

**MISSION WORK  
HEREABOUTS**

SUBJECT DISCUSSED BY MRS. D. L. RHONE.

**There Is a Great Field for the Home Mission Workers Right at Their Doors—Boys Ought to Be Taken Out of the Mines and Sent to School—Memorial Service a Feature of the Morning Session of the Home Missionary Convention.**

Mrs. D. L. Rhone, of Wilkes-Barre, read a paper before the Woman's Home Missionary conference yesterday on "Need of Mission Work in the Coal Regions," which attracted much attention. Mrs. Rhone has written books and is a frequent contributor to the magazines. Among other things she said:

The most subtle, far-reaching element to deal with in the coal region is not the Slav immigrant, rough, half barbarous as he undoubtedly is. The forces which we call Americanism are already working upon him, and the danger is that he will be the first strike in which he has taken part, for we may call that of 1901 merely the preface to this, but the element with which we have to deal is the boy of the coal regions—the boy in the mines. His part in the strike, his part in the future of the coal region cannot possibly be ignored. Every time figures are made the boy is reckoned as a man, when the boy stops, the mine stops. Of the 15,000 mines workers and you have heard those figures about a thousand times in the last six months—there are about 75,000 miners and laborers. Every boy above the age of twelve has a vote in the union, below sixteen a half vote; that is, a boy who cannot vote for school director or town committee can vote to wreck the business of these great anthracite valleys. These boys are almost all American born. They are the children of the earlier immigrants. At twelve years of age the law permits a boy to work in the breaker, at fourteen the law permits him to drive mules and open and close the doors in the dark labyrinth of the mine. That there are children of yet more tender years employed in these occupations is well known, for we have seen lately about their children's ages in order to get them employment.

**It's a Bad Thing.**  
It is a bad thing for a boy to be a wage earner. It gives him an independence which he has not the discretion to use properly and it renders parental authority altogether null. He parents usually recognize this and reason that if little Johnny were allowed to attend the coal fight on Sunday and to spend a share of his wages in cigarettes and the theater.

To shut a boy up underground with a biting, kicking, balky mule or in a roaring breaker for nine years of his early life is sure to bring him up almost a savage. His chief excitement is in mauling a mule and his chief ambition to umpire a Sunday base ball game. Many a boy is early deprived of a father and the burden of maintaining a mother and the younger children has been thrown upon him. He is thus early made to feel the pangs of poverty and the hardness of life in their most acute bearings and becomes hardened to his condition with stolid indifference.

Here at our feet is not only an open door of opportunity but a positive imperative call to duty for self-defense. There must be means and methods, different from the terrors of prison, the volunteer's club or the soldier's rifle. What shall we do about it? The trust after would do nothing. The public school is an institution too slightly refined for him under his present environment.

The boys ought to be taken out of the mines. Do not misunderstand me. He should be taken from the mines not because the mines are dangerous and dirty and dangerous. There is no better business in the world than coal mining, there is none where promotion is more certain and swift. From slate picker to laborer, laborer to miner, to boss, to foreman, to superintendent, to operator is a path which has been followed by many men whose names are familiar to you all.

**Ought to Be in School.**  
But he ought to be taken from the mines during the tender years while character is forming. He ought to be in school learning not alone from books but learning obedience to discipline, learning to be an intelligent miner, not a mere local slate pickers will be put in the mine when the work that he is doing will be done by machinery. Mechanical slate pickers will be put in the breakers. The work that is being done underground by boys and mules will be done by steam or electricity. But we cannot wait until that time comes—it may never come.

A good deal has been done in this matter. Mrs. Palmer's Boys' Industrial Association in Wilkes-Barre, and similar institutions in other places have done something. Young Men's Christian Associations have done something. The school boards in many of the cities of the coal region are willing to provide night schools but seldom have any pupils for a boy who has worked all day is too tired to study at night. The various church organizations have done much in the larger cities and boroughs, but the suburban villages along the "outcrop" have been woefully neglected because of the difficulties of penetrating them. They are practically as difficult to reach as the Philippines and the Chinese. Considering the environment and lack of home culture of the boy he needs some special effort of simple love and kindness. Public opinion has no force upon him outside of a very narrow circle of his own occupation and nationality. There is a special class to be operated upon by those who do such work from love and a sense of religious duty, the home missionaries.

The election of officers Tuesday resulted as follows: President, Mrs. C. E. Mogg, of Wilkes-Barre; first vice president, Mrs. A. W. Hayes, of Blauhampton; second vice president, Mrs. Henry Tusksley, of Onondaga; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. B. Kulp, Wilkes-Barre; recording secretary, Miss Harriet Pascoe, Carbondale; treasurer, Mrs. Frances P. Hough, Blauhampton.

