

New News of Yesterday

A Stepping Stone to High Position

By Holland.

There came at one time to me an opportunity to gain information which I had been for some years anxious to secure which would explain why the office of comptroller of New York State was in the early part of the past century so influential and why it was held by so many men who afterward gained distinguished public recognition as to be called a stepping stone to high political honors of the nation.

I was chatting with the late Charles C. Clarke, who was for some years assistant treasurer of New York State and in that service was brought in contact, in the early fifties, with the leading public men and many of the influential business men of the time. I asked him what the explanation of the prominence and influence which were associated in the early years of the past century with the office of State comptroller.

"That is a question a good many persons have asked me," said Mr. Clarke. "At the present time, especially among the younger generation, few know that many of the distinguished citizens of New York State practically began their public career as comptroller of the State. It was as such that Martin Van Buren performed his first important public service. It was as comptroller of the State that William L. Marcy first gained national recognition. Few people nowadays know that Millard Fillmore went from the office of comptroller of New York State to the Vice Presidency. And it was by reason of his brilliant service as comptroller that Lucius Robinson gained such favor as made it possible to elect him as the successor of Samuel J. Tilden, governor of New York.

"The reason is a very simple one. In the early years of the last century, New York State, inspired by the leadership of De Witt C. Clinton, undertook to connect Lake Erie with the navigable waters of the Hudson river and also Lake Champlain with the Hudson by means of a canal. These public works were undertaken before George Stephenson had demonstrated the commercial practicability of the steam locomotive.

"It was made clear to business men not only of New York but the nation that if artificial waterways were constructed which connected the Great Lakes with the Hudson and the St. Lawrence by way of Lake Champlain with the Hudson, then the State of New York, and especially the city, would receive impulses which would establish the pre-eminence of both State and city.

"Now the construction of these canals, the enormous patronage which these public works made possible, the financial aspects of the constructive work, put within the power of the State comptroller very great responsibilities and equally great opportunities. I suppose there is no doubt that the canal patronage was used to further party advantage, but it was at a time when public opinion tolerated such use of patronage. On the other hand, there was not one of these comptrollers who personally profited to the extent of a penny. The comptrollers revealed very great ability. They demonstrated that while exceedingly adroit politicians, they were nevertheless men of the highest personal integrity, and that is the reason why so many of the State comptrollers who reached distinguished office—two of them the Presidency, others the United States Senate and the post of Secretary of State, and three of them governor of New York—were able to gain public favor and power sufficient to secure these honors.

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Just A Moment

DAILY STRENGTH AND CHEER. Compiled by John G. Quintus. (The Sunshine Man)

So shall we ever be with the Lord. (1 Thess. 4:17.)

They shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. (Rev. 3:4.)

We are taught to believe of the Blessed, that they "serve Him day and night in His temple"; that "His servants shall serve Him." And this must be with powers and endowments developed in harmony with higher worlds, so that all the tastes, the desires, the affections, the esthetic powers, the intellectual gifts, which belong to each individual, each with his own special capacities, trained and developed and exercised in spiritual modes of life, will be suited to that higher world, where they dwell in the presence of the Almighty God, and the "Lamb who is in the midst of them." The activities of a condition of life such as we cannot yet conceive, we shall enter upon, if fitted for it, trained for it, by the exercise of our gifts during our life in this world; we shall be like weapons in the Hand of God, ready for what service He may will.—Thomas Thelluson Carter.

I do the day's work. Whatever the weather; For duty's sake; Can be cheery together; In fog, rain or wind. There is aye a clear view Through the hours of the day That has tasks to pursue.

I do the day's work. Through a vision of sorrow May be in the cloud That hangs over tomorrow. Since heart, brain and hands Are all busy today. There is joy in my life. And the trouble can stay.

I do the day's work. Whoever may blame me. If I work at my best No critic can shame me. For heartache and worry And dread flee away. When duty is done. Are together all day. —Ex. Dayton, Ohio.

MR. KIRKUS AT TRINITY. The Rev. F. M. Kirkus will be the minister at Trinity P. E. Church tomorrow. Holy communion will be observed at 7:30 o'clock.

BROOKLYN TABERNACLE BIBLE STUDIES OLD TESTAMENT TIMES (Edited by Pastor Russell.)

KING SAUL'S LAST BATTLE.

