Bradford Reporter

Towanda, Thursday, Jan. 29, 1874.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

W. F. Baker, formerly of Canton, and son of Dr. W. S. Baker, died in Topeka, Kansas, on the 8th inst., aged 27 years.

The horse and wagon stolen in Troy last week, was found the next day tied to a post in Southport, N. Y.

The North-Eastern Convocation of of the P. E. Church, has been in session here during this week.

Jerry Murphy, an aged Irishman of this place, died very suddenly at the residence of his son-in-law, P. H. Coon, on Saturday evening last.

Silas Haight, a citizen of Elmira since 1836, and a prominent Democratic politician, died in that city on Sunday last, aged 62 years.

The next meeting of the County Convention of Good Templars, will be held in Wyalusing, Wednesday and Thursday, Feb. 18 and 19, 1874.

A Good Joke.—The Elmira *Advertiser's* account of a gentleman in this place running against a piece of glass, and ruining one of his eyes.

Dr. Moses B. Strait of Sullivan, was found dead in a field between Troy and Sylvania, on Saturday last. A jury decided that he died of congestion of the brain.

Mrs. Acsah Stevens, wife of P. G. Stevens, and sister of E. B. Parsons, Esq., died suddenly of inflamation of the bowels, on Friday last near Sylvania.

We regret to learn that B. A. Peters & Co., of this place, have gone into voluntary bankruptcy. We also learn that H. A. Cowles has met with some financial trouble which caused him to suspend.

We would call especial attention to the advertisement of Howard & Bingham, the enterprising and industrious hardware firm of Wyalusing. We can cheerfully vouch for every assertion they make with regard to their goods, and recommend them to the patronage of all in the vicinity of Wyalusing.

Treasurer Marshall has appointed Elijah Hughes his deputy. From a personal acquaintance with Mr. E. we can assure the public that he will perform the duties of the office with be discharged with promptness and dispatch, as we know him to be obliging, competent and entirely trustworthy.

The Elmira *Advertiser* of Saturday last says Benny, youngest son of D. L. F. Clarke, died almost instantly, at the Post-Office, yesterday about half-past twelve. He was about 16 years of age, a bright, healthy, table-looking boy, quiet, amiable, and universally respected. The grief-stricken parents have the sympathy of all who know him.

Personal.—Miss Dean, of Serantown, is visiting Miss Freeman.

Miss Stebbins, of New York, is spending a few days with the family of Rev. C. M. Dean.

Our esteemed friend Will. Tyler, of the Minnie House, was in town again a few days since, under circumstances which lead us to conclude cupid was a by in the matter.

A young man wore a seven dollar hat to the same society, the other evening, for the will not do so again. He was the last purchaser, and was almost petrified to see the material transformation that had undergone in a few hours. His new silk tile had changed into a dollar and a half crush hat—mediaeval cut of shape, presenting the appearance of having been worn at a Finnegan's Wake." He can't explain the startling metamorphosis, but thinks maybe the dense fog evening had something to do with it.

A delegation representing the locomotive engineers of the Lehigh Valley and the Pennsylvania and New York Canal Companies of Philadelphia, on Tuesday, had consultation with the officers of the road relative to the earlier hours of reducing their wages ten per cent. A mutual agreement was entered into to the effect that the engineers would continue to work, with the understanding that as soon as the condition of the company will permit, the original rate of wages will be adopted. How [illegible] satisfactory.

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The President Judge of the Clearfield District being absent, Judge Elwell presided at the Court in Clearfield recently, and a Harrisburgian has life to say about time:

Time was called at 12 o'clock on Monday morning, with his Honor Judge Elwell, of the Columbia and Montour District, on the bench, assisted by Judge Linn of Bradford. At the usual hour of Judge Elwell, the Judge was in the Legislature, where he was in committee of the whole, upon the Supreme Judiciary Committee, Judge Linn was in the chair, Judge Elwell presiding in the Court of Quarter Sessions and Hon. Henry Bucks, Esq., of Harrisburg, Not appointed at Harrisburg.

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The barn of Henry Sherman, of Overton, was burned on the 15th inst., together with all his hay, grain, wagons, and farming utensils, three horses of his own and two owned by his son, and one belonging to a visitor from Williamsport, twenty-two sheep, four cows, four calves, and a valuable watch dog. The fire is believed to have been the work of an incendiary. There was an insurance of only five hundred dollars on the property.

