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CONDENSED NEWS.

Frosty mornings.  
Fine hunting weather.  
In a few days we'll know who is elected.  
These cool mornings cause even the naturally lethargic person to "get a move on."

A clear election day means a big vote in Montour county.  
The frost is on the pumpkin and on the chestnut burr.  
Owing to the wholesale suspension of men the Penna. R. R. company will not make its annual tour of inspection this year for the purpose of ascertaining which foreman has his section of track in best condition.

The furniture, fixtures and good will of the Hotel Morton, at Berwick, has been sold to William T. Hunsinger, a Pennsylvania Railroad engineer at Sunbury. Consideration \$12,050. The new proprietor will take possession Nov. 1.

The football casualties to date are reported to be a little below the average.

Strange as it may seem there are now about a half dozen Cubans and Porto Ricans attending the Normal School at Bloomsburg who are eagerly waiting to see the first snow fall. They have come to the school from their southern homes during the past summer and in their countries snow and ice in their natural are practically unknown. The young men are now about to experience their first real winter and consequently are impatiently waiting for it.

The revised football rules do not eliminate the clause with reference to first aid to the injured.

Dowie abandoned Catholicism and Masonry Sunday. The latter have lived and flourished for centuries, and will exist centuries after Dowieism has gone and been forgotten.

High winds and a cold wave will mean more coal burning.

Congressmen will eat their Thanksgiving dinners in Washington, D. C.  
The committee of Alleentown firemen that had charge of the arrangements for the state convention of firemen held in that city recently has on hand a balance of \$278 after paying all expenses. The receipts were \$15,890.

Danville continues to be very fortunate, so far as the general health of the city is concerned. There has been less contagious disease prevalent in the town so far this year than for some seasons past.

It is the general opinion that the retrenchment policy adopted on the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will also be adopted on the Reading's system.

October has earned many good marks in the weather line.

Winter has been trying hard to put in an appearance this week.

The chestnut crop is reported to be fully ripe.

Thanksgiving proclamations are about due.

A number of Halloween parties will be given Saturday night.

Christmas confectionery is making its appearance.

The first big snow of the season is expected to follow next Tuesday's election. "And the next day it snows."

The young boys are laying in a supply of corn and cabbage stumps with which to celebrate Halloween.

The State Department has received from county commissioners all over the State the first sample ballots sent out to give an idea as to the size that will be used this year.

The members of the Episcopal Church club of the diocese of central Pennsylvania, have received notices that the semi-annual meeting of the club will convene in Williamsport on November 10.

The Board of Health should see to it that diphtheria does not get its outrageous victimization of the newspapers comes too late to accomplish its purpose.

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FIRST SEMI-ANNUAL MEETING

The Superintendents of the State Hospitals for the Insane throughout Pennsylvania held their first semi-annual convention at the Hospital for the Insane here yesterday. It being their first meeting but little more was accomplished than to effect an organization and appoint committees.

The following persons distinguished in the treatment of the insane were present: Dr. George L. McLeod, Secretary Committee on Lunacy; George W. Ryan, Esq., Member Committee on Lunacy; Dr. John B. Chapin, Superintendent Kirkbride's Hospital, Philadelphia; Dr. Robert H. Chase, Superintendent Friends' Asylum, Frankfort, Philadelphia; Edward Berthel and Henry W. Comfort, Trustees Friends' Asylum; Dr. H. A. Hatcher, Superintendent Dixmont Insane Hospital, Pittsburg; Dr. M. S. Guth, Superintendent, and C. C. Shirk, Trustee, Insane Hospital at Warren; H. B. Meredith, Superintendent of the Hospital for the Insane at Danville. The following trustees of the latter institution were also present: W. L. Genger, H. M. Schoen, Hon. M. S. Kulp, Dr. B. H. Detweiler, Hon. Alexander Billmeyer and Howard Lyon.

Dr. S. S. Hill, Superintendent and Messrs. Zimmerman and Limberger, trustees of Warrenville State Asylum, started for the convention yesterday morning, but were delayed by a wreck until it was too late to reach Danville.

The convention was held in the Trustees' room. The meeting was called to order by Howard Lyon. A permanent organization was effected by electing the following officers: President, Dr. Hatcher, Superintendent of Dixmont Insane Hospital; Vice-President, Dr. H. B. Meredith of the Hospital for the Insane at Danville; Secretary, Dr. M. S. Guth, Superintendent of the Warren Insane Hospital. Dr. Hatcher, Dr. M. S. Guth and Dr. Meredith were appointed a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws.

