CLOSING SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION

Officers for Women's Foreign Missionary Society Chosen.

WILL SERVE FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS

Mrs. Betts Gave a Review of the Work Done in the Towanda District--Report of the Treasurer Was Very Encouraging--Review of the Work Accomplished in the Scranton District was Presented by Mrs. M. R. Kays--The Resolutions.

The sessions which mark the twentieth anniversary of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the Presbytery of Lackawanna which were begun Wednesday morning at the Second Presbyterian church, were continued yesterday morning and afternoon. The afternoon session marking the close of the anniversary. President Mrs. A. M. Welles, of Wilkes-Barre, presided as usual, and Mrs. C. R. Gregory, of Wilkes-Barre, acted as secretary.

The morning session began at 10 o'clock, and was opened by the conduction of devotional exercises by Mrs. W. R. Holmes, of Honesdale. Mrs. N. N. Betts, of Towanda, followed with a complete and interesting review of the work done by the Towanda district, of which she is president. This report covered both the work of the last year and for the past five years.

Mrs. H. E. Raynor, of Carbondale, as treasurer of the society, made her report. It was an elaborate one covering as it did the finances of each of the four districts into which the Presbytery is divided and also the finances of the combined society which only meets once in five years. The report both in its separate parts and as a whole was encouraging showing that during the last fiscal year a total of $6,002.38 had been collected in the four districts, and for the whole five years since the last session $29,552.71 was received.

MISSIONARY LITERATURE.

The subject of the proper missionary literature which should be perused by interested workers was ca ably dealt with in a special paper upon "What Shall We Read" by Miss F. M. Jessup, of Montrose. Several original suggestions were thrown out by Miss Jessup during the reading of the paper. The singing of a hymn followed the conclusion of the paper.

Mrs. M. R. Kays, of Green Ridge, president of the Scranton district, gave a review of the work accomplished by this district during last year and for the past five years. A very interesting and encouraging report concerning the Auxiliaries, Bands, and Christian Endeavor societies was made by Mrs. C. R. Gregory, secretary, of Wilkes-Barre. There are now 44 Auxiliaries, 35 Bands, 11 Christian Endeavor senior societies, and 8 Junior Christian Endeavor societies, now under the care of Presbytery and all are doing a noble work along their especial lines. This session was brought to a close with the singing of a hymn. Adjournment was made until 2 p. m.

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of a hymn. A passage of Scriptures was read and prayer offered by Mrs. W. H. Buell, of Scranton. Mrs. William S. Stites, of Wyoming, president of the Wilkes-Barre district, submitted her report for that district and it was read by the secretary, Mrs. Gregory. The work done by the district during the last five years and the closing fiscal year was thoroughly reviewed and showed earnest progress.

MRS. LITTLE'S ADDRESS.

Mrs. William Little, of Honesdale, made a deeply interesting address taking as her theme "Jesus, the Ideal Missionary." After the singing of a hymn those present enjoyed the short sketches of the missionaries now in foreign lands who were sent out by this society.

Mrs. H. B. Gaylord, of Wyalusing, spoke of Mrs. R. H. DeHeer, who is in Africa; Mrs. W. E. Frisbie, of Carbondale, spoke of Mrs. E. D. Vanderburg, of Hainan, China; Mrs. J. A. Fitch, China; and Mrs. C. S. Blackburn, Persia. Mrs. W. H. Buell, of Scranton, spoke of Mrs. H. W. Luce, the wife of Rev. Harry Luce, who went with her husband to the mission fields in China last fall. Mrs. Buell also read a letter received by her from Mrs. Vanderburg, of Hainan, and spoke of Mrs. J. G. Watson, of Persia. Mrs. J. H. Doolittle, a vice president of the Montrose district, made some remarks concerning the late Mrs. True, who was stationed at Tokio, Japan, and was a personal friend of hers.

A solo was sung by Miss Susie Black, soprano soloist of the Second Presbyterian church, after which Rev. W. S. Bannerman, of Africa, spoke at some length of the mission work among the people on the West coast.

The committee on nominations, comprising Mrs. Gates, of Canton; Mrs. A. L. Benton, of Montrose, and Mrs. Harsen, of Kingston, reported the following for Presbyterial officers for the next five years: Mrs. A. M. Welles, of Wilkes-Barre, for president; Mrs. C. R. Gregory, of Wilkes-Barre, secretary, and Mrs. H. E. Raynor, of Carbondale, treasurer. This was virtually a renaming of the old board of officers and was a tribute to their faithful officers. Mrs. C. N. Lyons, secretary of the Montrose district, was named as delegate from this body to the convention of the Women's Philadelphia board, which convenes in Trenton, N. J., in June next.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED.