Mr. S. is an old man and has the hearty and substantial sympathy of his neighbors, Mr. F. Ostrander was in this place last week soliciting subscriptions for him. Mr. O. headed the list with $50.

A little "unpleasantness" in a family on Third street, came near costing the head of the household an eye, on Sunday night last. A year or so since a similar disturbance in the same neighborhood, only the parties happened to be of a sable hue and of no reputation, resulted in placing the gentleman of the house "in durance vile," after receiving a severe beating at the hands of the police, on a charge of disturbing the peace. What makes the difference? Is it because these occurrences have become so frequent at the mansion, or is there something in a name?

Mr. Editor—On the 22d inst., the members of LeRoy Lodge, No. 893, were by special invitation, the honored guests of H. K. Mong. The traveling was bad, and the atmosphere boistrous, yet at an early hour the Odd Fellows, with their "better-halves," commenced to fill his commodious and well-arranged residence. The evening was passed very pleasantly, an elegant supper adding a peculiar zest to the enjoyment. Mr. Mott welcomed his guests to the well-filled tables with a few well chosen and appropriate remarks. He was responded to on behalf of the visitors, by Messrs. A. T. Lilley, Jesse Robert, James Croft, E. B. Kelly and Francis Bailey. Resolutions thanking Mr. Mott and lady, for the hospitalities of the evening, were adopted. The occasion will long be remembered by the fortunate participants.

At the regular covenant meeting of the Troy Baptist Church, held on the 17th inst., the death of Deacon Royes Rockwell, was announced, and the following resolution unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father has, in his all-wise though inscrutable providence, permitted death to enter our church, and remove from our midst our much beloved and aged Deacon, Rufus R. Rockwell, who for over half a century has been a member of the church and an earnest follower of Christ; therefore,

Resolved, That in the death of Brother Rockwell, the church has lost one of its most earnest and exemplary members.

Resolved, That while we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who searcheth the heart and tryeth the reins of the children of men, we deeply sympathize with the afflicted family in this hour of bereavement, and pray that our Father in Heaven will give them his gracious support.

The township and borough elections, under the new Constitution, will be held on the third Tuesday (the 17th) of February—a month later than under the old order of things. This applies throughout the entire State, and alike to cities, wards, boroughs, and townships, there being no longer any election in January or March. The following sections from the new Constitution will be of interest to our readers:

"Every male citizen twenty-one years of age, possessing the following qualifications, shall be entitled to vote at all elections:

First.—He shall have been a citizen of the United States at least one month.

Second.—He shall have resided in the State one year, (or if, having previously been a qualified elector or native citizen of the State, he shall have removed therefrom and returned, then six months,) immediately preceding the election.

Third.—He shall have resided in the election district where he shall offer to vote at least two months immediately preceding the election.

Fourth.—If twenty-one years of age or upwards, he shall have paid within two years a State or county tax, which shall have been assessed at least two months and paid at least one month before the election."

The Towanda Iron Manufacturing Company.—Every loyal citizen of this place will be glad to know that the Towanda Iron Manufacturing Company are to resume work early in the Spring. Like most other companies of the same character, the directors found that the actual expense of putting up the works was about double the estimated cost, and in consequence they have been very much embarrassed during the past year, but nearly twenty-five thousand kegs of nails were manufactured, and the works materially improved during the year, and nailers be made at a reduced cost now. Col. Means, the President, and the board of directors, deserve the warmest thanks of the stockholders for their untiring zeal and perseverance in keeping the works in operation. Had the directors, who own a majority of the stock, felt inclined to make money for themselves, at the expense of the smaller stockholders, the manufactory would have been sold cheaper to the old three gentlemen might have purchased it at a low figure but they have been actuated by higher motives than self aggrandizement, and have protected the interest of those stockholders who would have been unable to protect themselves, in the event of a sale, to their own cost. And now to enable the company to go on, they have generously subscribed to the bonds issued to pay off indebtedness. Their conduct is worthy of emulation, and will be remembered with gratitude by those who will reap some of the benefits of their unselfish liberality. Any institution sought to succeed in the hands of such men is sure to succeed.

Ladies' Benevolent Association.—At the annual meeting of the Ladies' Benevolent Association of Towanda, held January 22, the following officers were elected: Mrs. E. T. Fox, President; Mrs. M. A. Warren, Mrs. S. J. Lee, Mrs. N. B. Betts, jr., and Mr. C. S. Russell, Vice Presidents; Mrs. R. M. Wheles, Secretary; Mrs. Wm. Watkins, Chaplain; Mrs. H. C. Howes, declining to continue to fill the position of Treasurer, Mrs. Geo. A. Elsbree was chosen to that office.

