MEMORIAL SERVICE TO DECEASED ELKS

Lodge of Sorrow of Scranton Lodge in the Frothingham.

THEATRE FILLED TO THE DOOR

A Splendid Array of Talent Participated in the Event, Which Was in Every Way Worthy Its Noble Import -- Attorney J. Elllot Ross Delivered the Memorial Address--A Masterful Discourse -- Poems by Editor John E. Barrett and Dan L.

In many parts of the world last night, but especially throughout the United States, there welled up from thousands of throats the sweet, familiar and sym-pathetic strains of "Auld Lang Syne," the memorial song of the Elks, the Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, The old air is the memorial song of Elkdom, sung frequently, but more particularly once every year as a token that the recollection of departeu broth-ers is kept fresh and green. Scranton lodge, No. 123, did its part in swalling the grand chorus. The an-

in swelling the grand chorus. The an-nual lodge of sorrow took place in the Frothingham theater and was participated in by nearly 200 Elks, who occu-pied seats on the theater stage and witnessed by about 1,500 persons, wives,

gard for the excellent and with such success that the Elks must have gained an increased prestige in a city where they are already considered propor-tionately as strong as in any city in this country. While the event was this country. While the event was known officially as a "Lodge of Sor-row," designed to commemorate the lives of departed brothers, it was not sorrowful in a literal sense. Nor was such the intention, according to the official memorial order of the grand exalted ruler or the words of the grand-exalted ruler or the words of the ora-tor of the evening, Attorney J. Elliot Ross, of this city. The service was, rather, more calculated as a lesson that the day is now and the night is at

It is not often that in any city a semi-public gathering is permitted to hear such a proficient and well-selected hear such a proficient and well-selected corps of artists and entertainers as that provided last night. First there was the fluent, easy and forceful ora-tor, J. Elliot Ross, who delivered the memorial address; Bauer's orchestra of fifteen pieces, Elsie Van Dervoort, the contralto soloist of Elm Park church; Tillie Lewis, the Wilkes-Barre clocu-Tillie Lewis, the Wilkes-Barre elocu-tionist, who has for several years been clinching her popularity in Elkdom; "Dan" L. Hart, the Wilkes-Barre Elk and playwright; Mr. and Mrs. Ernst



THE THEATER CROWDED.

Early in the evening hundreds of fortunate ticket holders began to enter the theater, and by 8 o'clock the seating capacity was all occupied. The spectators were greeted by a pleasing scene after the lifting of the curtain. There was a glimpse of Elks in evening dress occupying ten tiers of seats, a suspicion of flowers and drapery and then the house was darkened. The next glimpse of light was only from the letters and figures, *B, P, O, E, 123." shown in a large electric set-piece of incandescents suspended above the of incandescents suspended above the stage. The light was shown in purple, the richest of all colors and the color of Elks. In a few seconds the regular ights were turned on in the whole auditorium.

In the center of the stage at the footlights rested a large elk's head, loaned for the occasion by Henry Belin, jr. Near the footlights were arranged sevseral onyx tables, palms and heavily shaded lamps. The curtain was raised to the overture of "Poet and Peasant,"

by Suppe.

The opening and ritualistic ceremony was brief. The roll call of the follownames was answered by the sim-but effective monosyllable. "dead," after each name was called:

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Scott D. Shoemaker, Duncan Wright,
jr., Emanuel Zizelmann, William Robinson, George S. Throop, M. D., Mayland C. Drinker, Humphrey Bradley,
A. N. Leete, Charles Zang,
Exalted Ruler Franklin W. Martin
presided, and the following officers

Exalted Ruler Franking officers presided, and the following officers participated in the responsive service, and but a moment: W. J. participated in the responsive service, which lasted but a moment: W. J. Welchel, esteemed leading knight; V. A. Simrell, esteemed loyal knight; Thomas A. Ruddy, esteemed lecturing knight; William S. Gould, secretary; C. J. Welchel, treasurer; John H. Lewis, tyler; Fred C. Smith, esquire; R. T. Gould, inner guard. A brief prayer by Chaplain George E. Davis precedby Chaplain George E. Davis preceded the music programme. Those are all the officers of the Scranton lodge, excepting the following trustees: August Robinson, Victor Koch, Joseph Levy, E. F. Boyle and John Benore.

