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## MRS. WILLIAM NEAL.

Last week Thursday morning at eight o'clock the spirit of Mary L., wife of William Neal, was called home to its everlasting reward. About nine days previously she was attacked with pneumonia, and in spite of all that could be done she gradually failed until a fatal termination was reached.

Mrs. Neal was a daughter of John C. Boyd and was born in what is now Montour County, on February 24, 1824. She was married to Mr. Neal in 1854, and has resided in Bloomsburg ever since. The surviving members of the family are her husband, one son, Dr. J. B. Neal of China, one daughter, Mrs. Morris Shipley of Cincinnati, and three step-children, C. W. Neal of Bloomsburg, Mrs. E. W. Elwell of Towanda, and R. C. Neal of Harrisburg. Of her father's family there are still living her brother James Boyd of Harrisburg, Montgomery Boyd and Joseph Boyd of Montour Co., and Mrs. McClure of Columbia, Pa.

The funeral services were held at the residence on Market street on Monday afternoon at half past one, and the attendance was very large, showing the high esteem in which the deceased was held by the community, and expressive of the sympathy felt for the family in their affliction. A large class of young ladies known as the Mission of the Presbyterian Church, which had been under the instruction of Mrs. Neal for many years, attended in a body, and the numerous beautiful floral tributes bore further testimony to the love of many sorrowing friends.

The services were conducted by Rev. I. M. Patterson, pastor, and Rev. Dr. Mitchell of Mt. Carmel, former pastor of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Neal's life for many years has been one of devotion to good works. A woman of noble and beautiful christian character, she was deeply interested in all the branches of work in the Presbyterian church. She was also an earnest and active member of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Her charitable acts were countless, and she will be greatly missed by many poor people whose wants have so often been relieved by her generosity. She did not wait for the needy to come to her door to ask for charity, but she sought them out, and relieved their wants as far as possible, and drew the attention of others to special cases where she was unable to supply all that was required. And so for years she has gone about doing good, helping the needy, comforting the afflicted, and by word and work and life devoting herself to the betterment of others both spiritually and temporarily, and without ostentation or display, but all for the glory of God. She has left behind her the memory of an exemplary and consistent christian life, that will have an effect on those who follow after her, for years to come.

The Mission Band was organized by Mrs. Neal, and through their efforts a sum of money was raised every year toward the support of the Medical Dispensary built by Dr. Neal in China. It is their intention to continue this work during the coming year as a memorial to their beloved teacher.

The executive committees of the home and foreign missionary societies of the Presbyterian church of Bloomsburg, at a meeting held Saturday evening, May 23, formally expressed their appreciation of the loss sustained by the death of the lamented Mrs. Neal, as follows:

Our beloved sister and co-worker, Mrs. Mary L. Neal, has been called into the gracious presence of a loving Father.

During a life, full of days and good works, it was her greatest joy to bring to others a knowledge of the All-Fatherhood of God as shown through the gift of His Son, Jesus Christ.

It lay upon her heart in an especial manner, to further the "tidings of great joy" to those who have never heard it, in our own and foreign lands. In her death, the cause of missions has lost a most devoted and efficient worker, and the home and foreign missionaries of the Bloomsburg Presbyterian church have sustained an irreparable loss.

Stimulated by her consecrated example, we will the more earnestly work and pray for the full fruition of the work which she has left us as a sacred legacy.

The M. E. Sunday School and congregation will hold their annual excursion on Friday June 5, 1896 at Wynona Park. Everybody is invited to go along.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 24th semi-annual convention of the Fishingcreek township S. S. Association was held in the St. James church, May 16th, 1896. Exercises opened at 2 o'clock P. M.

Afternoon session—Devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Sutton. After the reading of the minutes of the previous convention, which were approved as read, a cordial address of welcome was given by the Supt. of that Sunday School. Mr. O. J. Hess and Mr. M. I. Low responded, giving words of cheer to the workers, and urged the keeping open of the Sunday school twelve months of the year.