Although the one year has passed since the organization of this Society, a noble work has been accomplished. Very many families have been relieved; the destitute cared for; and as far as possible their necessities supplied.

The Association is constantly receiving favors and gifts from the community, which are fully appreciated and gratefully acknowledged. And while they recognize the great kindness shown them, and the increasing interest manifested in the good work, they would still continue to solicit further aid, sympathy and co-operation.

A public acknowledgment of receipts during the month of November was made through the press. Since that time the Society has received $5 from Capt. Manville, to whom a vote of thanks is given, and he is made an honorary member. W. W. Elsbree, Esq., will please accept thanks for an order for Groceries to the amount of $5. Mrs. S. C. Means also has the thanks of the Association for a fine supply of jellies for the sick. Received thro' P. O. Box $3.45.

The Association feels indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. T. Davies, their sincere thanks for the free use of their pleasant and convenient parlors during the winter. In this generous act a great favor has been conferred upon the Society, which its members will ever bear in grateful remembrance.

Distributions reported during the months of November, December and January:

Comfortables, new, 2; Sheets, pairs, new 1; Pillow Cases, pairs, new, 3; Men's Coats, second-hand, 3; Men's Vests, second-hand, 2; Men's pants, pairs, 9; Men's Drawers, second-hand, 2; Men's Artic Rubbers, second-hand, 1; Boys' Coats, second-hand, 11; Boys' Vests, second-hand 3; Boys' Pants, pairs 6, Boys' Boots, second-hand 3; Boys Hats 8; Shirts 6; Boys Shirts new 2; Women's Wrappers new 2; Chemeises new 2; Under-Wrappers new 1; do. second-hand 4; Nubias do. 3; Slippers, pairs new 1; Girls Dresses new 5; Skirts new 6; Waists new 4; Aprons new 5; do second-hand 2; Chemises do 3; Sacques do. 5; Drawers pairs, second-hand 2; do. new 6. Wooden Stockings pairs new 5; do. second-hand 6; Shoes pairs new 6; do. second-hand 5; Factory $4.03; Coal 1½ tons; Groceries and Provisions $37.01.

Mrs. R. M. Wheles, Sec'y.
Mrs. H. C. Howes, Treas'r.

The Ladies' Benevolent Association of Towanda has received from all sources during the past year the sum of $401.85. Expended for charitable purposes of benevolence $334.11. Balance in Treasury $260.37.

Mrs. H. C. Howes, Treas'r.

Elders' Convention.—For the information of our Presbyterian friends in particular, and the religious community in general, we copy the following official report of the Elders' Convention, held in Scranton last month:

Pursuant to the direction of Presbytery and the call of the Committee appointed for the purpose, the Elders of Lackawanna Presbytery assembled in the First Presbyterian Church of Scranton, Dec. 10, at 7½ o'clock. The exercises were opened by the reading of Scripture and prayer by Rev. F. B. Hodge, of Wilkes-Barre. Rev. C. S. Dunning, D. D., of Honesdale, delivered an address upon the Presbyterial relations and responsibilities of ruling elders. The address was able and replete with instruction as to the duties of elders, and closed with stirring appeals to them to magnify their office. It was listened to with marked attention. After singing and prayer the Convention was called to order by Elder Stephen Terry, who had been appointed convener. Elder A. Wickham was appointed temporary clerk. The roll of the churches was called, and 74 elders and 20 ministers were enrolled. The convention then proceeded to a permanent organization and elected S. D. Ward, Esq., of Honesdale, President; C. H. Dane, of Tunkhannock, and John Trumble, of Montrose, Vice Presidents, and Alfred Hand permanent clerk. The meeting then adjourned to meet Wednesday a. m. at 9 o'clock.

The first hour of each session was occupied in devotional exercises. Wednesday A. M. the Convention listened to remarks by C. O. Halsey of Montrose, (in place of Messrs. Miller and Jessup, who had been appointed by Presbytery, but were absent) on the subject of the practical work of ruling elders as co-Presbyters; after which an interesting discussion was carried on by different members on the subject of the influence of the eldership.

The session closed with a resolution to call churches in their order; in the P. M. session, in order to learn the modes in which the sessions conduct their work.

