climax was yesterday, when it was found that the actual cash and pledges of Easter Sunday and yesterday amounted to \$4,090, or enough to pay all debts and start in a new year with money in the treasury. Of this sum, the women raised \$1,000 by giving pink tea and all sorts of entertainments, the Sunday school raised \$252; children made and sold small fancy chairs, made of feathers, bonnets and other little articles, and helped to swell the sum, which was evidence of the interest of every member of the congregation. The doctor told of two servant girls who had given from their earnings \$11.75.

In the meantime, the doctor had been at work as lawyer, real estate agent, detective and what not. He decided to sell the old school property, adjoining the church, which the organization purchased by issuing \$16,000 worth of 3 per cent bonds. The Cincinnati Law school finally agreed to buy the property for \$12,000 if every one of these bonds was cancelled. It took two months to trace these and get the owners to agree to part with them, but the work was finally done and deal closed, thus making a total amount raised in six months of \$22,445. An \$1,000 debt, a lease rent, is provided for in a will made by a wealthy woman.

A Distinguished Clergyman.
One of the greatest addresses which was delivered this week at the Pittsburgh conference, was given by Rev. B. D. Thomas, D. D., of Toronto, Canada. Dr. Thomas is one of the best-known Baptist ministers of the country and as a Welshman is honored and loved by his countrymen at home and abroad. He has a large circle of friends in this city.

Mrs. Thomas was a former resident of Scranton, and has many relatives still residing here, who are among the most loved of our people. Dr. Thomas has consented to remain in Scranton over Sunday and will preach in the morning at the Penn Avenue Baptist church. His many friends will give him a cordial welcome.

State C. E. Convention.
Pennsylvania is the banner state in Christian Endeavor. The Pittsburgh convention will be the banner convention. Want to know why? Listen! It will be the first biennial convention; no international meeting this year to divide the time, thought and energies of Endeavorers, and every one who can possibly arrange for it will be at the

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In marriage only when there is equality of heart as well as affection. Affection may be the basis of unity in marriage, but the superstructure depends largely on the womanly heart. When the wife is tormented with headache, distressed by nervousness, and racked by nervousness, she has no ambition for exercise or pleasure.

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Pittsburg meeting. Then it will be held at just the right time—July 8, 9 and 10—the opening of the vacation season, suiting the convenience of the army of teachers and others whose vacation period begins with that month.

And the place, Pittsburg, the busiest city in the United States, with the greatest industrial attractions in the world, the city of push, pluck and perseverance. Pittsburg air is full of this kind of ozone and the convention will imbibe it. The location of the "entente-cordiale" will make the meeting a delight—Schenley park, with its beautiful natural and artificial features, always attractive and perhaps never more so than in July. For these and other unmentionable reasons we expect this Pittsburg 1902 convention to be the banner convention of the banner state.

Sunday School Association.

The annual convention of the Lackawanna County Sunday School association is to be held in the M. E. church, Providence, on Tuesday, May 6th. The outlook is for the largest and most helpful meeting ever held and to this end, the program committee have already secured the following speakers: Hugh Cork, superintendent education, state association; Mrs. Barnes, superintendent, primary work, state association; Prof. Charles H. Albert, Bloomsburg State Normal school; Rev. H. C. McDermott, Simpson M. E. church, Scranton; Rev. Joseph H. Odell, pastor of Second Presbyterian church, Scranton; W. W. Adair, secretary R. R. Y. M. C. A., Scranton.

All persons interested in Sunday school work should become identified with the county association. Pastors and superintendents attend. See to it that delegates are elected who will attend. It is earnestly hoped that the roll call of schools will be responded to by delegates from every school in the county.

Sunday school workers: If heretofore you have failed to attend the meetings of the association, take advantage of this opportunity for inspiration and encouragement. You will find that after all it is worth while. "Come and see."

Anniversary of Dr. R. S. Jones.

