ADDRESS BY MRS. BOTTOME

Spoke Twice Yesterday to the King's Daughters.

TWO SESSIONS WERE HELD

Fine Reports Received from the Officers—Appointment of Committees. General Work of the Organization.

Two sessions of the King's Daughters and Sons of Virginia were held yesterday at Centenary Methodist Church in this city. Both were well attended and at both much interest was manifested in the work of the organization.

At the morning session the special feature was the address by Mrs. Margaret Bottome, of New York, president of the International order and its founder. She spoke from a text selected in the 19th verse of the 15th chapter of Joshua. Her address created a great impression on her audience. Many of the Daughters went forward and greeted her cordially when she concluded.

The talk from the International president followed the business meeting, which was opened with devotional exercises led by the Rev. George H. Spooner, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church.

According to a report submitted by Miss Lucy Broaddus, 122 delegates were present at the convention, and there were 95 votes to be cast. Committees were appointed as follows:

Auditing—Miss Anne Boykin, Mrs. George T. King, Miss Nora Willcox. Resolutions—Miss Margaret Whiting, Mrs. Ruby Means, Miss Sheppard. Tellers—Miss Hattie Johnson, Mrs. R. A. Talley, Mrs. Pinner, Mrs. Yates Wilson, Mrs. I. C. Davis.

State Secretary Mrs. C. G. Burton reported an increase of twenty-six circles since she took up the work, there being eighty-one circles now in Virginia. The report was adopted and a rising vote of thanks given.

The recording secretary, Mrs. L. C. McPhail, made an acceptable report, stating there are now 2,085 names on the records, an increase of 300.

Miss Margaret Roper, of Norfolk, the treasurer, made a fine report, and she and Mrs. McPhail received rising votes of thanks.

WELL-ATTENDED SESSION.

The session last night at St. John's was the best attended yet and the exercises very interesting. Rev. R. A. Goodwin, the rector, conducted the devotional exercises. The two hymns sung were: "Onward, Christian Soldiers," and "Jesus Calls Me." Mr. Goodwin spoke briefly, welcoming the Daughters and Sons. The chief feature of the evening was the address by Mrs. Bottome, the international president. The address was regarded as one of the best talks ever heard from Mrs. Bottome by any one present. The general theme was the "Promised Land." It was a place which would be attained by two classes, the faithful and courageous, and by the timid and fearful. The Promised Land was described as that of "milk and honey," which she took to mean of strength and sweetness. Those who wished to enter this land should try to empty themselves of pride, selfishness, and jealousy. The hymn, "How Firm a Foundation," was sung just before adjournment.

The morning session begins to-day at 10 A. M., at Centenary Church. Dr. Russell Cecil will conduct the devotional service. Mrs. Bottome will conduct the Bible reading service. Informal balloting will take place to ascertain the sentiment of the members on officers for the next year. To-night a reception will be tendered the visitors at the Woman's Club. The election of officers occurs to-morrow.

SAYS TALL SYCAMORE WILL BE RETURNED

A prominent Democratic leader, who has just returned from Harrisonburg, expresses the opinion that Hon. George B. Keezell, better known to his political friends here as the "Tall Sycamore of Cub Run," will win his fight next Tuesday for return to the Senate.

"I saw old Barney," he said, "and he was in the fight up to his neck. He was never in better spirits, and all my information was to the effect that he would whip his Republican opponent."

Mr. Keezell is being opposed by Hon. George N. Earman, who was his Republican colleague in the recent Constitutional Convention. They are having a series of joint debates throughout the county, and it is said that the old Democratic war horse is not coming out second best in any of them.

RICHARDSON SAYS HE HOPES TO WIN

Before leaving for his home in Southwest Virginia, Colonel John W. Richardson, Register of the Land Office, said he did not object to "dark horses" in his race for re-election.

"Let them come on," he said. "The more, the merrier. The office belongs to the people, but I have tried to do my duty faithfully. I want it for another term, and shall put up the best fight of which I am capable. I made the fight to keep the place a separate department of the State government because I thought it of so much value to the people. I made that fight alone, and was successful. I am going home to help my Democratic candidates in Smyth, and believe good reports will come from there on Tuesday.

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ROUTINE BUSINESS OF AGRICULTURISTS

The State Board of Agriculture met yesterday in the Library building and transacted a great deal of business of a routine nature. The meeting was the first of the new fiscal year, and there were many matters of importance, which demanded the attention of the board. The body was to have met in Blacksburg, but on account of the sickness of Dr. McBryde, it was decided to meet in Richmond instead, and defer a visit to the Virginia Polytechnic Institute to a more favorable time.

The members present at the meeting yesterday were Messrs. J. H. C. Beverley, Julian M. Ruffin, J. Thomas Goode, J. M. Barker, C. W. Heater and William H. Eggborn.

