Social and Personal

Yesterday a handicap match for the junior members of the Country club was arranged. The prize was a handsome club, offered by Mr. J. H. Torrey. The result was a tie for first place by Miss Ruth Archbald, Kenneth Welles and Law Watkins. The playing of little Miss Archbald was particularly good, and the match in general elicited much attention. It is probable that the younger set will be kept busy winning trophies during the remainder of the season, as the youthful enthusiasm and improvement in the game excites lively interest among their elders. The score was:

	Gross.	H'd'k.	Net.
Miss Ruth Archbald	91	36	55
Kenneth Welles	60	5	55
Law Watkins	55	0	55
D'Andelot Belin	78	18	60
Douglas Torrey	60	0	62
Miss Margaretta Belin..	100	33	67

Today one of the first matches of the year is to be played with the Binghamton Golf club. Our men will probably be Messrs. T. H. Watkins, H. C. Shafer, J. H. Brooks, James Blair, jr., M. B. Fuller, T. R. Brooks. The Binghamton team will in part be composed of Messrs. La Motte, Kilmer, Berkelew and Weed. The former two are non-resident members of the Scranton Country club. They will come down this morning on the 10 o'clock train, will be met at the station and taken to the Country club for lunch and will also be entertained at dinner at the same place this evening. It is expected that a large number of members will be out on this occasion.

The course is in the best condition yet noted this season. It may not be generally known that the gentle, meek and timid shower which visted the central city yesterday was a veritable cloudburst at the Country club. The members who happened to go out late in the evening were amazed at the appearance of everything. "I did think we altogether would be ironwuted mit dot rain," ejaculated Jacob, consternation and bewilderment being expressed in his honest visage. The water had, indeed, poured into the lockers, submerged the back veranda and seriously threatened the kitchen. "If you play golf today it will be mit boats," finally remarked Jacob with conviction and the links verified his statement, for a river of water flooded the entire hillside. It was a great blessing, however, for in the drouth and heat the earth was becoming sun-baked and the turf was in danger. Today it is lovelier than ever in its history.

By the last week in June the street cars will be running and getting to and from the club will be less of a problem in which forty minutes is the basis of all calculations. At present any one who walks in from the car should take the Dunmore Suburban, alighting at Jefferson avenue and faring across the hillside near the Home for the Friendless. No dust will be found and the walk is pleasant, while the view is unsurpassed.

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Mrs. F. M. Vandling gave a delightful children's party yesterday afternoon on the pretty lawn of the Von Storch residence, North Main avenue. Over one hundred children enjoyed the romping, sports and games. At 5 o'clock delicious refreshments were served.

The affair was given in honor of Miss Marjorie and Master Theodore Vandling, children of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Vandling, from 3 to 6 o'clock. Mrs. Vandling was assisted by Miss Jackson, Miss Gilmore, Misses Eloise and Evelyn Gilmore, Miss Vickery, Miss Merrill and Miss Irey. The following guests were present: Carrie Hess, Helen Henry, Thomas Ives, Francis Jermyn, Elizabeth Jermyn, Olive Jadwin, Mattie Kline, Ruth Keller, Maria Llano, Mercedes Llano, Harry Lee, Lillian Lee, Robert Lowery, Walter LeVan, Lorena LaBar, Annie Parke, Christian Bryden, Robert Bryden, Helen A. Connell, Frederick Connell, Eleanor Clemans, Laila Coston, Grace Coolidge, Karl Coolidge, Ralph Davis, Harold Davis, John Duckworth, Harry Duckworth, Mattie Edgar, Marie Gunster, Hilda Matthews, Eleanor Matthews, Helen Mott, Marjorie O'Brien, Philip Platt, Nemie Price, Bessie Price, Annie Robertson, Earl Rice, Dudley Sanderson, Louise Smith, Florence Smith, Grace Richmond, Mary Richmond, Marion Taylor, Fred. Woolworth, Dudley Griffin, Walford Lewis, Robert McClave, Grace McClave, Warner Hayes, Harold Cooper, Roy Chappel, Irene Irey, Frances Irey, Katherine Cowles, Donald Robinson, Margaret Chappel, Louise Chappel, Jennie Hoffman, Donald Clark, Ethel Watkins, Earl Watkins, Frances Richard, Dorothy Crippen, Irene Jones, Charles Church, Bonaline Church, DeWitt Harris, Evelyn Dickerson, Katherine Beal, Frank McDonald, Ralph McDonald, Karl McDonald, Ruth McDonald, Walter Shearer, Helen Shearer, Karl Anderson, Keath Anderson, Helen Sadler, Ruth Sadler, Gertrude Guild, Mary Hallstead, Ben Throop, Kenneth Porter, Russell Porter, Everett Dale, William Jessup, Bernard Connell, Gladys Connell, Louise Connell, Lucile Connell, Margaret Callender, Margaret Mattes, Lydia Mattes, Dorothea Mattes, Marguerite Barker, Emma Barker, Margaret Wylie, Elizabeth Storrs, Elizabeth Jermyn, Mary McClave, Margaret Connell, Marjorie Christian, Rose Vandling, Ernest Coolidge, Margaret Brooks.