2 Samuel 2:5.—May 23.

Distressed, He Asked Aid of the Witch of Endor—Deceived by Evil Spirits. The Battle Lost—Saul and Jonathan Slain—The Song of the Bow or Saul's Dead March—David King of Judah—Later, King of All Israel.

"Jehovah is my Strength and my Shield; my heart hath trusted Him, and I am helped."—Psalm 28:7.

Today's Study covers an interesting period. Persecuted and hunted by King Saul, no place was safe for David. The Philistines, desiring him for a friend rather than a foe, gave him and his followers the city of Ziklag. While residing there, David felt free to fight against those nations which the Lord declared were to be destroyed.

Meantime, the end of Saul's reign was nearing. A fresh invasion of the Philistines required all the army he could muster and he felt very dubious respecting the results. Although in harmony with the Divine regulation, he had ordered all who claimed to communicate with the dead to leave Israel, nevertheless there were some remaining. In his extremity, seeing the Lord would not answer him, King Saul visited the Witch of Endor.

The witch got into communication with the fallen angels, who she supposed, as spiritualists still suppose, were the spirits of the dead. But the Bible assures us that "the dead know not anything." Samuel was sleeping with his fathers, and could give no counsel. The evil spirits, however, then as now, through mediums personated the dead. In this case, the answer was that Saul would lose the battle on the next day, and that himself and sons would be slain.

We do not know how the fallen angels know so much about our race, but we know that it is unwise to have any dealings with them; for the Lord hath forbidden it. Their sole object is to deceive the people; and through dreams and revelations they have brought into the Church various doctrines of devils. (1 Timothy 4:1), which have corrupted our creeds.

The Bible clearly teaches that the dead are dead, that they are in a state of suspended animation, awaiting the better Day in which Messiah will bring in the knowledge of the glory of God to all as the result of His ransom-sacrifice at Calvary. The teaching that the dead are alive is contradictory to the Lord's Word, and the foundation of the grievous errors

which has distressed Christian people. None would pray for the dead or say masses for their release from Purgatory if they knew that their dead friends are merely sleeping until the resurrection Morning.

This theory that the dead are alive is the foundation of serious blasphemies against God, in which all denominations are more or less joined, as represented by their creeds. These blasphemies consist in declarations respecting God which would be a disgrace to any devil, and are far from the character of the God of all grace, the Father of mercies.

"The Song of the Bow." When David heard of Israel's defeat, his sympathy for Saul and for Jonathan was expressed in a beautiful poem, recorded in 2 Samuel 1:17-27. The Dead March from Saul is an attempt to put the sentiment of David's Song of the Bow into the music of our day; and thus it has become identified with the funeral services of the great.

In the battle Saul's sons were killed, including Jonathan. Saul himself was wounded. Fearing that if he should fall into the hands of the Philistines alive they would torture him to death, he desired his armor-bearer to slay him, and finally succeeded with his own sword. A young Amalekite brought David the news of Saul's death, telling that he had despatched King Saul at the latter's request—probably, however, manufacturing this part to bring honor to himself. David received the matter in a totally different way from what was expected, and commanded him to be put to death.

David waited upon the Lord those many years, fully confident that he should be the king of Israel, but not hastening the event in any way. What a wonderful example we have in David's course! How much Christians can learn of patient waiting for the Lord's time in their affairs! It is one of the too frequent mistakes made by Christians that they overlook the Lord's providence and promised supervision of their interests, and attempt to do for themselves, often to their own disadvantage.

Realizing that the time had probably come to move from the Philistines' country, David inquired of the Lord by the priest and the ephod. The answer was that he should go to Hebron, in Judah. Thither David and his companions removed with their families; and Judah, his own tribe, promptly recognized him as their

king. One of King Saul's sons, Ishbosheth, had survived; and Abner, Saul's chief general, had him anointed king of Israel. King David made no attempt to coerce the other eleven tribes, but waited for the Lord.

Meantime, however, Abner, angered with King Ishbosheth, proposed to become David's vassal. King David appreciated the proposition, doubtless considering it to be in harmony with the Lord's promise. However, the matter did not so carry out; for Joab, David's nephew, slew Abner deceitfully. Again we see David's conduct in contrast with the average sentiment of his time. Instead of rejoicing in Abner's death, the king mourned for him, and denounced his nephew's course.

