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SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

Series of Conventions Held by Field Workers, and Much Interest Manifested.

DISTRICT ORGANIZATIONS EFFECTED.

UNION TOWNSHIP.

The first session of this convention was held in the Methodist church beginning at 2:30 Saturday afternoon. Field secretary M. R. Shaffner read the scripture lesson and Dr. Thompson offered prayer. After a statement of the object of the convention was made Dr. Thompson gave an interesting talk on the Advantages and Importance of Sunday School Work, and the lack of co-operation given by the church to this branch of Christian effort. The Uses and Abuses of the Lesson Paper" was then interestingly discussed by Maggie McKibbin and Isaiah Lehman, Esq. Rev. Meeks occupied the next period on the importance of varied exercises in the Sunday school, and the training of workers. He was followed by Courtland Van Deusen, Field Secretary, who spoke of the "Good Things to be Expected at Sunday School Conventions."

The evening session opened at 7:30 and, considering the weather the audience was large, and thoroughly interested in the work at hand. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. Meeks. Mr. Watson Gienger made an interesting talk on "Plans for securing new scholars." A good talk on "The preparation of the lesson by the teacher" was given by Lillian Hill. Mr. Van Deusen gave an instructive talk on the Forward Movements, and he was followed by Rev. Meeks on "The Privileges and Opportunities of the Teachers."

A permanent organization was then formed for Union township with the following named persons as officers: President, George Mills; vice-president, William Barney; secretary, Maggie McKibbin, and treasurer, Wesley Gienger.

On Sunday a Sunday school was organized at Franklin Mills, which started out most promisingly with Ira Mellott, superintendent; Bertha Golden, assistant; Miss Downs, secretary, and Jas. Mellott, treasurer.

BETHEL TOWNSHIP.

Tuesday afternoon the first session of the Bethel township convention was held in the Christian church at Cedar Grove. The meeting opened with devotional exercises, led by Rev. W. H. Hendershot. After singing by the choir, John H. H. Lewis gave an address of welcome, and handed the meeting over to M. R. Shaffner, Esq., field secretary. Mr. Shaffner then gave a short talk on the benefits of local conventions, and the need of greater co-operation in Sunday School work, pointing out the fact that organized effort along a definite line of action, will bring far greater results than the same amount of energy expended without a plan.

Mr. Lewis followed with a discussion on "How to Make the Lesson Interesting." After pointing out some of the dangers which threaten the successful teaching of a lesson, he offered some very helpful suggestions as to how to awaken the interest of the scholar and hold his attention.

"How Shall We Get the Big Boy into the Sunday School?" is a subject which was handled very skillfully by Dr. Remsburg. Drawing from a wide experience in Sunday school work, the speaker offered some suggestions which will, undoubtedly, be of great practical value in solving this problem in nearly every Sunday school.

Miss Kate Ranck gave a very interesting and helpful talk on "How Should the Sunday School Session be Conducted?" The dangers of monotony in the school exercises were pointed out and

ways shown—how to make this part of the program fresh each Sunday.

"Shall We Use the Lesson Leaf in Class?" a subject of great interest to all teachers, was presented by Mr. Elliott Akers. "Then came an address by Rev. W. H. Hendershot on "Why Do We Have Sunday Schools?"

Courtland Van Deusen, Field Worker, followed with a short talk on "Some Things a Teacher Must Consider," and the meeting was adjourned until evening.

After devotional exercises, the evening session began with discussions led by Messrs. Lewis, Remsburg, Akers, Frank Hess, and Bivens. Mr. Van Deusen presented the Forward Movements and Mr. Shaffner spoke on Local Sunday School Organizations. Election of officers followed and the following are those chosen for the coming year: President, Dr. Remsburg; vice-president, H. K. Markley; secretary, Miss Kate Ranck; treasurer, John H. H. Lewis.

THOMPSON TOWNSHIP.

The third local convention of the series was held at Antioch church on Timber Ridge. The weather was favorable and both sessions were largely attended.