The Elk quartette, Messrs, Hand, Davies, Watkins and Colvin sang "O Where Shall Rest Be Found."

The poem recited by Miss Lewis was written especially for the memorial service by John E. Barrett, editor and one of the proprietors of the Scranton

Yet Hope's bright star is shining in the distance far and fair,
And our eager footsteps hasten when the friends we love are there.

The human heart as we pass along in the journey of life.

RECORD OF THE ELKS.

There is blended joy and sadness along Life's thorny path, Pride holds his fleeting carnival, the bubble of a day, But Love alone is lasting, and will never pass away;
For Love is heaven's gift to man, to keep his Eden near.
His Heaven on earth, his happiness, till Time shall disappear;
And by her aid he journeys toward the land he cannot From the Beautiful that was, to the Beau-

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Yet some reach it in a decade, and some reach it in a day;
But be it days, or be it years, or whensocer it ends,
God's blessing will sustain us to whatever length it tends:
Will fill the desert places with the flow'r we hold most dear.
The thornless flow'r of frier-iship, balm of breaking heart and tear.
Whose fragrance, like sweet incense, when the head is bow'd with grief.
Raises up the drouging spirit, gives the fainting soul relief.

Along this trying journey there are pas-tures always fair, And glimpses of God's garden in its beau-ty, too, are there; There are blossoms 'mid the thorns, and the birds sing overhead,
And pictures of enchantment, to delight
our eyes, are spread;
Tho' the road leads through the desert.

The road leads through the desert, there are living springs to cheer;
The the selfish are about us, yet some cherished friends are near;
And who shall say that Eden's joys to us have been denied
When the land is filled with beauty, and our loved are by our side!

witnessed by about 1,500 persons, wives, daughters, relatives and friends of Elkdom, who occupied all the seats in the theater from orchestra pit to gallery.

From soon after 8 o'clock until a quarter past ten there was witnessed an admirable memorial programme, planned and carried out with such report for the avecellent and the pulsings and the strivings of manking are the strivings of manking are the avecellent and the pulsings and the strivings of manking are the strivings of manking are the avecellent and the pulsings and the strivings of manking are the strivings of manking are the strivings of manking are the striving and the pulsings and the strivings of manking are the striving and the pulsings and the strivings of manking are the striving and the pulsing and the pulsing and the striving are the striving and the striving are the striving and the pulsing and the pulsing are the striving and the striving are kind are at an end, And the present with the future in one symphony shall blend, And the choirs of Heaven proclaim, in Authors most sublime, Eternity's good morning, and the last good night of Time!

AVE MARIA SUNG. Mrs. Thiele sang "Ave Maria," by Bach and Gounod, and "Spring Song," by Weil, for an encore. There was a violin obligate accompaniment by Mr.

The memorial address of Mr. Ross revealed a great depth of feeling in the speaker for the fundamental prin-ciples of the order. He made reference to but three deceased brothers and of them briefly. He was particularly earnest in his closing words, which were addressed to the members on the stage. Mr. Ross said:

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ATTORNEY ROSS ORATION.
Exalted Ruler, Brethren and Friends:—
Standing as we do today, "the heirs of all the ages in the foremost files of time,"
men everywhere occupy very high vantage ground compared with the environments of centuries ago. The ages in their flight have wrought radical changes not only in knowledge and effort, but even in our habits of thought, and the entire superstructure, being but the crystallized expression of present conditions, must preent a vastly different aspect.

As in Goethe's grand fable wherein an apparently unpretentious and even repulsive old hut, by the light of a lamp is transformed from its smut to a bequitful palace, so in every-day experience a sort

When the Grand Exalted Ruler of the universe, gloriously enthroned in the bosom of the great eternal Now, first flung from His omnipotent hand the myriads of stars, suns and systems that now stud infinite space, he implanted upon them immutable laws, in accordance with which they must ever run their endless courses, be those courses what they may. No wonder the Psalmist, amazed at the mighty thought, should cry out: "When I consider Thy heavens, the work of Thy hand, the moon and the stars which Thou hast ordained; what is man that Thou are mindful of him? and the son of man that Thou visitest him? * * O Lord, our Lord, how excellent is Thy name in all the earth!"

