

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE SONS OF PILGRIMS

Was Conducted with Splendid Success Last Night at the Hotel Jermyn.

A GATHERING OF PROMINENT MEN

The Company Represented the Best Professional, Business and Social Element of This Region. Nothing Lacking in the Menu, Decorations and Arrangements to Detract from Making the Banquet a Pleasant Memory—President E. B. Sturges Presided Over a Period of Toasting in which a Galaxy of Clever Speakers Participated.

Two hundred and seventy-six years ago, in fact, the spirit, sturdy and fearless band of Pilgrims landed on the Massachusetts coast. They might have built their fires almost just as we yesterday in Scranton. If we last night's banquet of the New England Sons of Pilgrims, which was held at the Hotel Jermyn, occurred in an opportune time and in the midst of the kind of weather that would have done but little to encourage the small party of persecuted emigrants who fell to their knees, gave thanks to God for their safe passage across the waters and then proceeded to indicate in the very soil the spirit of freedom which later proved the primary foundation of the greatest republic on which the sun shines.

A reproduction of the charter oak, the famous and revered building place of the Connecticut charter duplicates. This was designed by Percival J. Morse, of the firm of Brown & Morris, architects. From suggestions by A. H. Fisher, secretary of the society, from whom it is each of the society's annual convocations have been made.



E. B. STURGES, President of the New England Sons of Pilgrims. Who Presided at Last Night's Tenth Annual Banquet.

Each year the society, which until last year was called the New England Society of Lackawanna county, has succeeded in enjoying a feast more elaborate and complete in detail than the banquet preceding. This was true of last night's affair. Never before were there so many present, never were the decorations so handsome and never was the spirit of pride in New England ancestry so great. The "biggest" man in the gathering, not known to many from the amount of his worldly assets or position in society; the most conspicuous and popular figures were those who represented the most distinguished names from ancestors born in New England.

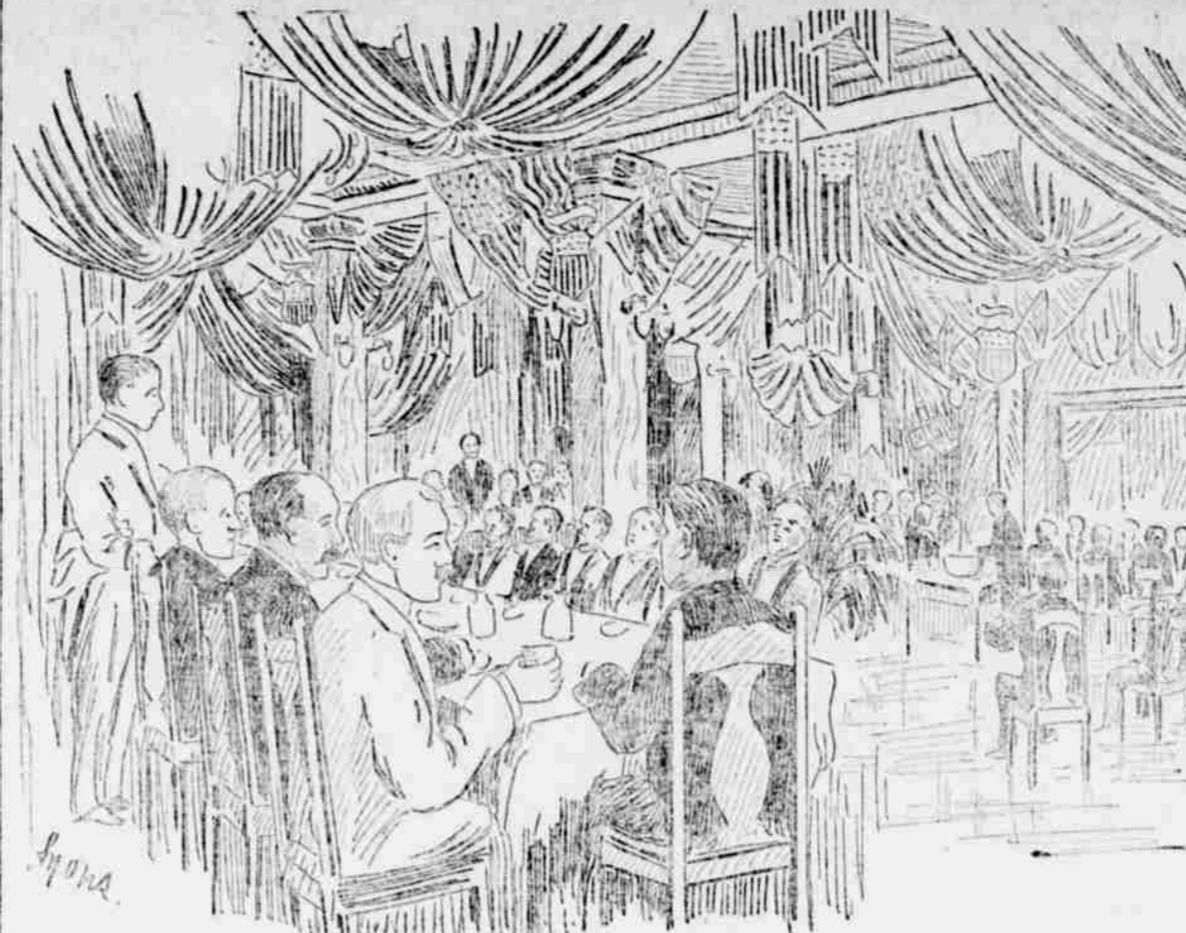
ABUNDANCE OF DECORATIONS.