After appointing a reporter, the roll was called and the elders responded. Mr. Rayner, of Carbondale, said the elders of his church had appointed a special meeting of the session to discuss and pray over their work. They had also adopted a system of district prayer meetings to be conducted by the elders, either with or without the pastor.

In these meetings they discussed the matter of family visitation, but he was free to confess they had not done their duty in this direction.

In church discipline they were lame. They take regular collections in the old way, with which they are not satisfied. He begged the elders to awake to a sense of their duty, and he hoped for better things.

Mr. Young said his remarks must be confined to the work of the past two years. The first year they were without a pastor, and surrounded with churches, and the session saw a tendency of the people to stray from their own church, upon which the elders determined to hold them together by holding regular meetings on the Sabbath, reading sermons to the congregation, keeping up the Sabbath-school and prayer meetings.

At the close of the year they obtained a pastor, and since that the greater part of the work of visitation fell upon him, the elders visiting the sick only.

In the absence of the elders of Wanamie church, Mr. Torry said that the elders of that church magnify their office and are doing a great work.

J. B. Hoyt, of Pittston church, said their six elders generally attend Sabbath-school. They have adopted for collections the envelope system in a modified form and have found a decided increase in the contributions. Session has no regular modes of visitation.

Rev. D. Cock responded for the First Wyalusing church. The six elders, he presumes, wish well to the prayer-meeting, but pray at home to pray for it while he and the ladies carry it on. The pastor's wife is superintendent of the Sabbath-school and he runs an interesting Bible class.

All these elders have good excuses, and like a certain farmer, Mr. Cook finds it cheaper and easier to do his own work than to call on the boys to do it.

Mr. Crawford of Herrick, said the elders of their church never met except on the call of the pastor, and then they do not consult upon the general interests of the church. They feel uncomfortable about their work and hope good things from the instructions of their convention.

Mr. Hand reported for the Scranton church that they have no stated meeting or session, but their meetings were once in two weeks. They receive members at any time, and waiting for communion. Visiting mostly done by the pastor, sometimes with one or more elders superintended the prayer-meeting in the absence of the pastor, and are always ready to aid him. The Saturday evening prayer-meeting is conducted by the congregation entirely. Only two cases of discipline in ten years. Two thankofferings in two years, one for empowering spirit and one at the twenty-fifth anniversary of the organization of the church. At every communion season, since the beginning of Dr. Logan's pastorate, there have been admissions into the church. Of the four assistant superintendents in the Sunday-school three are elders. Session appoints elders so both after mission schools and reports.

J. Trumbull of Montrose, reported that of five elders there are in the Sunday-school. They found the occasional visits they make to the congregation result in great good. The collections are larger when taken weekly.

T. M. Jones, of Plains, said that though the five elders live near the church, they do not regularly attend the prayer-meeting.

Mr. Emery of Susquehanna Depot, said he heard of a man recommending a yoke of oxen as being very *willing* oxen. The buyer, on a trial of them, found one did all the pulling, while the other held back. Complaining to the seller, the latter remarked: "I *told* you they were willing oxen; one is willing to do all the pulling, and the other is willing to have him." So it is with the spiritual leaders of our church. We believe strongly in disciplining members of the church, who attend public balls or ballrooms. Of those who have been suspended two reported and returned.

Mr. Pratt, of Nicholson, said they were without a pastor, but they were determined to go forward and use all the means in their power. Members were appointed alphabetically to conduct the prayer-meeting.

Dr. Lord said if elders attended themselves habitually from prayer-meetings, they should be attended to. He then offered the following resolutions:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that no board of elders can do their full duty unless, or fully hold up the hands of the pastor without religious visitation of the families of the church.

The President ruled: This hits many of us; family visitation seems to be carried on in a slip-shod sort of way. This resolution is one of censure, and I'm glad of it.

Mr. Hand said there is doubt in some minds as to how far this duty of visiting goes. Souls can't be cared for unless they are known, tho' he did not believe one ought to visit once in six months. Perhaps some can't visit; have no gift. Heedless his go.

If one of the seven has not a gift of visiting, the session should be changed. He said there are families in the congregation to whom it would do more harm than good for him to visit.

Let the duties of the session be distinctly defined, and that work given to each which he can do best. Don't keep a man dragged down with the thought that it is his duty to speak in meeting when he feels he cannot possibly do it. Don't make a man look after the sheep when he is not cut out for a shepherd.

