

FATHER McCABE CHOSEN PRESIDENT

He is the New Head of the Scranton Diocesan Union.

IT IS THE FIRST TIME IN FIVE YEARS THAT THE ORGANIZATION HAS HAD A CLERGYMAN FOR PRESIDENT—THERE WAS A LIVELY FIGHT FOR THE NATIONAL DELEGATESHIP—RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED WERE VERY PROMINENT IN FAVOR OF WAR.

The spirited convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence union of the diocese of Scranton, which opened in Kingston, Wednesday morning, concluded last evening. During the day a great deal of business was transacted, including the election of officers. An important fact in connection with the latter was the selection of Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Avoca, as president of the diocesan union. He is the first clergyman who has been selected for that high office since Rev. P. J. McManus, of Green Ridge, refused a re-election five years ago.

Father McManus refused because, he said, there was an impression among some of the members that he was a layman who would have more time to devote to the duties of the office and would make a more successful head for the union. He was so thoroughly interested in the cause that he wanted that idea to be thoroughly tested. The election of the delegates yesterday in again asking a clergyman to lead them shows that they believe the experience of the last five years proves that a clergyman can do better work than the official head of the union than a layman.

Before the organization of the convention yesterday morning the delegates attended mass at 9 o'clock in the Kingston Catholic church. The celebrant of the mass was Rev. J. E. O'Malley, the parish priest, who also delivered a short talk to the delegates about the work they were engaged in.

MR. O'HARA'S REPORT.

When the convention reorganized at 10 o'clock John J. O'Hara, of Wilkes-Barre, ex-president of the diocesan union, made his report as delegate to the national convention in Scranton last August. Mr. O'Hara's report was elaborate and exhaustive and at its conclusion it was decided to spread a synopsis of the report on the minutes of the convention.

President Lavin called the attention of the delegates to the necessity of taking some action with reference to the organization of women's societies. On motion of J. C. Gallagher the matter was referred to the incoming board of government with instructions to organize a board that will have entire charge of the work of organizing women's societies.

Hugh Boyle, of Harleigh, asked the convention for information with reference to admitting Greek Catholics to membership in societies of the union. After some discussion the opinion of Rev. H. A. McAndrew on the subject was solicited. He was of the opinion that any Catholic who acknowledges the pope of Rome as the head of the church is entitled to membership in societies of the Catholic Total Abstinence union. Schismatics, Greeks, he believes, are not entitled to membership, but he suggested that the opinion of the spiritual director be obtained before the matter is finally acted upon. It was decided in this case also to refer the matter to the incoming board of government, which will issue an opinion on the subject.

MORE SECRECY.

The following resolution was introduced by M. J. O'Toole, of Scranton, and adopted after some debate: Resolved, That the business affairs of the societies of this union refer only to the societies interested and are of no concern to the general public. The delegates to this convention should exercise the utmost secrecy in connection with the business of the meetings and urge that every society adopt such means as may be found necessary to preserve the privacy of the business affairs.

J. C. Gallagher, of Scranton, suggested the advisability of having an insurance feature in connection with the Father Mathew societies, membership in which would be compulsory. Charles Canavan, of Scranton, moved that a committee of three be appointed to consider an insurance plan, this committee to report at the next convention. Michael McGarry, of Scranton, amended the motion to provide for a committee of nine. M. J. Walsh felt that the board of government was the proper body to handle the matter, but McManus was opposed to the insurance feature and said that past experience proved that it was not practical to have an insurance feature in connection with Father Mathew societies. He moved that the motion to appoint a committee be laid on the table. This prevailed.

REV. D. J. BUSTIN'S REMARKS.

A recess was taken at this time for dinner and when the delegates reassembled Rev. D. J. Bustin, of St. Mary's church, Wilkes-Barre, was introduced, who made a few general remarks with reference to the total abstinence movement. He advised that literary features be added to the various societies to the end that their members get the pith of a good, general education. Wednesday it was decided to hold a general parade and when the selection of a place came up yesterday afternoon Peter McCormack, of Ashley, nominated Wilkes-Barre, and M. J. O'Toole amended the motion to read that Scranton should be the place for the parade. Before the roll call on the name of Scranton Wilkes-Barre was unanimously chosen.

