

ANNUAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY

Ladies of Charity Hear Reports of Successful Year and Elect Officers for Coming Year.

MRS. WEBER PRESIDENT

Report of Officers Last Year Show What Was Accomplished by Society in Last Twelve Months.

The Ladies of Charity held their third annual meeting yesterday afternoon in St. Vincent's hall with a large attendance. Mrs. Howard Connable, who has been the very efficient president during the past year, presided. The reports showed the society to be in a prosperous condition and that much good work had been accomplished.

The president in her report, expressed her appreciation of the support given her by the officers and of the co-operation which the membership had given in carrying forward the work of the organization. She expressed the gratitude of the Ladies of Charity to the merchants who have been liberal in their donations. She said that ninety-seven garments had been made at the sewing meetings which have been held during the year on Friday afternoons. She reported having made fifty calls, investigating cases and friendly visits.

Report by Secretary.

The recording secretary, Miss Mary Harrington, submitted the following report:

"To the Officers and Members of the Ladies of Charity. I herewith submit my report for the year ending January 16, 1916. The following meetings have been held: Ten regular monthly meetings, ten regular board meetings, three called board meetings and three special meetings of officers and all committees, as well as the sewing meetings which have been well attended.

"Our membership consists of 162 active members and 67 social members making a total of 229. During the past year, death has removed two of our devoted members, Mrs. M. J. Burke and Mrs. Anna Ewers, for whom the entire society has felt a keen loss. Ninety personal calls have been made by our president, Mrs. H. L. Connable, and our treasurer, Mrs. Joseph O'Brien, while the visits made by our hospital committee, of which Mrs. Geo. Ewers has been chairman, total 528.

"Material aid has been given 85 families and 297 garments were furnished the needy from our supply closet. Besides these garments, several new suits, donations from a local clothing firm, were supplied to boys. The 'Valentine shower' of February 12, gave us an abundance of material for use at the sewing meetings, so that many new garments were added to the generous donations already on hand thus making it possible for us to fill the great demand we have had.

"During the same month, a fund, known as the Belgian fund, was created to assist the suffering Belgian children. At the February meeting, we also learned of the beneficent spirit of one of our members, shown in her donation of electric fixtures for our hall.

"In March, a sanitary drinking fountain was installed in the lower corridor of St. Vincent's school.

"With the demand for garments steadily increasing, the purchase of a sewing machine seemed advisable and was acted favorably upon at the April meeting. It was at this meeting that it was decided to make a donation of \$10.00 to the Orphans' Home at Davenport.

"In June, a box of articles of clothing was sent to an Alaskan mission. During July and August, no regular meetings were held, but the work was conducted as usual.

"September meeting was mainly given over to the discussion of matters that had come up during the two previous months. October 21, a successful market was held, and our funds substantially increased thereby. At the meeting held November 21, we decided to donate \$10.00 to the

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Associated Charities, November 26, benediction was held for the members and the annual Thanksgiving shower, in which so many partipate, supplied us with canned fruits, jelly, etc., for the Christmas work. The following month brought our usual donations, and December 24 dawned upon fifty-seven baskets which were sent out to add a tiny bit of Christmas joy to the homes where they were received.

"During the past month, the calls for aid have exceeded those of any other month of our year's work, but we never feel justified in turning away the case of anyone who upon investigation seems worthy. In concluding this report, we wish to acknowledge our indebtedness, on numerous occasions, our director, Father Gillespie, has spoken many helpful words to us for which we are deeply grateful. Our heartfelt thanks go out to the sisters who have always been so willing to aid us, to the members of the various committees whose untiring efforts have contributed to the success of the work and, to the members, in general, who have always co-operated with sincerity.

"I desire to thank the official board, with whom I've worked during the year, for their many kindnesses and wish to say that it has been a great pleasure to me to have had the opportunity to assist in the work. Respectfully submitted, MARY J. HARRINGTON, Recording Secretary."

Miss Moore's Report.

The corresponding secretary, Miss Alice Moore, reported as follows: To the officers and members of the Ladies of Charity: I herewith submit my annual report as corresponding secretary of your society. During the year 1915, three hundred and ninety-seven garments have been given from our supply closet at the convent. Fifty-seven baskets of provisions were distributed at Christmas. Sixty-five letters have been written by me, of which number forty-seven were to prospective members, inviting them to join the organization, seventeen were letters of acknowledgment for donations and one was in reply to a letter received from the V. N. A.

Report of Treasurer.

Table with financial data including Cash on hand Jan. 1915, Dues for the year 1915, Received from market, Cash donations received, Cash received for Belgian fund, Cash donation toward sewing machine, Cash for sewing materials, Donations to purchase flour, Cash received for sale of rag rugs, Cash donation for framing letter of affiliation, Received from Valentine party, Cash received toward United Charity donation, Cash received for Christmas baskets, Interest on bank deposit, Total receipts \$477.37

DISBURSEMENTS

Table with financial data including For 33 orders of groceries and milk, For 10 pairs of shoes, For 10 orders for fuel, For clothing, For supplies for Christmas baskets, For board for patient at St. Vincent's institution, For case of malted milk for Belgian relief, For wiring St. Vincent's hall, For expenses of Valentine party, For stationery, For drayage, For books for school children, For donation to Orphans' Home, Davenport, For purchase of sewing machine, For placing drinking fountain in school building, For salaries, For freight, For building a supply closet, For donation to United Charities, For framing letters of affiliation, Total disbursements \$409.60, Balance on hand Jan. 16, 1916 \$67.70

Respectfully submitted, MRS. JOSEPH O'BRIEN, Treasurer.

