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ANNUAL CONVENTION.

W. H. M. S. in Session at Syracuse
N. Y.

Mrs. Hayes Presides

Mrs. B. Spurlock, representative of the Nebraska Home Missionary society at the annual national assembly at Syracuse, N. Y., and our special correspondent for the occasion sends us the following lustrous account of the proceedings of the assembly on last Saturday:

A handsome flag was draped over the great organ in the First Methodist church this morning, and the letters "W. H. M. S." in white were suspended above the pulpit, which was decorated with potted plants. Another flag was draped in front of the gallery in the rear, and the whole church was made brighter and more attractive by those arts which only women know how to exercise.

The meeting was very harmonious this morning, there being no contested delegations to create annoyance, and no dissatisfaction was caused by the appointments of the several committees, of which the most important was that on the nominations. The osculatory greetings before the meeting began precluded the possibility of any unfriendly feeling being displayed in this body.

In her address to the meeting, Mrs. Hayes, the president, said: "The reports of the several officers of the Woman's Home Missionary society, which will be read before the society during the sessions of this annual meeting, will sufficiently spread before you the work of the last year. It remains, therefore, for me to thank, as I now do, our friends in this beautiful city for the very cordial welcome they have extended to us. I beg leave to repeat from the remarks made by me last year at Detroit a single paragraph: 'We would reflect on no other benevolent enterprise. We would discourage no other beneficent work adopted or endorsed by the church. But our conviction is that the best hope for humanity is in America.' Some missions seek to protect our own land from imported heathenism. The condition of the emancipated race in our southern states till engages the attention of the patriot and the philanthropist. But the facts do not permit us to indulge the hope that the Christians of America have done and are doing their whole duty with respect to the Africans within our own borders and at our own doors. Never before was the progress of settlement in our new states and territories so rapid as it is now. It is largely missionary ground and rapidly filling up with a population mainly of Protestant provincials. They are unable to support ministers but they need the gospel and wish to have it preached among them. The Methodist church has been called the pioneer church. No true Methodist will neglect the pioneer mission work of the church. The Indians still claim our attention. The cloud of Mormonism which hangs over Utah is spreading to other territories. The claims of missionary work whose aim is the improvement of American homes are attractive and urgent. America is the cradle of the

future for all the world. The future of America is in her homes, and her homes depend on the mothers of America. Hence the value and importance of missionary societies, whose work is done by women in the homes of our own beloved country."

Friday was spent in hearing of the southern work where "model homes" have been built beside each school established by our church in the south. The reports were full of encouragement, yet they report the field a needy one which calls loudly for more help, for the colored people will either sink lower or rise higher, and, as they are a mighty factor in this republic, we should look to it as the responsible agents. Mrs. Hester Williams of Baton Rouge, Louisiana, was a colored woman representing that state. She learned her letters after she was fifty years old. She was on inspiration. Her work is among the sick and needy colored people. Mrs. Mathew Briswney of Castle Garden, N. Y., gave a graphic account of eighty-four ships per month that come in the year round laden with emigrants and many were sick, destitute and deluded and that the Christian church of America had no "Bethel" for them. She plead that something be done to help capture these people for Christian citizenship ere they were taken by wicked women and worse men for base purposes, as well as to shelter and care for the helpless and sick. She asked for money to build a "Barbara Heck" home in Castle Garden which would reflect honor on she who was the first Methodist woman missionary in America as well as exalt the Christian endeavor of the Woman's Home Missionary society of the Methodist church, which proposition was acceded in a pledge of one thousand dollars to begin the work at once, and the enthusiasm grew to an almost uncontrollable height when the president said "Let us all arise and sing 'All hail the power of Jesus name!'"

On Sabbath the several pulpits will be filled with the different speakers from abroad who will talk on the several lines of our evangelistic work. Your correspondent has consented to speak in East Syracuse Sabbath evening on the Temperance Work in Nebraska.

The following resolution was adopted by a rising vote. Resolved, That we are proud of our dear mother church in that she is welcoming her daughters to a seat in her highest legislative body. That we send our affectionate greetings to our sisters so honored of God and the church, Miss F. E. Willard, Mrs. A. F. Newman, and Mrs. F. Van Kirk; that a copy of this resolution be sent to the principal church papers.