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The marriage of Miss Helen F. Cooke, to Miles Tracy Hand, son of Judge Hand, was solemnized on Tuesday evening at the home of the bride's uncle, Mr. Edward Cooke in Germantown.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Williams, formerly of the Dunmore Presbyterian church, only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom being present.

Mr. and Mrs. Hand will leave on Monday next for Birmingham, Ala., where Mr. Hand will take charge of some important engineering work for the Francis Brothers & Jellett company, of Philadelphia.

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A delightful reception was given for the Foreign Missionary society of the First Presbyterian church last night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. James Archbald. These charming annual events are usually held on the spacious lawn which looks like fairy lands on such occasions, but the coolness of the evening precluded out of door "frivolity," and the beautiful rooms were thronged with guests. Mrs. Olmstead and Mrs. A. E. Hunt presided at the table where a big bowl of red roses glowed. Among those who assisted in serving refreshments were: Miss Hunt, Miss Coleman, the Misses Archbald, Miss Kingsbury, Miss Alice Matthews, Miss Seybolt.

A pleasing musical programme was furnished by Mrs. Lily Josephs-Keller, Mrs. E. C. Dean and Miss Freeman, whose beautiful songs were accompanied on the piano by Miss Blackman. Rev. Dr. Logan made a few remarks complimentary to the host and hostess of the evening. Mr. Plumley announced the various numbers.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Scranton gave a dinner Tuesday evening in honor of Miss Belin and her guest, Miss DeWitt.

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A very pretty wedding occurred on Wednesday evening, when Miss Jennie Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smith, of Throop street, was united in marriage to James H. Drown at the bride's home, Rev. R. W. Clymer, pastor of the North Main Avenue Christian church, performed the ceremony, which took place in the parlor, which was magnificently decorated with flowers for the occasion. Miss Elizabeth Jones, of West Scranton, was the bridesmaid, and the groomsman was George Smith, a brother of the bride.

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Fred. J. Buck and Miss Caroline Beff, both of Scranton, were married on the evening of June 3 at the parsonage of the Washburn Street Presbyterian church by the Rev. John P. Moffat. They were accompanied by James W. Gritman and Miss Anna C. Beff, sister of the bride. They will reside on Lackawanna avenue.

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Miss Coleman entertained at a thimble tea on Saturday last.

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A merry party of young people pleasantly surprised the Misses Flora and Sadie Leeds, of Adams avenue, Thursday evening. Games, vocal and instrumental music and recitations added to the enjoyment of the evening. Mrs. C. L. Auer, Mrs. G. L. Fields, Mrs. M. J. Tierney and Mrs. O. F. Leeds looked after the comfort of the callers. Those who attended were the Misses Lillian Morris, Mae McLean, Maud Johnston, Mary Jones, Anna Tierney, Mamie Robb, Eva Shimer, Helen Long, Iva Prall, Agnes Williams, Jessie Mathias, and Messrs. Harry Hand, James Williams, Ben Eynon, Stanley Evans, Rutherford Moser, C. C. Evans, Irwin Weil and George Auer.

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The Philadelphia Ledger of yesterday says :"John Wanamaker, accompanied by his wife and daughter, Colonel and Mrs. H. M. Boies, Colonel and Mrs. J. G. Butler, Professor E. A. Bowser, Captain F. R. Rice, U. S. A., and General and Mrs. L. A. Barbour sailed today on the Hamburg American line steamer Auguste Victoria." Colonel and Mrs. Boies and their daughters, Misses Ethel and Helen, will be absent until September. They will take an extended trip, in the course of which they will visit the peace congress at The Hague, afterwards going to the extreme north to the Island of Spitzbergen, touching at North Cape on their return and spending some time in Scotland before their home-coming.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hanley have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter, Margaret, to Mr. Harry S. Kirkpatrick, to take place Thursday, June 24, at noon, in the Second Presbyterian church.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Blackinton entertained a small party of friends yesterday afternoon at Lake Ariel. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. G. du B. Dimmick, Mr. and Mrs. George B. Smith, Mrs. Wesley, Miss Galpin, Mr. Buckley, Mr. Frank Eaton, of Morristown, N. J.