Rev. A. G. B. Powers opened the session with scripture reading and prayer. Mr. Shaffner spoke on Sunday school work and its importance. J. H. Covalt, Esq., gave a very instructive talk on "Preparation and teaching of the Lesson." This was followed by the discussion of Rev. Hendershot on how to get young men into the Sunday school. Rev. Powers next delivered an address on "Dangers which Threaten the Home and Church; and How Remedied by the Sunday."

Rev. Hendershot led devotions in the evening. Mr. Shaffner gave a little talk on needs of the Sunday school of the present, in organization, co-operation and more thorough knowledge of the work to be accomplished. He was followed by Mr. Covalt who spoke on how to get the "big boy" into the Sunday school. M. L. Truax pointed out one source of weakness which should be guarded against in the Sunday school, and Mr. Shaffner spoke on the need of a Sunday school organization in Thompson township. Such an organization was formed by motion with the following officers: President, J. H. Covalt; vice-presidents, George W. Fisher and W. R. Daniels; secretary, Austin C. Peck, and treasurer, John H. Brewer.

GREEN HILL.

The Green Hill convention was held Saturday afternoon and evening. Both sessions were very well attended. M. R. Shaffner opened the afternoon session with devotional service and then gave a talk on the importance of advanced methods in S. S. work. The discussions of the afternoon were led by M. M. Barton, Obed T. Mellott, Jacob Strait, Dr. West, Rev. S. J. Pittinger, R. R. Sipes and John Sipes. Courtland Van Deusen spoke on "Some Fundamental Principles of Teaching."

Rev. S. J. Pittinger opened the evening service. After several topics of interest had been thoroughly discussed, Rev. Pittinger gave an address on The Value of Bible Knowledge, and Courtland Van Deusen spoke on Forward Movements and Their Importance. The district was reorganized and the following officers elected for the ensuing year: president, R. R. Sipes; vice-president, George W. Decker; secretary, C. H. Mann; treasurer, Mrs. Wm. Bair.

The music at all the conventions was excellent, and great credit is due those who contributed so largely in this way to the success of the meetings. The County Secretary and the State Field Worker wish to extend their heartfelt thanks to the kind people who were so hospitable to them in their trips around the

RAILROADS' DEADLY WORK.

Chapter of Shocking Accidents Occurring at Near-by Places.

ELMER COOPER ONE OF THE VICTIMS.

The friends of Elmer Cooper were greatly shocked last Friday upon learning that he had met with a terrible accident at Altoona. From all that can be learned at this time, Elmer had been working in the railroad yards in that city; but, a short time ago had been promoted to the position of fireman, and that on Friday morning he had made a mistake in alighting from his train and fallen beneath the wheels of a passing train, having one leg cut off and the other terribly mangled. Mr. Cooper was at once taken to the Railroad Hospital, where he received the most skillful surgical attention, and it is now reported that his injuries will not prove fatal.

Elmer is a son of George Cooper, Jr., of Ayr township, and an excellent young man.

Charley Madden, of Monessen, Pa., son of Jehu Madden, of Huntingdon county, together with his little 6-year-old son Eugene, was struck and killed by the fast Pennsylvania limited at Mt. Union, last Wednesday. Mr. Madden and the boy had been visiting the former's father and left the East Broad Top train at Mt. Union to board a way passenger west for their home in Monessen. While waiting for their train, the child wandered on another track in front of the limited, and the father in trying to save him was also struck and instantly killed. The father and son were interred in the cemetery at Three Springs last Friday.

Frank Hellane, of Greencastle, met a horrible death in Chambersburg, last Thursday night. He, with some companions, had been spending the evening in Chambersburg, and being anxious to get home, went to the station and undertook to "jump" a freight that was just pulling out in the direction of Greencastle. The others succeeded, but Hellane missed his hold and fell underneath, and at least ten cars ran over him. The trainmen heard his screams, and felt the bumping of the cars over his body. The train was stopped but nothing could be done to save the life of the unfortunate young man.