After the enrollment of delegates and the appointment of the various committees, Mr. H. R. Bower opened the discussion of "The Home Department." Each Sunday School should appoint a committee of earnest christian workers to visit each family and urge all those who cannot attend Sunday School to agree to study the lesson at home at least 1/4 hour each week. They are then enrolled and considered members of the Sunday School. What we want is a more earnest, careful study of the word of God.

This year we, the county organization, want to accomplish three things: 1st, have the home department established all through the county; 2nd, the Bible in use in the Sunday School instead of the lesson leaf; 3rd, the grading of the schools.

The grading of the schools was outlined as follows: place the children from 4 to 8 years of age in the primary class. During this period of four years have them commit to memory the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and the beatitudes. Those from 8 to 12 in the junior class. During this period of 4 years have the members of this class to memorize the names of the books of the Bible, when and by whom written, and the Promises. Those of 12 years and over in the senior class. This class to memorize Bible geography, Bible history, church history, &c. Examinations should be held for each grade at the end of each year and if possible promote them to the next grade. When they have passed the senior examinations, furnish them a handsome diploma fit to hang in any parlor.

The report of the committee on nominations resulted in the election of Mr. A. A. Pealer, President; Mrs. Sallie Stoker, Secretary, and Mr. David Vost, Treasurer. The place for holding the next convention, Asbury, time, Nov. 7th. Executive committee: J. S. Campbell, Nathan Beishline and Millie Runyan. After collection and question box, the convention adjourned to meet at 7:15 in the evening.

Evening session opened with singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and prayer by Rev. Creveling, after which the convention was favored with a recitation "The Drunkard's Home," by Miss Blanche Austin. Rev. Sutton then discussed the topic "The Bible, the Text-book of the Sunday School." He said, "The Bible is the text book of the individual, the text book of the church and Sunday School. The Bible is the text book of salvation. Salvation is not taught in the heavens above us, nor in the earth beneath us, but only in the Bible. The Bible is the book that directs us through this life to our home in heaven. There is not a sentence in it but is worth our study. It is like a hand board by the wayside, having fingers to point the way, so the Bible points the way to heaven."

A discussion, "Is temperance taught in the Bible," was opened by H. R. Bower. He said, "Temperance is a comprehensive word. We are taught to be temperate in all things. It may be applied to work, recreation or eating. I wish at present to regard it only with reference to abstinence from intoxicating drinks. He divided his remarks into four parts: 1st, sobriety encouraged and commended; 2nd, drink refused and its rewards; 3rd, warnings given; 4th, woes and sentences. After referring to different passages of scripture, which were read by members of the convention, which proved beyond all doubt that temperance is clearly and emphatically taught in the Bible, he said drunkenness causes physical and financial wrecks.

A person may start in life well equipped, both physically and financially, but drunkenness will rob him of both. Drunkenness causes moral wrecks. A drunkard has not a respectable character to present before the world, let alone appearing before God. Drunkenness causes spiritual wrecks. A drunkard cannot enter the kingdom of Heaven.

"What is the Design of the Sunday School convention?" M. I. Low said, "The design of the Sunday School convention is organization, perfect organization. First we have the Sunday School. That is organized. Then we have these conventions in which all the Sunday Schools of the township are represented. These conventions are important because they dovetail into the county organization. In these conventions international denominational spirit is engendered and denominational fidelity is encouraged. Methods and means of work are discussed. We wish to magnify the importance of the Bible in the Sunday School. To learn to love the word of God. We want to hold before the people the importance of the Sunday School. To advertise it. These conventions should help the christian but something should be said to bring conviction to the hearts of those who are not christians. "Is it Beneficial to Memorize Scripture?" Mr. Sutton said Yes it is beneficial to memorize scripture. We should fill our minds full of it. We should begin while young. Some little passage of scripture, learned in childhood may lead the soul to salvation in after years.

