NEARING DEFENDS HIMSELF IN FIRST OPEN STATEMENT

Takes Issue With Dr. J. William White in His Defense of Trustees

POVERTY TABOOED TOPIC

Dr. Scott Nearing, ousted by the board of trustees of the University of Pennsylvania, takes issue with Dr. J. William White in seven points made by the latter in a lengthy contribution to "Old Penn," a University publication. The reopening of the "free speech" issue at the University also was marked today by a letter from Wharton Barker, one of the trustees, to George Wharton Pepper, also a member of the board, in which he declares the whole situation must be reconsidered by the trustees.

Provost Edgar Fahs Smith told Doctor Nearing, the latter says, that talk against child labor and poverty "hurts the University." Doctor Nearing declares he never advocated a redistribution of property, as Doctor White alleged to be the belief of "sober-minded, sensible" persons," and also denies Doctor White's assertion that he was offered a continuance of salary until he decided on his future course.

The reply of Doctor Nearing is the first public statement he has made since the trustees declined to reappoint him. In it he takes up and numbers the points made by Doctor White, answering each briefly, and concluding with the following: "I find in Doctor White's entire letter no other important statement of fact regarding me. It is upon these statements, whose accuracy I have questioned, that Doctor White builds his argument in justification of the action taken by the board last June."

DOCTOR NEARING'S STATEMENT.

Doctor Nearing's statement in full follows:

"I have read the open letter written by Doctor White, an alumnus and trustee, to the alumni of the University of Pennsylvania. May I call to the attention of Doctor White and of my fellow alumni the following statements upon which Doctor White bases his justification of the board of trustees?

First. Doctor White states that "on numerous occasions" I presented certain views which were construed as "fanatic" and "extravagant" before "lay audiences" that were "quite unfit to appreciate or digest them."

"The 'lay audiences' before which most of my public lectures have been given fall mainly into four groups—teachers, women's clubs, churches and labor unions. I do not know which of these audiences Doctor White believes to be 'quite unfit to appreciate or digest' my views.

Second. Doctor White says that "sober-minded, sensible persons" believed that I "advocated the ruthless redistribution of property."

"I have never advocated a 'redistribution of property,' ruthless or otherwise. I have talked only about the just distribution of income.

Third. Doctor White suggests that these same persons were convinced that I believe in "the personal iniquity of those who lived on incomes derived even from their own savings" and that I "thought that the alternative of work or starvation should be presented even to the old, the feeble and the diseased."

"I do not believe and have never insisted upon 'the personal iniquity of those who live on incomes derived even from their own savings,' nor that I 'thought that the alternative of work or starvation should be presented even to the old, the feeble and the diseased.'

Doctor White states that "Doctor Nearing had been kindly and considerately asked if he could not lessen this growing feeling * * * by a better adaptatiop of his arguments to the understanding of his audiences."

WHAT THE PROVOST ASKED.

"I was asked by the Provost not to talk against child labor and poverty, as 'such agitation hurts the University.' I know of no other advice to which Doctor White can refer."

With the approval of the board, the Provost offered to continue Doctor Nearing's salary until he decided on his future course * * * ; but Doctor Nearing, with commendable independence, declined to accept the offer.

"Neither the board nor the Provost, nor any officer of the board, has offered me a continuance of salary. Obviously, therefore, I never 'declined to accept the help proffered.'"

Doctor White cites "an article in the Ladies' Home Journal, in which he had declared himself, or permitted himself to be described, as 'Professor in the University of Pennsylvania,' when, in fact, he was but an instructor."

"Inquiry would have shown Doctor White that the title 'Professor' was added by the editors of the Ladies' Home Journal, who, like most people outside of academic circles, refer to all University teachers as 'professors,' and further, that the moment the error appeared I had it corrected in the later articles of the series.

Doctor White suggests that the University authorities when approaching potential contributors who "are often not averse to being supplied with a good, ready-made excuse" find it "positively harmful to be handicapped by statements like the following put forth by Doctor Nearing: "Private wealth has been able to control political parties and the church; let it not control the school. The schools must not take a dollar from any private donor. There must be no educational donation save the tax which all the people pay. * * * So long as you have your college presidents and your college professors on the payroll of corporation foundations you will have the policies of your higher institutions of learning dictated by these corporation interests."