The Executive Committee examined the accounts of the department, and approved the expenditures, all of which were supported by the necessary vouchers.

Mr. Barker, chairman of the Test Farm Committee, presented a favorable report, setting forth the work being done at that experimental station.

The session, which was an all day one, was full of business, and a great amount of work was done before the body finally adjourned. It was decided to hold the next meeting in Danville on January 20th.

MADISON WARD DEMOCRATS KICK

City Committee Makes Them Exceptions to Principle Established.

Quite a little wrangle seems to be brewing in local politics over the allegation in certain quarters that the City Democratic Committee is proposing to administer different treatment to the several wards in the matter of reapportioning the members of that body, with reference to the new ward lines. Chairman Doherty said yesterday that the body had decided on the policy of allowing all the members just elected to serve out their full terms of two years, notwithstanding the fact that after the new apportionment scheme goes into effect many of them will be thrown into new wards, and the membership will be unequally distributed. No one seems to object to this principle if strictly carried out, but following this statement comes the announcement that the body has determined not to accept the resignation of Mr. Joseph C. Taylor, of Madison Ward, who has removed his residence into Monroe, on the ground that the latter will have less and the former more than its quota of members under the new ward division. The matter was freely discussed around the hotel lobbies last night, and prominent Democrats did not hesitate to say that the proposition was unfair to Madison Ward, and that any rule laid down to govern the matter should be applied with equal force and fairness to all the wards alike. Mr. Taylor is one of the highest young men in the committee, and his friends do not believe he will agree to serve from Monroe Ward, in the face of the rule enunciated as to the entire city. Madison Ward Democrats contend that they are entitled to have Mr. Taylor's successor chosen from among their own ranks, if he has determined to leave the ward, though he is popular to a degree, and they would delight to see him remain as their representative.

TROUBLE IN THE VALLEY

Commission Seeks to Give Better Schedules.

ARE MUCH ENCOURAGED

Members Return and Express Belief that Better Trade Relations Will Be Established Between the Valley Sections and Eastern Va.

The members of the State Corporation Commission returned yesterday by way of Washington from Harrisonburg, Lexington and other points in the Valley, where they have been inspecting the branches of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for several days and gathering information upon which they hope to establish closer trade relations between the Valley and eastern sections of the State. They spent several days in Harrisonburg, and went from there to Lexington. From Lexington they proceeded to Harper's Ferry, thence to Washington, and back here.

"We have, of course, taken no definite steps in the matter as yet," said Judge Crump, speaking for the commission, "but we have been looking closely into the matter, and we have secured information upon which we hope to establish schedules which will be of benefit not only to the people of Richmond and the Valley, but to the railroads as well."

"Present conditions render the two sections of the State far removed from one another, and we are aiming to bring them more closely together."

WHERE THE TROUBLE IS.

It is understood that the members of the commission have Harrisonburg and Staunton especially in view at present, and while they are not saying exactly what they will do, they are confident of their ability to work out proper schedules for both places.

At present the Chesapeake and Ohio passenger train leaving Richmond at 10:10 A. M. makes no connection with the Baltimore and Ohio at Staunton, except that its passengers can take a mixed train for Harrisonburg about 5 P. M., arriving at Harrisonburg about two hours later. The Chesapeake and Ohio train gets into Staunton at 3:38, and a good connection would put passengers into Harrisonburg before 5 o'clock, instead of 7 or later, as at present. The Baltimore and Ohio train leaving Staunton at 5 is a mixed freight, to which is attached a passenger coach. It stops at every cross-roads station, and consumes two hours in making a twenty-six mile run.

HARD TO COME HERE.

The passenger schedule out of Harrisonburg is indifferent. Leaving there at 2:30 P. M. and arriving at Staunton at 3:28, the passengers must wait there until 2 or 3 o'clock the next morning before starting for Richmond.

The morning schedule out of Harrisonburg is bad enough, though not quite so bad as the afternoon. Leaving Harrisonburg at 7:15 A. M. and arriving at Staunton at 8:10, passengers must wait until 10:56 A. M. or 11:21 A. M. for a Richmond train, which is consolidated at Gordonsville and reaches Richmond at 3:50 P. M.

In the matter of freight, the grain raised in the Valley goes principally to Baltimore, where, it is said, the millers give more than the millers of this city have been able to pay. But it is argued that better passenger schedules will bring Valley people here, establish friendly relations with Richmond dealers, cause a demand for better freight tariffs, and encourage local millers to enter into more active competition with rival markets.

FULTON NEWS.

Dr. Guy Reams, of Lynchburg, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Reams, of Nicholson Street.

Mrs. Robert Schoolfield, of Newport News, has returned home after a short stay with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Cavedo.

Mrs. George M. Rogers is quite sick at her residence on Nicholson Street.