Last Saturday night a week, while sitting on the railroad track near Saxton, Marshall Crum, a son of James Crum, of Saxton, was instantly killed. Young Crum had been working a number of turns and when this train was taken as far as cut 17 it was left standing and the engine went back to Saxton, where the train was divided to get the second half, while going back to Saxton on an adjoining siding, the train struck the young man causing death. It is supposed that he had seated himself along the track and had fallen asleep.

John H. Parrett, a printer and graduate of the Shippensburg Normal, Class of '97, and brakeman in the service of the C. V. Railroad Company, fell from a freight car in Chambersburg, last Saturday evening, and a draft of cars came upon him before he could scramble for safety. He was so badly injured that death occurred at the Chambersburg hospital shortly after 10 o'clock Sunday morning.

The reports of the State Workers show that to date there have been two new schools organized in the county, 6 Normal classes formed with an enrollment of 78 members, and 22 Cradle Rolls have been started. Five local conventions have been held, and as many districts organized or re-organized.

SOLDIERS' REUNION.

The Largest Crowd Ever in Attendance at One of These Annual Gatherings.

AND BY FAR THE WORST ORDER.

The weather last Friday morning was cool, the sky clear, the roads dry, and conditions generally were favorable for a day's outing.

At an early hour men, women and children in buggies, carriages and farm wagons were on the different roads leading toward the Association Grounds at J. W. Hoop's, about a mile south of Harrisonville.

This condition increased until by nine or ten o'clock the road near the grounds showed one solid moving procession, and nearly every available tree near the grounds was used as a hitching post.

The formal exercises began at 11 o'clock, under the skilful direction of Comrade George W. Decker, and after a solemn invocation was made by Chaplain Houston, the address of welcome was delivered by Prof. B. C. Lamberson, of the McConnellsburg Grammar school, and the response given by Rev. S. B. Houston, pastor of the Associate church in the Big Cove.

Mr. Decker now announced that the next thing on the program was Hardtack and Coffee, and directed the veterans to fall in line and march to the tables prepared for their serving. About a hundred of the old boys in blue fell in line and charged, on the works. In less than an hour the victory was won, the vets returned without the loss of a man, while the ground in the vicinity of the scene of action was strewn with the bones of—chickens.

This part of the program did not attract very much attention from the multitude of visitors, for the greatest activity was shown by the ladies in spreading table cloths on the dry leaves in the shadows of the overhanging boughs, and laying out a spread of delicacies such as are always so much enjoyed at picnics.

Order was called at 1:30 and addresses were delivered by Judge Swope, of Gettysburg, Horace N. Sipes, Esq., of McConnellsburg, and Rev. S. J. Pittinger, of Harrisonville. Recitations were given by Marden Stouteagle, Ruth Kendall, Ada Daniels and Bertha Newman.

The addresses were fine and the recitations well delivered; but it seems like a waste of good material and effort for with the surging to and fro, the talking, and the general hum of the crowd, made it possible for but a very few to get much good of the recitations and speeches.

Program makers generally make the mistake of providing too much speaking at gatherings like that. If instead of having half a dozen and expecting the people to sit still and be good for about three hours when they came to mingle with the people, see their friends and have a good time all day, they would have just one address to not exceed 30 or 40 minutes in length, the crowd would then be willing to pay respectful attention, and the speaker would not have to wear his throat out in trying to get his voice above the din of the crowd.

Early in the afternoon the crowd began to disperse, and by night fall the grove had resumed its usual quiet.

OUTGOING MISSIONARIES.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed Return to Their Work in Egypt After a Year at Home.

SAILED FROM NEW YORK ON MONDAY.