There were short addresses relative to the object of meeting, but beyond these very little was accomplished yesterday. It was decided to hold the convention semi-annually, and Warren was selected as the next place of meeting.

Many Non-Resident Pupils.  
That the high degree of merit which characterizes the public schools of Danville is appreciated by the public is attested by the increased attendance, which has filled the schools to overflowing and made the erection of the annex imperative.

The increased attendance is just as marked among the non-resident pupils as among those in the borough to whom tuition is free.

Already thirty-nine non-resident pupils are on the rolls in the different schools of the Borough. This is considerably in advance of the number of pupils from outside the district registered so early last season and previously. It will not be until later, when the fall work is over on the farms, that the full number of pupils from the country will have enrolled.

For those who reside near enough to walk or drive backward and forward, the Danville schools afford ambitious boys and girls in the country an excellent opportunity to obtain an education at a small cost. The fees at the same time, although not in the least exorbitant, are such as to well repay the Borough for the helping hand it is lending to the rural districts. The tuition fees from non-resident pupils now foot up a hundred dollars more than at this date last year.

Pipe Laid at Depth of 5 Feet.  
Work is advancing rapidly on the sewer at present and all previous records are being broken. The pipe is now being laid along the bed of Bliz-zard's run between Mill and Perry streets, the excavation last evening extending nearly as far as the latter point.

THE COUNTY INSTITUTE

The subject of Teachers' Institute was discussed at length before the Board of Directors at its regular meeting Monday. The matter had been before the Board at a previous meeting when several of the members went on record as opposing the County Institute as conducted in the past, holding that the instruction rendered was not of the practical sort required to benefit our town teachers and afford an equivalent for the amount of money the Borough is obliged to pay out.

They thought the Borough might hold a separate institute, conducting it after its own idea and employing such talent as would yield approved results. The Board, however, did not seem ready for such a departure. As an open enemy of the Institute, Superintendent Goetz was instructed to have a talk with County Superintendent Derr, informing him that the County Institute has fallen short and insisting that the Borough be given an equal voice with the county in selecting instructors and arranging a program for the week.

The two Superintendents had a talk over the matter and in response, County Superintendent Derr was before the Board Monday. He explained that no one was more painfully aware of the fact than himself that the County Institute, despite efforts to the contrary, too often fell short of their object, which to afford good practical instruction, which will help the teachers in their everyday work.

He was aware that our last year's institute was not the success that it should have been in this respect. But with a view of improving it the present year he paid a visit to a number of other institutes to see how they were conducted and what instructors were employed. He was benefited much and has been enabled to make selections of speakers which he thinks the Board will approve of. He is very glad to have Superintendent Goetz's assistance in arranging for the institute and feels confident that the program this year will be all that the Borough desires.

County Superintendent Derr stated that he has decided to dispense with the evening lectures this year. They were very well received last year and personally he lost a great deal of money on them.

Messrs. Burns, Fischer, Harpel and Greene spoke on the subject of the institute, which, it is said, costs the Borough \$212 annually, and they all insisted that measures be adopted to effect a reform. County Superintendent Derr's explanation seemed satisfactory and on motion of Mr. Fischer it was decided that the High School room as heretofore be granted for the use of the County Institute.

On motion of Mr. Burns screens were ordered placed on the lower windows of the new annex, as elsewhere on the building.

On motion of Mr. Fischer it was decided to remove two panels of the front door at the Pine street entrance, inserting plate glass in their stead for the purpose of throwing more light into the hallway.

The Traut Officer presented his report for the month, which showed that there are ten children out of school for want of clothing. The number of trunks were twelve. Ninety-five pupils were sick. Twenty notices were served.

The following members of the Board were present Monday night: Keefer, Greene, Burns, Parsel, Harpel, Wolfshuber, Van Blom, Fischer and Orth.

The following bills were approved:  
J. B. Cleaver \$40.00  
John T. Magill 1.00  
W. M. Seidel 4.20  
W. E. Young 10.00  
Miss Lydia Ross 5.00  
Smith Premier Type Writing Co. 149.00  
Remington Type Writing Co. 8.00  
Water Boat 54.50  
W. H. Orth 1.31  
J. Doctor Sons 10.00  
American Book Co. 16.89  
W. G. Salmon 3.25  
W. G. Brown 16.25  
Tailors and Janitors 1675.78  
J. Wallizer 26.87

BUILDINGS UNDER WAY

Building operations at the Hospital for the Insane are now fairly on foot and a visit to the institution yesterday revealed a busy scene.

