

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION FOR KEARNEY DISTRICT 1898.

The Epworth League is the product of several young people's societies that united on May 16, 1889 at Cleveland, Ohio.

There are Leagues in Kearney Dist. that dates their organization to the first year of the League's existence.

Kearney District comprises the work in the counties of Buffalo, (in which county is Kearney, the head of the District.) Dawson, Custer, Sherman, Valley, Garfield, Loup, Blaine, Thomas, and Hooker.

From these counties will come the workers in the Leagues to our Convention.

At first our League Conventions were held in connection with the meetings of the ministers in the Districts.

But as the Leagues grew in numbers and importance, the sentiment grew among our young people that it was necessary to give more time to purely League work.

At the time of this separation the ministers were in office, but it was recognized that the young people were well qualified to run their own business.

Hence a layman has been at the helm ever since. A printer was the first President, then a druggist followed.

Both this year and last the president has not had as his associate officers any of our preachers. The young people have rallied splendidly to his support.

In the other two districts, the North Platte, and the Holdridge, they have had a preacher as their president, while Kearney has had a layman.

CONVENTION CONVENES.

The Epworth League convention for the Kearney district opened Friday at 9:00 o'clock a. m. with a good representation of delegates and many more are expected to arrive today.

The interest taken by our people and the visiting members is very marked and all together the convention will doubtless be a grand success.

Thursday eve, a large crowd gathered in the opera hall and a program was rendered followed by a social.

The principal feature of the program was the address of welcome by J. W. Long of our city and the response by Hon. J. N. Dryden of Kearney.

Friday Morning.

Friday Morning session was well attended and proved to be so interesting from the start that they almost forgot to adjourn for dinner.

Most of the forenoon's work was taken up in reporting delegations and getting ready for business and listening to reports of various delegates as to the growth and good accomplished by their respective leagues.

was also brought into action and provoked considerable mirth as well as furnished a source of useful information.

Miss Edith Robins, of Ord reviewed the Picket Line of Missions in a highly entertaining way.

Nearly at the noon hour the arrival of new delegates was announced, among whom were Rev. J. Buckley, of Callaway and Mrs. J. R. Woodcock, of Tecumseh.

Friday Afternoon.

The principal feature of Friday afternoon's work was the address of Mrs. J. R. Woodcock, Supt. Neb. Conference Junior League and after devotional exercises President Henline introduced the speaker.

Mrs. Woodcock, spoke on Junior League work and said: "This is not a one sided talk, for that would be very tiresome. All of us must talk like the preachers, she said, I will take a text, a text is a good thing, and we will copy the good example of the preachers. It will be taken from the songs of Solomon, the 2, chap and 15, verse. Take us the little foxes, the little foxes that spoil our vines for our vines have tender grapes."

Now I used to wonder, as a little child, why the foxes said, take us the little foxes. Why did they want to be taken. Why did they ask for such a thing. Then the tender vines, how much they teach, there is not another thing in all the Bible, with the exception of a man that was used so much, and represented so much as the grape and its vine. We read of them all through the Bible.

And now let us add one word to our text. I think that it will be more plain. Take us away, the foxes. For that is really what is ment. Now in this country the foxes do not trouble much. But in the Orient they were a great trouble at times, and we do not wonder that Solomon should say, take away the foxes. Now what the foxes liked most was the tender grapes. You know when young they are tender and it is quite easy to bite them. But as they grow older, it takes quite a little pressure to break through. Now children who do you think the young vines represent, the old people? No that means the Junior League, they are the tender vines of the Epworth League. Now will all those that are Junior League Superintendents please stand, yes and all that are interested in Junior League work, that ought to include all the preachers I think, thank you, well I see there are quite a number. Now I am going to ask questions. I want to know what little foxes have been troubling you. Please tell me, yes those are good, I will write them on the board. Lack of order, irregularity, difficulty to interest small ones, non-attention, bad behavior of older boys, timidity, lack of enthusiasm of leaders, indifference of parents.