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FRED C. HAND, The Chairman of the Memorial Commit-tee, Which Arranged the Service.

Bonsting no birth in a hoary antiquity, noiseless as the great forces of nature, and modest as a flower of spring, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks comes to us as a child of the conditions and vequirements, and best and highest and holiest aspirations of the waning years of the nineteenth century; and even at this early anniversary in its history it has a record to which every member can point with pardonable pride.

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I am well aware that we cannot make men by obligations, and I have no intention, therefore, of holding up every Elk as a pattern by which to gauge any man's conduct. They are men, and human, full of faults and failings; the infirmitles of aur common humanity are as great in our common humanity are as great in them as they are in those outsile the charmed circle; but there is this difference, the Elks are set in the right direction, and



the rest is but matter of growth. How could they be more than in the "blade" period at the early age of nineteen years."

I say the Elks are set in the right direction, and I say it for many reasons. They have broken down, swept away obliterated the narrow lines of nationality, creed and politics, which tend so much to stunt the growth of men's better natures, and keep them apart in the buttle of life and today they present a sort of grant. and keep them apart in the battle of life and today they present a sort of grant millenial dawn spectacle, men representing many of the different religious creeds clasping hands upon the highest planes of morality, under the banner of patriotism, not as native Americans. English, Dutch, Scotch, Welsh or Italians, Republicans, Democrats, Prohibitionists, and what not, but marching as invincibly as an army with banners, conquering and to conquer, a glorious leavening nucleus of the world's highest ideal, the universal brotherhood of man in the Fatherhood of God!

dod!

I brand as wickedly, maliciously and contemptibly false, the assertion that to frequently falls trippingly from the tongues of those social ghouls whose mouths are whited sepulchres of slimy slander, and who cling here and there to the social fabric as barnacles to an ocean going vessel, that the Elks tend to encourage drinking habits and a laxity of morals among men.

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SIANDERER IS ABROAD.

As may be said of individuals, so may it be said of organizations—the slanderer is abroad in the land. I venture the assertion that there is not a man or woman of any prominence in the city of Scranton whose character for grobly has not been assailed and reputation smirched, at one time or another, by some one or more of these abominable human excrescences, whose devilish machinations and Neroellipsing cruelty have wrung rivers of blood from bruised and broken, innocent hearts.

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Nor is it uson the universe alone these laws are stamped as a whole. The law of the vegetable kingdom: 'First the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear," applies on every hand.

Come with me to a happy home, whether in a palace or a hovel. See that tiny infant in its cradle. "Only a baby" is all we see, isn't it? Ah! we're blind! Look refused in the constitute a living foundain of that "peace which passeth understanding." Let them refuse it their hearty "God speed" who never knew its worth! The children of men will go on finding moral sunyort of a light character in it daily, notwithstanding.

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our deceased brethren, even if such were the purpose of this memorial service, as it is not; but it may not be amiss to em-phasize by an instance or two of personal reference, the beauty of Elkdom along its

reference, the beauty of Elkdom along its higher lines.

Who did not know, or know of. William Robinson? Yet how much did you know of him? As you recall his genial face, his perennial good nature, his ready sympathy with the unfortunate, and such things in a general way, as we all can today of all his great big hearted, generous family of Robinsons, can you mention even one specific example? Well, I can, anyway, and I note one pair of eyes in this audience that could not fall to fill with tears at mention of his name. The incident came under my own versonal observation, and I thank God constantly for the knowledge. It was a gift of money, and the donor all unostentatious in his act, pledged secrecy at the time, and died without revealing it; the recipient, saved from business, and I, his attorney, still live to bless and revere his memory.

ROLL OF THE DEAD.