A little while after this, other things happened. King David, slew King Ishbosheth, and brought his head to David, expecting to be rewarded. But they also were condemned and slain. Thus did the people see exemplified in David's course principles of righteousness quite uncommon in his day, and uncommon still. All these things endeared the king to the people who perceived that he was broadminded and generous. He seems to have had a great appreciation of justice, and also a breadth of sympathy for his enemies.

King David was thirty-seven years old when finally the eleven tribes invited him to become king over all Israel. This was probably about seven years after he had been anointed by Samuel. Faith and patience mark every step of those years, and reveal King David's character as we could not otherwise have known it. His devotion was chiefly manifested in his gratitude to God and submission to the Divine will.

Meantime King David had grown stronger in conquering his enemies—the Lord's enemies. The Lord had declared that the iniquity of the Amorites had come to the full, and that they should have been destroyed. Whether destroyed in battle or by pestilence or famine, mattered nothing, as the Divine sentence of death must be carried out.

However, while God has been permitting war, famine, pestilence, death, to reign in the world, He has also been preparing for human salvation through the Redeemer. Messiah's Kingdom is soon to take control of the earth, to abolish sin and death, to bind Satan, and to cause all to know, to understand, the true God, His true Message.

SERMON IN SONG AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

In St. Paul's M. E. Church tomorrow morning the Rev. Vaughan S. Collins will preach the second sermon in a series on "Why I Am a Methodist," the theme being "Doctrines Which Have Made Methodism."

The young people's meeting at 6:30 o'clock will be led by Miss Mary Kelly, on the topic, "Religious Reading, What and Why?"

The evening worship will be devoted to Christian song. In addition to the usual service of song the pastor, assisted by the choir, will give a "Sermon in Song" in place of the usual sermon.

The Bible contest slated for Tuesday evening, June 1, bids fair to inspire as much interest as the one with the lawyers a year ago. Both teams are preparing for the contest. Miss Anna R. Lincoln will be captain of one team. The other captain has not yet been selected.

CENTRAL CHURCH WORSHIP.

At the morning service in Central Church tomorrow the Rev. J. H. Crawford will preach on "The Power of the Presence." The Sunday school will convene at 12 o'clock. Plans are under way for the observance of Children's Day on June 13 and for the Sunday school picnic on June 11.

The Y. P. S. C. E. will meet at 6:45 o'clock and will be led by Miss Jacobs. The evening service will begin at the usual hour. The gospel hymns will be led by William P. White.

ALL DAY SERVICES PLANNED.

The Rev. Mr. Price and his Philadelphia praying band accompanied by many friends, will assist in all-day services in St. Paul's U. A. M. E. chapel, East Eleventh street tomorrow. The Rev. S. Baynard will preach at 10:30 o'clock. There will be class meeting at 12:30 o'clock. Sunday school will be held at 2 o'clock. There will be services at 3 o'clock in charge of Philadelphia visitors. A praise service will be held at 5 o'clock. The Rev. W. Goldberg will preach at 7:30 o'clock.

TO EXPLAIN HOLY SPIRIT.

In the New Church tomorrow morning, the Rev. George Henry Dole will preach on "What the Holy Spirit is." The Bible Class will meet at 10 o'clock and the Sabbath school at 9:45 o'clock.

MR. BALDWIN AT ASBURY.

At Asbury M. E. Church, Third and Walnut streets, the Rev. George White Dawson, pastor, the services tomorrow will be as follows: Prayer meeting at 9 o'clock; at 10:30 o'clock, sermon by the Rev. Eben N. Baldwin; 2 o'clock, Sunday school; 6:30 o'clock, Epworth League meeting, with solo by Howard Butler; 7:30 o'clock, preaching by Mr. Dawson, on "Job's Longing for God." Singing led by young people's choir and solo by Mrs. Nellie M. Morris. Mr. Dawson will preach at Marshallton tomorrow morning.

ST. ANDREW'S SERVICES.

The order of services in St. Andrew's Church the Rev. Richard W. Trappell, rector, tomorrow will be as follows: Celebration of the Holy Communion, at 8 o'clock; second celebration and sermon at 11 o'clock; Bible class and Sunday School, at 9:45 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon at 7:45 o'clock. The usual liturgical service will be held on Wednesday evening.

TO DISCUSS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Services in Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Concord avenue and Madison street, the Rev. George I. Uhler, pastor, tomorrow, will be as follows: 11 o'clock, "The Operations of the Holy Spirit," to be followed by the celebration of the Lord's Supper; evening sermon, at 7:45 o'clock, on the subject, "Obedience;" the Sunday School meets at 10 o'clock.