The congregation of the Welsh Congregational church, of West Market street, are making elaborate preparations for the thirtieth anniversary of the pastor, Rev. R. S. Jones, D. D., which will be held on Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday morning the annual roll call of the members will be held, and prayer meeting. In the afternoon, the meeting will be in charge of the seventeen old members of the church, who were members at the time Dr. Jones was recalled as pastor of the church. The evening services will be in charge of the congregation at large. Special music by the choir under the direction of Henry Hitchings will be rendered. Addresses will be delivered by some of the old deacons.

Monday's services will be held by the clergymen of the different parts of the state. The supervisors of the church will serve refreshments to all out of town clergymen.

SERVICES IN THE VARIOUS CHURCHES.

Methodist Episcopal.

Five Park church—Early prayer and praise meeting at 9:30. Rev. James Deane, of Elmwood church, will preach at 10:30. Class meeting at 11:30. Services in Sunday school room. Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Junior League at 2:30 p. m.; Senior League at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by the assistant pastor, E. B. Singer. Strangers are welcome.

Hampton Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Preaching at 10:30 by Rev. E. B. Singer. Sunday school at 2 p. m.; Epworth League at 6:30 p. m. Preaching at 7:30 by W. W. Adair.

Court Street Methodist Episcopal Church—Services will be conducted by Rev. George W. Craig. Morning subject, "Eternal Day." Evening subject, "Necessity of Preparations for Christ." Every-body invited.

First German Methodist Episcopal church, Adams avenue and Vine street—G. Boddin, pastor. Divine services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, noon; Taylor Avenue chapel, 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting, Thursday evening.

Prospect Avenue German Methodist Episcopal church, Bire street and Prospect avenue—E. F. Hasser, pastor. Preaching, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Epworth League, 6:45 p. m.; prayer meeting, Friday evening.

Baptist.

Fourth Avenue Baptist church, Penn avenue, between Spruce and Linden streets—Strangers always welcome. The Rev. Robert F. Y. Pierce, D. D., pastor, will be assisted in the morning service by Rev. Dr. B. D. Thomas, of Toronto, Canada, who will preach the sermon. Sunday school at 2 o'clock in the home school, and at 3:30 p. m. at the American Memorial mission. Young People's Christian Endeavor meeting at 6:30 p. m. "Fashionable Crimes." The evening service in the auditorium will be preceded by an illustrated hymn service.

Piney Baptist church, South Main avenue—Rev. S. F. Mackay, pastor. The usual services Sunday morning and evening, 10:30 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.; subject, "The Convention and Its Legions." Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Dr. B. G. Beldoe, superintendent. Home school, 2 p. m. Assembly room. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m. All are cordially invited to these services.

Jackson Street Baptist church—Morning men's prayer meeting at 6:45. Loan Jones, leader. Preaching service at 10:30; sermon by the pastor, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, D. D. Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Praise and song service at 7 sharp. Praise and song service. The Rev. B. D. Thomas, D. D., of Toronto, will preach. Dr. Thomas is well known to us all. Come and hear him.

Presbyterian.

First Presbyterian church—Dr. McLeod will occupy the pulpit morning and evening. In the evening he will reply to Bishop Hoban, and at the same time he will, by request, deliver his recent lecture on "The Church's Fatherhood." Second Presbyterian church (Jefferson avenue, between Vine and Mulberry streets)—10:30, morning worship; 12, Sunday school; 6:30, Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor; 7:30, evening worship. The Rev. Joseph H. Odell will preach on "St. Francis of Assisi."

Green Ridge Presbyterian church—Rev. I. J. Lansing, pastor. Rev. L. B. Foster, assistant, 10:30, service of worship with sermon by the pastor; subject, "The Spring of Action"; 12, Bible school; 6:30, Christian Endeavor; 7:30, evening worship, with sermon, subject, "The Pilars of Life." All are cordially invited. Preaching Presbyterian church—Rev. Dr. George E. Guild, pastor. Preaching at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior Endeavor at 2:30 p. m. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m.

Washburn Street Presbyterian church—Rev. John P. Moffat, D. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m. Junior Christian Endeavor at 3:30 p. m. Young People's Christian Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday, 7:30 p. m. Rev. Dr. Moffat will preside at the annual meeting of the American Bible society at the morning service. The rite of infant baptism will be administered at the morning service by the pastor. The pastor will preach in the evening. Welcome.