Now let us see if we can catch these foxes, as I came along I saw a child who was throwing its head backward, it was but a little child, and needed correction but how was it to be done, well the father called the attention of the little one to some horses till the child forgot all about that trick. Would it not be as well for us workers to attempt a counter attraction. Start up singing suddenly, then stop the children after they had sung a few words ask them if they believe that, then they will possibly say, why I don't know what it was, then say well let us sing it over again and notice it, then they will look at their books and you will have their attention. Now I remember as a child I stayed a short time with my aunt, she had no children of her own, but she had a great love for the children and that helped her over the difficulty. Well we had one day an old sea captain visiting us. I was but a child at the time, and as they were talking I was busy bullying with some chips. I supposed they thought I did not hear what was said but I kept my ears open, for then as now I suppose I tried to all I could. And when the visitor had gone I began to use those awful words I suppose just as free and easy as the man had done. My aunt was shocked, but she did not know what to do, so she and Uncle went into the other room and talked it over. When they came out Uncle rushed out of the house with a frightful yell, and Aunt after him and of course I followed. Now that scared me so that I completely forgot those words and they never troubled me more."

Mrs. Woodcock, dwelt at some length on the methods of teaching the children in Junior Leagues and characterized the subject with many fitting illustrations.

Friday Evening.

The Friday evening exercises were opened by a selection from the Westerville quartette which was rendered in a manner that was appreciated and applauded. Following this was the lecture as per program by Dr. W. R. Halstead of Lincoln. The subject of his lecture was "Fun on a Back Woods Farm," and before he had got well started the audience was fully convinced there would be fun in the convention that night. Nor was they disappointed. His illustrations were as full of fun as an egg is of meat, and every period was rounded with eloquence. He held the audience in close attention for one hour and twenty minutes, and elicited rounds of applause.

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Saturday.

Rev. H. M. Pinckney, led the Model Epworth League devotional meeting on Saturday morning, followed by a discussion on proper methods for leagues to raise money. Opened by Rev. T. H. Newborn, and one on How to work the Mercy and Help department, opened by Miss Minnie Hickman, and a song by Miss Gibson.

At 1:30 Mrs. Woodcock spoke on Junior League work. And a model business meeting was held under the leadership of Rev. D. W. Crane, of Lexington, then followed the election of officers.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR. President, Mrs. J. L. Clifton, Ord. 1st. V. Prs. Miss Cora Broughton, Cozad. 2nd. V. Prs. Mrs. Anna Leech, Westerville. 3rd. V. Prs. Miss Ella Long, Loup City. 4th. V. Prs. Jessie Meyer, Shelton. Cor. Sec. Ray Jennings, Ord. Rec. Sec. Elsie Traver, Kearney. Broken Bow, was selected as the place for holding the next annual convention.

On Saturday evening Rev. C. M. Sheppard, Lectured on "Ghosts," pointing out the ghosts of superstition, of politics, and social life. The lecture was amusing and very entertaining. The audience was well pleased.

Sunday.

At 5:30 Sunday morning Rev. Crane, preached to a fairly large congregation, who gathered, many of them long before even that early hour.

At 9:30 came the Love feast, conducted by Rev. W. E. Hardaway, followed at 10:30 a. m. by a sermon, the greatest undoubtedly ever heard in Loup City. It was a masterpiece, the preacher, Rev. C. M. Sheppard, was filled with power, and the people were blessed.

At 2 p. m. the Presiding Elder, assisted by the preachers conducted the sacrament service and it was followed by a missionary rally led by Rev. C. C. Wilson, in which Mrs. Broughton, Mrs. Woodcock, Rev. E. Smith, and Rev. M. Bellan took part.

At 8 o'clock a song service was held, followed by a sermon by Rev. B. W. Marsh, it was a memorable service, a fit close to the convention. Loup City was blessed in a marked manner, and delegates went away rejoicing at this season of grace and blessing.—Press Rep.

LEAGUE OFFICERS PRESENT:

S. A. D. Henline, President of Dist. League of Kearney accompanied by wife. Hon. J. N. Dryden of Kearney was also present and officiated by a response to the address of welcome.

Willis Waite, of Loup City, Secretary.

MINISTERS PRESENT.