The convention was next favored with a recitation "Tommy the Cripple," which was very impressively rendered by Miss Daisy McHenry. The sentiments of the convention were embodied in the following resolutions.

WHEREAS, through the great mercy of our Heavenly father we are again permitted to come together in convention, we desire first of all to recognize his goodness and mercy toward us. We acknowledge our dependence on Him, whose we are and whom we serve.

- Resolved, That as the Home Department is a great factor in securing the study of the Bible and also in increasing the Sunday School membership we heartily endorse the work.
- Resolved, That we again urge the keeping open of the Sunday School during the winter months.
- Resolved, That as the Bible is the guide of our life it is, and ever should be, the text book of the Sunday School, and as such should be used in the Sunday School class.
- Resolved, That as the Bible most emphatically teaches total abstinence, we as S. S. workers and followers of Christ, again place ourselves on record as being most heartily opposed to the Liquor traffic, and will work, pray, and vote for its overthrow.
- Resolved, That the design of the Sunday School institute is to learn to love God's word to magnify and advertise the Sunday School, to confirm the hope of the christian and to lead sinners to Christ.
- Resolved, That memorizing scripture is highly beneficial, as God's word stored up in the mind may in after years, help us to resist temptation and cheer and comfort us when earthly comforts fail.
- Resolved, We heartily thank our visiting brethren for the inspiration of their presence and the able manner in which they discussed the different subjects before the convention.
- Resolved, That we tender a vote of thanks to the St. James Church, Sunday School, and community in general for their hospitable entertainment during the sessions of this convention.

MR. ANNIE MCHENRY, MISS SARAH J. CAMPBELL, MRS. EFFIE HESS, J. S. CAMPBELL, ASST. SEC. Farmers Institutes.

The County Board of Farmers' Institute Managers, will meet at the County Commissioners' office on the second Tuesday of June, to arrange for the places where Institutes are to be held this season. All of our people who desire Institutes, ought to attend this meeting and present their claims. This Board is composed of the Local Member of the State Board of Agriculture, and one representative from each County Agricultural Society, the Pomona Grange and County Alliances. If you find that you cannot attend this meeting, address a letter with your request to Chairman of Board of Institute Managers, care of County Commissioners.

A suitable hall for the meeting ought to be provided, free of charge, by the locality wishing the Institute.

Every town is possessed of certain individuals who suppose they are remarkably smart. One of this sort went into one of our clothing stores and inquired, "is the buyer in?" He was informed that he was not, but the cellar was down stairs.

## SCHOOL YEAR ENDED.

This has been a week of anxiety for the pupils of our public schools, as they have been undergoing their final examinations. The worry will be over to-morrow as that day closes the class room work for the present term. The commencement will open next Sunday with a sermon in St. Paul's Episcopal church by the Rector Rev. D. N. Kirkby, at 10:30 A. M. Monday evening, the Juniors will furnish an entertainment in the Opera House, and as they have gone to a great deal of trouble and expense an enjoyable time may be expected. The musical on Tuesday evening will be conducted by O. H. Yetter, which is a sufficient guarantee that it will be of the highest order. The Juniors and B. Juniors, will entertain the classes of '95 and '96 in the High School building Wednesday evening. The commencement exercises proper will be held in the Opera House Thursday evening.

The festivities will conclude with the Alumni banquet Friday evening. Tickets for the different entertainments can be procured at Slate's book store, and as the net proceeds will be invested in books for the High School library they should be liberally patronized by our citizens.

