

The Carnegie Hero Fund

THE heroes and heroines are not all dead. The facts about deeds of courage ascertained by the Carnegie hero fund commission prove it beyond a doubt. There are plenty of actual living heroes, and the pages of fiction contain no more romantic and thrilling tales than some told of those honored by the commission charged by Andrew Carnegie with the pleasant duty of recognizing bravery. The hero fund commission has now held five meetings for the award of prizes for bravery. When it met recently at Pittsburgh it looked into the facts of a large number of cases and decided on the award of twenty-six medals and \$10,500 in money.

One of the most interesting cases that came before the commission was that of Miss Lucy E. Ernst of Philadelphia. Her feat of heroism consisted in saving a boy companion from death after he had been bitten by a rattlesnake. It was last summer at the grounds of the Porter's Lake Fishing and Hunting club that the incident occurred. Miss Ernst is twenty years old, and she was walking in the grounds of the club with Harry Schoenhut, a boy of sixteen, when the big snake was encountered. It struck him in the arm, and he fell fainting across her path. Miss Ernst is mortally afraid of snakes, but after the first moment of terror had passed she lost no time in applying a remedy for the snake bite, and that was the radical one of sucking out the poison from the arm herself. In order to do this she had to take her pen-knife and open the small wound made by the reptile in order that the blood might flow more freely. This caused young Schoenhut to writhe in agony and led to her swallowing some of the poison. The danger to Miss Ernst was increased by the existence of a cut on her lip. After drawing out all the poison she assisted her companion to the clubhouse, some distance away, and when a physician arrived four



MISS LUCY E. ERNST.

hours later he was well on the road to recovery. Miss Ernst, however, was dangerously ill for a week from the effects of her experience. The Carnegie commission deemed her act worthy of a silver medal. No money was given her, as the parents of the young lady are well to do.

Michael F. O'Brien of New York has a record for life saving that is seldom surpassed. He has rescued from drowning, from death by fire and from other perils over twenty persons. The Carnegie medal he has just received is the first ever awarded him in recognition of his bravery. In August, 1904, he rescued a man, his wife and his daughter from a blazing tenement. First he carried downstairs the husband, Albert Ehrlich, who was unconscious, but who revived on the sidewalk and implored him to rescue Mrs. Ehrlich and Miss Ehrlich, who were still in the building. The former approach was cut off by the flames, but O'Brien entered the building from an adjoining tenement house, jumping across the light well into a window of the Ehrlich flat. He carried the sash and frame with him, and the glass severed an artery in his arm, but he found the mother and daughter, took the latter down to waiting firemen and then went back for the mother. He was halfway out with her when he fainted from loss of blood. O'Brien went to the hospital, and two firemen who received the woman from him got medals from the city. O'Brien received no recognition for his deed until the award to him of a Carnegie medal. He is a plasterer by trade and, though but twenty-four years old, is a veteran of the Spanish war. He was the youngest member of the Eighth New York volunteers in that contest and passed his seventeenth birthday in camp at Chickamauga.

Daniel E. Curtin, a fifteen-year-old New York boy, received a bronze medal for rescuing two little girls from drowning last summer. He also got \$2,000, to be used in obtaining an education as a civil engineer. John DeLo of Oil City, Pa., has received from the commission a bronze medal and a disablement benefit of \$500. He suffered a fractured skull by a fall from an electric light pole which he had climbed to rescue a fellow workman who had come in contact with a live wire.

To the widow of Michael Gismondi of Mount Pleasant, Pa., a silver medal and death benefits amounting to \$900 were awarded. Gismondi lost his life while trying to rescue a boy from a well. A silver medal and \$1,200 went to William Watkins of Edwardsville, Pa., for rescuing three miners in an explosion.

S. S. CONVENTION.

Held at Howard Thursday and Friday of Last Week.

HOWARD, Pa., May 21st, 1906. The 37th Annual Convention of the Centre county Sabbath School Association was begun this afternoon in the M. E. church at 2 o'clock. A large and enthusiastic congregation of Sabbath school workers from the various parts of Centre county assembled for the purpose of carrying out the work for which the convention was called.

After a spiritual service of song led by the choir under the direction of Mr. W. F. Hall of Howard, Rev. J. F. Shultz, of Howard read the 12th chapter of Romans and offered the opening prayer. Singers followed and then Rev. Shultz on behalf of the community, its churches and people, most heartily welcomed the convention, expressing the gratification of the people at having such a convention in their midst.

Rev. C. C. Bingham, of Runville, responded on behalf of the convention speaking of the gladness of the delegates at being present and their hopeful expectation of a blessed convention.

Following singing, president C. L. Gramley formally opened the convention in a most impressive manner. The State Primary superintendent, Miss Ermina C. Lincoln of Philadelphia, was then introduced and spoke on the subject "A Good Beginning." The "Good Beginning" was the cradle roll and "Beginner's Department" work of the Sunday school.

The last topic for the afternoon was a most practical one on "How Can Our Association Become More Helpful to our Local Schools." This subject was opened by Rev. W. H. Schuyler, of Centre Hall. In his instructive address he emphasized the importance of taking the message the association gives to the home people. Rev. C. F. Irwin, State Field Worker of Bellefonte, Pa., continued the discussion in an excellent and interesting address in which he pressed upon the delegates the thought of the responsibility and duty of delegates to get something out of the convention and give it to others. After singing the doxology, Rev. Crow dismissed the congregation with the benediction.