Another said about a third of our congregation would be benefited by visits, one-third would be about equal, and one-third dampened.

Dr. Logan said this duty of family visitation which our father would not neglect, has been saddled on to the pastors until the elders begin to think they ought not to do it. There are people in this pastor cannot visit. How can an elder "do visiting duty" without knowing them? Go and take people by the hand; *watch* the souls. If you can't go yourself get another to go. The greatest difficulty with me is, I have no *money* to spend! I am ashamed to go a mile! Is that not your case? Realize that you are called to be holy and yet have poverty. "Perfecting of saints" is a misnomer; it is "*training* of saints." This is your mission. As the poor is captain of hundreds, so are you of fifties. I think I have the best session in the world, but the one great burden in my heart is that we have so many given us to "train," and we do not train them. There ought to be twenty elders in this church. If I were an elder and could not pray I should feel that I had neglected my calling.

Mr. Torry said in a certain place there had been no prayer-meeting for seven years; he organized one, but couldn't get an elder to open his mouth. "I can't do it; God has not given me ability." Mr. Torry recommended their meeting at one—those three elders. They did; soon their wives wanted to attend their meetings. One elder another of the neighbors came, and it grew into a large meeting, having 40 participants. Many undertook their ability.

Rev. Mr. Stewart of Towanda, said no pastor can prepare for the pulpit and do all the visiting. The elders of a church "business" business ought to be so managed then prepared for elders' duties. God will make up his loss some way. Elders will not do their duty in that respect so long as they think that work is turn of the ladies.

Mr. Combe of Troy, said: If there are some places where elders cannot visit it is the fault of the people, not of the elders. Elders would be more respected by the people if the pastor treated them better, not ebullition good words over their heads. He had been in Presbyterian churches where the communion was administered by the deacons, while the elders sat with the people.

Dr. Stocking said people would n't have much surprised at a visit from elders if the pastor would take them to visit with him.

At this point the discussion closed, and the resolutions above was adopted by a unanimous vote.

Meeting at one and a half o'clock p. m. The evening was occupied by a stirring and thrilling address on Home Missions, by Dr. Dickson, secretary of the board, in which he dwelt upon the responsibility of our country as the centre from which life and light are to go out to every quarter of the globe; upon the efficiency and talent of the thousand workers commissioned by the Home Board and upon the vastness of the field. He illustrated his points by heart-rending incidents of the sacrifices of these noble workers and their wives, calling for greater consecration on the part of the whole church and for enlarged contributions. He held the close attention of a large audience for two hours.

Thursday, Dec. 18.—After the devotional exercises, the minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

Mr. Parke then delivered an address on the "Joy and Honors of the Faithful Elder." The special reward of the faithful elder; offices of elder and teacher the same; special honor of elder from Moses at the burning bush to the present time; the special promises certain as that of Moses; the work of Sabbath-schools and prayer meetings and Y. M. C. A.'s cannot, must not take the place of elders' work. The most precious work is a quiet one.

The last remark called from Rev. A. Cook the relation of an incident concerning Mr. Charles Fuller, who had, long ago, a Bible class of fourteen young ladies. Some one told Mr. Fuller yesterday that these fourteen girls were all converted through his instrumentality. He replied; I thank God I live to hear it, for I did not know it before.

Mr. Stewart said elders are responsible for the purity of the pulpit, as well as the care of the congregation.

Mr. White told of the "joy" of an elder of not much culture, who has three sons elders in the church, and grandsons of the same stamp. Elders too sensitive to criticism.

Chairman Ward said he thought elders often fail in their work because they do not go about it in a joyful way, but shrink from it. We have instances from his own experience, where, tho' he had shrank from duty and been somewhat repulsed, events had proven his word of warning to have resulted in great good. The "joy" is in the fruits.

Mr. Young of Warren church, told of several members of their church who never hold family worship or ask a blessing at the table, and inqired the duty of elders toward such members.

Mr. Crawford of Herrick, rose for the first time, and said he was like the mercury in the thermometer, he rose when he got warm. He said our children are not trained as we were, and the failure comes from neglect of the shorter catechism. He requested that a resolution be put in effective form obliging every elder to teach his children the shorter catechism. On our church roll are names of members who have not been to communion for ten years.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Elders J. M. Hollenback, Theodore Strong and Alfred Hand, upon resolutions, was appointed by the President, to whom all resolutions presented by the convention should be referred.