STATEMENT AFTER DISMISSAL.

"Doctor White lays great stress on a statement of mine regarding private endowments to public educational institutions. He does not note that this statement was reported to have been made by me in July, 1915. My connection with the University ceased in June. It is presumably copied from the reprint of a news story based on a public lecture given in July, 1915. Such a news story does not pretend to be a verbatim report of my remarks. Prior to July, 1915, I never made any public utterance regarding private endowments.

"I find in Doctor White's entire letter no other important statement of fact regarding me. It is upon these statements, whose accuracy I have questioned, that Doctor White builds his argument in justification of the action taken by the board last June.

"SCOTT NEARING."

Third Vessel Added to Quaker Line

The third vessel of the Quaker Line, formerly the Oregon-California Line, will be the steamship Wilhelmina, according to the announcement made today by L. Nicholl's Sons, agents of the line. The Wilhelmina will load her cargo of general merchandise at Pier 16, South Wharves, for delivery at Pacific coast ports.

THIS CITY A GRETNA GREEN

Young Couple From Elkton, Md., Leave That Marrying Community to Be Wedded Here

Elkton, Md., is Philadelphia's Gretna Green. That is, the chauffeurs, cabbies, pastors, hotelkeepers and storekeepers of Elkton do a flourishing business through the marriage of young couples, who, for one reason or another, go away from home to wed. Philadelphia is Elkton's Gretna Green, apparently, although the receipts from the marrying business here are not as important an item in the city's business income as they are in the Maryland town.