**Memorial Service.**  
Mrs. C. E. Mogg presided at the love feast of the morning session, and following this was a memorial service. Mrs. George Gennung, of Waverly, N. Y., died but three weeks ago. She was a prominent worker in the church and was particularly efficient in the missionary societies. As district secretary her place is very hard to fill. Mrs. George B. Kulp, and Mrs. M. D. Fuller spoke with emotion of her beautiful life and influence. Dr. Moore followed with remarks.

Mrs. Kulp paid a touching tribute to Mrs. William Connell, whose loving interest is such a loss to the work. Mrs. Katherine Elwell and Mrs. Henry Brownsome were also affectionately remembered in this service.  
Mrs. A. F. Chaffee called attention to the need of work among foreigners in the Wyoming valley. Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Tompkinson spoke on the same subject and the following committee was appointed to express the sentiment of the convention on the subject: Mrs. A. F. Chaffee, Mrs. A. W. Hayes and Mrs. Allen.

Mrs. Chaffee read the resolution which recommended to the general Missionary committee that an appropriation be made. It also contained a request to the board of trustees of the society to investigate and take steps toward supplying the need as soon as possible. It was also recommended that a committee be appointed with power to act with regard to immediate missionary work among these classes.

Mrs. A. Griffin responded for the Lucy Mott Hayes Training school, at Washington, D. C. Mrs. Young, district superintendent, reported for the Onondaga district. Mrs. Nicholson reported forty members at Waverly, N. Y. Mrs. Serena Von Storch reported for the Wyoming district and Mrs. Fuller reported for Honesdale district.

**Paper on Tithing.**  
Mrs. W. J. Haskins' paper on "Tithing," was read by Mrs. Smith. It was full of practical teachings.

Mrs. Tompkinson gave an interesting talk on the convention at Kansas City, and also told a fascinating story of a Japanese girl.

Mrs. C. B. Henry conducted the devotional exercises of the afternoon. The continuation of reports of the district secretaries followed and district secretaries were elected. They are Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Mrs. J. C. Leacock, Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. W. C. Williams, Mrs. M. D. Fuller, Mrs. P. R. Young, Mrs. L. E. Sanford.

A feature of the afternoon was a beautiful solo, "Face to Face," by Madame Lenore Thomson.

Mrs. Thomas H. Dale, of this city, read one of the most interesting papers of the convention on the subject of "Rust Hall," the training school in Washington, which she described. In addition she said that Elm Park church had raised \$700.40 in money and supplies the past year. She stated that the society of the church would raise \$200 toward the conference pledge of \$1,500 for Rust Hall.

Miss Edna Saxe gave a charming reading on "The Deacons." Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff was introduced and sang with rare sweetness, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