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Mrs. George Sturges gave a Harlequin party on Tuesday afternoon, when the guests were Mrs. A. H. Storrs, Mrs. Clarence Sturges, Mrs. B. E. Watson, Mrs. W. M. Dickson, Mrs. Arthur Twitchell, Miss Anna Sanderson, Miss Hunt, Miss Underwood.

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Mrs. B. M. Winton gave a pretty luncheon on Thursday in honor of Mrs. E. W. Weston. The other guests were Mrs. W. H. Richmond, Mrs. W. D. Kennedy, Mrs. L. W. Morss, Miss Von-Storch.

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June weddings have been many and but half of the month of roses has vanished. Among the prettiest was that of Miss Edith Pierson to Mr. Philip Carter Poinier, of Newark, N. J., on Thursday evening. The maid of honor was Miss Bess Smith, of Montclair, the best man was Paul Pionier, of Newark, and the ushers were Warren Pierson, brother of the bride, Dudley Roberts, Frederic Agens and Edward Daerin, of Newark, G. H. Lathrope and Ellison Snyder, of this city. The ceremony was performed in Elm Park church by Rev. Dr. C. M. Giffin and was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Ambrose Pierson, on Quincy avenue.

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Miss Minnie A. Maycock and Mr. Herbert L. Vaughn were married Thursday noon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. S. A. Maycock, on South Wyoming avenue. Rev. Richard Hiorns officiated. Miss Helen Taylor, of Janesville, Wis., was flower girl, Herbert Stone was page. A breakfast was served at the close of the ceremony.

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Miss Myrtle Kromer and Mr. E. P. Andrus were married Thursday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Kromer, on Bromley avenue. Rev. J. B. Sweet performed the ceremony. Miss Mary Stevens, of Carbondale, was maid of honor. Floyd Schoonover, of Dunmore, was best man.

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Miss Louise Corless was married Wednesday evening to Samuel Costlett. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Mrs. A. B. Holmes, the bride's sister, by Rev. S. F. Matthews. Miss Helen Dennis, of Elmira, was maid of honor, Miss Maud Shoemaker, of Elmira, was bridesmaid, Alexander Costlett was best man.

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Miss Mary Jordan and Mr. Thomas Quinn were married at St. Peter's cathedral Wednesday. Miss Kate Jordan was bridesmaid and Bernard Kelley was best man.

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Miss Annie Marsh, daughter of Clement Marsh, sr., and Albert H. Smith, of Mulberry street, assistant superintendent of the Prudential Life Insurance company, were married Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's father, 124 Chestnut street, by Rev. S. F. Matthews. Miss Marie Marsh, niece of the bride, was flower girl.

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David Jenkins, of Throop street, North Scranton, and Miss Annie Davis, of Aswell court, were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Davis, Wednesday evening by Rev. R. S. Jones.

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At the residence of Mrs. Scott, 1414 Washburn street, Rev. Thomas de Gruchy, pastor of the Jackson Street Baptist church, united in marriage Wednesday evening Anthony Mayers and Miss Millie James. They were attended by Michael P. Shemmel and Miss Louise James.

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Mr. Fred. Kulp, of 1934 Jackson street, and Miss Margaret Jenkins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David T. Jenkins, were married Wednesday evening at the bride's home, 356 North Rebecca avenue, by Rev. Jacob Schoettle, of the German Presbyterian church.

Movements of People

Miss Maria Williams is at Crystal lake.

Mr. I. A. Finch and family are at Cottage City.

Harold Watres will return from Princeton today.

Howard Streeter, esq., was in New York this week.

Rev. S. Freudenthal, superintendent of the Hebrew Orphan asylum at Baltimore, Md., is the guest of S. Sutto, of Madison avenue.

Mr. G. P. Griffith has returned from a trip to Boston.

Charley Cox has been spending a few days in Montrose.

A. W. Cooley has taken up his residence in Montrose.

Miss Caro Dickson has returned from a visit in Binghamton.

Mr. John Page and family are summering at Clark's Green.