The evening session began at 7:45 with a heart and enthusiastic song service. Rev. H. C. Bixler of Rebersburg read the 14th Psalm. Singing followed, the offering was offered and delegates enrolled.

Miss Ermina C. Lincoln in an address on "Christ's Representative—the S. S. Teacher" interested and impressed the large audience with a deep consciousness with their need of a larger knowledge of Christ, the word, and the child in order to rightly represent Jesus.

Rev. C. L. Irwin spoke of "The Great Teacher in the Midst of His Class," basing his remarks on Matt. 5. Rev. A. C. Lathrop, secretary, Rev. A. C. Lathrop; treasurer, A. Lukenbach; primary and junior super, Mrs. H. W. K. name; Normal Supt., T. M. Gramley; House Dept. Supt., Rev. A. M. Schmidt.

The first address was by Rev. Irwin on "Association Management." He discussed this topic in its bearings upon county, district, creative and field work.

"The Principles and Methods of Lesson Training" was the subject of the interesting and inspiring address of Miss Ermina Lincoln.

"Gleanings from the International and State Conventions" proved to be the cream of the rich things of these conventions, and were ably presented by Rev. A. M. Schmidt and G. W. Mellinay.

Rev. J. W. Bond, D. D. in an address full of spirit and power presented "The Chief Aim of the Sabbath School Teacher" as the conversion of the members of their class and their building up in christian character. The morning session was closed after announcements by prayer and benediction by Rev. R. Crittenden.

Friday afternoon the convention reconvened at 1:30 o'clock and were led in devotion by Rev. Bearick of Bellefonte. The report of the committee on Resolutions was adopted. These resolutions expressed our gratification over the growing interest and influence of S. S. here in Centre county, our thanks to the Executive committee, Field workers, speakers and others who assisted in bringing about this inspiring convention. The Herald was recommended to our S. S. Workers. We pledge State work suggested to be \$125. The thanks of the Convention was expressed to the people of Howard for their generous hospitality, to the churches for their opened buildings to the pastors, singers, entertainment committee and all those who had so kindly cared for and ministered to the needs of the Convention.

The Auditing committee reported the Treasurer's accounts to be correct, recommended the plan of last year for raising the necessary funds, appropriated \$125 for State work, and recommended the payment of \$10 as part recompense to the Secretary for services rendered. The report was unanimously adopted. The place of meeting for next year, the selection of delegates to the State Convention was referred to the Executive committee.

"The Mission of the Sabbath School" was earnestly presented by Rev. J. M. Bearick of Centre Hall. After a solo by Rev. J. F. Shultz of Bellefonte, Rev. J. H. Higby, of Philipsburg, was introduced and in a brief felicitous address won the applause of the audience by yielding his time to Miss Lincoln. Miss Lincoln, spoke in her usual entertaining and impressive manner

on "The Imperative Need of Intelligent Teaching" and "The Standard of Excellence." Rev. J. A. Platts, of Bellefonte, in an address on "Bible Study for Personal Spiritual Growth," easily won the hearts of the vast audience to the longing and purpose to seek such a knowledge of God's word as would make their lives larger and richer and deeper in spiritual experience. The address was replete with inspiration.

W. L. DeGroof, of Philadelphia, spoke of "Looking on the Things of Others." His address was full of missionary enthusiasm and impressed itself forcibly on all who heard it.

The closing topic for the afternoon was "Essential to the most Effective S. S. Work." It was ably opened by Rev. H. I. Crow, Habersburg, who emphasized in choice and impressive language the essentials as to workers and scholars. Rev. C. F. Irwin followed with essentials as to New Movements. His instructive address was well received. After singing Rev. J. A. Platts pronounced the benediction.

The last session began at 7:30 pm., and the impressive praise and devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. Crittenden. After a solo by Rev. C. F. Irwin, the committee on enrollment reported about 175 registered delegates as having attended the convention. After another solo W. L. DeGroof gave a thrilling address on "Our County as a Glorious Mission Field."

The need of praying for our children in order to safeguard and perpetuate our county was forcibly presented.

Dr. W. H. Schuyler, of the committee on finance thanked the audience for their liberal offerings and the final collection was taken. After a solo by Rev. Platts, Rev. C. F. Irwin delivered an address full of thought, inspiration and power on "The Three Cardinal Virtues in the Successful Teacher," as presented in the 22 Psalm. After prayer by Rev. Irwin and remarks by Pres. Gramley, Rev. Schuyler and Lathrop, Rev. E. M. Aller, the pastor of the church where the convention met, spoke the closing word. He expressed the appreciation of the rich treat, the evangelistic keynote of the convention and the longing that it might result in souls won to Christ.

The doxology was sung and Rev. Aller pronounced the benediction. This closed in many respects the greatest and most representative Sabbath School Convention ever held in Centre county. Every session the Spirit of God seemed to be speaking to pastors, superintendents, teachers, workers and all the great multitude. "God wills that you go forth to win both children and adults to Jesus Christ and the church." In closing this report mention should be made of the able administrative direction of President Gramley, the faithful work of the various committees, the splendid and enthusiastic singing under direction of Mrs. W. F. Hall, the good work of Miss Susan V. Fletcher as chairman of the entertainment committee, and the hearty cooperation of Sabbath School Workers and the people generally. May the influence and the echoes of this convention continue to bless the schools of Centre county.

Almost every woman owns one of the chintz covered boxes commonly called window seat boxes and which are invaluable in a small apartment for holding silk skirts, shirt waists or hats, but very few of them are fitted with trays, which greatly increase their convenience.

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