ADVENTIST SERVICES.

In the First Seventh Day Adventists' Church, Howland and Clayton streets, the order of services is as follows: Prayer meeting every Friday night at 7:45 o'clock; Sabbath school every Saturday at 9:30 o'clock; preaching or other services at 11 o'clock; young people's meeting at 3 o'clock; Bible lecture Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock by R. H. Martin, on the subject, "The Apostate Church."

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Park Place and Van Buren streets, will hold regular services tomorrow at 11 and 8 o'clock, the subject being, "Soul and Body." The Sunday school convenes at 9:45 o'clock Sunday morning. A testimonial meeting is held in the church every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

SILVERBROOK SERVICES.

Services in Silverbrook M. E. Church, the Rev. J. Howard Gray, pastor, tomorrow will be as follows: Morning sermon, on the subject, "Hearts as Dwelling;" evening sermon, on the subject, "Will it Pay?" Class meetings are held on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

PASTOR TO DISCUSS WAR.

In North Baptist Church, Lincoln street, near Delaware avenue, tomorrow night, the Rev. William L. Pettigill will speak on "Recent Developments in the Great War. Viewed in the Word of Prophecy." The young people's meeting, at 6:45 o'clock, will be conducted by Miss Nellie Hanson.

HILLCREST SERVICES.

In Hillcrest M. E. Church, services tomorrow will be as follows: Class meeting, 10:30 o'clock; Sunday school, 2 o'clock; Epworth League, 6:45 o'clock; preaching at 7:30 o'clock by the Rev. A. L. White.

TO BAPTIZE IN CREEK.

Baptism ceremonies by immersion, will be performed by the Rev. B. T. Moore, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist Church, of this city, at Newark, tomorrow afternoon. The ceremony will take place in White Clay Creek, under the overhead bridge.

COOKMAN ACTIVITIES.

Services at Cookman M. E. Church tomorrow morning will be as follows: Preaching at 10:30 o'clock, by the Rev. J. P. Outten; Sunday School at 2:15 o'clock; Epworth League at 6:45 o'clock. C. W. Pyle, leader. Preaching at 7:30 o'clock, by the pastor.

The members of the Sunday School are rehearsing the "Village Post Office," to be presented in the church on May 26. The church hopes to pay off the mortgage on the parsonage in a short time.

MR. TURNER AT BRANDYWINE.

In Brandywine Methodist Episcopal Church tomorrow, the order of service will be as follows: 9:30 o'clock, prayer and praise service; 10:30 o'clock, preaching by the Rev. Henry Clay Turner, of Waterville, Maine, on the subject, "The Way and the End of a Noble Life"; 2 o'clock, Epworth League devotional service; 7:30 o'clock, preaching by Mr. Turner, on the subject, "Friendship."

SUNDAY AT OLD SWEDES.

Following is the order of services for Sunday, at Holy Trinity (Old Swedes) Church. The Rev. Raymond L. Wulven, vicar; 8 o'clock, Holy Communion; 10:30 o'clock, Holy Communion and sermon; 2:30 o'clock, Sunday School; 7:30 o'clock, evening prayer and sermon.

SCOTT SERVICES.

The usual order of service has been arranged for tomorrow at Scott M. E. Church, Seventh and Spruce streets. At 9:15 o'clock the class meeting will be directed by Lewis T. Grubb. At 10:30 and 7:30 o'clock the sermons will be preached by the Rev. W. A. Wise. At 2 o'clock the Sunday school will meet, in charge of Wilmer F. Drummond, superintendent. At 6:30 o'clock the Epworth League devotional hour will be led by Frank H. Long, who will take for his subject the question: "Are the Children in Our Town Getting a Fair Chance?" At both the morning and evening services a list will be read of those probationers who have been recommended for full membership in the church and these will be formally admitted to this relation on Sunday, June 6.

"FAMILY DAY" AT KINGSWOOD.

At Kingswood M. E. Church, Fourteenth and Claymont streets, "Family Day" will be observed tomorrow, with preaching at 10:30 o'clock by the pastor and special music by the choir. At 2 o'clock a special program will be presented by the Sunday school, at which time E. Ross Farris of the State Sunday School Association and others will speak. There will be plenty of music, both instrumental and vocal. George W. Todd will preside. At 6:30 o'clock the Epworth League meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Thomas H. Robinson and will be followed with a sermon by the pastor at 7:30 and special music by the choir.