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Among the number of our deceased brethren, also, is Dr. George S. Throop, one of the organizers of Scranten Lodge, and its first Exalted Ruler; the genial, generous, manly and gifted son of the oldest Elk in the world, our venerable brother, Dr. B. F. Throop, who, happily, is yet spared to the Order of Elks and the city of Scranton, notwithstanding the high hopes that were blasted in that sad death.

written especially for the memorial service by John E. Barrett, editor and one of the proordetors of the Scranton Truth. Its title was "Life's Journey."

From Eden's first good morning to the last good night of Time, across the storied ages, through many a creed and clime, through desert-land and meadow, o'er snow-eled plain and sea.

Life's Journey leads the sons of men unto Eternity.

The way is sometimes pleasant, but 'tis often filled with pain, 'Tis sometimes dark with ruin, But whether gloom or gladness fills the tolling pilgrim's breast, at the end the Journey leads to, there is rest, bleased rest.

Doubts gather in life's pathway, like black and the stoutest-hearte the tremble when the tempest passes by the processority, and to find a grain of pure and simple, a charity be said that Christians loved one dure their weight of care, why the friends we prize the dearest are first to close life's journey in the sleep that comes to ali;

The first Exating the Memorial Commits and nother service, on the score of the structure of every power the human atom will ever evince! That mother's prophetic soul and penetrating eye, and we shall see therein the germ of every power the human atom will ever evince! That mother sees the power ship of every power the human atom will ever evince! That mother sees the power ship of every power the human atom will ever evince! That mother sees the power the sond we shall see therein the germ of every power the human atom will ever evince! That mother sees the power which developed enable men to lead armies, harness the lightning, sway multitudes, and conquer all hillings, ere the high hones that were blasted in that said armies, harness the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear, "shall have found its full fruitton."

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members, was called from our midst. Unpretentious in his life, kind, considerate
and generous to a fault, a good husband,
a loving father, an upright citizen and excellent friend, our sympathy goes forth
in unstinted measure to his stricken family, as now we sadly and reverently add
his name to our Memorial Roll. May
his ashes rest in peace, and may the benight benediction and abundant blessings
of Him who "tempers the wind to the
shorn lamb" reconcile his family and ourselves to the inscrutable wisdom underlying this providence.

THE CONCLUDING REMARKS.

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My Brethren:—I would address my closing words especially to you, and in so doing would lend emphasis, if I could, to the lines of the poet:

"First to thine own self be true.
And it will follow as the night the day.
Thou canst not then be false to any man."

Every Elk, whether realizing the fact or not, hear aloft a banner with the Godgiven device, "As ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them," and by noble living you can never suily that motto.

The Order of Elks, along its higher lines, constitutes us an army now militant against the evils that are round about us over which, in the principles of our flag-draped altar, it is one day possible to be triumphant, so that when our time comes to join the number of those whose names now constitute the Memorial Roll, each of us, mdividually crowned with victory, thail sweep through the pearly gates into the ineffable presence of the Divine Exalted Ruler, whose welcome plaudit, "Well don, thou good and faithful servant," will cause the angels to make heaven's arches ring again with the sweetest music of all cernity.

When Miss Van Dervoort had sung "Pensien Melonconica" the audience would not accept a bow as an en-core, but insisted on a further appear-FRANKLIN W. MARTIN.

The Exalted Ruler of Scranton Lo-ise.

B. P. O. E., No. 123.

ORCHESTRA SELECTIONS. The orchestra plawed Sousa's "I Too Was Born in Arcadia." Mr. Watkins was obliged to sing an encore to Loud's "There Is a City Bright." Mrs. Thiele sung "Bolero Sicilian Vespers," by Verdi, and for an encore "Mignon," by Sicilian Vespers. d'Hardeloa 'Dan" Hart recited with much feel-

ago. It was as follows:

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Though a man, when he lived, were harsh and cold.
And he wound his heart in a winding sheet of the woven threads of untold deceil.
And soothed no sorrows, and fed no lires, But the sordid flames of his own desires, Some heart would juty him after all:
A tear from some one would gently fall, And a prayer, well meant, from some kindly creed.
That never falls in the sinner's need, Would ask that his soul be swiftly sped, To the Isles of the islessed when he were dead.

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