Adams Avenue chapel, New York street—The Rev. James Hughes will preach at 10:30; subject, "Virtue is More Than a Name and Religion Not a Yoke Where the Spirit of Burning Oil." And at 7:30, subject, "The Spirit of God is Still on This Earth." Sunday school at 2 o'clock. Mr. Chandler, superintendent. The Rev. Mr. Hughes will teach the men's Bible class. The Christian Endeavor society will meet at 6:45. Prayer and praise service on Tuesday evening to be conducted by the Band of Workers from the Young Men's Christian association.

Cornwall Chapel (Green Ridge Presbyterian church)—Preaching 10:30 and 7:30 by the pastor, Rev. L. B. Foster. Sunday school, 2 p. m.; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Prayer meeting, 7:30 Thursday evening. Welcome to all.

Episcopal.
St. Luke's Parish—Rev. Rogers Israel, D. D., rector; Rev. E. J. Haughton, senior curate. Third Sunday after Easter. St. Luke's church, 10:30 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—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.

East End Mission, Prescott avenue—2:30 p. m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

South Side Mission, Fig street—2:30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes.

St. George's, Olympt—2:30 p. m., Sunday school and Bible classes; 5:30 p. m., evening prayer and sermon.

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Monsey avenue and Green Ridge street—Third Sunday after Easter. Morning prayer at 10:30 o'clock; Sunday school and teacher's class at 2:30 p. m.; evening prayer at 7:30.

St. John's Mission, Oceanfront Hall, Providence Square—Holy communion, 7:50 a. m.; Sunday school, 2 p. m.; evening prayer, 4 p. m.

Reformed Episcopal.

Grace Reformed Episcopal church, Wyoming avenue below Mulberry street—George L. Alrich, pastor. Prayer and praise service, 9:30 a. m.; Divine worship, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; preaching by the pastor, Sabbath school, 12 m.; Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. Lesson study every Wednesday evening at 7:30. Prayer meeting at 8. Seats free. All are welcome.

Evangelical Lutheran.

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St. Mark's, Fourteenth and Washburn streets—Rev. A. L. Rimer, Ph. D., pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Luther League at 6:30 p. m.; Sunday school, 12 m.

St. Paul's, Short avenue—Rev. W. S. L. Lauer, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2:30 p. m.

Christ church, Cedar avenue and Birch street—Rev. James Wilke, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.

Emmanuel German-Polish Lutheran church, Rees street—Rev. Ferdinand Smetak, pastor. Service in the German language at 10:30 a. m. Sunday school, 2 p. m.

St. John's church, 22nd Main avenue—Rev. A. O. Gallenker, pastor. Morning services, 10:30; subject of sermon, "The Ability of Mankind to See and Not to See." Sunday school, 2 p. m. Let all be present. Evening services in English, at 7:30 p. m.; subject of sermon, "The One Way in Which A Hidden All Treasures in Heaven and on Earth."

Miscellaneous.

Liberty Reformed church, Monroe avenue and Gibson street—Rev. M. E. Fisher, pastor. Services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 11:45 a. m.; Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m.; Missions meeting, Wednesday, 8 p. m.; catechism, Saturday, 8:30 p. m. Seats free. You are welcome. Morning subject, "Men Are Like the God They Worship."

All South's Universalist church, Pine street, between Adams and Jefferson avenues—Rev. Thomas B. Payne, pastor. Divine services, with sermon, at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The pastor will preach in the morning on "The Foot Path to Happiness," and in the evening on "A Common Sense View of the Bible." Sunday school at 12. Seats free. Strangers cordially welcome.

Gospel Tabernacle, Jefferson avenue, Dunmore—James Leishman, pastor. Sunday services at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Sunday school, 11:45 a. m. Subject, "Production After Death." Testimonial meetings Wednesday evenings at 8 o'clock. The church is also open every day during the week. The bible and all

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Zion United Evangelical Church, 1420 Coppage avenue, Rev. J. W. Messenger, pastor. Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Subject, "The Kingdom of the People of God" and "Fall of Babylon"; this is the third sermon on prophecy. Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; Junior Endeavor, 4 p. m.; Senior Endeavor, 6:30 p. m. All seats free. Everybody welcome to all services.