After a period of about eight years of missionary labors in Egypt Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Reed were granted a furlough and with their family of three children returned to this country a little over a year ago. This, to them and their friends, has seemed like a very short year. Their time has been so much occupied in attending meetings and giving addresses and visiting friends, laying in, packing and shipping supplies, and equipping themselves for their future work, that practically there has been but little rest for them during their stay in their home land. And now the whitened fields bid the reapers again to the harvest. On last Wednesday morning Mrs. Reed left the home of Rev. J. L. Grove of our town. Mrs. Reed's father, for their far off destination across the broad waters of the Atlantic and Mediterranean. On their way they spent a night with friends in Newville, Pa., a night in Philadelphia, and expected to spend a night in New York and sail on Saturday morning. But for some cause the steamer was delayed and did not sail until Monday. After farewell missionary meetings in Philadelphia and New York, they sailed direct for Gibraltar, a distance of between three and four thousand miles, thence through the Mediterranean to Naples, a distance of over twelve hundred miles, where they change steamers and may have to wait a few days to make connection. Thence sail through the Strait of Messina to Alexandria—another distance of over twelve hundred miles. Then they go by rail up the banks of the Nile river over one hundred and fifty miles to Cairo, the Capital city of Egypt, thence some seventy-five miles to Madinet el Fayoum, their field of labor. Thus after a travel of about six thousand miles they will be in their field of future labors. This is the same mission district in which Mr. Reed was working when they left for this country, though an adjoining district has been added to it, thus very much enlarging their field of missionary oversight and labors. Madinet el Fayoum is a city of about 3,500 population, situated some 15 or 20 miles west of the Nile, and south-west of Cairo. The district is watered by a canal from the Nile and is thickly settled with Mohammedans and Copts, the people to whom they carry the message of the great salvation. They will expect to remain in their work there for another period of eight years before their return, if their health justifies it. How many of us may have the pleasure of welcoming them again to this land remains for the future to reveal.

Myrtle Deshong, of McKeesport, is visiting her parents, B. F. Deshong and wife at Harrisonville.

red on the west side of Scrub Ridge. George Walker and Mrs. Harriet Darts and little boy (all colored) were descending the mountain on the turnpike when a party of drunks came dashing down behind them, and in attempting to pass, frightened the horse George was driving and the animal sprang forward breaking one of the lines. With the other line George attempted to draw the animal to the bank, when the remaining line broke and the horse went dashing down the pike at a furious rate. Mrs. Darts, in attempting to get out, fell violently on her head and shoulders, rendering her unconscious for some time. The boy rolled out behind and was not much injured. The buggy was broken and the horse hurt. Mrs. Darts was taken home in the evening and is recovering from the accident.

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

For School Directors, by Supt. Samuel Hamilton, of Allegheny County.

While the following list of questions was originally intended for the school directors of Allegheny county, they may be read with profit by school directors generally. While there are school boards that are interested in the care of the school property, and especially in the sanitary conditions surrounding the schools, there are others who feel that when they have elected teachers they have filled the measure of their duty, and they let the thousand and one other things take care of themselves. But here are Hamilton's questions—

Are the school grounds properly fenced, or are the vagrant hogs of the neighborhood permitted to hold public meetings on the school lot or in the schoolhouse cellar?

Are the outbuildings in strict conformity with the law and have they been properly cleaned and disinfected?

Are their doors hung without either hinge or latch, or do you regard these as non-essential to out-house architecture?

Are these outbuildings kept in a respectable condition, or are they dismal, dirty, dingy, disagreeable and disgraceful, devil-devised dens, with sin-scratched walls and sin-producing suggestions?

Is their condition repulsive to the fine tastes and pure moral tone of the child?

Are they what they should be, or are they "seminaries of sin," whose vicious, venomous, voiceless, vice-producing virus is sufficient to annul the whole moral influence of the best of teachers?

Was the well or spring cleaned during vacation, or are they filled with decaying and death-dealing vegetable or animal matter?

Has the pump a handle and a spout, and are you sure that the supply of water for your school is both pure and abundant?

Is there a knob on the door, and glass in the windows, or was your school building the gloomy abode of bats and tramps during the vacation?

Have you placed fastenings on the shutters of your buildings, or is the teacher compelled to invoke the aid of a friendly rail from a neighboring fence to keep them quiet on a windy day?

