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WORK DONE BY THE SOCIETY SHOWN IN THE REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS.

Mrs. M. F. Wymbles, Secretary of St. Joseph's Society, Reviews What Has Been Done During the Year in the Way of Caring for the Unfortunates—Report of the Treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Gunster, on the Finances of the Society.

Below are given the annual reports of the secretary and treasurer of St. Joseph's society for the year 1900. The report of Mrs. M. F. Wymbles, the secretary, is exhaustive and reviews in an interesting way the work the society has done during the year. It is as follows:

In reviewing the work accomplished by St. Joseph's society during the past year and holding the consolation of our hopes in the completion of the new St. Joseph's Foundling Home we cannot refrain from glancing back over the year of interest, but especially labor of the members of St. Joseph's society and hearty cooperation with the sisters of the institution, with which they have been so closely allied.

A retrospect of fruitful years is over a source of true gratification, but when in that backward glance the years are such as are foremost with fruits of charity, of manly consideration for the poor, of much more than mere consolation of the view, scarcely more than twelve years ago, in response to a call for volunteers issued by Rev. Michael Francis, of St. Patrick's Orphanage, a small band of women gathered under the standard of charity to lend assistance to the sisters in their noble struggle of rescuing souls from destruction. Thus came into existence St. Joseph's society and so modest a beginning had it that five months later it was organized in its present form and its intention to enter into historical records.

ITS BEGINNING. The interesting events, the work of all those years has been summarized in a well reviewed by our former secretary, but what person unacquainted with the facts, on beholding the elaborate home now devoted to the care of foundlings, could believe that the noble work which affords uncommon blessings with its paternal environments, with all the appliances of the modern mechanic's skill, its corps of efficient nurses and its happy inmates, averaging ninety, was in fact a simple building, scantily furnished, with but a roomy suite, three or four walls and little or no accommodations, this institution began its noble career. During the past year one hundred and thirty-six children were admitted to the home, seventy of whom were boys. Of this whole number, sixty were returned to friends and relatives; seventy-two were transferred to institutions; nine deservingly boys were sent to industrial schools, and five to the House of Refuge; homes with capable persons were found for seven.

A distinctive feature of the new Foundling Home is the Maternity hospital. Since May, 1900, thirteen patients have been received into this department, which must be considered remarkably good, \$300 and \$1,000, accompanied by good nurses, affording a rare opportunity for large or small investment. At \$200, 0 and 8, Lectures on the Maternity and Saturdays. At other times, by special appointment.

THE FOURTH CLASS. These represent the fourth class who no longer hope for forgiveness, but endeavor to drown their sorrow and remorse, not in a hope of penance, but in forgetfulness by adding sin to sin, by desecrating graves or by unconsciousness of an all existing power to forgive or punish. Such is the God-like clarity of the religions of the good shepherds, who with equal pity and tenderness, through sorrow and a spirit of penance, desire to initiate the Magdalen of old, of whom our Divine Lord has said: "Whom the loved much, many sins have been forgiven her."

SOURCES OF REVENUE. Until the year 1900 the principal revenue for support was from sewing, but owing to the low rate of wages paid for this class of work the sisters were obliged to seek other means of support. That means is now in their hands; it is one of the finest in the city, having all the modern improvements. The patronage of the city of Scranton is earnestly solicited. Those who wish to help the work along can do so by calling telephone No. 7199 and one of the members suggest to her business will call and deliver the work. This, indeed, is a great charity, as neither sister, citizen or city ally has been accorded.

SPECIAL SALE OF NECKWEAR. The Cramer-Wells Co. The. .... Tangerines Oranges. From Dr. G. E. Hill and Son's grove on the Indian River are now on sale. They are much superior in flavor and this year are particularly full. We are now taking orders for Indian River Brights and Russetts grown by Dr. Hill.

E. G. Coursen. 480 LACKAWANNA AVENUE. Special Sale of Linen Handkerchiefs this week. The Cramer-Wells Co.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. From annual Donation Day, 218 29. From board from inmates, 255 00. Total: 473 29.

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PROPOSED GAS COMPANY INTENDS TO ASK FOR A CHARTER TOMORROW NIGHT.

Those Interested in the New Venture Say They Have a Business Offer to Make the City. An ordinance will be introduced in select council tomorrow night awarding a franchise to the Consumers' Gas Company, of whose organization exclusive mention was made in The Tribune last Saturday. The ordinance will give the company the right to lay pipes on any of the city streets upon which it may desire to extend its mains.

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SYMPATHY FOR MRS. NATION. Central W. C. T. U. Believe Her Motive Is a Good One.

The members of the Central city branch of the Women's Christian Temperance union, at a meeting held in Guernsey hall yesterday afternoon, unanimously adopted the following resolution regarding Mrs. Carrie Nation, who has been styled "The Kansas Cyclone": "We regret the necessity of Mrs. Nation's action, because of the violation of the Kansas temperance law, and we are led to sympathize therefore with her object and motive, and are awakened to the thought of the small address which woman has against the liquor traffic."

MEETING NOT HELD. John Holleran, of the Southwest district of the township, one of the conferees, and Stephen Kearsney, another member, testified that the customary meeting between the candidates and conferees was not held on this occasion. Martin Judge, an ex-conferee, stated the duties of the position, and then told that on the day of the caucus there was a disturbance previous to the balloting, but during the voting none at all. At the close of the day, Judge announced that "the votes won't be counted while all you men are here."

THE ELECTION WAS ILLEGAL.

LACKAWANNA TOWNSHIP DISPUTE NOW SETTLED.