Birthday Celebration

A very pleasant social event occurred on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mrs. R. P. Kennedy, on the corner of Locust and Tenth streets. It was the celebration of that estimable lady's fifty-second birthday. By careful management on the part of those having the matter in charge, it was kept from her until the arrival of her friends with congratulations. This company consisted of intimate friends of the family, and the occasion was in all respects a pleasant one.

Mrs. Kennedy has long been a member of the M. E. church, and intimately connected with all the work of that body in this city. She is at present connected with its official board. She and her daughter Ella started to-day for Central City, where they will spend the winter with relatives and friends. Having lived here so long they will be missed by the people of Plattsmouth. They will carry with them the heartiest good wishes of their many friends here, who hope to see them in their midst again in the spring. Mrs. Kennedy's health has been poor for some time and it is hoped the change will benefit her.

Keep Away From There.

Union No. 56, Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, at Los Angeles, Cal., have issued a circular of warning to the mechanic and laboring man, which should be heeded by those classes. The union sets forth in their circular that the published boom of milk and honey on the Pacific coast is fictitious, and is the work of irresponsible leeches whose living depends on an overcrowded market of laborers, and "unfortunately the poor dupe, who sacrifices his little earthly possessions to enable him to reach the Pacific coast in quest of steady work and high wages, loses in vain for fulfillment of these golden promises."

It is positively asserted that the greater number live from hand to mouth. Rents are enormously high; a cottage of four rooms rents from \$25 to \$50 a month. Coal is \$16 a ton, but other things in proportion. The average of wages is about 50 cents per day more than eastern wages, but the cost of living more than counterbalances. Out of door labor can be pursued for about ten months in the year; but the man who attempts it is sure to break down. Tropical climates will not permit an unceasing round of hard manual labor. There is a gradual and stealthy undermining process which the victim needs generally too late to repair the evil.

THE ANARCHISTS DOOMED.

The United States Supreme Court Denies the Motion for a Writ of Error.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The supreme court of the United States has denied the motion for a writ of error in the anarchist case. The decision, delivered by Chief Justice Waite, was that of the full bench, and occupied thirty-seven minutes in rapid reading. In short, the supreme court of the United States holds that the statutes and constitutional laws of the state of Illinois as to the qualification of jurors and the alleged coercion of defendants to testify against themselves are the same as those of the United States. The Her Most letter and other points brought up in argument by counsel for defendants were ruled out on the ground that they had not been mentioned in the courts below. There seemed to be no doubt in the mind of this court about the refusal of the writ of error an hour before the court convened. Extra precautions were taken to keep out of the room the crowd assembled. Only enough to comfortably fill the room were admitted, while the overflow filled the corridors almost to the chambers of the senate and house of representatives. The excitement was intense, though no one seemed to doubt the result. J. Randolph Tucker, for the defendants, was the only attorney engaged in the case who was at the bar when the decision was read. The gravity of the question involved, and importance of the decision to be delivered, was plainly marked on every countenance on the bench when the justices entered the room. Justice Miller and Waite sighed deeply a number of times, and the voice of the latter trembled for some minutes after he began reading. At times he repeated, faster and going back, reread whole sentences. The faces of the other seven justices were turned to the floor during nearly all of the entire delivery. Occasionally Justice Waite took his eyes from the paper, looked the audience in the face and gave emphasis to points in the decision which marked the outline of his intentions and showed what had guided the bench in reaching its conclusion. Not a word was uttered in the court room, audibly, about the case, at the conclusion of the decision, but general satisfaction is expressed outside. Opinion is about equally divided on the subject of commutation of sentence.

The Street Railway.

Work was again resumed this morning on the street railway. The Mercer Bros. have had a force of men at work all day laying the curve track at the corner of Main and Sixth streets. A car-load of rails have arrived and are being scattered along Main street. They are of the T pattern. If the weather remains good the Mercer Bros. expect to have the track laid and in running order by the middle of next week.

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A TRYING ORDEAL.

HOW A COLLEGE STUDENT SUPPED WITH THE PRESIDENT.

The Boys Rob the Henroost of One of the Faculty—A Nice Young Man Caught in a Trap—Before the Faculty—The Refinement of Torture.

In the early years of this century, when log houses were good enough for the average Georgian, a certain doctor presided over Franklin college.

The simple habits of their dignified sire did not prevent the boys of those days from having their fun—indeed, they carried on an amount of devilment which the college boys of these times would consider respectable.