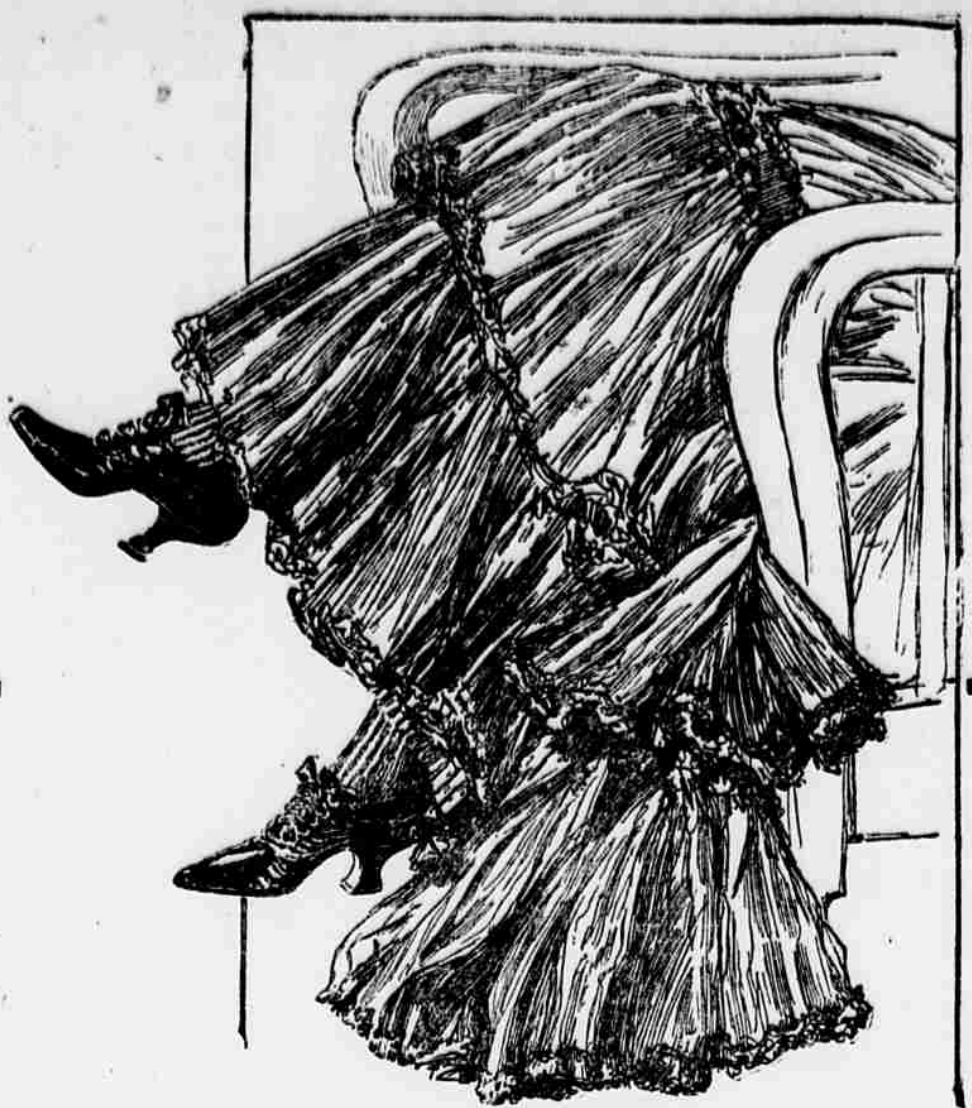
Mrs. May Leonard Woodruff gave a rarely interesting address on "Porto Rico," at the evening session. She is a native of Porto Rico and she told graphically of the poor little Puerto Rican wife, the "esposas," whom Spanish soldiers had married and left without a good-bye, left with helpless families. Men missionaries and men preachers can not go into these "petios," the miserable homes of deserted women, mothers, but not legal wives. It is only women who can enter the homes.

The speaker urged the needs of these wretched families that the Home Missionary society can aid. The people have been deeply wronged, they are refused the rites of the church unless money is paid, and they are suffering greatly under past conditions. In San Juan today the bone pile has been buried but until recently it was the site of a grave yard unattended by the bodies of the dead were dragged forth from their graves and thrown on the common unblest heap. The deaconesses reach girls and women of Puerto Rico in a way that no others can.

The condition of morality is so very low that it can scarcely be described. Little girls of fifteen are mothers, "espoused," yet not married. The hospitals were made houses of prostitution where frightful conditions prevailed.

At the conclusion of the address pledges were taken for assistance in this work and the convention adjourned after the election of Mrs. D. L. Rhone delegate, and Mrs. P. H. Dale as alternate, to the national convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

**A Druggist's Advice.**  
Mr. C. L. Thompson, a druggist of Danville, Ind., gives the following wholesome advice to his customers: "If you should ever need a remedy for croup or whooping cough, get Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It absolutely has no equal for the prevention and cure of croup, and if taken in time and according to directions, it is a most excellent remedy for whooping cough and all throat and lung troubles. I would recommend that a bottle of this medicine be kept in the home at all times, especially where there are children in the family." For sale by all druggists.



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### From the Men's Furnishing Department

The greatest kind of activity is noticed all through this department. Choice designs in Ties, correct styles in Laundered Shirts are finding their way to counters and shelves every day. A few items for Saturday.

Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, medium weight, priced at.....	29c	Wool Medicated Shirts and Drawers, camel's hair and natural.....	47c
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### Women's Handkerchiefs

Not any too early to make your selections for Holiday gifts. Every number is at its best now—a splendid time to make selections. A few numbers mentioned for Saturday:

All-linen, 1-3, 1-4 and 1-2 inch hem, 12 1-2c kind for.....	9c	Embroidered, Swiss and lace edge, large assortment; also hemstitched and embroidered, at 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c, 19c and.....	25c
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### Today Will Be the Last Day for The Free Exhibition of Moving Pictures

**Morning Programme**—Begins 10 and 11 o'clock. A trip to the Moon, A Good Catch, Facial Massage, Tramp's Interrupted Nap, The Old Maid's Lament, Smoking Smokes, Gilbert Sarnoy Making Up for the Stage.

**Afternoon Programme**—Begins at 2, 3 and 4, 3 Burglars in a Wine Cellar, Little Red Riding Hood.

**At the Evening Exhibition** positively no children admitted unless accompanied by parents.

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