SLEEPYTIME TALES

The Circus

BY VIRGINIA VALE.



Once upon a time the King of the Gnomes and the Queen of the Fairies decided that their little subjects had worked so hard and faithfully they should have a little fun. So they called them all together and asked them what they would like to do. They all had something to suggest, but when the Queen asked them how they would like to give a circus they all clapped their hands and said it was just the thing. Of course, some of them chose to be the audience and the others drew lots and chose what they would be.

At last the great night came and they gathered on a smooth, green bit of grass, the Queen on one side seated on a rose-covered throne, and the King on the other side on another flowered throne. The band was seated opposite and was made up of the best singers from the Katy-Dids, the Crickets, and Tree-Toads, and, for base singers the big Bull-Frogs.

They played and sang while the procession passed before the King and Queen and paid their respects. First came several of the Gnomes and they danced and tumbled to the great delight of the audience. Then followed some Bull Frogs with dainty fairies on their backs, then came the Rose Fairy riding on the back of the Golden Bumble Bee and bowing and smiling as she passed. Then a number of Flower Fairies each carrying a stalk of the flower they were named for, and the last in line were several flower chariots each drawn by six beetles, some brown ones and some green ones and gold ones, and filled with little fairies.

How they clapped their hands as the procession passed and at last the Queen signaled them to walk around again. Next the Gnomes showed how they could climb the trees and hang by their feet to the branches, and then the Fairies danced, the Bumblebees lead by the Golden Bumblebee had a race to see who could fly the fastest and then the King gave prizes to the best and told them that refreshments would be served at once.

After that they all danced until the sun rose and bade them a good morning. How they did scamper back to their homes to get ready for their day's work and what fun they had talking it over. They all voted to have another circus the next year and the King and Queen said that they could for they all worked so faithfully after their fun.

SUNDAY AT BETHANY.

Services in Bethany Baptist Church, Elm and Jackson streets, tomorrow, will be conducted by the Rev. J. E. Hunsberger. The theme of the morning sermon will be "The Golden Rule." The evening subject will be "Fooling With Religion."

The Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip will meet at 10 o'clock. The Bible school meets at 2 o'clock, Hiram Yerker, superintendent. The B. Y. P. U. meets at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Henry Schilke will conduct the Polish service at 4 o'clock in the chapel.

FIRST M. P. SERVICES.

The order of service tomorrow in First Methodist Protestant Church, Seventh street, below Walnut street, the Rev. G. A. Robinson, pastor, will be as follows: 9:30, class meeting, James Pugh in charge; preaching at 10:30 o'clock, on the subject, "A Man of Courage;" Sabbath school, 2:15 o'clock; Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45 o'clock, led by Miss Minnie Cardridge, followed by preaching, on the subject, "Graces that Make Character." There will be special singing by the choir at all the services, under the leadership of William Sweeney.

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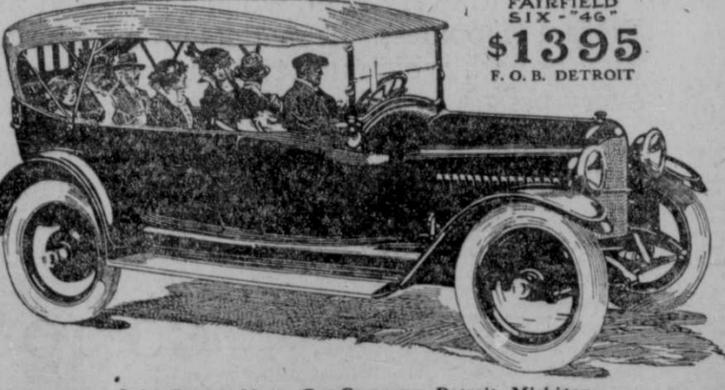
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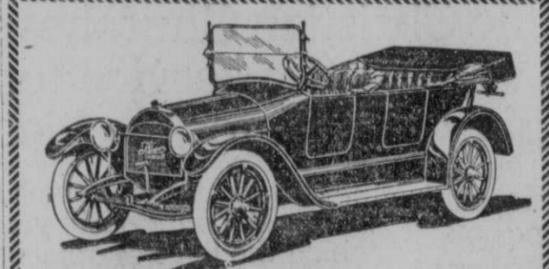
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