The following resolutions were submitted and adopted:

Resolved, That we extend to the ladies of Scranton our healthful appreciation of the cordial way in which they have welcomed us to their hearts and homes. Their tender solicitude for our comfort during our stay, the beautiful flowers, the sweet singing which will always be precious memories to us, and that we go from here with more love for the work in our hearts, and a feeling that it has been good for us to be here.

Resolved, That we tender to our beloved president and her earnest coworkers our tender appreciation of their undying energy which has aided so materially in making this meeting such a success.

Resolved, That we acknowledge the benefit it has been to listen to the able address of Mr. Speer. The interesting remarks of Mr. Bannerman, and the many instructive and helpful thoughts given by other zealous workers in the cause and that it has imbued us with a more earnest desire to work in our Master's vineyard.

Resolved, That this Presbyterial society has received new impetus for the work and may the next five years be teeming with glorious results in the blessed work of missions. Respectfully submitted.

Mrs. Louis Pullet, Mrs. Fred Corse, Mrs. George Johnson.

The president, Mrs. A. M. Welles, made a few closing remarks in which she expressed her appreciation of the trust reposed in her by the members of the society, and urged a continuation of the progress which had characterized the work of the past five years.

Rev. W. S. Bannerman, then pronounced the benediction and the meeting was adjourned to meet again at the call of the Presbyterial officers.

THE BRYAN RECEPTION.

Democrats Were Actively at Work Yesterday Arranging for It.

Arrangements are now about completed for the Bryan meeting next Monday night. The joint committee of arrangements composed of members of the city and county committees met in C. G. Boland's insurance office yesterday morning at 11 o'clock and elected C. G. Boland, president; M. A. McGinley, secretary, and E. J. Lynett, treasurer. T. J. Jennings, W. H. Roe, Colonel Herman Osthaus, E. J. Robinson, George S. Horn, E. J. Lynett, C. G. Boland and M.A. McGinley were named as a committee on ways and means.

Last night at the same place a general meeting of the committee was held. It was arranged to have the meeting in the armory and to charge a general admission of twenty-five cents. Eight hundred seats will be reserved and an additional twenty-five cents will be charged for these.

Mr. Bryan is to be met at Wilkes-Barre by a reception committee consisting of ten prominent Democrats. He will arrive here at 6 o'clock in the evening and will be escorted to the Jermyn with a band and line of carriages containing prominent Democrats. After supper he will be escorted to the armory. State Chairman Garman and a number of prominent free silver men will come in Mr. Bryan's party.

Edward Merrifield will preside at the meeting. The reception committee will be composed of a number of prominent Democrats.

WELL-KNOWN CLARIONET PLAYER.

Clarence E. Knowles Will Be Heard with Symphony Orchestra.

Clarence E. Knowles, the well-known solo clarionet player, has returned to Scranton for good. He has been permanently engaged with the Symphony Orchestra society of Scranton. He is without a peer in the state of Pennsylvania as a performer, having played with Gilmore and several other equally fine organizations.

The solo oboist and also the solo bassoon player of the late Anton Seidl's celebrated orchestra have also been engaged for this concert. Mr. Knempbel, the bassoon player, is coming all the way from Montreal to be present. Mr. Eller, the oboist, is undoubtedly the greatest living exponent of the oboe. His tone is of a richness and purity unexcelled in the United States.

There will also be Mr. Victor L. Shaeffer, late of the Waldorf-Astoria orchestra, New York city, and formerly solo flutist at Ponce de Leon, the largest of society's winter resorts in Florida. He has lately purchased a flute made by Boehm and Mendler, of Munchen, Germany.

Altogether, the reed section, consisting of piccolo, two flutes, two oboi, two clarionets, and two bassoons, will be the finest ever assembled in Scranton. One of the greatest evils of the orchestras of today is having one or two good reed performers and a large number of mediocre assistants who simply ruin the whole effect. This has been carefully avoided by the society, for, although many applicants have come forward as reed players, only the minimum has been selected, making this section the best possible. The diagram for the concert opens today at the Lyceum theatre.