Presiding Elder, E. Smith, Kearney. Rev. W. E. Hardaway, of Ord. T. B. Newborn, Arnold. C. E. Fenton, Merna. D. W. Crane, Lexington. H. M. Pinckney, Westerville. C. C. Wilson, Shelton. W. E. Matthews, Loup City. W. H. Boucher, Sr., Haven Chapel. D. F. Rodabaugh, Ravenna. Webster, of Burwell. Dr. W. R. Holstead, of Lincoln. Shepard, Nebraska City. B. W. Marsh, Kearney. C. C. Cissell, St. Paul. C. A. Webster Sargeant.

DELEGATES PRESENT.

ARCADIA, NEB.—Maggie A. Hall and Nels J. Pederson. ARNOLD, NEB.—T. B. Newborn. BURWELL, NEB.—Guy Loverty, Miss Mary Webster.

COZAD, NEB.—Miss Cora Broughton, Miss Mable Brown. RAVENNA, NEB.—Miss Edith Miner, J. B. Runyon, also Miss Ruth Buckner of Junior League.

HAZARD, NEB.—Miss Millie Swanson, and Miss Frances L. Mann. KEARNEY, NEB.—Coe Shahan. LOUP CITY, NEB.—Miss Sadie Walworth, Miss Hattie Hayhurst.

ORD, NEB.—Miss Ray Jennings. WESTERVILLE, NEB.—Miss Daisy Thornton, Miss Prudy Allen; Jr. Miss Floy Leach. The visitors from Westerville are Ralph Baker, Bessie Thornton, W. W. Thornton, Mrs. C. T. Leach Nellie Leach, Mena Leach, J. T. Rippley, Rev. H. M. Pinckney, Ruben Pinckney, Charles Pinckney, Bessie Pinckney, Elmer Cannon, Ralph Cannon, Cleon Cannon, Reuban Campbell, Frank Stewart, Miss Mable Cannon and Mrs. J. E. Rippley.

WEST UNION, NEB.—George Dreesen, John Brehm. CALLAWAY, NEB.—Rev. J. Buckley. LEXINGTON, NEB.—D. W. Crane, M. Miles.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following are the resolutions adopted by the convention as read by Rev. H. M. Pinckney at the close of their Saturday evening session. We the Epworth League of Kearney district West Nebraska conference, in convention assembled do adopt the following resolutions: FIRST.—We desire to express our sincere gratitude to our Heavenly Father for the many tokens of his loving favor, for the property that attended us as an organization, and for the measure of usefulness He has granted to us; and hereby covenant with one another that we will hence forth strive to devote ourselves yet more earnestly to his service in the advancement of his Kingdom.

SECOND.—We deplore the prevalence of Sabbath desecration in our land, and desire to extend all our influence against it. We most emphatically disapprove the action of the board of managers of the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in keeping open the gates upon the Sabbath day. We renew our pledges of loyalty to the cause of temperance. We view with abhorrence the proposition to sell liquor upon the exposition grounds in direct violation of the laws of Nebraska, and we deplore the sale of liquor under sanction of the Government, to the soldiers in the army of the United States. We wish to express our thanks to the officers of our District League for their faithful and efficient labor during the past year. We learn with deep regret of the illness of Miss Jennie Jackson of the Omaha hospital and her consequent absence from this convention, and will pray for her speedy recovery. We appreciate her labors as a faithful and devoted servant of God, and of the church, and will gladly welcome her to our charges, and will afford her whatever assistance we can whenever she may be able to come to us. We would express our appreciation of the help and inspiration that has come to us from the presence and words of Mrs. Woodcock, Dr. Halstead and Rev. C. M. Sheppard, and thank them most heartily for their labors on our behalf.

The publishers of the Loup City Northwesterner, desire to thank for the kindly interest and enterprise they have shown in providing badges for the Convention, and in their extra issue in honor of the same. We will ever remember with sincere gratitude the kind and hearty reception and entertainment that has been accorded us by the presence of our friends, and the many manifestations of good will that have rendered our pleasant stay in this place.

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Prices paid for: Corn, 35. Wheat, 20. Oats, 15. Hogs, 3.00. Cows and heifers, 1.50-2.50. Feeders, 3.50. Butter, per pound, 10. Eggs, per doz, 6.

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