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Y.W.C.A. DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING

Board Transacts Routine Business
Yesterday Afternoon and Hears Reports of Work Which Has Been Done.

MISS DINSDALE'S REPORT

General Secretary Outlines Association Work in December—Other Departments are Heard From.

The board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. held its regular meeting yesterday afternoon with a very large attendance, only two members of the board being absent. Mrs. Chas. S. Pond presided and Mrs. Anna Steele Robinson was secretary. Mrs. G. M. Corvill made the financial report.

The general secretary, Miss Tirza Dinsdale, submitted the following report of the activities of the month:

To the board of directors Y. W. C. A. Your general secretary begs leave to submit the following report for December, 1914: The activities of the month covered only three weeks, and New Year's, in which little was and New Year's, in which little active work was done.

Twenty-one new members have been received and forty-seven renewals of membership.

There were held fourteen committee meetings with an attendance of 97. There were twelve applications for positions made and seven applications for workers.

The whole number of meals served in the cafeteria was 3,403.

One transient was cared for in the association building.

There were five regular social meetings held with an attendance of 234. There were two special social affairs with an attendance of 69.

Three regular vespers services were held with an attendance of 130.

The community chorus concert was given under the patronage of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. with an attendance of 400.

The attendance at the gymnasium classes has been 444 or an average of 37 daily in attendance.

There have been ten educational classes with an average attendance of fifty-one, average five.

There have been six club meetings with an attendance of fifty-four.

Three junior meetings were held, with an attendance of 175.

Nine local organizations, aside from the association, have used the building.

Special Work is Done.

The special work done during the month was the completion of the organization of a student club of the high school girls with the visit of Miss Adella Dodge, student secretary of the national board. The organization has started out most auspiciously and it is believed not only by association workers but by the faculty of the high school, that it will mean much to the girls and will help to promote in the school a spirit of democracy and high standards of work. This is one of the first student clubs organized anywhere, and association field workers are awaiting with interest the results of the work here.

Already as a result of the work, three girls are joining the church.

On the eighteenth, nineteenth and twenty-second Christmas parties were held for seven groups of girls and children. Through the kindness of friends these parties which totaled 225, were only little expense to the association—in all \$3.00.

The Christmas tree was loaned by the Presbyterian Sunday school; the lights by C. S. Abel, the decorations made and given by Miss Rayburn's campfire group. The Christmas greens given as favors to all the gymnasium girls were given by Miss Schlotter and Mrs. Laisle. The chairman of the gymnasium committee furnished the doughnuts for the parties.

The big children's party Saturday afternoon with eighty in attendance, was planned and financed by the five campfire groups of the association. Special favors—the Sistene Madonna mounted—were given by the junior committee. The story of the other wise man was beautifully told to a number of the groups.

Teach Spirit of Giving.

The Up-streamers had a fine party on Tuesday night before Christmas, at which time they had eight guests, Miss Porter and Miss O'Hara, former secretaries, were guests of honor. These Up-stream girls dressed seventeen dolls and sent them to an orphanage in Davenport, where one of the girls had stayed for a number of years. These girls who have so little, are learning, we believe, through the association, the joy of giving.

This same spirit of giving was carried out by some of the campfire groups, who dressed dolls and gave to the municipal Christmas tree, and the Christian home at Council Bluffs.

One longs to be able to put into

words some of the expressions of appreciation and evidences of the association influence in growth of the girls at this time when the burden of the finances is so heavily weighing upon the hearts of the board. The purpose of the association—the development in christian character and service of young women and the associating of them in personal loyalty to Jesus Christ—is, I believe, increasingly being fulfilled, and I know, is worth the sacrifice that is being made by the board to accomplish that purpose.

The vacation time so kindly allowed by the board to the general secretary and the physical director at the holiday time, was indeed appreciated. Respectfully submitted,
TIRZA A. DINSDALE.

New Members Reported.

Miss Etta Ayres reported the following new members: Misses Katherine Haubert, Jean Blair, Alice Blair, Georgia Jester, Henrietta Ayres, Rowena Bode, Hazel Reimers, Clara Elstie, Mamie Elstie, Vivian Swigelson, Nina Buck, Mildred Davis, Nina Tuttle, Martha Busch, Grace Smith, Pauline Reimer, Mildred Smith, Virginia Smith, Lucy Seymour and Wilma Englehardt.

Mrs. R. L. Reid of the religious work committee, reported that Miss Mattie Busch has completed the learning of the long list of passages of scripture and has earned one of the handsome Bibles offered by Mrs. Helen Gould Sheppard of New York, for accomplishing that work. Miss Busch is the first to finish the work. The Bible classes of the association are studying two text books, one, "The Life of Christ, and the other, "The Social Message of Jesus."

Physical Work Report.

Mrs. T. R. Board reported for the physical work department, having been elected to succeed Miss Eleanor Brown as chairman of that department. The classes in the physical department keep up with the greatest interest. The Christmas parties were provided for by the various members of the committee and by friends so that they were little if any expense to the association. Mrs. Leonard Matless who is chairman of the extension department, reported the work of the two clubs, the Up-streamers and the T. M. C. club, which are made up of girls who find most of their social life in the association and in the school. The committee plan for one simple supper each month, which is followed by a social hour. The Christmas parties and other activities of the club, are arranged by the active members of the committee, Mrs. Matless, Mrs. Emily Pence, Mrs. Durgee, Mrs. Wm. Aldrich, Miss Harriett Fulton, Mrs. Robert Dawson, Miss Elizabeth Collins, and Miss May Westcott.