## A SUDDEN DEATH.

The citizens of Main township were started Monday morning by hearing the report that H. G. John, a resident of that township, had suddenly died at his residence Sunday evening. The week previous he had an attack of neuralgia of the heart, but had so far recovered as to be able to follow his usual avocation on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday morning he attended church and was apparently well. The family retired at the usual time, and after having been in bed a short time he raised up and informed his wife that he had a pain at his heart. He no more than uttered these words when he fell forward dead. He was about sixty-eight years of age, and respected by all who knew him. He leaves to survive him a wife and four children, Mrs. George Shuman, Mrs. Alexander Bitter, Charles F., and Rosa. The funeral was held from his late residence yesterday and the remains taken to Catawissa, where further services were conducted in the Methodist Church. The interment was in the Friends' burying grounds.

## AT REST.

Once again death has entered our community and removed from our midst a loving mother, a kind neighbor and a good friend. Mrs. Sallie Buckingham, who for some time past has been a patient sufferer, was freed from pain, and her spirit took its flight to its eternal home yesterday morning at twenty minutes past five o'clock. Whilst her health has been poor for some time past yet in the midst of all her suffering she bore it with a calm christian resignation. She maintained her reason to the last, and during the last few hours of her life she was constantly talking about her home, and when interrogated by her family who were constantly at her bedside, if she meant her eternal home, she replied "yes where Jesus lives." The deceased was the youngest daughter of the late Judge McReynolds and moved to this place from Buckhorn in April 1869, where she has continuously resided, and by her consistent christian life won and held the respect and love of a host of friends. She leaves to survive her a daughter and two sons, Mrs. Agnes M., wife of Dr. J. C. Biddle, Superintendent of the Miners Hospital at Ashland, Dr. H. W. Buckingham, of New York City, and Robert Buckingham Esq., of this place. The funeral services will be conducted at her late residence corner of East and Third streets to-morrow morning at ten o'clock, by Rev. I. M. Patterson pastor of the Presbyterian church, of which she has for many years been a consistent member and closely identified with all its work.

## MEMORIAL DAY PROGRAM.

Comrades of Ent Post will meet at their hall at 7:30 A. M., and proceed to Almedia at 8 o'clock. A detail of E. O. S. of A. will decorate Vanderslice and Heller grave yard in the forenoon. Procession will be formed on Market Square at 2:30 P. M. and march to West Street, counter march up Main to Centre, and up to Cemetery. A short address will be delivered at the soldier's circle by Rev. D. E. Ruple of Espy. Flowers may be left at the Post room.

## INTERESTING NEWS . . . . .

From this store can always be looked for, especially now when the tables and counters are fairly overloaded with all the best things in the clothing market—when we find ourselves overloaded in any particular line, we make prices to move quick. Hence these values:

## Children's Fine Suits.

Reefers with large sailor collars, beautifully braided, Fauntleroy's with exquisite trimming, blouse suits, made of best serges, flannels and chevots, *all reduced.*

\$7.50, \$6.50 and \$5.50 grades are \$3.98.  
\$5.00, \$4.50 and \$4.00 grades are \$3.48.  
\$3.50, \$3.00 and \$2.75 grades are \$2.48.  
\$2.50 and \$2.00 grades are \$1.98.

Men's light weight coats and vests of finest imported serges, blue, black, medium or light, grey, plain or with pin check, all sizes from 34 to 42, splendid fitting, never retailed before for less than \$6.50 to \$7.50. A lucky buy on our part enables us to offer them at \$5.00 for coat and vest. Pants to match up, \$2.00 and \$2.50. The men's suits at \$5.00 of certain lines that were \$6.50 and \$7.50, and the finer grades of certain lines reduced from \$8, \$9 and \$10 to \$7.50 together with the imported and domestic worsteds at \$9 and \$10, that are down from \$12 to \$15, are values that careful and shrewd buyers do not miss.



## THE GREAT Clothing Sensation.

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### It has knocked \$5.00 men's suits down to \$3.75.

### Suits that are cheap at \$10 are now \$7.50.

### Men's fine suits worth \$15 and \$18 are down to \$10 and \$12.

### Children's knee pant suits worth \$3.50, dropped to \$1.75 and \$2.00.

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