Malvern T. Jeffers and Josephine Knox, both of Elkton, and, therefore, living in an atmosphere of marrying, did not carry coals to Newcastle when they got married. They came to this city and obtained a license and today were married, far from their native Gretna Green.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Sealon Morgan, 1968 E. Birch st., and Anna E. Schaefer, 2 557 Emerald st.
Earl A. Eastwood, 263 N. 6th st., and Vistia E. Fulcher, 865 N. 11th st.
Louis A. Johnson, Wildwood, N. J., and Elizabeth Sloan, 2420 N. Opal st.
Johannes Waffin, 3526 Glenmore ave., and Hjonve Simonsen, 5544 Glenmore ave.
Nikifer W. Woronow, 539 New Market st., and Kornelka Stechinska, 1106 South st.
George H. Shaw, 5558 Yocum st., and Mary L. Doyle, 5534 Arch st.
Demetrios Mishchuk, 925 N. Hancock st., and Julia Miller, 2201 N. 33d st.
Paolo Rizzio, 833 Webster st., and Angiolina Mariani, 904 Kimball st.
Francesco Fusco, 1944 Federal st., and Antonetta de Fazio, 1925 N. Philip st.
Harry Gellar, 2351 S. Beulah st., and Matilda Lman, 2524 S. Reese st.
Hoyt M. Cook, Atlanta, Ga., and Elizabeth M. McGuire, 333 S. 2d st.
Charles E. Lieb, 2460 Federal st., and Louise C. Lux, 853 N. 26th st.
William Freuss, 3011 N. 26th st., and Elizabeth Schlemmer, 2816 Master st.
Charles Silverman, New York city, and Rose Rosenkrantz, 334 N. Lawrence st.
George Allen, Welsh road, and Julia Davis, 1252 S. Patton st.
Alonzo P. Dewees, Jr., 7229 Gray's ave., and Katharine E. Moran, 12d and Grays ave.
Andrew McMahon, 2161 N. Camac st., and Arlaide Costello, 925 York st.
Clarence E. Smith, 2226 Woodland ave., and Margaret M. Gleason, Newtown Square, Pa.
Louis Lepler, 1622 S. 5th st., and Ethel Rutenberg, 1622 S. 5th st.
Chester W. Sassman, 2035 Baltimore ave., and Marie M. Bailey, 262 E. Mentor st.
Joshua Weingarten, 1833 Wallace st., and Caroline Paves, 878 N. 7th st.
Malvern T. Jeffers, Elkton, Md., and Josephine Knox, Elkton, Md.
Herman Bielecki, 171 E. Allen st., and Rose Reilley, 135 Cooper st.
Angelo Ambrose, 541 Christian st., and Antonetta Chiacchiari, 788 S. 6th st.
William Josey, 841 N. Opal st., and Mary Chesley, 1073 E. Hoyt st.
Charles Strelli, 1206 S. Alder st., and Louise Di Feo, 1019 Wharton st.
Richard C. Dayton, Cambridge, Md., and Ethel M. Gill, Chesapeake City, Md.
Leonardo Perrond, 437 Fitzwater st., and Carmela Collaro, 475 Kimball st.
John McKeever, 556 N. 47th st., and Mary A. Bradley, 2123 N. Gratz st.
David Friedman, 725 Morris st., and Ethel Labanowsky, 523 De Lancey st.
Aaron B. Fries, Elizabeth, N. J., and Adaline D. Tomlinson, Somerton, Pa.
Edward P. McCall, 3918 Poplar st., and Florence Cobb, 6051 Allman st.
Joseph Miscmello, 1416 Moore st., and Pauline Guglielmo, 1810 S. Rosewood st.
James A. Gallagher, Darby, Pa., and Rose M. Murray, 2417 Moore st.
August H. Wetherill, 1830 Rittenhouse st., and Ewina E. Bruner, 2023 De Lancey st.
Martino D'Ippolito, 1106 Emily st., and Josephine Buccigano, 1313 S. 9th st.
Albert Weres, 1812 Ludlow st., and Edna Roney, 1810 Ludlow st.
Kenneth W. Williams, 5000 Chester ave., and Mildred E. Openshaw, 5835 Springfield ave.
Paul Gana, 323 New Market st., and Mary Hva, 324 N. Front st.
Louis Ilskes, 5132 Viola st., and Mollie Gitman, 1222 S. 5th st.
Roger Dutton, 2009 Wilder st., and Lena Evans, 1113 S. 23d st.
Thomas M. Fox, 521 Natrona st., and Sarah A. Maar, 3616 Olive st.
Plummer Bullock, 1617 Bainbridge st., and Olivia Corbin, 745 S. Chadwick st.
Simon Schoenbrun, Keasbey, N. J., and Helen Hirch, 4230 Oxford st.
Olena Kowtonik, 1847 N. Hope st., and Mary Gulinska, 1847 N. Hope st.
Reece Campbell, Llanerch, Pa., and Anna McKinley, 3462 N. 3d st.
Charles M. Woods, Mt. Vernon, N. Y., and Valeria Walton, Oak Lane.
Michael McKane, 26 S. 58th st., and Margaret M. O'Dea, 127 N. 53d st.
John F. Bearley, 2328 York st., and Ella Payne, 2628 Arizona st.
Maurice Carlin, 923 S. 10th st., and Minnie Dapin, 607 S. 10th st.
Jan Kapka, 2546 Roberts ave., and Antonina Benert, 1936 Callowhill st.
Samuel H. Levin, 1350 S. 6th st., and Sadie Borzenski, 1631 S. 5th st.
Emmett P. Lewis, 1318 S. 21st st., and Martha Wells, 2162 Dickinson st.
Walter F. Trevor, Camden, N. J., and Alice L. Funk, 6224 Baynton st.
William Gilbert, 2643 Sterner st., and Anna Mullen, 2508 Sterner st.
Max Fort, 638 N. 7th st., and Lizzie Kauffman, 958 N. 7th st.
Hugh Cannon, 1402 N. 21st st., and Jetta Boyle, 1402 N. 21st st.
Antonio Gatto, 1927 S. Warnock st., and Rosa Gona, 1525 S. Warnock st.
Harry G. Mandel, 2320 Palethorp st., and Florence A. Coulter, 2562 N. 5th st.
Claude Anderson, Millville, N. J., and Louisa R. Schick, 2525 N. Carlisle st.
Howard G. Wible, 5124 N. 11th st., and Mary G. Tuttle, 1726 E. Susquehanna ave.
Max M. Haab, 3021 Market st., and France L. Senn, 120 Pine st.
Frank Pitzheimer, 2727 N. 24 st., and Catharine Donigan, 1846 E. Lehigh ave.
Isadore Sabel, 6000 Girard ave., and Grace R. Goldberg, 1302 N. Frazier st.
Francis B. Watkins, Montreal, Can., and Romaine Taylor, 4376 Chestnut st.
Ralston W. Repsher, 413 N. 54th st., and Bertha M. Dawson, 5023 Parrish st.
Carmelo Catalano, 319 New st., and Rosa Devina, 319 New st.
Benjamin Silber, Bristol, Pa., and Rebecca Light, 1720 S. 8th st.
Stanislaw Politowski, 103 Pemberton st., and Antonnina Lyszewska, 103 Pemberton st.
Robert E. Jones, Langlois, Ore., and Marie M. Schmidt, 837 N. 25th st.