The resolutions were called for and were read by Dennis Mackin, of Wilkes-Barre. They reaffirmed their belief in the great cause they are laboring for and asked more vigorous work in the organization of women's and cadet societies. A strong plank of the resolutions urged the government to continue its present righteous war until every vestige of Spanish rule in America is driven from the waters hereafter. The resolutions viewed with suspicion

the proposed alliance between England and America. Regret was expressed at the death of Gladstone who during the latter years of his life so earnestly championed home rule for Ireland. A tribute was paid to Bishop O'Hara for his interest in the cause of total abstinence and sincere regret was expressed at the retirement of Rev. E. J. Melloy from the office of spiritual director of the union. Planks were contained in the resolutions thanking those who assisted in making the convention a success. The resolutions were adopted.

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT.

Nominations for president were called for and Rev. D. J. Bustin, of Wilkes-Barre, nominated Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Avoca, William Dougherty, of Wilkes-Barre, nominated the present president, Charles H. Davis, of Wilkes-Barre. The latter withdrew and Father McCabe's election was made by acclamation.

The following board was appointed to conduct the election for the other officers: M. J. Walsh, Wilkes-Barre; James Devers, Port Griffith; Charles Canavan, Scranton.

For first vice president D. J. Mackin, of Wilkes-Barre, and J. C. Gallagher were nominated. The vote resulted as follows: J. C. Gallagher, 46; Dennis Mackin, 52. The election was made unanimous on motion of Mr. Mackin.

D. J. Boyle, of Freehold, and William R. Gilroy, of Archbald, were nominated for second vice president and the vote was D. J. Boyle, 36; William R. Gilroy, 37. Boyle's election was made unanimously.

For treasurer William Malloy, of Carbondale, and M. S. Lavella, of Scranton, were nominated. Mr. Lavella withdrew and Mr. Malloy was chosen.

For secretary George McLaughlin, of Freehold, and John F. McDonough, of Scranton, were named. McDonough received 46 votes and McLaughlin 62.

NATIONAL DELEGATES.

There was a very determined battle for the three national delegateships and the following were nominated: M. J. Brady, Kingston; P. A. O'Neil, Wilkes-Barre; Eli Keers, Carbondale; W. E. McNichols, Scranton; Joseph Finn, Sugar Notch; Michael McGarry, Scranton; John J. Costello, Scranton; Thomas Herbert, Plains. The vote was:

Brady 22
O'Neil 41
Keers 4
McNichols 4
Finn 46
McGarry 58
Costello 18
Herbert 19

None of the delegates having received a majority of the votes of the convention, another vote was taken after the three lowest, Costello, Herbert and Keers, were dropped.

The second ballot resulted as follows:

McGarry 47
McNichols 41
Brady 31
Finn 41
O'Neil 41
McNichols was then dropped and the result of the third ballot was:

McGarry 51
Finn 31
O'Neil 31
Brady 42

Messrs. O'Neil, McGarry and Finn having received the highest number of votes were declared elected.

Rev. J. J. McCabe, of Avoca, was then escorted to the chair and was greeted with much applause. He was installed as the presiding officer and then introduced by Mr. Lavin to the convention. He gave a short, but forcible address, during which he stated that it was an honor to be at the head of the Scranton union and he expressed the hope that the members would readily assist him in his work.

THE NEXT CONVENTION.

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Nicholas Burke, of Scranton, asked that the next convention be held under the auspices of the St. John's, of Pine Brook. Mr. Boyle asked that it be held at Harleigh. Some discussion arose and Mr. Burke permitted the matter to go before the convention, but later withdrew his request and the next convention will be held at Harleigh.

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BEGINS IN AN ENCOURAGING WAY

Executive Committee of Soldiers' Relief Association Has Organized.

HON. ALFRED HAND SELECTED AS PRESIDENT, CAPTAIN W. A. MAY, VICE PRESIDENT, D. B. ATHERTON, SECRETARY, AND C. G. BOLAND, TREASURER—THERE WILL BE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE NEXT THURSDAY AFTERNOON AT THE SAME PLACE.