Eleven stone masons are employed and the stone work at two of the buildings is well under way, one, the most easterly, being practically completed. As soon as the collars are finished W. H. Shepherd & Sons, who laid up the stone work themselves, will hand the buildings over to a Williamsport contractor to whom they have sub-let the brick work.

Mr. Shepherd states that the walls will go up rapidly. A large number of bricklayers will be put to work and the job will be pushed right along until completed regardless of approaching winter. Freezing temperatures, he says, are no longer permitted to interfere with building operations.

It will require nine hundred thousand brick, which are furnished by John Keim of this city. Several immense piles representing some five hundred thousand have already been delivered at the Hospital grounds. Mr. Keim stated yesterday that the Hospital contract has taken just about one-half of the product of his yards for the present year.

The excavations for the two buildings on the male side are not yet completed. Work has begun on the most easterly one nearly two weeks ago, but at the other, ground has not yet been broken.

The Smeadby Construction Company of Philadelphia, sub-contractors, have a force of men employed on the concrete work of the filter plant. The building is being erected near the railroad in connection with the gas house and pumping station. The work proceeds very slowly and it will be several months at most before the Hospital will know the luxury of filtered water.

Working on a Larger Model.  
At the Rempe Manufacturing plant yesterday work was begun on the larger of the models of the self-winding clocks, the size intended for office use. The greater part of the work will be occupied in adjusting the machinery to this model and next week a lot of the larger clocks will be turned out.

The factory now begins to present an interesting appearance. Clocks are everywhere—only a mass on one side and clocks "assembled" and running on the other. The installation of smaller sizes put together and set running a couple of weeks ago stand the test admirably, varying little if any and keeping pace to the sound.

Mr. Rempe is much pleased with the success and he is one of the busiest men in town just now. By the holidays self-winding clocks will be on the market.

Few Hunters out at Present.  
There are not many gunners out this week. This was accounted for by an old hunter yesterday on the ground that there are still too many leaves clinging to the trees and bushes, which obstruct the view and afford hiding places for the game. The leaves are rapidly falling now and in a week or ten days the trees and bushes will be in a manner bare and game will have few opportunities for keeping out of sight.

On Monday next the rabbit season opens. These are said to be very plentiful and together with squirrels, quail, etc, which this year are shot in large numbers, they ought to yield big returns to the hunters who go out next week.

Cleaning of the Lawns.  
There is plenty of work about the Hospital for the Insane just now and those patients who are willing to work find plenty to do. Gathering leaves about the grounds keeps a good many busy.

The quantity of dead leaves which at this season accumulates on the spacious grounds is quite remarkable. By this time the lawns are pretty well cleaned and the leaves gathered lie in several immense deposits, ready to be hauled to the stables where they will be used for bedding.

The work is light and cleanly and the patients seem to enjoy it.

Damage Suit for Trial.  
Among the civil suits booked for trial in November is the case of Sarah C. Cromley vs. the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

The suit is brought by the widow to recover damages for the death of Joseph Cromley and little son of Limestone township, who were killed by a Buffalo Flyer at Watsonstown last winter a year ago. Mr. Cromley had delivered a sled load of wheat at the mill near the railroad and with his little son in the sled with him had just started on his homeward drive when struck. Both father and son were killed instantly.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS

Thomas Irland of Plymouth, spent Sunday in Danville.

Charles Oberdorf and wife of Lewisburg, spent Sunday with relatives in this city.

Professor S. L. Ammerman of Wilkes-barre, returned home last evening after spending Sunday in this city.

Miss Mary Holloway has returned from a visit with friends at Richmond, Va.

George and Frank Lechner who are temporarily employed at Berwick, spent Sunday in this city.

Herbert Myerly of Berwick, spent Sunday with his mother Mrs. George Myerly, Front street.

David Seidler of Berwick, was a Danville visitor over Sunday.

Thomas Curry, Jr. and wife of Sunbury, spent Sunday at the Curry home-stand, this city.

The Rev. N. E. Cleaver left last evening for Sunbury.

P. L. Keefer returned to Kingston yesterday after a short visit in this city.

Mrs. William Keener visited relatives in Sunbury yesterday.

Harry Hart has returned from a visit at New Milford, Pa.

Thomas Curry visited relatives in Sunbury yesterday.

Dr. J. Swetsford and wife left yesterday for Lebanon.

Councilman James Dougherty left yesterday for Plymouth.