SUICIDE'S BODY BURIED.

Last Hope of Identification Was Abandoned Yesterday.

The last hope of identifying the remains of the McKeever's field suicide was abandoned yesterday on receipt of a letter from the New York city detective bureau. The body, which had been lying in Price's undertaking establishment, was buried in Washburn street cemetery. Following is the letter received by Chief of Police Robling:

New York City, April 13.

Frank Robling, Jr., Chief of Police, Scranton, Pa.

Dear Sir: Enclosed I return you photo of A. J. Jackson or A. J. Plum, which I had inserted in New York World as requested. I had diligent inquiry made in various quarters in this city but could not have the photo identified.

The colonel of the Seventh regiment, this city, is the chief clerk of our department, and when shown the photo said that he had never seen the original of the same in life. Yours very respectfully,

George W. McCluskey,
Captain Detective Bureau.

The adjourned coroner's inquest in the case will be held tomorrow evening at Coroner Longstreet's office.

SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINMENT.

Conducted by Camp 8, of the Sons of Veterans.

Camp 8, Sons of Veterans gave an entertainment in Snover's hall on Penn avenue, which was a very successful event. An address on the lives of prisoners in the Southern pens during the late war was delivered by Colonel E. H. Ripple. It was intensely interesting.

John T. Howe also made an address and Ben Allen recited an original poem "My Old Army Canteen." Other numbers on the programme were: Address on the statue of liberty by J. Archie Jones; recitation, Miss Steniger; piano selection, Frank Kerling; autoharp solo, Professor Harry E. Hughes; recitation, Miss Lewis.

After the entertainment a gentleman's umbrella was chanced off. It was won by W. W. Wessinghier, who held ticket 975.

WOULD FRIGHTEN SPANIARD'S ARMY

That's What Supt. Howell Said of the Teachers' Singing.

MEANT AS COMPLIMENT, OF COURSE.

Fourth Day of the City Teachers' Institute Opens with a Season of Patriotic Singing that Evokes from the Superintendent the Remark: "If Spain Heard You Sing It that Way, There Would Be No War"—Doctor Sprague on Literature.

The singing at the opening of yesterday's session of the city teachers' institute was one of the principal features of the day. When the opening song had been concluded Superintendent Howell requested Professor Derman to have "The Star Spangled Banner" sung. It was given with such a spirit as to call from the superintendent the remark: "If Spain heard you sing it that way there would be no war." The musical exercises closed with a rendition of "Freedom and Union," to the air of the Marseillaise.

Professor H. J. Hockenberry, of the Carbondale public schools, gave a lecture on the value of declamations. He suggested that teachers should have their pupils learn and declaim the gems of poetry and oratory both for the good it effects in forming style and for the ennobling sentiment they teach. Among his contentions was one to the effect that it is best for the sake of style not to read too great a variety of works. Kossuth, he said, whose English orations are so much admired, learned all he knew of the language from a single volume of Shakespeare.

PROF. WELLS' DISCOURSE.

Prof. A. H. Wells, instructor in chemistry in the high school, gave an interesting discourse on "Great Principles and Simple Experiments," illustrating it with practical experiments. It was one of the most entertaining numbers of the institute programme.

Dr. Sprague closed the session with a talk on poetry, analyzing several famous works to show their construction and style and supplying examples of other styles by quotations from various authors. One of the remarkable features of Dr. Sprague's talks is the faculty with which he draws apt illustrations from the best poets or prose writers. Quite as remarkable is his ability to recite, and in an appreciative way, stanza after stanza of these works from memory. It would seem that his mind is a vast storehouse abounding in best things of literature.

Superintendent Howell put the teachers in good humor for the afternoon session by announcing that Secretary Fellows had their March orders ready and that they could secure them on their way home.

CHILDREN'S CHORUS.

The pupils of No. 19 school, of which Miss Josie Lees is principal, next came on the stage to discount all former performances of pupils choruses. They marched in bearing small flags and after executing a pretty drill sang a couple of patriotic songs in a really creditable manner, the singing being directed by one of the pupils, Howard Griffiths, of Price street. Miss Nichols and Miss Fellows, acted as lieutenants to Miss Lees in the drill.

"How Salvator Won," was recited with much dramatic effect by Miss Driesen and for an encore gave a short humorous recitation, evidencing rare talent in this line also. Then for a second encore, demanded with rapturous applause, she gave a Cockney dialect recitation with the same effect as the previous efforts. It was a remarkably versatile performance.