Mr. J. H. Brooks returned from Princeton Thursday evening.

Mrs. Walter Heuwood has returned from a visit in Albany.

Edward H. Kuebler, of Mauch Chunk, was in this city this week.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Sprague will spend next week in Boston.

Mrs. Henry Pennypacker has returned from a visit in Philadelphia.

Dr. and Mrs. D. A. Capwell spent yesterday at Keystone academy.

Dr. J. Windsor Decker will return from New York today for a vacation.

Miss Mabel Fordham, of this city, has returned from a visit at Elmira.

Cashier H. C. Shafer and family are at their country place near Dalton.

Mrs. S. G. Barker has returned from a prolonged stay in Boston and Atlantic City.

Judge Archbald is able to be about the house and expects to be at court next week.

Mrs. Stone, of Jersey City, who was the guest of Mrs. F. E. Stevens, has returned home.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice, of Hazleton, have been guests at the home of Dr. J. L. Wentz.

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Miss Davis, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Grace Birdsall on Quincy avenue.

Architect J. A. Duckworth has gone to his summer home at Lake Ariel for the season.

H. P. Simpson and Frank Fuller registered Thursday at the New York Herald office at Paris.

Miss Lesson, of Ithaca, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. D. Magowan, on Wheeler avenue.

Mr. Frank Eaton, of Merristown, N. J., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. du B. Dimmick this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith, of Woonsocket, N. H., were guests of Mrs. W. T. Smith and Mrs. Thomas Sprague this week.

Attorney David J. Reedy leaves today for St. Louis, Mo., to attend the meeting of the supreme lodge of Elks.

Messrs. I. F. Megargel and C. D. Jones have removed their families to their summer homes at Lake Ariel.

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Rev. Dr. James McLeod, Miss McLeod, Miss Linen, M. B. Fuller and Dr. J. W. Decker were among the visitors at Princeton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Crawford, Dr. and Mrs. G. E. Hill and others composing a driving party which left this city two weeks ago, are now in the Catskills.

Miss Helen von Reed, of Reading, is the guest of Miss Maude Everhart, of Franklin avenue. Miss Everhart and Harry Yoder Landis, of Reading, will be married Monday next.

Mrs. L. A. Watres returned on Thursday from Princeton, where she was one of the patronesses at the sophomore dance. Among others in attendance from this city was Miss Elspeth Winton.

Rev. W. G. Watkins, of North Main avenue, and wife, are at Lewisburg, Pa., attending the commencement exercises of Bucknell university, where their daughter, Miss Bertha, will graduate next week.

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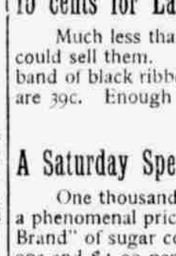

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HER POINT OF VIEW

Probably Scranton is not the only possessor exclusively of hard-hearted school controllers who demand the pound of flesh literally in the two sessions of school during the hot weather which has prevailed in June. There may be other cities thus afflicted, but a rather close scrutiny of the papers fails to bring such a state of affairs to the surface. In many places the day is finished at noon as far as school is concerned. In others the morning session opens at 8.30, closing at 12.30, which is decidedly enough for the sweltering pupils, not to say anything about the teachers. The school law of Pennsylvania makes no demand further than twenty days shall constitute a school month. The number of hours to be taught are not specified. If a local school board decides that one session of three hours shall be held, there is no danger of losing the state appropriation because the day is two hours short. It is simply fiendish to have afternoon sessions on such days as Wednesday and Thursday of this week have been. If the members of the board of control had the abiding love and interest for the school children of this city that they profess at commencements, presentations and annual visitations they would have called an extra meeting and passed a resolution ordering one session throughout the town, since they had been so obstinate or careless not to do so earlier in the season.

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Now this is heresy—this statement that I am about to make—but it's a fact nevertheless, and that is the month of June should be eliminated from the school calendar. It is as much wasted by the children who are mewed up in the hot school rooms of the city as it possibly could be, short of occupying it by going on one wild, continuous chase. The whole system is wrong. Talk about Governor Stone's iniquitous proceedings of cutting down the appropriations and thus shortening the school term which, by the way, it did not do at all—as the money was not thus applied—the governor is a great and good man, even if he did fail to appear in a dress suit at a certain college commencement reception the other night. He has the correct idea, but what he should have done was to specify that the schools should close the first of June. That would have been an excellent way to have economized the state funds. It is no more earthly use to hold school on such days as we have had last week and this than it would be to insist that the children learn to write and speak Sanskrit in one month. How many ideas had you Wednesday afternoon at 2.30? Could you have written an essay of 250 words on Holland or told the conditions in France that led up to the Dreyfus affair? Could you have told the boundaries of Clearfield county or even spelled your own name correctly? And the poor youngsters were kept sizzling in that awful heat doing all those horrible things—barring the name—and they ought to have been somewhere under a tree dreaming the happy dreams of childhood or selling lemonade for a Fourth of July fund.