Thomas Maloney of Washington, Pa., who has been visiting his sister Miss Anna Maloney, Front street, spent yesterday afternoon in Bloomsburg.

Mrs. Elizabeth Shoarer returned to Tamaqua yesterday after a short visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Harry Shoarer returned to Bloomsburg yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mrs. Jesse Klase and guest, Mrs. Jane Kessler, of Washington, D. C., returned to this city last evening from a visit to Shamokin.

John C. Stroh who was in this city attending the funeral of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Linker, returned to his home in Drifton, last evening.

Francis Klase of Jersey City is visiting at the home of David Wise, Maudsland.

Miss Bessie Steinman left last evening for a visit with friends at Northumberland.

Mrs. Richard Morrall returned to Iola yesterday after a visit with relatives in this city.

Mr. and Mrs. V. A. Lotter left yesterday for Philadelphia where they will reside.

Charles F. Darrow transacted business in Bloomsburg yesterday afternoon.

C. A. McKelvey and wife of Sunbury, called on friends in this city yesterday.

Mrs. Abraham Hite visited friends in Sunbury yesterday.

Mrs. Charles Hovius visited relatives in Berwick yesterday.

J. J. Murray transacted business in Sunbury yesterday.

P. M. Horrington was a Milton visitor yesterday.

Mrs. Minnie Spickard returned to Milton yesterday after a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Farley, Iron street.

CLERGYMEN IN SESSION

The Ministerium of the Lewisburg District, United Evangelical church, met at the residence of Rev. E. B. Dunn, Iron street, yesterday. Two sessions were held, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon.

Those meetings are monthly affairs, held at different points throughout the District.

For convenience the Lewisburg District is subdivided into several smaller districts each of which has its own convention. The convention yesterday was unique in that it was a joint meeting, representing the entire Lewisburg District. As a result of this the attendance was large, the following clergymen being present: Rev. U. F. Sweengle, Presiding Elder, of Lewisburg; Rev. H. W. Buck and Rev. E. E. Shafter of Berwick; Rev. E. L. Kessler of Wapwallopen; Rev. Shamburg of Bloomsburg; Rev. H. Minsker of Nuremberg; Rev. D. E. Young, of Mazepa; Rev. J. W. Thompson of Lewisburg; Rev. J. D. Shortiss of Milton; Rev. C. H. Gooding of West Milton, and Rev. J. A. Foss of Dewart.

These monthly meetings prove very helpful to the members of the ministerium, as they afford an opportunity for an interchange of views on church affairs, which might not otherwise be obtained. At the meeting yesterday Rev. J. A. Foss read a paper entitled, "How to Promote Revivals."

Foot Ball at Berwick.  
The High School Football team played at Berwick on Saturday. They were defeated by a score of 21 to 0. The locals declare that among the Berwick High school team they found several belonging to the "Rangers," heavy fellows of 180 pounds or more, who had been ring in for the occasion.

Although no match for Berwick under the circumstances, Danville held the opposing team down to one touch down in the first half. In the second half Danville couldn't stand the strain and Berwick made three touch downs.

The line-up:  
Danville: E. Edmondson left end, Berlin Jones right tackle, Bowman Harman left guard, Rough Haver, center, McAnall Morgan right guard, E. Kepner Johnson right tackle, Hicks Peters, right end, Shannon Rosenthal quarter back, R. Kepner F. Edmondson left half back, Norman Lewis right half back, Smith Miller full back, Hendershot Touchdowns—Smith, A. Kepner and Shannon; Goals from touchdowns, Smith, Referee, McCrea, Berwick, Umpire, Fischer, Berwick, Timekeepers, Davis and Boyer. Time of halves, two twenty minute halves.

Hog Inflicted Ugly Wound.  
Infuriated because of an attempt to drive from a field, a large hog of Matthew Sheep, of near Jerseytown, viciously turned upon Mr. Sheep, and with his tusks inflicted a gash in his leg three inches in length. The brute had been pastured in a field before the house and Monday evening at six o'clock Mr. Sheep went into the field to drive the hog into his pen.

The animal without giving any warning whatever suddenly wheeled and bore down upon Mr. Sheep and before the latter was able to get away the animal caught him on the right leg between the knee and hip tearing the flesh on the outside and posterior parts of the leg. After this assault the hog did not renew the attack but walked away.

The injured man managed to reach the house and Dr. J. E. Shuman, of Jerseytown, was summoned at once who found that it was necessary to take a number of stitches to close the wound. Mr. Sheep, although sixty-five years of age, is resting well since receiving medical attention, and providing blood poison does not set in he will doubtless recover.