Pending this discussion the convention adjourned, with prayer by Mr. Cook, from Merryall.

Thursday afternoon the convention took up the subject of the duty of the elders with reference to the mission work of the Church. The committee on resolutions presented the following resolution which was the subject of discussion:

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that it is the imperative duty as well as the blessed privilege of every member of our churches to contribute statedly and in proportion as the Lord has blessed them with incomes, to the cause of Christ in the separate fields of labor, and to the objects recognized by the church, and it is the duty of the elders by example and precept to inculcate a spirit of liberality for this purpose.

Mr. Hand opened this discussion by remarks on the method of taking contributions. All are liable to the Lord. When a man gives himself to God he gives his all. We are only stewards and we should not wait to be dingdonged for what belongs to Him. What elder can go to members of the church and ask them to give without first having given liberally himself. Some elders labor and talk much, but when it comes to giving they are *tight*.

Mr. Strong of Pittston, said giving is the foundation of religion. A church may be educated to give. Let each elder sit down and ask himself how much he gives. Sometimes we're mistaken about how much we give to the Lord. We must not wear broadcloth and jewels and put pennies in the collection-box.

Mr. Torry delivered an address upon his tour through the country for the purpose of investigating the work of missions. He gave touching accounts of the self-denial of the border workers and their habitations.

The chairman called for a special prayer to be offered for these missionaries.

Mr. Wickham illustrated the fact that these frontier laborers are not men of inferior power and talent because of their choosing such positions, by the case of Paul, who chose to leave the city of Antioch to labor as an itinerant.

Mr. Parke said doubtless God gave one a man; withholding imperceptibles.

Dr. Logan said that the work of the minister is to preach, giving; the burden of the elders is to enforce the preaching. A liberal eldership will create a liberal church.

The resolution was then unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions, presented by the committee, were then taken up and adopted:

Resolved, That the elders should always be present, if possible, at the prayer meetings of the church, and look after the attendance of others, and should qualify themselves to conduct the meetings, whenever necessary, for the assistance or relief of the pastor.

Resolved, That the music of the church is a part of our worship, and proper provision and all possible assistance to the choir devolve upon the session.

Resolved, That this convention request each particular church within this Presbytery, to see to it that it always be represented by an elder in the meetings of the Presbytery, and that such elder report to the church the proceedings of the Presbytery.

Resolved, That every elder should promote the cause of temperance in every way possible.

Resolved, That the elders are bound to watch for the early departures from duty of church members, and to labor by faithful admonition and personal counsel to return them.

Resolved, That the general supervision over Sabbath-school is a duty of the session of every church, and that elders, according to their ability, should be actively engaged in the work.

The chairman expressed his opinion that elders ought to be made to feel that they are important to the Presbytery; that they must attend its meetings, and be prepared to go home to report to the people in prayer meeting. Loyalty to the Presbytery is his motto.

After remarks by other members of the convention, these resolutions were unanimously adopted.

A resolution relating to the holding of annual conventions, which was referred to the Presbytery for their action.

A vote of thanks was tendered to Rev. Dr. Dunning and Rev. Dr. Parke, for their able and instructive addresses, to the families of the congregation for their hospitality, to the committee of arrangements, and to the presiding officer for his courtesy and ability in presiding over the meetings of the convention.

A resolution was passed requesting Dr. Dunning to furnish a copy of his address for the papers, and asking the newspapers within the bounds of the Presbytery to publish the same.

A collection was taken to defray the expenses of the convention.

Contributions of $40 were given towards the building of a church in the wilderness, for which Mr. Torry had pleaded.

A motion having been made to adjourn *sine die*, the chairman remarked in closing that he desired to thank the convention for their kind attention to him, and especially for remembering him in their prayers. He said, there is a power always in the prayers of such a meeting; let us bear away the spirit of this convention, and strive to benefit others as we have been benefitted.

Closing prayer by Mr. Fisher of Providence. Benediction by Mr. Parke.

Throughout the meetings the utmost harmony prevailed, and though differences of opinion existed in many instances, they were expressed in the proper spirit. The convention adjourned after expressions of satisfaction, and feeling that much good had been accomplished by an interchange of sentiment and opinion on the work of their office.

In reply to the vote of thanks for his visit, Dr. Logan said that both the church and the houses of the Scranton congregation were ever open to welcome the Lord's servants who came upon His work. Mr. Parke said he loved to go into