ARTISANS' ORDER IN NEW CAMPAIGN

Committees and Meetings to Work Up Growth of Small Assemblies and Big Rally

M. E. M. A. Harry C. Smith called together committees from 13 of the smaller assemblies of the order for the purpose of aiding them to increase their membership. The plan adopted contemplates a union meeting of these assemblies on Tuesday evening, October 26. The features will be an entertainment by good talent and the initiation ceremony performed by the most excellent officers. The quartets of these assemblies will furnish the musical selections. Committees to carry out the arrangements are as follows:

Quartets—Curtis P. Calver, W. W. Myers, William McCarter, H. C. Buckley, Edward Bonsall.

Talent—George V. McKinnon, Frederick J. Gay, I. V. Maull, Ira Earl, Charles Honnen, W. H. Kester.

Publicity—E. S. Woodrow, F. C. Glipin, E. P. Pike, David P. Haven, W. H. K. Magrady, Samuel MacFeeters, N. Helverson, F. C. Chalmers, J. R. M. Gard, Robert Egner.

One of the most enthusiastic meetings in the history of Germantown Assembly was held on Thursday evening last, at which there were 300 members present. A number of visitors from other assemblies were present, among which were Master Artisan Jacob R. Jordan, of Prospect Park Assembly; P. M. E. M. A. Higgins and Messrs. J. McKenty, of Southwestern, and women of the Eastern Penitentiary, all of whom made interesting talks. Under the leadership of that royal fellow, Elmer P. Cook, Master Artisan, Germantown has instituted another campaign for new members, and it is confidently expected that at least 100 candidates will be admitted before December 31.

Girard Assembly had a homecoming night and nearly everybody was there. Several members of the Committee of 100 were present and contributed largely to the enjoyment of the occasion.

Brother Philip Arnold, chairman of the Entertainment Committee of Adelphi Assembly, staged a splendid entertainment at the last meeting. Brother Arnold is a truly up-to-date chairman. Four new members were admitted and three petitions were received for the next meeting.

St. John's Assembly is back in its stride. Eight new members were received on Tuesday evening and as many petitions for the next meeting. William B. Pollock, chairman of the Membership Committee, asks for 50 new members this quarter. In order to stimulate interest the assembly offered a cash prize to the three members who put in the greatest number of candidates. William W. Donnelly, recorder, familiary known as "Grizzly Bill," predicts that St. John's will perform creditably in the next three months.

The official visitations for October are as follows: October 4th, Bartram; 7th, Underdown; 11th, Scranton; 12th, William Patton; 14th, West Philadelphia; 16th, Pottsgrove and Alvira; 18th, Pennsylvania; 20th, Keystone; 25th, Columbia; 28th, Trenton.

Bartram Assembly will give tonight a hearty welcome to M. E. M. A. Smith and staff. Recorder Higgins, Brother Smith's predecessor, has keen knowledge and appreciation of the executive work this year.

William Patton Assembly, in the Parkway Building, will celebrate its first anniversary at the next meeting, October 12.

Lehigh Assembly will have a good program at the Higgins meeting, October 21, including a talk on the "Baseball Game of Life" by the Rev. T. Davis.

Southwestern Assembly is preparing a monster celebration of its 25th anniversary on November 4.

The bowling league held its first meeting for the purpose of reorganizing for the season and to conduct a five-man-team tournament. The following officers were selected: C. B. Higgins, of Bartram, president; Joseph Avil, of Underdown, vice president; L. E. Knapp, Lehigh, secretary, and Harrison Patton, of Southwestern, treasurer.

The present outlook is for 16 teams, divided into two sections, eight teams in each section. The following assemblies are expected to be represented in the league: Northwestern, champion of section A last season; Underdown, Progressive, Adelphi, Pennsylvania, Southwestern, Spartan, champion of the league; Underdown, Fidelity, Oak Lane, Union, Lehigh, Larchwood, Harmony, Northwestern and Bartram.

