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GROWING IN GRACE.

Annual Meeting of the Church of Christ Societies.

The members of the Church of Christ Society held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon in the church at the corner of Lyon and Barclay streets. Reports were submitted by officers of the church, Sunday school and the several societies connected with the church. The financial report of the church was read by Treasurer W. E. Field. The total income from all sources during the year has been \$3,799.81, and the disbursements have been much less. The condition of the church finances is highly satisfactory. The Sunday school has received \$454.42 during the year, while the expenses have amounted to \$178.15. Miss Lucy Phelps, secretary of the Mission band, reported the society to be in a flourishing condition, and the accessions to membership have swelled it to 32. The financial report contained the statement that the band has pledged \$10 to the church debt fund and \$15 to be expended for educating a native Chinese girl for missionary work. Deducting these sums and other expenses leaves \$4.30 in the treasury.

Miss Jeanie I. Baxter, secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E., in her report said that the society has been increased by 17 active and 12 associate members during the last year, the membership now numbering 64 active and 13 associate members. The work of the society has been satisfactory and is characterized by enthusiasm.

Mrs. William Betanczy, treasurer of the society for the past year, reported receipts amounting to \$118.68, and \$89.43 remaining in the treasury.

William H. Muir, secretary of the Sunday school made a report and among other statistics was the attendance for the past year. The largest number attending at any one time was 285 and the average attendance during the year was 189.

Mrs. Burridge Butler secretary of the auxiliary of the C. W. B. M. reported the society to be in a prosperous condition and the interest of members increasing.

The young people's literary society now has a membership of thirty-two and the work for the past year has been interesting and profitable. After the various reports had been submitted they were commented on by the members present and the universal opinion was that everything was satisfactory and that the affairs of the church were in a far better condition than at the end of any former year.

The election of church officers was then held and resulted as follows: Trustees, for three years, Russell J. Stone, secretary of Sunday school, William Field, treasurer, Charles Camburn, superintendent, E. J. Sorrick, clerk of the board of trustees, Henry Lemoin.

Society Meetings. The election of officers for the Owashtanong club will be held next Friday, January 8.

The Unity club will meet Tuesday evening. The subject for discussion will be evolution.

The Kent county fair directors will meet this evening at Secretary Cox's office to fix the date for the next annual fair.

The annual meeting of the Press club will be held Wednesday at 4 p. m. for the election of officers and for the transaction of business.

The members of the Michigan Masonic Home association will hold a meeting this evening in the Widdicombe block for the purpose of electing officers for the coming year.

Members of the Old Residents' association will meet at the city hall this afternoon at 1 o'clock to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hannah M. Turner from the family residence, No. 265 Scribner street.

The Valley City Tent Knights of the Macabees, No. 415, will hold a public installation of officers this evening at Engineers' hall on South Division street. A pedro party will follow the ceremonies.

The ambulance was called to the corner of Ellsworth avenue and Island street yesterday afternoon where Mrs. Christina Tillama was found suffering with an epileptic fit. She was taken to her home, No. 12 Bartlett street.

meeting of the board of fortifications of which he is a member. The Hon. L. V. Houston is in Washington on professional business. Miss Barber's kindergarten will be opened today on Lafayette street. A. H. Morehead, who has been visiting at his old home, Columbus, Ohio, returned to this city yesterday. Mrs. Morehead is very ill with the grip and was obliged to remain. Prof. W. W. Chalmers and wife are at Cassopolis visiting Mrs. Chalmers' parents and relatives.

Sick and Destitute. Yesterday it was reported to the police that a young woman, Francis Campbell, was sick and in destitute circumstances at No. 55 Monroe street, room No. 10. The ladies aid society was informed of the case and took charge of the girl. She was taken to the U. B. A. home.



AINSWORTH R. SPOFFORD.

The Librarian Tells What the Members Read.

Librarian A. R. Spofford considers the LI congress to be the most studious that has assembled since the war. The new congressmen take out a great many books, and the list of volumes consulted is largely comprised of works on the tariff, finance and other public questions of the day. It is now felt that those who do not read and inform themselves are certain to be left behind in the race for legislative honors. The congressional library, which in 1861 had but 90,000 volumes, now has nearly 600,000, and the number is rapidly increasing. Mr. Spofford possesses a memory of phenomenal power, and knows every volume in the vast collection under his care. He was born at Gilmanston, New Hampshire, on the 12th of September, 1825. His father was a clergyman, and employed a private instructor for his son, who at sixteen years of age went to Cincinnati and engaged in the bookkeeping and publishing business. He had good success in his business, which assisted him to acquire the great familiarity with books and authors for which he has become distinguished in his present position. In 1856 he became associate editor of the Daily Commercial, in Cincinnati. He was appointed first assistant librarian in 1861, and four years later librarian in chief.

BOASTFUL MEN.

Fond of Relating Their Successes with the Fair Sex. It is the mistake of a lifetime to give a man any liberty which you would not want known, and to expect him to keep the matter secret, says Ella Wheeler Wilcox in the Ladies' Home Journal. The exceptional man will sometimes hide the indiscretion of a young girl whom he believes spoke or acted from ignorance; but the average man, in the highest of his successes with foolish women, and the rendezvous, the letter, the embrace or the souvenir which she has given him, thinking it will never be known to others than themselves, is shortly the matter of gossip among a dozen people.