A Good Attraction.  
The Wardle Stock Company opened a three nights engagement at the Opera House on Monday night, producing the play, "In the Rogues Gallery," to a big house and the continued applause showed the approval of the audience.

Mr. Perry and Miss Myer were ably supported by a strong company of players, including Will S. Beecher, Geo. H. Wright, W. E. Arlington, P. Parley, Miriam Carson and Blanche Campbell. The specialties by the Arlingtons, Miriam Carson and others were fine. They played "A Dangerous Game" Tuesday night and finished their engagement in our town by playing the great military drama "Under Two Flags." The Company have made a great many friends in town and will always be welcomed on a return date.—Tower City, Pa., Record.

The Wardle Stock Company which opens a three nights engagement at the Opera House tonight can boast of having the only Indian actor in the theatrical world, Mr. Will S. Beecher, being from the Delaware tribe of Indians. He will play the part of Noah and Lott, a negro servant in the performance tonight of "A Dangerous Game."

Broke His Arm.  
Donald Shoemaker, the little son of Mrs. Emma Shoemaker, of Washington, while playing last evening football and fractured his left arm.

Dr. Patton and Dr. Hoffa set the broken bone and later the boy was reported as resting well.

FUNERAL OF MRS. JOHN LINKER

Mrs. Elizabeth Linker, wife of John Linker, No. 261 West Mahoning street, died at Hazelton at 4 o'clock Sunday morning after an illness of one week.

The deceased had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Stroh, at Drifton. On Saturday a week ago she went to Hazelton to see her brother, J. H. Jacobs. She was taken sick on the day of her arrival. While her illness in its early stage seemed serious she grew better after a few days and her family here felt confident that she would be about again in a short time. The news of her death yesterday therefore, came as a great shock.

The deceased was a devoted wife and mother, a kind hearted, generous woman, widely known and beloved. She was seventy-five years of age and had been married fifty-five years. Born in Germany she came to this country when she was eighteen years of age. Nearly the whole of her subsequent life was spent in Danville. She is survived by her husband, four sons and two daughters: William and Fred Linker of Danville; Luther Linker of Williamsport and John of Alabama; Ida, (Mrs. John Stroh) of Drifton, and Lizzie (Mrs. Joseph Ephlin) of this city. The deceased was a sister of John Jacobs, Sr., of this place.

Edward Jacobs of Berwick is also a brother. William Jacobs of Tamaqua, another brother, was buried only four weeks ago. The deceased was a member of St. John's German Lutheran Church of this city.

The funeral of Mrs. John Linker, which took place in this city Tuesday afternoon, was very largely attended, among those who gathered around the bier of the dead woman, being a large number from distant towns.

The funeral took place from the family residence, No. 261, West Mahoning street, at 2 p. m. Rev. W. E. Wenner, pastor of St. John's German Lutheran church, and Rev. L. D. Ulrich, pastor of Trinity Lutheran church, both officiated, the former conducting the services in German and the latter in English.

The Keystone Quartette composed of J. W. Swartz, C. C. Ritter, William H. Rishel and Jacob Art rendered two fine selections, "Peace, Peace Wonderful Peace," and "We Are Passing, one by One."

The flowers were very beautiful, comprising tributes from many friends in Danville and at other towns in which the deceased was known and beloved.

The pall bearers were: Charles Mills, Samuel Langer, G. W. Hoffman, George R. Seidler, Leo Metzger and Charles Kehl.

In addition to the husband and surviving sons and daughter of the deceased with their families of this city, the following were present at the funeral: Luther Linker, wife and son Yoris of Williamsport; Mr. and Mrs. John C. Stroh and daughter Agnes of Drifton; J. H. Jacobs and wife, at whose home the deceased died, Sheriff A. H. Jacobs and wife, Mrs. Albert Dunn, Miss Bertha Bowers and Mrs. Harry W. Jacobs, of Hazelton; Mrs. Edward Linker and daughter Pearl of Scranton; Eckert Jacobs, Mrs. Benjamin Eshelman, Miss Lucy Jacobs, Mrs. Henry Jacobs and Wilbur Jacobs of Berwick; John Linker, Mrs. William Zeid, Mrs. Albert Eroh and Mrs. Shearer of Tamaqua; K. W. Jacobs and wife of Bloomsburg; Mrs. Lottie Thomas of West Pittston; Mrs. Ella Roberts of Williamsport; Frank Jacobs and Miss Dora Keithan of Sunbury; Fred Keithan and daughters, Lizzie and Annie, and Robert W. Davenport of Shamokin.

