

Temperance Day, 1891

An account of Temperance Day celebrations in Soudersburg Methodist Episcopal Church was published in the *Philadelphia Methodist* (the conference newspaper) in its issue of October 24, 1891:

Last Sunday was an interesting day among our people of the Soudersburg ME Church. In the morning the Sunday-school observed Temperance Day with the following program:

1. Singing, "Help a Little."
2. Select Reading, "The Two Glasses," by Geo. L. Weaver.
3. Singing, Solo and Chorus.
4. Select Reading, "The Devil," by Edith Smith.
5. Responsive Reading – Symbols.
6. Recitation, by Miss Mamie Hoar.
7. Temperance Chain. Music by 6 girls and 7 boys.
8. Illustrated Lesson, by Miss Sallie J. Trainer.
9. Address, by Superintendent Jno. Weaver.

The Exercises were full of interest, and a full house of young people were present to enjoy and we trust profit by them. In the evening a class of eighteen persons were received into full membership. These were the fruits of the revival last March, in which twenty-seven persons joined on probation.

Of that class, three moved away, one was recommended who was not present to be received, one joined another church, three were continued on probation, one was sick, and these eighteen were received. Of this class eight were young men. Bro. Geo. S. Kerr, our pastor, addressed the class with words full of wisdom and encouragement.

Many good and useful men have been associated with this church during the past century. They worshipped within these walls, and bore testimony to the truth of the gospel. They lived and died in the faith of the Son of God. They are not here; they have gone up the shining way. They are with the saints and angels before the throne. Their bodies are resting in their tombs awaiting the resurrection morn. Look toward yonder graveyard!