A MIXED QUARTETTE.

The Misses Lewis and Griffin and Messrs. Edwards and Owens very pleasantly sang a couple of selections, the encore number, a "Good Night" song being rendered in an exceptionally clever manner.

The concluding lecture of the day was a continuation of the analytical treatise of poetry by Dr. Sprague. Like the morning effort it was a learned and interesting talk and was eagerly listened to by the audience.

The institute will close today at noon. A lecture on Geometry by Miss Mattie H. Gregg, of the high school, and an address by Professor George P. Bible, of the Stroudsburg Normal school, are the features of the programme.

Yesterday a number of the teachers went to Wilkes-Barre to visit the schools there and observe the methods of teaching there employed.

FUNERAL OF WALTER DAWSON.

Services Held Yesterday Afternoon at St. Luke's Church.

The funeral of the late Walter Dawson, a former resident of this city, who died in New York city last Monday, was held here yesterday afternoon. The remains were brought to this city by Funeral Director Raub and borne from the station to St. Luke's church at 2 o'clock.

Rev. Rogers Israel, rector of the church, conducted the service and preached a short funeral sermon eulogistic of the deceased. The remains reposed in a handsome broadcloth casket, almost concealed by the beautiful floral tributes. A trio comprising Mrs. Rogers Israel, the Misses Mott and Bessell and J. W. Bunnell sang.

The services concluded, the remains were borne to the Forest Hill cemetery, where interment was made. A large cortege accompanied the remains to the cemetery. The pall-bearers were A. D. Holland, Samuel Hines, John Shopland, Charles Dolph, David Brown and John Devine.

COLLINS-HALE TROUBLE AGAIN.

The Hale Faction, It Is Claimed, Refuses to Keep Promises.

A. L. Collins, W. W. Van Dyke and W. F. Van Dyke secured, yesterday, a writ of alternative mandamus on John Koschenbach, C. E. Speerl and C. E. Hale, compelling them to show cause why they do not attend a meeting of directors of the Collins-Hale Manufacturing company, specially called under the by-laws for the purpose of increasing the number of the board of directors, which, it is claimed, will force a settlement of the present difficulties.

When the former troubles were settled through the intervention of the courts the defendant, it is alleged, promised among other things to attend such a meeting and vote for its purposes. They now refuse to present themselves at the meeting, it is averred, and the plaintiffs having no other recourse but ask court to again step in and arbitrate.

The writ is made returnable Monday, April 25, at 9 o'clock a. m.

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The Parisian Widows.

The performances given at Music hall yesterday afternoon and evening by Weber's Parisian Widows were about the best that have been produced in the burlesque line in Scranton this season. The programme presented was equally in merit to that given when the Parisian Widows visited the city last fall, and was decidedly up to the minute in every particular. This company contains some of the funniest comedians and most talented vocalists on the vaudeville stage, and there was scarcely a dull turn in the performance of yesterday.

A taking feature was the presentation of the various warships of the United States navy which were applauded vigorously in turn. The Burman sisters introduced new features of humorous character in their sketch and the Metropolitan trio were better than ever in their interpreciation of operatic selections and popular songs. The Parisian Widows will be at Music hall this evening and tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Next Week's Attraction.

Miss Ulie Akerstrom and her versatile company of dramatic players and vaudeville performers will begin, next Monday night, what should be a prosperous week's engagement at the Academy. It has been Miss Akerstrom's pride that what she promise she always faithfully performs and while she promises much for her plays and her supporting company this season there is no doubt as to the fulfilment of every promise.

TWO DEEDS ACKNOWLEDGED.

They Are for Properties Sold by the Sheriff.

The following deeds were acknowledged in open court yesterday morning by Sheriff Pryor:

To John F. Curtis for land in Dunmore, sold as property of Ada Albert, administratrix, for $1,300.

To S. S. Spruks for land in Dickson, sold as property of George Kalata for $5, for land in Elmhurst sold as property of Thomas Holtham for $3,600, and land in Winton sold as property of George Kalata for $45.65.

Wolcott in More Trouble.

"Jud" Wolcott, of Dunmore, is in more trouble. He was arrested yesterday and arraigned before Alderman John T. Howe on a charge of having made threats to kill George Engle, also of Dunmore. Wolcott was held in $500 bail for a hearing tomorrow.

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