BLACKBOARD LESSON HINTS

BY REV. ROBERT F. Y. PIERCE, D. D.
(From Author's Notes in "The Sunday School Lesson Illustrations," Published by F. H. Revell Co., Chicago, Ill.)

"God is no respecter of persons."—Acts x, 34. At the same time that God truly calls men to preach His word He is preparing men to hear His message. When the Holy Spirit calls men to the ministry of the gospel in certain fields, He prepares the special fields for the workers. While Peter was on the house top in Joppa, waiting for guidance, God was preparing the congregation for Peter's ministry in the home of Cornelius at Caesarea.

The congregation were (1) WAITING, (2) PRAYERFUL, (3) UNITED, (4) EXPECTANT. These are the conditions which will always bring



a baptism of the Holy Spirit upon the church of Christ. Peter the preacher was (1) PRAYERFUL, (2) OBEYENT, (3) FAITHFUL. He preached unto the people the Christ of Paul, Peter, Comfort, Hope.

As Peter preached, the Holy Spirit sealed the message and filled the life of each believer. "God is no respecter of persons." Hence upon Jews and Gentiles alike the Holy Spirit came, both saving the soul and setting apart for Christian service them that believed in Jesus Christ.

Suggestions—Draw an outline of a cross on which is placed a crown bearing the name JESUS. Let rays of light fall from the cross upon the words GENTILES and JEWS; make the practical application that Jesus is waiting and willing to bless the "whosoever" will believe in Him.

The people listened attentively to the apostle unfolding the plan of salvation, and when he revealed the great truth that whosoever believeth in Christ and accepteth Him as a personal Savior, "with everlasting life" (John vi, 24), then were they baptized. The apostle said that whosoever believeth in Christ and accepteth Him as a personal Savior, "with everlasting life" (John vi, 24), then were they baptized.

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SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR APRIL 20

PETER AND CORNELIUS.

Acts x:34-44.

BY REV. J. E. GILBERT, D. D.

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CONTEXT.—Last lesson closed with Peter among disciples at Joppa (Acts ix, 25, 43), which he wrought a miracle. Thus far in his career extending through about two years (A. D. 32 to 35), his labors had been confined to people of Jewish origin, whom he regarded as the special favorites of heaven. An attempt was made at that time to give him more liberal views. The method was extremely impressive. Cornelius, a very devout man, had a vision in which he was directed to send for Peter for instruction. Peter also had a vision in which he was directed to send for Cornelius. The vision was directed to men forbidden in the law. While thinking on these things he was approached by the servants of Cornelius whom he accompanied. The curtain removed which had occurred and declared that he was ready to receive any message the apostle had to deliver. A heathen seeking instruction was an interesting event in church history. Our lesson relates what followed.

PERCEIVING.—(Verses 31 and 32.)—Peter's eyes were opened and his prejudices gone. Strangers had become a gospel to all the world. The expansion in his thought and feeling was wonderful, delivering him from the bigotry common to his countrymen. "God is no respecter of persons" he declared. Every righteous man in every nation is accepted by Him. This conviction was the outcome of the vision, of the speech and spirit of Cornelius, as the two men looked at each other. Peter had interposed to bring new truth into his mind (Acts xi, 18). How could he reject it? Had not this been the method of Divine disclosure and leading all through the centuries from Abraham down (Gen. xii)?

DECLARING.—(Verses 38 to 43.)—With that brief introduction, announcing that the Roman centurion had been saved, Peter at once proceeded to deliver the message which he had been invited to read, and preached Jesus. The substance of that preaching, certainly not the whole of it, is given in the text. It may be arranged under four heads: 1. Jesus Christ, promised to Israel, is Lord of all, setting forth his race origin and universal dominion. (Acts xi, 15.) 2. That Christ, so promised, had entered into history, being incarnate, the intelligence which was published throughout the entire land. 3. During the earthly ministry of

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