Brothers Bill Green, of Underdown; Jos. Avil, of Underdown, and Bill Barwell, of Northwestern, were appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations. The league promises to get under way as soon as all arrangements are completed. The enthusiasm among the Artisan bowlers is increasing rapidly, and this season promises to be one of great rivalry among the various assemblies which have teams entered.

Interest in the Artisans' rally, which will take place at the Academy of Music on Wednesday evening, October 27, continues to increase. All assemblies in Philadelphia and nearby have entered into the spirit of the affair with enthusiasm. The price of admission tickets for the big event at the Academy of Music has been fixed at figures which will just allow the committee to clear expenses. The sale of seats opens at 204 Parkway Building at 9 a. m. on October 13. The committee on talent is pursuing a course which will enable it to keep its promise to the members—to make it the best entertainment they have ever had.

As a preliminary to the affair, an automobile parade will be held on Friday evening, October 22. The route to be taken will be decided upon in a few days. Expenses already received indicate there will be more than 100 cars in line. The committee having the parade in charge consists of George F. Lawling, chairman, 1400 Vine street; William B. Pollock, Dr. C. C. Sticker, Theodore F. Bachran, Alexander S. Johnson and Dr. H. H. Lott.

ROYAL ARCANUM

Extent of the General Growth of the Order Last Year

The official statement of membership for 1915 shows Pennsylvania jurisdiction in the lead of all other States in point of numbers. After deducting all suspensions, withdrawals and deaths this State shows a net increase of 654. The total membership is 28,506, who have outclassed a jurisdiction comprising a membership of more than 65,000 members, while the little Washington jurisdiction, with a membership of 1,000, shows the best average gain, they having 228 net increase to their credit. District of Columbia makes the third best showing, with little Rhode Island following very closely.

D. D. G. R. Wallace, Whitaker, Slama and Hudson were guests of Continental Council, and assisted in the initiation of four applicants. Brother Wallace made a stirring address to the new material. Refreshments and entertainment followed the close of a very successful meeting. Another class of new members is promised for the meeting of October 11th, when five active Arcanians from other councils are scheduled to be on hand.

The October meeting of the Carnation Club, which will be held tonight at the Bingham Hotel, promises to be a very important session. A schedule of visits to councils of research work will be discussed and the winter entertainments will be arranged by the various committees.

The Associated Councils of Philadelphia held their monthly meeting last Saturday evening in the Parkway Building.

The schedule for October visits by Philadelphia deputies has been circulated. It will be known as the whirlwind campaign. Nearly every active Arcanian has been assigned to duty and every council in the district is to be visited by "trip-injectors," selected from the several auxiliaries. It is the desire that every council will have at least one big night in October. A strong appeal will be made to such councils that have been inactive, also to be furnished with every help in whatever branches of work they may need help. The 300 new members called for by the grand regent before December 31 is a conservative allotment, as in the previous campaign two counties proved nearly double the number, and feel equal to repeating this splendid record.

Philadelphia Council held an open meeting and package party. Many of the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary attended this meeting. Special entertainment was provided. The sale of packages for the benefit of the bowling team resulted in accumulating a good sum. Mrs. N. E. Roedel, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary, made an address. There were musical selections rendered by several soloists. Miss Beatrice Eaton, the daughter of the past grand regent, being particularly fine.

Pennsylvania Council will set apart a night for the ladies. This council will be visited by a delegation of deputies on the night of October 8, headed by D. D. Grand G. R. William L. Young. The Alcoh Nicholas class has now additional inspiration in that they are also competing against Columbian Council of New Jersey and making up the grand regent's quota of 50 new members by December 31.

Secretary Shormaker announced the death of two former active members of Pennsylvania Council, Brother Alexander Mitchell, who formerly filled the position of treasurer, and Brother Thomas Dunn, who was a long time representative to the Grand Council of Pennsylvania and grand treasurer.