Charles Deoppe, Jr., is quite ill at the residence of his father on Fulton Hill.

William McNamara, of Trenton, N. J., who has been the guest of his uncle, John F. Grady, left yesterday for Washington, where he will spend several weeks before returning home.

The Oriental Court of the J. O. U. A. M. will hold a special meeting next Tuesday night at Nelsen's Hall.

Mr. Logan Mann, who has been ill for several weeks at the Virginia Hospital, was removed yesterday to his home in Varina.

Mr. S. P. Waddell has returned from a successful duck hunt in Charles City county.

PIZZINI PROPERTY

Offer of $15,000 Was Not Accepted. Sales this Afternoon.

The William B. Pizzini Company offered for sale yesterday at public auction Nos. 717 and 719 East Grace Street, the latter occupied by Captain Andrew Pizzini. The auctioneers were bid $15,000 for the two houses, but declined to take that sum, and have withdrawn the property from public sale.

Several sales are scheduled for this afternoon. N. W. Bowe, real estate auctioneer, will offer for sale No. 3[illegible] North Twenty-eighth Street, an attractive two-story dwelling. The property will be put up at 5 P. M.

McVeigh and Glinn, real estate agents, will offer at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon Nos. 914 and 914 1-2 St. James Street. One is a frame and the other a brick dwelling.

The William B. Pizzini Company will offer eight lots in the Lisburn District, Henrico county, this afternoon at 4 o'clock.

TO FIGHT FOR THE CONSTITUTION

Attorney-General W. A. Anderson and Mr. Frank W. Christian are in Norfolk looking into the case of Brickhouse vs. certain election judges in Norfolk county. The case is one brought in the United States Court by Captain John S. Wise and James Hayes (colored), involving the validity of the new Constitution. It will be called before Judge Waddill in the District Court at Norfolk next Tuesday or Wednesday, and a day fixed for its trial. Messrs. Anderson and Christian are confident the State will win if the case is ever tried, but they are working industriously so that they may fully understand how best to conduct their battle.

MR. LEO. WHEAT'S FAREWELL CONCERT

Leo Wheat's farewell concert takes place to-day, at 4:30 o'clock, at Manly B. Hamos' store, No. 119 East Broad Street, when Mr. Wheat will play his most choice authors and his own compositions. As this is positively Mr. Wheat's last appearance publicly in our midst this year, those who love real good piano music will do well to attend his concert, especially as he has placed the tickets at 25 cents, which are obtainable at the door.

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STATE OF NEW YORK — SUPERINTENDENT OF INSURANCE — EXCELSIOR

CHIEF EXAMINER ISAAC VANDERPOEL, of the New York Insurance Department, in his report, says in part: "This examination just concluded, has occupied the entire time of the examining force of the Insurance Department since January 2 last, and during this period of nearly nine months every detail of the Company's transactions has been subjected to the closest scrutiny. Every facility was afforded by the Company's officers and the heads of its several departments, to thoroughly accomplish the work, which has been materially expedited by the admirable methods in vogue at the Home Office in the handling of accounts and keeping of books of initial or final entry."

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Receipts and Disbursements

JANUARY 1, 1898, TO JANUARY 1, 1903

The net of ledger assets, December 31, 1897, as found on the previous examination of the Company in 1898, were then shown to be		$236,630,175 78
This sum has since been augmented from the following sources, and these receipts have been examined and verified in detail:		
New premiums	$52,257,884 72	
Renewal premiums	175,031,892 62	
Consideration for annuities	15,085,511 65	
Rents	5,537,361 34	
Interest	59,346,317 26	
Profit on sale or maturity of ledger assets	5,352,304 07	
Other income	797,565 54	
Total receipts from 1897 to 1903		$313,408,837 20
Total		$550,039,012 98
Total disbursements from 1897 to 1903, including claims and dividends paid policy-holders		$199,892,047 15
Balance, being net or ledger assets, December 31, 1902		$350,146,965 83
Non-ledger assets December 31, 1902, audited at		32,680,170 86
		$382,827,136 69
Deduct agents' debit balances, gross		394,455 39
Total admitted assets December 31, 1902		$382,432,681 30

Condition January 1, 1903

ASSETS

United States bonds and other securities	$220,140,306 02
First lien loans on bond and mortgage	81,566,584 60
Loans on bonds and other securities	10,278,000 00
Loans on Company's own policies	14,620,874 79
Real Estate: Company's office buildings in London, Paris, Berlin, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Seattle, Sydney and Mexico, and other real estate	32,833,323 45
Cash in banks and trust companies	15,677,925 78
Accrued interest, net deferred premiums, etc.	7,315,666 66
	$382,432,681 30

LIABILITIES

Policy reserves, etc.	$314,293,458 19
Contingent Guarantee Fund	65,119,223 11
Authorized dividends	3,020,000 00
	$382,432,681 30

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At the Theatres

"The Two Johns" did not carry as much weight with the audience at the Academy last night as one might expect from men of their size. The production was not a heavy one, notwithstanding the number of pounds represented by the weight of the leading characters.