Judge Archibald Conducted a Hearing in the Case Yesterday Afternoon, Decided That Entire Primary Was Illegal and Ordered Returns Set Aside—Conferees Exceeded Their Power in Deputizing John J. Coyne and P. J. O'Neil as Committee to Receive Returns.

Judge R. W. Archibald yesterday afternoon conducted a hearing in the Lackawanna township election contest case, and at his conclusion declared the primary election held on Friday, January 11, to be illegal. The hearing was the result of a petition from the defeated faction of the South district, which alleged that Messrs. Lowry, Joyce, Nallin and Jennings, candidates for supervisor, school director, assessor and treasurer, respectively, received their nominations through illegal means.

JUDGE'S COMMENT. "The nominations in Lackawanna township have never stood test when brought to law, and this case is no exception. Every one connected with this election has been in the defense line of the law. The defense true that the polling place was in a state of uproar at the close of the polls, it would not excuse the postponement of the counting of the ballots. If there was a disturbance, still it would not have prevented the election official from going to some other place and there examining the papers. The judge of election had no right to dispose of the ballots as he did, I believe there was no action which prevented recording of the vote, save the action of the judge of election himself."

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE. Under this heading short letters of interest will be published when accompanied, for publication, by the writer's name. The Tribune does not assume responsibility for opinions here expressed.

Unofficial Collector. Editor of The Tribune: Sir: It came to our knowledge that funds are being solicited for the Green Ridge Baptist church by persons unknown to us. We desire to warn our friends against paying any money to anyone with whom they are not personally acquainted, who cannot furnish satisfactory credentials. —W. J. Ford, Pastor.

Concert Wednesday Evening. Lovers of good music will flock to Guernsey hall, February 6. The International College of Music gives its quarterly concert. The Mandolin club (quartette) will play. Several violin and piano duets, nine piano solos, etc. Diagram now open at Guernsey's, 25c for tickets. There is a rush for them. The concert will be interspersed with occasional numbers by Miss Sadie Jones.

The Gibson Pillow. "Last Day of Summer" top and back. Fifty cent kind this week 25c. The Cramer-Wells Co.

Remittance of Money. A rummage sale will be held February 7 and 8 at 209 Washington avenue, consisting of hats, shoes, clothing, furniture, glass and chinaware, with many other useful articles.

"Match Up" - not pennies but your underwear. He who is wearing one undershirt will need two—he who wears a medium one needs double thickness. We offer our stock of Men's Winter Underwear at the following prices: \$1.00 Garments, \$ .75; 1.50 Garments, 1.00; 2.00 Garments, 1.50; 3.00 Garments, 2.25.

TO ELECT THREE MEMBERS JOINT SESSION OF COUNCILS TOMORROW NIGHT.

To Fill Vacancies on the Board of Revision and Appeals Caused by the Recent Resignations. Both branches of councils meet in joint session tomorrow night to elect successors to ex-Councilmen Simon Thomas, D. H. Reese and M. V. Morris on the board of revision of taxes and appeals, and speculation is rife as to who will win out.

The candidates who are actively in the field, so far as can be learned, are O. R. Wright, David Owens, E. G. Hughes and Common Councilman E. J. Coleman. The fact that only one councilman is mentioned may be taken as an indication that "there are others." An election to fill vacancies on this board has never been held yet in which the fight for the places didn't lie principally between the members of councils themselves, and it is believed that this year there will be no exception to the general rule.

A great difference of opinion exists among the leading members of councils as to whether the vacancies on the board should be filled. Some go so far as to assert that they cannot be filled under the law. This is because under existing second-class city laws there is no provision for such a board. The general act provides that all appeals shall be heard by the board of assessors.

Those who oppose the election contend that Scranton is now a city of the second class, and that while we are in that class city laws under April 1, no vacancy in an office provided for under the third-class city act can be filled after the governor's official proclamation has been issued, providing such an office is abolished by the second-class city charter.

Monday Bargains in Every Department Today. The popular house furnishing store. Cakes for Breakfast. Certainly you'll have them. What, no batter-pail. That should not deprive you of the pleasure when you have Heavy Tin Butter Pails, 60c and 70c. Stone Ware Butter Pails, 40c and 50c. Agate Ware Butter Pails, \$1.05, \$1.25 and \$1.60. Enamel Ware Butter Pails, 50c, 65c and 90c.

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It's Annoying

To some folks to hear of the success of others. Our success comes from the fact to go the best one better in our daily efforts. For example, our KING WILLIAM SCOTCH CASEY BROTHERS, Wholesale Liquor Dealers, 216 Lackawanna Ave.

PRETTY DECORATED WINDOWS.

Contain Figures Representing Marie Antoinette and Pied Piper. The two large show windows of Conolly & Wallace's store on North Washington avenue have been handsomely decorated by the artistic window dresser of that firm, C. W. Hurlbut, to advertise the Marie Antoinette fete, which begins at the Lyceum tonight.

THE FIRST ARRIVALS.

Are here and you can be a leader of fashion. CONRAD, 308 LACKAWANNA AVENUE. F. L. CRANE Furrier. Established 1866. Slaughter Prices for February. One lot of Ladies' Suits in all colors, reduced to \$10.00. One lot short jackets and Newmarkets. Your choice for \$2.50. Children's and Misses Jackets from \$2.50 to \$10.00. Your choice for just half price.

LADIES' JACKETS. \$4.00 ones for \$2.00. \$5.00 ones for \$2.50. \$7.00 ones for \$3.50. \$8.00 ones for \$4.50. \$10.00 ones for \$5.00. \$15.00 ones for \$7.50. \$18.00 ones for \$9.00. \$20.00 ones for \$10.00. \$25.00 ones for \$12.50. Raw furs bought. Furs repaired.

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