

### Benefit of Children

#### Mass Meeting in the Interest of Public Playgrounds.

#### ADDRESSES LAST EVENING

#### Exhibition of Interest Upon Part of Prominent Citizens.

#### WILL APPEAL TO CONGRESS

#### Work Originally Started in Washington by Private Benevolence— Suggestions and Incidents.

The deep interest manifested by leading educators from different sections of the country, by prominent officials of the local and federal government, and by the public generally, in the movement for the establishment and extension of playgrounds for children, was evidenced at the mass meeting last evening at the church of the Covenant.

The resolution further declared that Washington has more playgrounds in this respect than any other city in the country. In support of this claim it was asserted that the parks of Washington are at present entirely unprovided with athletic fields. Another point given in this connection was that the number of children are greater in Washington than in the average city.

Reference was made in the resolution, among other things, to the success attending the maintenance of playground buildings in Chicago and the municipal gymnasiums of Boston. In view of these conditions the belief was stated that no playground system can be established unless provided with this feature. The erection of such a building in Washington in order to permanently test its utility was recommended.

The association has elected an executive committee, as follows: Seth T. Stewart, Mrs. Teunis Berger, Charles P. Stoner, James G. Phelps Stokes, Miss Sadie American, Dr. George Mahlon, Dr. Oestlan Lang, Archibald Hill and Myron T. Souder, of New York; C. W. Jeffries, in celebration of his return to the city, and Miss Ellen Tower and Mrs. Quincy A. Sawyer, of Boston; A. G. Parker of Hartford; A. G. Downing of St. Paul; Dr. G. P. Lowell, of Lowell, Mass.; Miss Beulah Kennard and Mrs. Samuel Ammon, of Pittsburgh; A. S. Claxton of Knoxville, Tenn.; Dr. Benjamin De Wecker of Chicago, Ill.; H. G. Forman, Miss Mary E. McDowell, Dwight Perkins, Mrs. Hamlin, Miss Amalie Hofer and E. B. DeGroot.

Mrs. Ellen Spencer Mussey was appointed to present the purposes of the association to the coming D. A. R. convention in this city. Miss Mussey was selected to perform a similar service at the convention of the Federated Women's Clubs, and Mr. Charles P. Stoner was chosen for a like duty before the conference of charities in Philadelphia next month.

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### WELCOME TO PASTOR.

Unique Ceremonies at St. Paul's M. E. Church South.

The members of St. Paul's M. E. Church South gave a reception Friday evening to the pastor, Rev. F. W. Jeffries, in celebration of his return to the church by the annual conference held recently at Cumberland, Md. Mr. Jeffries came to this country a few years ago from England, which accounted for the British flag being entwined with the stars and stripes at the reception and for the turn given the exercises.

St. Paul's Church was organized about thirteen months ago, and the charter members and new members were distinguished by bows of white and red ribbon. The colors gave the cue for the addresses of welcome, which were delivered by Dr. Henry Knowles for the charter members and by Mr. W. M. Ragsdale for the new members.

Speaking for the charter members, Dr. Knowles, in part: "White ribbons and red ribbons; white ribbons for charter members—red ribbons for new members. Surely these colors have not been chosen to appear as a divided company, I am sure the division has only been made in order that we may unite in extending a more hearty welcome to Mr. Jeffries. Tonight, Mr. Jeffries, we are like the ancient houses of York and Lancaster of your old England, in that we are assembled under the white rose and the red; but we come not to struggle for the mastery of a field; we know no rivalry unless it be a generous one for the upbuilding of our church. And we are glad to see the union of the white and red symbolize sincerity and love—the sincere love we hold for the pastor who has been returned to us for another year."

Dr. Knowles presented Mr. Jeffries with a handsome watch and a bunch of red roses with the white ones, thus carrying out the idea of the union of the roses.

Mr. Jeffries responded to the addresses of welcome and expressed his appreciation of the words of the speakers and the loyal support given him by the members of the church.

Following the addresses refreshments were served and a social hour spent by the large number of persons present.

### OCEAN STEAMSHIP MOVEMENTS.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer Rugia, for Hamburg; Koening Luise, for Gibraltar, Naples and Genoa; La Gascoigne, for Havre; Philadelphia, for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton; Luenaia, for Queenstown and Liverpool; Minnetonka, for London; Noordland, for Antwerp; St. Laurent, for Havre.

HONGKONG, April 12.—Arrived: Steamer Empress of India, from Vancouver via Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki and Wampoa.

MANCHESTER, April 12.—Arrived: Steamer Caledonia, from Boston.

ANTWERP, April 12.—Arrived: Steamer Marquette, from Boston and Philadelphia via London.

HONGKONG, April 10.—Sailed: Steamer Doric, for Honolulu and San Francisco via Shanghai, etc., and Yokohama.

PALERMO, April 12.—Sailed: Steamer Calabria, from Marseille for New York.