In the Board of Trade rooms yesterday afternoon the first meeting of the Executive committee of the Soldiers' Relief association was held. At Monday night's meeting of the Board of Trade the advisability of taking some action to raise funds to assist needy families of men who have enlisted in the service of the United States was considered and the general scope of such an organization was discussed.

A motion was passed directing President Luther Keller to appoint a committee of nine of which the president and the secretary of the board, D. B. Atherton, should be members, to act as an executive committee for the relief association. As members of this committee Mr. Keller named Hon. Alfred Hand, Captain W. A. May, Hon. John R. Farr, C. G. Boland, Conrad Schroeder, Thomas H. Dale and C. E. Manville, of Carbondale, President Keller and Secretary Atherton having been placed on the committee by the motion.

All of the members of the committee were present yesterday save Mr. Manville, and he sent word that he will be glad to act on the committee, although not able to be present yesterday. The meeting of the committee was called to order by Mr. Keller, who outlined in a general way the object of the association. It will endeavor to provide for the needy families of enlisted men, serve as a link of communication between the regiment and the relatives of the men in this city; keep a correct list of the soldiers from this part of the state; provide reading matter and do what it can to have the sick and injured cared for as well as furnishing delicacies and proper nourishment for the sick.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The work of forming an organization was perfected by selecting Hon. Alfred Hand, president; Captain May, vice-president; D. B. Atherton, secretary, and C. G. Boland, treasurer.

It was decided that the organization should embrace enlisted men in territory covered by the Thirtieth regiment and efforts will be made to have citizens of Montrose and Honesdale cooperate in the work. The local organization will be an auxiliary of the National Soldiers' Relief association, with headquarters at Philadelphia, at the head of which is Rev. Dr. McCook, Archbishop Ryan and many other brainy, broad-minded men of national prominence. The organization is in no sense denominational or sectarian. It is as broad as charity and its formation was suggested by the noblest patriotism. It was at first suggested that it act as an auxiliary to the Red Cross society, but after consultation with President McKinley and other officials of the country it was decided to make the relief association a general organization, but have it work in harmony with the Red Cross.

Secretary Atherton was instructed to write to the officers of the National association and get all the information possible with reference to it. This will be laid before the committee at its next meeting on Thursday, May 28. The secretary was also instructed to write to the officers of the various benevolent, patriotic and charitable societies of the city and ask for subscriptions to the relief fund as well as for a general cooperation with the association in the work it has undertaken.

TWO CASES REPORTED.

It was announced that two cases of diphtheria had been reported in the city and immediate attention and to provide funds to make such assistance as may be necessary possible in a regular way. Conrad Schroeder, C. G. Boland and Luther Keller subscribed \$25 each.

A finance committee consisting of Mr. Schroeder, Mr. Boland and Captain May was appointed to receive and solicit subscriptions. They will acknowledge the same through the columns of the newspapers of the city. An appeal to the public will be prepared within a day or two, formally stating the objects of the association and asking for assistance in carrying out the work proposed.

The association will unquestionably be a success and do a valuable and necessary work in the city. The executive committee are among the city's most representative citizens and they have taken up the work with the energy and vim that is characteristic of Scrantonians.

PATRIOTIC MEETING.

Conducted in the Parlors of the Green Ridge Presbyterian Church—Features of the Programme.

The pretty parlors of the Green Ridge Presbyterian church were filled with many members of the Young Men's union and their friends last evening. A most interesting programme was rendered and, though the rains descended and the floods came, there was no interruption to the enjoyment of the occasion. Rev. Dr. Lansing presided over the meeting, which had been announced as a patriotic one. A quartette, consisting of Messrs. Whitteborn, Wineke, D. J. Phillips and Roberts sang with fine effect.

Spanish queen regent is an Austrian. Austria is ultra monarchial, resents the fact that her subjects take refuge here, and also our hostility to Maximilian in Mexico. Germany holds the first reasons above, and also has a commercial hostility. Her war spirit is based on self-confidence in her army, and she is also an ally of Austria. France is our hereditary ally, but as a creditor of Spain is temporarily hostile. Russia has been our friend for many years, but is naturally hostile to republics and hates Great Britain, supposed to be our friend. England has never in any former emergency been our friend, but now, needing to strengthen herself, will probably be our ally only for her own advantage, at the price of our accepting her ideas of commercial intercourse.