Interment took place in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

Food Laws Distributed.  
One thousand copies of a synopsis of the laws governing the adulteration of foods, which has been prepared by Secretary of Agriculture Critchfield, together with a circular letter of Pure Food Commissioner Warren, are being sent out by the Dairy and Food Department to various newspapers and magazines in the state. These copies are being distributed in response to numerous requests for information of the laws governing the adulteration of food.

In his letter Dr. Warren serves notice "to all concerned that all violations of the acts will be punished to the fullest extent wherever the duly appointed and sworn special agents of the division secure sufficient evidence to convict offenders." The hearty cooperation of legitimate manufacturers and dealers, as well as the press and public in general, is asked by the department, which is seeking to drive poisonous foods and liquors from the markets of Pennsylvania.

Reception.  
Mr. and Mrs. A. Sawinski gave a reception at their home on Saturday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sawinski of Berwick. Refreshments were served at 10.30. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. John Cribbs, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kerns, Mr. and Mrs. William Hester, Mr. and Mrs. C. Shultz, Mr. and Mrs. A. Girton, Mrs. Keiner, Misses Annie Oliver, Lizzie Sawinski, Ida Sawinski, Mary Oliver, Kate Riffel, Alice Hester, Mary Hausa, Bessie Cribbs, Nora Cribbs, Hugh Oliver, William Lovett, Frank Lorrin, Ray Girton, Fred Girton and Herman Shultz.

The twelfth annual convention of the Danville District of the Epworth League will be held at Nescopeck on Wednesday and Thursday, November 4 and 5. Each chapter is entitled to two delegates.

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THE Y. M. C. A. ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary of the Y. M. C. A. was held in this city Sunday evening. Two meetings were held, simultaneously, one in Mahoning Presbyterian and the other in St. Paul's M. E. church. Several of the other churches of town dispensed with evening services in order to give their members an opportunity to attend the anniversary. As a result there was a large audience present at both St. Paul's and the Mahoning Presbyterian church.

H. B. Schultz, President of the Board of Directors of the Y. M. C. A., presided at the Mahoning church and B. W. Musselman, Secretary, at St. Paul's.

At each place of worship the services began by an organ voluntary. The opening prayer at the Mahoning church was offered by Rev. M. L. Shindel, D. D., at St. Paul's, by Rev. George Limbert.

At each place the assemblage joined in singing the familiar hymn, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." This was followed by scripture reading. At each of the anniversary meetings a violin solo was rendered by Dr. F. Nice of New York. It was a masterly rendition much enjoyed by lovers of music at each place of worship.

The President's and General Secretary's report and the report of the Ladies' Auxiliary at the Mahoning Presbyterian church were read by Mr. Lamaster; at St. Paul's, by S. A. McCoy.

The General Secretary's report was quite voluminous yet tersely presenting a statement of the work accomplished and setting forth the objects, principles and value of the Association as an organization existing for the betterment of men.

To attract and interest and hold young men during the formative period of their lives and to persuade them to enter into right personal relations with the Son of God, the Savior and Keeper of men, is the real end in view and this definite and continuous and aggressive religious work carried on parallel with other phases is what differentiates it from other benevolent movements in behalf of young men.

Other organizations, the report went on to say, may have gymnasiums; there are other societies made up of men that may have more members; socially the Young Men's Christian Association may be below the standard of many clubs; and in mere humanitarian effort it may be equalled and sometimes surpassed by social settlements and institutional churches; but for practical religious effort, by and for men, it was held, the Association constitutes a combination wholly unique, so admitted by men in every station of life.

Therefore, to neglect or undervalue this work for men, or to carry it on half heartedly or in any cheap fashion or in a spirit of compromise is to sap the vitality of the movement. Not one of its many sided interests can be neglected.

In Danville the Y. M. C. A. has been advancing along social, intellectual, physical and spiritual lines. Of course in such an institution there are always new conditions arising that must be wisely considered and when possible, these new conditions should be accepted and incorporated into the work.

The Y. M. C. A. has a great privilege in Danville. Its building and equipment are well adapted to its needs for splendid service. By no means, therefore, should it be permitted, on account of indifference, to fall behind. Should this occur it would be a most disastrous thing to the town and to young manhood.

Concerning the work of the past year good results were reported. In the religious department the regular Sunday afternoon meetings for men, the weekly Bible Class, the prayer circle, and special evangelistic service in connection with these agencies much good was accomplished.

The physical department was never more