Women hide their secrets far better than men do. They fear the censure of the world too much to share their errors or indiscretions with confidence. But men are almost invariably vain and proud of their conquests, and relate their achievements with the fair sex to one or two admiring friends. They may not use names, but let the incidents once be told, it is an easy matter to discover the personages if one is at all curious to do so. The only way to keep men from betraying our indiscretions is not to commit them. I once made these remarks in the presence of several ladies, and one of them replied "that she was glad she had never been acquainted with the class of men I knew." At the same time that lady's name had been used lightly in a club room not a week previous, and her indiscreet actions had been commented on by "the class of men" she did know.

ADMIRER BY DOCTORS.

Work of Art That Was Anatomically Perfect. In a Pittsburgh (Pa.) jewelry store is a piece of bronze statuary that is called "Crushing by Brute Force," says the Dispatch of that city. It represents a giant crushing the life out of a weaker man. Every detail has been carefully worked out, and the marks in the victim's sides where the brute's fingers are sinking into his flesh can be plainly seen. The look of agony and terror on the young man's face as he wildly and vainly clutches the hair of his antagonist has been portrayed in the bronze with so much truth to nature that nobody can look at the picture without being thrilled. A group of doctors was gathered around the piece of bronze the other day studying the statuary in detail. Physicians are not cruel, but men who are accustomed to cutting up bodies are not so sensitive as other mortals. They were much interested in the scientific way in which the giant had grasped the victim. One hand was clasped on the right side above the hip and the other arm lapped over it. The young man was lifted off the ground and the gladiator was slowly crushing out his

life by pressing his body against his own. From the position of the internal organs the doctors concluded that the artist had studied anatomy.

WHAT HE COULD AFFORD.

A Timely Rebuke That One Harvard Student Gave Another. There is a moral worth heeding in a bit of talk which passed not long ago between two Harvard students, says an eastern paper. One of them inherited much money, and gives the best energies of his life to spending it in somewhat ostentatious fashion. The second student, his townsman and cousin, is a steady, straightforward fellow, mainly self-gifted, and not in the least ashamed of the fact that he is poor.

The talk on the train, when the boys were starting together for Cambridge this fall, happened to turn upon the subject of winter clothing, and the wealthy youth said, with a little air of patronage: "I always have my clothes made by Blank. It is true he is the most expensive tailor in Boston, but he is the best. I suppose," he added, with unconscious rudeness, "that you can hardly afford to patronize Blank." "No," the other answered, quietly, "but then I can afford not to patronize him."

His cousin was not too dull to see the point, and the subject was dropped.

NOT ON THE MAP.

A Card of Thanks Sent to Herr A. Happy Christmas.

They were two old people living in a little German village. Their daughter had gone to the United States, or, as they said, to America, to seek her fortune some months before. They had waited in patience to hear from her, and at last at Weihnachten (Christmas) time they received a pretty card bearing the words: "A Happy Christmas." On the back of the card the sender had signed her name with a loving word or two, but gave no address: To the minds of the simple old couple, however, she had given address enough. They took the card for an advertisement or notice of their daughter's employer in this country, and forthwith sent a card of thanks—not to be outdone in politeness by an American—which they directed to "Herr A. Happy Christmas, America."

It is needless to say that the card never reached this country. It is preserved in a German city among the "curiosities of the past."

Early Starts.

Eminent men in some cases had the benefit of an early start. Webster was in college at fifteen, and at thirty he was the peer of the ablest man in congress. Martin Luther had become distinguished at twenty-four, and at thirty-six had reached the topmost round of fame. Napoleon at twenty-five had commanded the army of Italy. At thirty-nine he was not only the most illustrious general of the time, but one of the great lawgivers of the world. William Pitt entered the ministry at fourteen, was chancellor of the exchequer at twenty-two, prime minister at twenty-four and at thirty-five was the most powerful uncrowned head of Europe.

A Remedy for Chapped Hands.

One of the best remedies for chapped hands, from which many women suffer in the winter, is camphor ice, says the Cincinnati Commercial Gazette. This is made of three drams of camphor gum, three of white beeswax, three of spermaceti, and two ounces of olive oil. Put these together in a cup and set them in a pan of boiling water on the stove, where they will melt slowly and form a white ointment. This is an excellent remedy for chapped lips as well as hands. It may be used by women who have a dry complexion and to whom glycerine is therefore irritating. Vaseline should never be applied to the face by a woman because of its tendency to induce the growth of hair. Experienced nurses and physicians say that the annoyances which many women suffer from superfluous hair on their faces has been caused by the use of vaseline. There is no such danger from the use of camphor ice, cold cream or glycerine. The old-fashioned preparation which our grandmothers used for whitening tanned hands must not be forgotten. It consists of two cakes of brown Windsor soap scraped to a powder, a wineglass of Farina cologne and one of lemon juice. These ingredients were mixed together and the mass was molded into a cake and left to dry. In a week's time it was hard enough to use.

A Sidewalk of Pins.

Ansonia, Conn., will have almost a unique pavement if one of her citizens carries his ideas into execution. He is president of a brass pin company, and intends rebuilding the sidewalk in front of his home with pins. He has at the company's shops some twenty barrels of old and imperfect pins, the accumulation of years, and these he will utilize. Concerning the value and durability of this kind of sidewalk material, on the corner of Broad and Pine streets, some years ago, several barrels of pin scraps were placed. The necessary factor in this style of sidewalks, corrosion, accomplished the rest, and now there exists a walk of solid iron. The hardness of the walk was tested recently, when the telephone man attempted to set a pole on that corner. By dint of much hard work, drilling and blasting with dynamite, they succeeded in penetrating three or four inches of pins and corrosion and set the pole. The walk will last forever after once being laid, and neither travel nor storms will effect it.

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