Do the flapping of the shutters in the wintry wind ever seem to you the spiritual rappings of some departed director who failed to do his duty to the school while in the flesh, and thus inaimless, endless restlessness returns with the sighing and moaning of the storm fiend as a warning to the living?

Are there shades upon the windows, or does the blinding sun beat in upon the unprotected heads of the children, impairing the delicacy and power of the human eye for all time?

Was the stove polished prior to the opening of school, or is it still covered with the incrustation of rust and tobacco juice that have been accumulated during all the political campaigns held it since the days of General Jackson?

Is there a door on it with two whole hinges, and does the wide crack in its bowl, from which exudes deadly gases to stifle the children and retard their mental efforts, add anything to its beauty and utility?

Has the building been thoroughly scrubbed and cleaned during the memory of the oldest inhabitant, or in the solemn phrase of the law, "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," or do you think a school house should be cleaned every twenty-five years, whether it needs it or not?

If the once white (in the remote past), but now browned schoolhouse is rotting to the ground for want of a coat of paint, why not recommend a touch of white wash?

Do you believe that "cleanliness

ABOUT PEOPLE YOU KNOW.

Snapshots at Their Movements, as They Come and Go.

NAMES OF VISITORS AND VISITED

Home for a Vacation, Away for an Outing, a Trip for Business or Pleasure. You'll Find it Right Here.

Mr. Carl Shull, of Pittsburg, spent last Friday night in McConnellsburg.

E. B. Fisher and wife, of Hancock, made a trip to McConnellsburg Monday.

J. Clayton Hixson, of Union township, spent a few hours in town Monday on business.

Isaac Culler and wife and Mrs. Christina Carbaugh, of Thompson township, attended preaching at Christ Martin's last Sunday.

Mollie Seylar, of this place, left Monday morning for Pittsburg, where she has secured a position as matron in an institution for the blind.

Edward Reisner, of this place, returned to Ursinus college last Friday, to enter upon another year's work in his collegiate course.

Mrs. C. B. Hockensmith and son Ray, of Johnstown, are visiting relatives and friends in the vicinity of their old home at Harrisonville.

After having spent five weeks very pleasantly in McConnellsburg, Mrs. W. L. Nace and baby Helen, returned to their home in Carlisle last Saturday.

Mrs. Mary A. Kelley, of this place, was the guest of her sister Mrs. Culler last week, and was accompanied home by Hykes, John and Mary Culler.

Walter Hays and wife, of Hancock, Md., were the guests of Mr. Hays' brother, George W., of this place from Saturday evening until Monday morning.

Frank J. Croft and family, of Franklin county, were guests of the former's brother, Edward, and other friends a few days last week.

Miss Barbara A. Martin, who had been visiting her parents, C. Martin and wife, in the Cove, left on Monday for the Lock Haven Normal.

Norris E. Hoover, of Hustontown, has entered the Eastman college at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for the purpose of taking a complete commercial course of study.

Myrtle Sipes, who had been spending five weeks at the home of her parents, Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. D. V. Sipes near town, left yesterday for her home in New Castle, Pa.

Allen Sipes, of Toledo, Ohio, who has been assisting his brother, Theo Sipes at his mill at Harrisonville, the past two years, has been dangerously ill the past few weeks.

Nora Hanks of Chambersburg, who has been visiting relatives at Everett and Hancock, is spending a few days the guest of her uncle George W. Hays, of this place.

Mary Demick, who had been spending her vacation at the home of her sister, Mrs. Edward D. Shimer, West Walnut street, returned Monday morning to Sewickley, where she is employed.

Elmer Trogler and wife, of Mercersburg, came over and attended the Reunion. They were guests of L. H. Wible and wife, of this place, Thursday evening and Friday evening.

H. S. Daniels and wife, who had been away on a five-weeks' visit among friends in Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, returned in time for the Reunion, and report having met many very pleasant people.

is next to goodness," or that water, soap and towels have no relation whatever to morals?

Is there a sprinkling can in your school, or do you expect the wash basin, with its rust holes in the bottom, to save its place?