An interesting exposition of the present situation between the powers followed, after which the speaker said that none of these nations are friendly to the struggle of men who would throw off the yoke of tyranny and have sympathy with us in our undertaking in behalf of Cuba. It is possible that Germany may support Spain as she has Turkey, and that our ships may have to contend with her trained artillerymen rather than with Spanish gunners. France, for financial reasons, will cooperate with Germany. Great Britain will offer her aid to us on conditions not in accord with our traditions. Russia will take the opposite side to Great Britain and will seek to take Constantinople. Thus two hundred millions of Mohammedans under British rule may be aroused and cast Asia and Africa into war.

What then can be counted on among the human element for the support of "the United States and Great Britain"? First the people, the Republicans of these other lands, also the best thought among mankind against tyranny. Japan must here be reckoned as a large body of representatives from the nations best prepared for war would gain the advantage, but the fleet of England can be counted against the armies of France.

In two years we shall be transformed into a military nation. Peace will come at length with an improvement of the condition of all the nations and a relative decrease of the power of their rulers.

At the conclusion of Dr. Lansing's remarks a brief social was held, after which Mr. W. Archer Jones gave character sketches abounding in patriotism, and the quartette sang. Patriotic airs were sung by the assembly, and the meeting adjourned.

SERMON TO THE KNIGHTS

Delivered by Rev. Rogers Israel in St. Luke's Church—Members of Both Commanderies Present.

The organization of Knights Templar is essentially Christian and therefore church-going. It has long been a custom for the commandery to attend divine service in a body on Ascension Day. Since the organization in America is Protestant and the Episcopal church is about the only Protestant one open on this day for services, the annual sermon is delivered by a representative of the resident commanderies. In large cities it is an impressive custom for the Sir Knights to recite the creed with drawn swords. This is, however, omitted here. Last evening Rev. Rogers Israel spoke in a large hall of representatives from the Ouse de Lion and Malta commanderies at St. Luke's church. The service was solemn and beautiful. A significant portion of the prayer invoked safety for our fleets. The offering was for the benefit of the Lacksaw Valley Hospital.

Mr. Israel, in beginning his address, extended a cordial welcome from the church to the Sir Knights. The text from which his remarks were taken was Matthew 2:16. "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

The speaker emphasized the fact that the completion of any great work is of intense interest. The impressive ceremonies employed in unveiling the great Statue of Liberty, a gift from the people of France, were attended by thousands of people who knew nothing of Bartholdi or his half century of life. Thousands did honor to the completion of the Garfield statue in Washington, and to the martyr and hero whose life was likewise ended. The means will often be found, if the means will often be met with ridicule, it is only the completion and success of the work that receives commendation after the debris is cleared away.

The long years of toil spent by the Templars are not remembered or considered, only his great discovery. If successful, brings forth the plaudits. It is the effort of the age to eliminate from view the means by which we live. The kitchen is relegated to the attic or the basement. The end is sought for in every cause, great or trivial. The steps that lead to it are concealed as were those to the medieval treasure house. It is the custom to thus hide all medium to greatness whether from false shame or lowly station in early life or because the methods by which greatness has been achieved are justly concealed for shame.

Christ completed the greatest work of all time and in the light of its full completion the different steps are sometimes almost forgotten. A Hebrew Rabbi once remarked that religion is more than being identified wholly with devotion or wholly with active life. More than kneeling or bowing, praying or singing, or giving to charity, it is more of the heart, true righteousness.

What degree marks the sword hill of the Knights Templar and in what shape are the jewels he wears? The cross. It marks the panels of our doors and its symbol enters into every avocation of life. To be morally good, to be honest and upright in the world's eyes is not enough. It is of value to society and the family, but to be spiritually good is far better to both church and individual. Let your light so shine that others seeing it shall glorify not man but the Father.

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"You found, if you lay your hand on the lady I'll throw you from the car," said one.

"You got what you deserved," said the other.

The masher blustered considerably, but concluded to quit the car. His exit was followed by the hisses of the passengers. After he had gone the pretty girl he had annoyed sank in a seat and nearly fainted.

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