GLASGOW, April 12.—Sailed: Steamer Hibernian, for Quebec and Montreal via London. Steamer Ontario, for Quebec and Montreal.

QUEENSTOWN, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer Cymric (from Liverpool), for Boston.

ANTWERP, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer Finland, for New York via Dover.

LIVERPOOL, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer Campania, for New York via Queenstown.

HAVRE, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer La Savoie, for New York.

LEZARD, April 13.—Passed: Steamer Oldenburg, from Baltimore for Bremen.

HAMBURG, April 13.—Arrived: Steamer Pretoria, from New York via Dover. Sailed 13th: Steamer Prinz Eitel Friedrich, for New York.

BROW HEAD, April 14.—Steamer Etruria, from New York for Queenstown and Liverpool, fifty miles to the westward 2:30 p.m.; will probably reach Queenstown 8:45 p.m.

NAPLES, April 12.—Arrived: Steamer Florida, from New York.

CHERBOURG, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer New York (from Southampton), for New York.

PLYMOUTH, April 14.—Arrived: Steamer St. Louis, from New York for Cherbourg and Southampton (and proceeded).

BROW HEAD, April 14.—Steamer America, from New York for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg, in communication by wireless telegraph 105 miles southwest, 9:39 p.m. Will reach Plymouth at 11 p.m.

QUEENSTOWN, April 14.—Arrived: Steamer Etruria, New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

FLORIDA, April 13.—Sailed: Steamer Florida, New York via Mobile.

LONDON, April 14.—Sailed: Steamer Lancastrian, Boston.

NEW YORK, April 14.—Arrived: Steamer St. Paul, Southampton and Cherbourg; steamer Mercedes De Larrinaga, Baltimore.

SABLE ISLAND, N. S., April 14.—Steamer Zealand, Antwerp and Dover for the oldest inhabitants District of Columbia; Marconi station 660 miles east of Sandy Hook, 7:30 p.m. Will probably dock 1:20 p.m. Monday.

ENTERTAINED AT DINNER.

Members of Masonic Grand Bodies at Social Function.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia F. A. A. M. and visiting members of grand lodges of states represented at the ceremonies of laying the corner stone of the office building of the House of Representatives yesterday were entertained at a dinner at the Raleigh last evening.

Grand Master Walter A. Brown presided as toastmaster, and informal speeches were made by many of those present.

### FETE AT "FRIENDSHIP."

To Be Given by Association for Works of Mercy.

A unique fete will be given at Friendship, the country home of Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean, on May 4 next. The fete will be held on that day, if it is clear, but in the event of unpleasant weather it will be postponed until the 5th instant. The affair is to be in the nature of an outdoor festival, and is to be given under the auspices of the Association for Works of Mercy. The officers of the association are:

Bishop Satterlee, president; the Rev. Alford Harding, D.D., the Rev. R. P. Williams, Dr. William C. Rivers, Dr. W. Dun-can McKim, J. Holdsworth Gordon, Lieut. Commander F. A. Miller, U. S. N., and the Rev. C. F. Bradenall, trustees; Rev. R. P. Williams, treasurer of endowment fund, and L. M. Yeo, deaconess in charge. The board of managers of the association comprise some of the best-known women in Washington in social as well as charitable circles.

It is planned to have every charitable organization in the city have a booth at the fete, and each booth is to retain its share of the proceeds of the entertainment for its own particular charity. The gate money will go to the Association for Works of Mercy. Among some of the attractions that have been provided are the Marine Band, a troop of cavalry from Fort Myer, which will give an exhibition drill; fencing contests; a dance participated in by many well-known young ladies of the city, which will be given under the direction of Mrs. Harney; and a children's corner, which is promised, will be one of the features of the fete. A number of the various charitable organizations of the city have already been notified, and it is expected that the greater number of them will be represented on the grounds when the gates are opened. The fete will begin at 2 o'clock in the afternoon and will last until 10 o'clock.

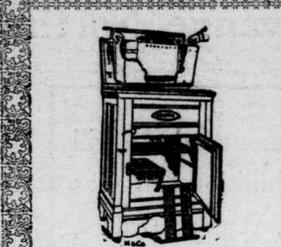
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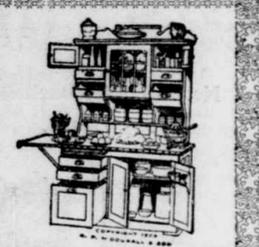


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### IN THE CORNER STONE

ARTICLES PLACED IN THE BOX DEPOSITED THERE.

With the corner stone of the new office building of the House of Representatives the ceremony of laying which was described in yesterday's Star, there was placed a large number of interesting documents concerning Congress, the executive departments and this city. They were put in a large copper box and deposited immediately beneath the great marble stone just before it was lowered into place. The silver trowel

States: Imprint of the seal of the United States; American flag, presented by boys of the Junior Republic; copy of Congressional Record showing origin of project; copy of proceedings of Commissions in selecting site, etc.; copy of volume, "History of Capitol," autographs of members of United States Senate, April