"The Two Johns" at one time enjoyed quite a reputation, though it is hard to understand how it could ever have made a favorable impression, even when presented by clever people. However, clever comedians and a capable company can do wonders, and many a play, entirely lacking in merit, has been made successful by the individual efforts of those who appeared in the cast.

The comedy, as presented yesterday, however, was altogether without a redeeming feature, and proved monotonous to the majority of those who witnessed it. B. C.

In "The Fatal Wedding," which will be at the Academy to-day and to-night, theatre-goers of this city are promised something out of the ordinary run of comedy dramas. The piece, which has just finished a successful run in New York city, proved its drawing powers by playing to crowded houses during its engagement in the metropolis. The plot of "The Fatal Wedding" is entirely different from anything heretofore seen, and serves to introduce a well told story, full of heart interest and pathos, and one that appeals strongly to the feminine portion of the theatre-going public. Yet there is sufficient comedy introduced into the play to keep the audience in a happy frame of mind throughout the performance.

The scenic effects are said to be truly wonderful, depicting reproductions of some of the most famous scenes in and around Gotham. Notably among these are shown a counterfeiter's den, located on the banks of the Hudson River. Another scene shows the famous Palisades at night. In connection with this a great storm effect is produced, making one of the most realistic scenes ever attempted. The famous Grace Church, New York city, is reproduced, as well as several other well known New York landmarks. An unusually strong cast has been secured to present the play.

Amelia Bingham.

Miss Amelia Bingham, who is to present on Monday and Tuesday, with Tuesday matinee, "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson," Clyde Fitch's successful adaptation of Gavault and Berr's "Mme. Flirt," is not only a charming actress, but an artist as well. To-day her name is synonomous with clever society comedy, beautifully mounted and wonderfully well acted. She possesses, in a marked degree, those dainty comedy touches which belong to so few women now behind the footlights. "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" has proved a very successful play, and she will present it in this city with the original company which supported her during the long run the play enjoyed at the Princess Theatre, New York, and with the original production. Miss Bingham will present "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson" at the Academy.

Dixey's New Play.

It is an unusual engagement that is offered at the Academy of Music to-morrow evening and Saturday and Saturday matinee, when Comedian Henry E. Dixey will appear as the star of "Facing the Music," a new compound of fun which has, within the year, won a run of more than two hundred nights in New York city.

Patrons of the theatre hereabouts ten years or so ago will remember Dixey, but it is possible that to many not familiar with the playbills of New York the name may sound unfamiliar. It is just about twelve years ago since Henry E. Dixey, then a young man in his middle twenties, appeared at the Bijou Theatre in Manhattan in "Adonis."

It wasn't until the beginning of the current year that the comedian encountered a play that offered opportunities for his talents. His discovery was "Facing the Music," the piece he is to offere here. This piece was a laughmaker two years in London before Nathan'el Roth, Mr. Dixey's present manager, was able to secure it. Berlin and Australia had also had it for long runs. Its laughter, indeed, had all but encircled the globe, and it remained for Dixey to test its invincibility in this country.

It ran more than 200 nights at the Garrick Theatre in New York, and then only ceased its engagement because of the torrid heat of a hot July, into which month its prolongation had carried it.

Only a Shop Girl.

The play, "Only a Shop Girl," which is being presented at the Bijou Theatre this week, is doing an immense business. The play of last year was popular, and this season it is drawing even larger crowds than a year ago. So great is the demand for seats, Manager McKee has arranged for a special reception matinee Friday, at which time Miss Williams will meet the patrons of the house after the performance.

There will be regular performances every night, with two regular matinees Thursday and Saturday.

"Peck and His Mother-in-Law," bristling with musical numbers and just enough plot to keep interest on the play as it is presented, comes to the Bijou Theatre next week for a stay of one week. The play was here last season, but this year it has been remodelled, new people engaged, new scenery procured, mechanical effects modernized, the chorus enlarged and bettered in every way. Press notices say the play is fast and uproariously funny.

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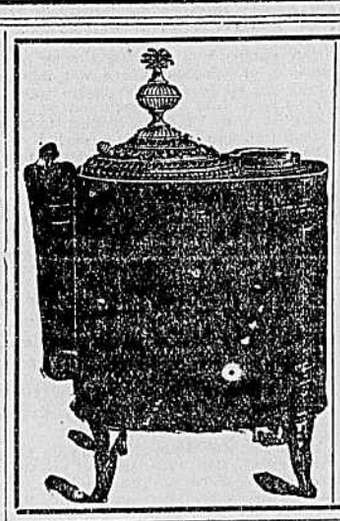

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