KNIGHTS GOLDEN EAGLES

Large Class Initiation by Combined Castles of the City

The combined castles of Philadelphia will admit a large class of new candidates this evening at Lu Lu Temple. The opening, closing and three degrees will be worked by different teams. The castle will be opened by a team picked from Ivanhoe Commandery, No. 26, under command of Captain John E. Dormer. The first degree will be conferred by the degree team of Waverly Castle, the second degree by a team from Delta Castle, and the third degree by a team from Clearview Castle. The closing of the castle will be by a team picked from A. C. Lyttle Commandery, No. 191, under command of Captain Fred K. Lyttel. The hall will be crowded, visiting members coming from many points outside of the city.

The public reception on next Wednesday evening at Horticultural Hall promises to be the finest affair of the kind ever held by the local Sir Knights. During the evening there will be an exhibition drill and inspection of the military branch of this city. This will be conducted by Brigadier General George R. Gregory, of Reading, accompanied by a large number of his staff. Admission to the public is by card only. Supreme Chief John W. Ford will be present with many members of the Supreme Castle and will make an address.

The bicounty convention of Chester and Delaware Counties will be held at Garrettford, commencing Saturday, October 16. The local committee is sparing no time or pains to make it a great success and have arranged for a short street parade after the business session. They have already booked a large number of castles, commanderies and prominent members of the order, among whom are Supreme Chief John W. Ford, Supreme Master of Records John B. Trebler, Grand Vice Chief John P. Brownley and Grand Master of Records L. L. Gallagher. In the evening a public meeting will be held, which will be addressed by both the supreme chief and supreme master of records. The officers of the local committee are: President, William Robinson; treasurer, William Talley; secretary, the Rev. Linn C. Drake.

In every city and town in the State centres of the order commenced the week's celebration by attending divine services last evening. There in Philadelphia attended the Chambers-Wylie Memorial Presbyterian Church, those in Pittsburgh attended the First Christian Church and those in Chester attended the Providence Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, at all of which special sermons were preached by the pastors.

MACCABEES' ASSOCIATION

Busy Women in Campaign for Big Class Initiation

A meeting of the commanders of the various reviews in the city was held at the office of supreme chaplain Miss Minnie E. Burgin, 534 Ludlow street, last Saturday evening, to arrange for the "Get-a-Friend" campaign, for which the admission fee has been reduced. The class will be initiated near Thanksgiving, and will voice the sentiment of the membership for all the new benefits arranged for by the last supreme convention. A meeting of the commanders and record keepers will be held every two weeks until after the initiation, or presentation, and after that every month during the winter. Two hundred and fifty applicants were pledged by the commanders present.

All arrangements are perfected for the association's 25th birthday, which will be celebrated by Philadelphia Review in the Parkway Building tonight.

Quaker City Review, 1315 Columbia avenue, will also celebrate the birthday of the association on Thursday evening next, when "great surprises" will be "revealed" by those in charge. All the members are very proud that on the 25th birthday of the association there is a membership of more than 180,000, with more than $8,500,000 in the treasury, a record of more than $12,000,000 paid to disabled members and the beneficiaries of deceased members, a net gain of more than $3000 so far this year despite the business depression.

Free hospital service will be established in this city very soon, and the plan of paying board for aged and destitute members instead of building homes meets with the approval of all members.

Mrs. Mary Barron, of Philadelphia Review, is spending two weeks in Boston and Mrs. Ada Gesnich, past commander, Mrs. Anna Hilner, commander, and Mrs. Maude Wise, lady-at-arms, attended the G. A. R. Encampment at Washington, D. C.

Miss Minnie E. Burgin, supreme chaplain, installed the following officers for Below Zero Review at their room in Capron Post Hall, 1017 Ruth street, Kensington: Commander, Mrs. Georgiana Gaskill; lieutenant commander, Mrs. Sarah Blackman; past commander, Mrs. Anna M. Steelman; record keeper, Mrs. Jennie Lax; finance auditor, Mrs. Florence Haley; chaplain, Mrs. Bertie Christiansen; lady-at-arms, Mrs. Eugenia Schneider; sergeant, Mrs. Augusta Grauell; sentinel, Florence Osborne; picket, Mrs. Henrietta Geering; musician, Leah S Brother; color bearers, Annie Hill and Eleanor Hill.

The committee on the "fresh social" to be held on Tuesday evening, October 26, reported good progress. Refreshments closed a pleasant evening. Mrs. M. Louise Kunz, of Williamsport Review, No. 68, was a visitor.