Mrs. R. F. Meinburg, who is the very efficient chairman of the cafeteria committee, gave a detailed report. One interesting feature is that the average price paid for meals is 23 cents, but that many come in to the cafeteria and get a luncheon or a supper for 5, 10 or 15 cents. The average daily attendance during the month was 104.

The annual meeting of the association for election of directors and reviewing reports will be on January 19.

AMUSEMENTS.

There is every indication that the Grand will sell out for "Seven Keys to Baldpate." If you want to see this great comedy-drama better get your seats early. Those who have season tickets should call for their seats at the earliest possible moment so as not to be disappointed. This attraction is guaranteed by the management of the Grand and there will be no better comedy-drama here this season. Keokuk people who have witnessed the play in Chicago and New York are enthusiastic about it and say the Grand management is fortunate to secure the company and Keokuk is fortunate to have the production brought here. There will be no appointments next Friday night for those who attend. Only for those who fail to get seats. Protect yourself against disappointment by reserving your seats now.

"Seven Keys to Baldpate." When George M. Cohan writes a play he is sure of the earnest attention of a theatre-going public which has come to know that his stage efforts are distinctly worth while. That being the case, the announcement that his latest farce, "Seven Keys to Baldpate," is to be presented here at

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The Grand opera house Friday evening, Dec. 8, will be welcome news to this famous author's following. It has been said that "Seven Keys to Baldpate" is a distinct departure from stage tradition, in that Cohan has thrown ethics aside and constructed a farce along absolutely new lines. It was inevitable that in doing this he should have aroused discussion among the reviewers of things theatrical, but the consensus of opinion seems to be that Cohan's departure, admittedly daring, is the most interesting, laughable, thrilling and altogether enjoyable piece of comedy writing that has been seen for several seasons.—Advertisement.

"Bringing Up Father."

George McManus conceived the idea of the now famous cartoon series "Bringing Up Father," from a newspaper man's standpoint, he hit it right. To put the same characters on the stage is another matter and a very difficult one. McManus believes that there's a specialist in every line of business, therefore when he "got stage struck" he consulted Gus Hill, whose experience in making millions out of cartoon plays, extends back for many years. Mr. Hill's newest production "Bringing Up Father," after half a year of preparation, is now ready for the people and I'm quite sure that the people are ready for it. That there's a scarcity of good comedy before the people is no secret. "Bringing Up Father" is going to give you something to laugh about until something else just, or half as good, comes along. It's a big production built on vaudeville lines and contains the best elements of clean and wholesome comedy, with any amount of whistleable music and the sort of girls you'd like to have with you forever. There are funny comedians and pleasing dancers, with gorgeous scenery and magnificent costumes. The mere title of "Bringing Up Father" and what you know of it through the columns of the daily newspapers, is in itself enough to suggest hilarious comedy situations. In the hands of this veteran producer, whose life's work has been to please the public, you can accept it for granted that no opportunity is lost, in fact the production of "Bringing Up Father" is to be the crowning effort of Mr. Hill's long career.

It will be at the Grand opera house Saturday, Dec. 9, matinee and night.—Advertisement.

At the Colonial.

Tonight at the Colonial a fine program. "An Unplanned Elopement," Essany drama, featuring Francis X. Bushman, "Hearts of Gold," Biograph drama, "The Telltale Knife," Sellig western drama, "A Boomerang Swindle," Lubin comedy. Go to the

Colonial tonight if you want to see good pictures.—Advertisement.

"A Run For Her Money."

With one of the funniest, merriest comedies of the season comes the appearance of "A Run For Her Money" which starts an engagement at the Hippodrome theatre starting with the matinee tomorrow and continuing 'till Sunday night. The offering is a combination of daintiness and melody, with plenty of comedy interspersed and which makes this production appealing in every degree. It is Halton Powell's, Inc., latest comedy success and his name alone will afford local theatre goers the idea which is expected in this production and warrants the production to be high class and entertaining throughout. Individually and collectively, it would be hard to find a cleverer or more versatile aggregation and they come with the highest recommendations and will provide a delightful and positive entertainment for local theatre goers. Mr. Powell has gathered a company of distinguished players for his latest comedy success which includes such talented artists as Jennie West, Merle McCarthy, Ida Burns, Jack West, Harry Oaks, Andrew Waldron and Herbert Power and the famous Powell quintette also the well known Dolly Dimple Girls and soloists.

The aggregation affords the display of a handsome and attractive wardrobe which shows all the latest Parisian styles such as evening gowns, coats, shoes and sensational hat display, in other words "A Run For Her Money" is a 1914-15 style show in itself and nothing but praise will be heard in return for the appearance of this talented organization which will be here for four days only.—Advertisement.

Two Merry Tramps.

"Two Merry Tramps" the ever popular attraction with "Wood & Ward" (themselves) and fifteen helpers, everything new this season, new comedy, new music and new faces, the most beautifully costumed chorus on the road this season. The attraction is more beautifully mounted this season than ever before at the Hippodrome tonight, the last performance of this funny show.

The silver tongued singer Miss Bee C. Kerney is a big feature with the "Two Merry Tramps." Martin Paché, the famous baritone, late with the Emma Abbott Opera co., is also with the company.

Miss Millie Harrington, the dainty entertainer is another feature. See them tonight at the Hippodrome.—Advertisement.

At the Orpheum.

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