The boys thought that anything was fair which would make one of the faculty the victim of a joke, and on one occasion they laid a dark plot to rob the doctor's poultry yard and afterward celebrate the event by a midnight banquet.

The doctor's chickens were the pride of his domestic establishment, and he had built for their accommodation a log house. The logs were "notched down" at the corners and held in place by their own weight and the roof.

At a late hour the boys repaired to the hen house, armed with a fence rail. It was an easy matter to insert the rail between two logs and pry up those logs so as to make an opening through which a man could crawl. A dapper young fellow, who had visited the doctor's daughters, went in and began to pull the chickens off the roost and wring their necks. While he did so the boys outside kept their weight on the rail, and so kept the crack open for his escape.

The nice young fellow who had called Bob, had dropped about a dozen chickens outside, and the whole crowd was in high glee over the prospective banquet.

Just then a big, old rooster crowed. "Look out, Bob; break that rooster's neck and stop his noise." "Sh! What's that?" "Boys, you have let these logs down too low; lift them a little so I can get out. Be quick about it."

At that instant there was a loud bark and a big dog bounded into the poultry yard. The boys on the outside for an instant stood their ground. They dropped the rail and they grabbed chickens and ran to the door, but before they could disable him the door of the doctor's residence opened and his tall figure appeared. The boys scattered, all but one.

The logs had come together again and Bob was a prisoner. He crouched in a corner and held his breath, hoping that he would be overlooked, but the dog told where he was. By this time the doctor had come up and other members of the family came out, eager to see who was caught in the man trap.

"Who would have thought it!" The exclamations were heard in the house and echoed by the young ladies. Then the door of the log house was opened and the young man was sent to the dormitory. He was called before the faculty the next morning. The poor fellow would have sold himself for a song, and expected to be peremptorily expelled and perhaps prosecuted.

THE DOCTOR'S CONCLUSIONS. Meantime the doctor had thought the matter over. He was a man of great sagacity in the management of boys, and he recognized this freak as a piece of wild mischief which might not be repeated. He resolved to give the matter such disposition as would put a sober lecture on the young man. Accordingly, when Bob appeared, looking like a criminal, the doctor lectured him severely, but in a fatherly way, and told him that such an offense must not go without a severe punishment.

Bob expected the sentence of his expulsion. With measured tones, like a judge pronouncing the death sentence, the doctor said: "Mr. —, I will expect you to take supper with me to-night, and, as you show a fondness for chicken, the fowls you took off the roost last night will be on the table."

Bob would rather have been expelled. But for the distress it would cause his parents he would have gone home. In spite of his larks there was good stuff in Bob, and with a tremendous effort he resolved to face the music. It is impossible to describe the mental agony Bob went through that evening when he sat at the table where the doctor presided with courtly dignity.

His elegant wife could not have been more courteous to an honored guest than she was to Bob, and her daughters treated the young man as cordially as ever. Not a word was said about the affair of the night before, but the caudal feathers of chickens were like a mountain in the poor boy's eyes. It was the refinement of torture, and the doctor, with the utmost suavity, helped him to the choicest pieces.

The situation, which, under ordinary circumstances, would have been ludicrous, under the doctor's composure and his wife's tact was carried almost to the pathetic.

It was a lesson written on Bob's memory in burning letters, and he never forgot it.—Atlanta Journal.

After Spies in Paris. In Paris there is a reporter who plays a unique role—even in French journalism. He is the "monsieur qui suit les femmes." And he does it most assiduously. Once on their track he never takes his eyes off them. Night and day, note book in hand, he follows them up. But not with the same object as the male pest of the street or the area sneak. He is animated with nothing but the purest patriotic motives. He is, in fact, on the lookout for foreign spies in petticoats. Any woman who looks Teutonic in appearance is marked as a suspect, while movements are closely watched and afterward recorded in The Lanterne, the journal which is fortunate enough to possess this reportorial mesquite. Up to the present he has succeeded in bagging two victims, whom he concluded were emissaries of Bismarck in disguise, because they never passed French soldiers without looking at them, and kept up a mysterious relationship with a "monsieur blond." The spy mania has, therefore, advanced a stage. Any foreign women in France, because, forsooth, they look interestingly at French soldiery, or hold any communication with a "monsieur blond," are liable to be hunted down by the eavesdropping representative of the grande reportage.—Chicago Times.

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