I. O. O. F.—Manchester Unity

Perseverance Lodge, in conjunction with the Good of the Order and Propagation Committees of the Philadelphia District, gave a fine concert and smoker at M. U. Hall. They entertained the Philadelphia District officers and members of lodges in Philadelphia and vicinity. Robert Dewey, P. G., presided. The address of welcome was made by P. D. G. M. John R. Hoyle and the address on behalf of Philadelphia District by P. G. M. George Smith. Elisha D. Steelman made a stirring address on Odd Fellowship, which was highly appreciated. P. G. Oliver Hemingway spoke on good of the order and propagation and announced the social affairs to be given during the fall and winter.

From all accounts the class initiation to be given in M. U. Hall October 16 will be a great success, as every lodge is trying to beat the other in obtaining the most candidates.

The Entertainment Committee of Perseverance Lodge was highly commended for its exceedingly good bill of talent and refreshments.

Knights of Pythias

Fulton Lodge held an open meeting and provided a good program. Those participating were George Farley, the melodious singer; Brother Muckleron gave a recitation; Brother Kilwell, a song; George Helmuth, Jr., song; Ray Orr and Robert Waller, comic songs; Robert Byers gave a dance; George Geckel, Louis Barrett and Fred Ryder, more songs; John Brown, in a prospective bank villain; District Deputy George J. Pollack made an eloquent address; Past Chancellor George Helmuth, Sr., presented "Old Black Joe"; Past Chancellor John Coulter the favorite song, "Fulton 34."

Order of Liberty

Home Lodge, No. 1, held a lively session, and rite new applications for membership were received with the assurance that a much larger number would be in for next meeting. The Christmas fund committee, of which Brother Edward Jacobi is chairman, made a report that everything was progressing nicely. Miss Allendorf, the secretary of the committee, reported that already a large amount of stock had been sold, and that she felt that there would be raised a fund large enough to give at least 1000 poor deserving children a merry christmas. Every member at the meeting pledged themselves to work with a might from now until December 9, the time of the entertainment, when the dividends will be given out. A special effort will be made to add at least 50 new members during October to Home Lodge, a prize to be given for securing one or more members.

Shield of Honor

Grand Master Pierson has made official visits to Lancaster Lodge, No. 29, at Lancaster; to Penn Lodge, No. 71, at Waynesboro; to Ottsville Lodge, No. 32, at Ottsville; to Diamond Lodge, No. 26, at Carbondale; to Anthracite Lodge, No. 10, at Vandling, and to Luzerne Lodge, No. 24, at Mauch Chunk. He has visited the following Philadelphia lodges: Keystone Lodge, No. 2; Fame Lodge, No. 15; Philadelphia Lodge, No. 4, and Apollo Lodge, No. 15.

The grand master has been much pleased with the reception given him at these visits, and he has had the pleasure of the company of a good number of the grand officers and active workers.

On October 4 the grand master will visit Eureka Lodge, No. 9; October 11, Mercantile Lodge, No. 12; October 13, Pennsylvania Lodge, No. 5; October 22, America Lodge, No. 18; October 28, Washington Lodge, No. 8, and November 3, Girard Lodge, No. 16. All of these lodges are located in Philadelphia.

Old Steamboat Man Dead

James C. Van Sciver, one of the oldest steamboat men in the city, died yesterday at his home, 812 South 31st street, at the age of 79. He was formerly manager of the Flanigan Steamboat Line, which was in the towing business on the Delaware and Mississippi Rivers. He was but 19 years old when he entered the employ of the Flanigan Line and continued to be active in their employ until 12 years ago, when they discontinued business, an uninterrupted service of 57 years. During the Civil War Mr. Van Sciver was in charge of a chain of boats chartered from his firm by the Government.

Sister Beatrice Visits Friend Here

"Sister Beatrice," the heroine of the French battle front, stopped here today long enough to visit a friend before rushing up to Canada, where she will conduct a campaign to raise the needed medical supplies for the coming winter. "Sister Beatrice" is known in private life as Mrs. Beatrice Bartlett, of the Medico Militaire Francais. Mrs. Bartlett, who is distinguished by her purple cape and white robe which she wears on the battlefield, was drafted into the army service when her work came to the attention of the French medical authorities.