The ceiling was almost concealed by the drapings of hundreds of flags and fabric containing only the red, white and blue of the Republic or parts of those colors. Each place of honor was decorated with a center of red carnations. Palms and ferns appeared in the corners and windows. The floral display was by Clark.

When the members and guests filed into the dining room at eight o'clock all remained standing while Hon. George H. Greese, of Honesdale, recited the two hundred and thirty-third psalm. President Sturges then displayed a small American flag and the signal was given for a military salute after which Rev. J. B. Worrall, of the Grove Street Methodist church, pronounced the blessing and the company seated itself and the banquet proper began.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Gentlemen of the New England Society of Northern Pennsylvania, and gentlemen with whom we welcome our guests. Having, as I have, fully manifested the desire to see you here in person, and New Englander hold in common with you, as we all do, the same sacred, venerable, and honorable memory of our fathers, I am glad to see you here. I do not say that you have come here to see me, but I say that you have come here to see your fathers, and to see the place where they lived and died. I do not say that you have come here to see me, but I say that you have come here to see your fathers, and to see the place where they lived and died.



Scene in the Banquet Hall.

consider at a banquet has to work with you and especially if his mind be of that material which requires the most interesting and interesting to meet it.

with stronger eyes than ordinary mortals. At the glorious works of the Creator, which are not to be forgotten and the wonder of which is not to be forgotten, the world is full of things which are not to be forgotten, the world is full of things which are not to be forgotten, the world is full of things which are not to be forgotten.

ment before his eyes. And every member of all the mortal acts has noted himself on each other and on the world, his own, and most truly, cordially and affectionately renders his views and opinions on the history of the world, and on the progress of the human mind, and on the progress of the human mind, and on the progress of the human mind.

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A LARGE SUBJECT.



REV. JOSEPH H. DIXON, D. D., Pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church. He responded to a toast.

after formerly belonging to the sect of Episcopacy and Episcopalism, he was converted to the doctrine of Unitarianism and has been in a state of rebellion ever since.

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THE WARRIOR'S PRAYER.



REV. J. B. WORRALL, of the Grove Street Methodist Church.

of merely personal importance, but on this point I will have something to say. I have a great deal to say to you, and I have a great deal to say to you, and I have a great deal to say to you, and I have a great deal to say to you.

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