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The method which should prevail is this: Hold the final examinations in May. Let the pupils go the first week in June. Give the teachers the remaining days, until the end of the school year is reached, for consideration of the papers and making out reports. Under existing circumstances the teachers of the higher grades are simply worked to death with extra duties which are heaped upon them, and for which they are not paid. It is not fair to expect any one to toil outside regular hours in the way the teachers of the higher grades are simply worked to death with extra duties which are heaped upon them, and for which they are not paid. It is not fair to expect any one to toil outside regular hours in the way the teachers must do under the present system. Five hours extra labor every school day is not infrequent when examinations come on, and when to this burden is added the strain caused by extreme hot weather, it is not surprising that they are scarcely able to get through the year without utterly breaking down.

This is a day of educational faddism: Scranton is a little late in taking it, as is usually the case, but makes ample compensation by taking it very hard when it is contracted. All over the country the period of experimenting in everything educational has held sway, and the poor children are the victims. "Thought-getting," "correlation," "language," which means something fearful and wonderful, together with all the other possible systems and schemes which it hath entered into the heart of man or even woman to conceive, are thrust upon the helpless youth of the land. Being protected by Divine Providence, most of them neither go into early decline or help to fill idiot asylums, but their luckless little heads are crammed with ologies which must be acquired with the latest frills, and they go about laden with many subjects to their utter confusion at examinations when, were it not for the tender generosity of their teachers, they would never in the wide world get promoted.

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A mother said this week when the heat was most intense, "Dear me, I do want to go to our summer home, but here we have to stay because we believe in the public schools and want to send our children. But there isn't the slightest use of their going now," she added. "Indeed for the past two weeks they might as well have been up in the country for all the good it has done them. We wanted to take them out for they are half sick and thoroughly tired, but they set up a wail, 'We won't be promoted if we go before examination,' and of course it means that we have to stay. Anna fainted dead away the other afternoon, she was so nervous over her markings and so done up by the heat."

It is the system which is at fault. Superintendent Howell is simply endeavoring to keep up with the educational procession which is prancing over the land and trampling most of the natural childish enjoyment of life out of the little people as they grow up. He has broader views than most men and is making his mark among the educators of the country. But he, too, as well as the teachers and pupils is the victim of the fad of the hour for he works with the most unflagging energy and while planning for the others does not spare himself in the least. When we stop to think of the benighted way in which we used to think we were learning and being taught, we feel like crawling into an extensive aperature and remaining there until the present procession has frisked madly out of sight.

Saucy Bess.

MEETING OF HOMEOPATHS.

Annual Outing Held at Harvey's Lake Thursday.

The annual outing of the Homeopathic Medical society of Northeastern Pennsylvania was held at the Oneonta hotel, Harvey's Lake, Thursday. Over forty members of the society, from Wilkes-Barre, Pittston and Scranton were in attendance.

The business meeting opened at 3.30 with Dr. Bullard, of Wilkes-Barre, the president, presiding. The reports of the secretary and treasurer were read and both showed the society to be in a prosperous condition and steadily growing. The following were elected to membership: Dr. Merrill, of Clark's Summit; Dr. Peck, of Scranton, and Dr. Dunn and Dr. R. Higgins, of Wilkes-Barre.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, Dr. Bullard, of Wilkes-Barre, re-elected; vice president, Dr. Surreth, of Scranton; secretary and treasurer, Dr. Anna Clark, of Scranton. The following censors were elected for the coming year: Dr. Hill, of Pittston; Dr. Heller, of Scranton, and Dr. Roth, of Wilkes-Barre. Dr. Ware, of Scranton; Dr. Hill, of Pittston, and Dr. Brooke, of Wilkes-Barre, were elected as an executive committee.

The business meeting was followed by a banquet at which a splendid address appertaining to the growth of the society during the past seventeen years was delivered by Dr. Bullard.

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