Mrs. Weber is President.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President—Mrs. Alois Weber. First vice president—Mrs. E. L. Kruse. Second vice president—Mrs. Joseph Greaves. Recording secretary—Miss Mary Harrington.

Corresponding secretary—Mrs. J. M. Code. Treasurer—Mrs. Charles Fegers. Financial secretary—Miss Julia Conroy.

Report for Month. A short monthly report was given following the annual meeting. Eighty garments were given out from the supply closet during the month and bills to the amount of \$28.24 were allowed. A vote of thanks was extended to the officers for their faithful efficient work during the year and a vote of thanks was also given to the men who delivered the Christmas baskets.

HANCOCK COUNTY BUSY BALLOTING

There Will be Numerous Chances to Exercise Right of Suffrage This Year.

Elections will be one of the favorite forms of entertainment in Hancock county this year. Not including the school elections there will be six elections in that district during the year. Election news at this time is somewhat out of season, but when one stops to think that the first primary is a little more than sixty days distant in Dallas City, Nauvoo, Hamilton, Warsaw and other parts of Hancock county some one should be getting busy with the introduction.

The primaries for the nomination of village and city officers will be held Tuesday, March 14. Township elections will take place April 4 and city and village elections will be held April 18. Prior to this election the presidential primary will be held April 18. Prior to this election the presidential primary will be held on April 11 and then everything will be quiet until September 13, when the primary for the nomination for state, congressional, legislature and county officers will be held. The general or presidential election will be held Tuesday, November 8, and will be the final windup of the year.

Primary petitions for county offices may be filed from July 15 to August 4 and petitions for nomination for city and village offices must be filed with the city or village clerk not more than 30 nor less than 20 days before the primary. County conventions will be held September 18 and two days later congressional conventions will be held. September 22 is the date set for state conventions. October 17 is the first registration day and October 31 is the last registration day for the election to be held in November.

Township officers will be the first elected, on April 4. The primary law does not apply to townships and the method of making nominations is up to the township central committee of each of the political parties. The township conventions are subject to the call of the chairman and probably will be held late in February or early in March. The offices to be filled in this township this year are those of assistant supervisor, town clerk, assessor, collector, school trustee and highway commissioner.

ASK CO-OPERATION OF ALL SHIPPERS

Circular Letter is Being Sent Out Which Will Aid Materially, It is Thought.

Circular letters in regard to the maximum use of freight equipment are being sent out over the country. Following is a portion of one of these letters:

In 1912, and again in 1914, this association appealed to the shippers and receivers of freight for co-operation in obtaining the maximum use of freight equipment. The results in both instances were gratifying. Reports that are coming from all parts of the country, and the conditions indicated in the attached tables, call for a similar appeal at this time in our endeavor to avoid a most serious car shortage.

In a recent circular on this subject the interstate commerce commission states: "In order that the business of the country may go forward without interruption, the commission urges shippers, both individually and through their associations, to co-operate to secure the prompt and full loading of cars and their prompt release. * * * One of the chief causes of failure of car supply in past seasons has been the unnecessary detention of cars by careless shippers and by shippers using them for storage purposes. In the general public interest, shippers should endeavor to release cars at the earliest possible moment without regard to the free time given by the tariffs."

To this end the following suggestions are made, for which the widest publicity is solicited: First: Load and unload all cars as quickly as possible.

Second: Load all cars to the full capacity.

Third: Anticipate the disposition of freight before its arrival.

Fourth: Only order such cars as can be loaded promptly.

Fifth: Do not order special type of car when ordinary type will answer the purpose.

Sixth: Reduce to the minimum the practice of billing cars to intermediate points to be held for reconsignment.

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"If the trouble seems to be chiefly in the throat, wrap the neck in a wet, woolen cloth covered by a dry woolen cloth."

The official qualified his recommendation as far as the hot bath part of the treatment is concerned, saying that none should do this unless they were very sure that they would be able to keep themselves perfectly warm during the night and the morning afterward.

"But the hot lemonade, the cathartic and the warm sleep stand as the official preventive for the dread disease which is adding from ten per cent to forty per cent of the weekly death records in many parts of the country."

He Wouldn't Be Missed. Springfield, Mass., Republican: Whatever may be the status of Americans who enlist in foreign armies, America could permanently spare that "Princeton man" who boasted of firing on an ambulance and of killing with his own weapon twenty-four German prisoners of war.

Deleted by the Censor. Council Bluffs Nonpareil: Set it down in cold type that there are three prominent men in this country who will not be nominated by either the republican or democratic parties for president. Two of these have filled the office and the third has been running for it since 1896.

—Read The Gate City want column.

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