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THEIR SILVER MEETING.

Famous Women Gather in Twenty-Fifth Annual Convocation.

Elizabeth Cady Stanton the Oldest Member Present—Her Famous Suffrage Resolution of 1848 Recalled—How Susan B. Anthony First Began.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15, 1893.—Famous women are gathering in Washington to attend the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National American Woman's Suffrage association. The women who were famous at the first memorial convention are still at the head of the movement, though the active work has been placed into younger hands. In those early days the movement met with the ridicule all innovations contend against, and few were found willing to encounter the galling shafts of the American cynic. To-day the membership is in the hundreds, and besides the names of Miss



REV. ANNA SHAW. SUSAN B. ANTHONY

Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Isabella Beecher Hooker and Lucy Stone, must be placed the active list of younger workers, such as Rev. Anna Shaw, Rachel Foster Avery, Lucy E. Anthony, May Wright Sewall, Alice Stone Blackwell and Harriet Taylor Upton. Though this is a quarter century convention, it is by no means proper to infer that the movement in America had its inception twenty-five years ago. It was Mrs. Stanton, still a member, who, in 1848, almost half a century ago, assisted by Lucretia Mott, called the first convention at Seneca Falls. The demand for equal suffrage was as broad then as it is now. In its purpose the movement has never grown. In its elaboration and application it has assumed splendid proportions. The declaration of sentiments enunciated at that first convention recited among other grievances those growing out of the legal disabilities of women, the injustice of taxation without representation, lack of higher educational facilities and finally the resolution: "That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves the sacred right to the elective franchise."

Two years later Susan B. Anthony joined the movement and the Quaker girl of those early days put heart, soul and mind into the movement, and much of the work achieved must be credited to her. Forty years ago women were given no representation in conventions where political or industrial topics were discussed. To-day nearly all the states have some degree of suffrage. New York and Minnesota have given women the power to vote for county superintendents of schools. Illinois gives them a vote on all school elections, including a vote for trustees of the state university; Kansas allows them to vote at all city elections, and Wyoming has given them full recognition, placing them on a level with the male voter. Two of the four territories, Arizona and Oklahoma, have granted women suffrage in school matters. Delaware gives them school and municipal suffrage. Mississippi gives them



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a vote on some minor questions. Arkansas and Missouri allow them a vote on license questions. Kentucky gives suffrage to widows whose children attend schools. Tennessee and Texas give them voting power on minor matters. Most of the states give women the right to vote in business corporations of which they are stockholders, and nearly all give them a voice on questions of local improvements. But the women who are foremost in this convention have given utterance to their sentiments in no weak manner. I take the following from the call issued for this convention, and which breathes the spirit that has controlled them in their long labors: "The mission of the National American Woman's Suffrage association is to awaken public opinion to the necessity of bringing the practice of the United States government into harmony with its professed principles. Professing itself a government of the people, it is actually an oligarchy of men. Professing that the citizens of each state shall be entitled to all privileges and immunities in the several states, this United States government permits the states deliberately to deprive one-half its people—its women—of the only legitimate means of taking part in the government, the use of the ballot. Such glaring inconsistency between profession and practice is to be condemned in the interest of public morality. In laboring to obtain their enfranchisement women work, therefore, not only for themselves, but for the establishment of national honor and the elevation of the whole human race."

The actual work of the convention does not begin until to-morrow. A religious meeting will be held in the convention rooms, Metzgerott hall, this afternoon, at which Rev. Anna H. Shaw is to speak. The honor of being the first vice president at large of the society was conferred upon her at the last meeting. Of her long struggle to be ordained a preacher a few words will be

interesting. In 1873 she was granted a local preacher's license in Massachusetts. This was while she was pursuing her theological studies. Her application to the New England M. E. conference for ordination was refused. The general conference at Cincinnati in 1880 confirmed this action, but on October 12, 1880, the Methodist Protestant church admitted and ordained her. She was the first woman granted that honor. Since then her work has been largely in the temperance and equal suffrage field. Rev. Anna F. Eastman, an ardent equal suffragist, will also preach to-day. Two daily public sessions will be held to-morrow, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and among the speakers will be all the men and women prominent in the movement. The opening address will be by Senator Joseph Caney, of Wyoming, which state always receives special honors at the convention of the society. The annual president's message by Miss Susan B. Anthony will review the work of the association since its inception, and will lay particular stress on the work of women in the world's fair.

Among the speakers will be Hon. Carroll D. Wright, the United States commissioner of labor bureau statistics, who will speak on "Women in Industry;" Miss Carrie Lane Chapman, a young and brilliant orator from the west, will give an address, entitled "Comparisons Are Odious;" Rev. Anna Howard Shaw will speak on "The Attitude of Women Toward Political Parties;" Mrs. Ellen Battelle Dietrick on "The Best Methods of Interesting Women in Suffrage;" Mrs. Lillie Deveraux Blake on "Legal Disabilities;" Mrs. May Wright Sewall, president of the National Council of Women on "Municipal Housekeeping." In addition to these addresses there will be interesting reports read by Mrs. Harriet Taylor Upton on "Congressional Work," Mrs. Clara Bewick Colby on "Federal Suffrage," Mary H. Williams on "Governors' Opinions on Woman Suffrage," Rachel Foster Avery on "Columbian Exposition Work," Miss Laura Clay on "Southern Work," and a number of others. Other speakers invited are Rev. David Gregg, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Lucy Stone, Rev. Anna Garlin Spencer, Hon. William Dudley Foulke, Laura de Force Gordon, Mrs. Bertha Honore Palmer, H. B. Blackwell, Mrs. Ruth D. Havens, Senator



RACHEL F. AVERY. LUCY STONE.

Warren, of Wyoming, and Harriet May Mills. Here is a list of the officers of the association: President, Susan B. Anthony; vice president at large, Rev. Anna Howard Shaw; corresponding secretary, Rachel Foster Avery; reading secretary, Alice Stone Blackwell; treasurer, Harriet Taylor Upton; auditor, William Dudley Foulke. In addition to these are the honorary presidents and all the living ex-presidents of the organization. There are thirty-two auxiliary state associations, and the presidents of all these are expected to report upon the work of the year. At the meetings of the executive committee early this week a legislative programme will be prepared and a determined effort will be made to secure a decided increase in the rights of women from the many legislatures now in session. There is a feeling that New York will finally pass some such strong measure as went successfully through the lower house last year. In Michigan, Minnesota and Iowa the conditions are extremely hopeful, and Kansas, it is believed, is practically certain to adopt a measure as comprehensive as the law now in effect in Wyoming.

Ferocious Wolves in Russia. In many of the southwestern districts of Russia the wolves are this season showing unusual temerity in raiding sheepfolds and attacking not only horses and cattle, but stray wayfarers along the highways and byways traversing or skirting the forests. A few days ago a peasant on foot and a sieve-maker driving a single horse tarantass were towards nightfall approaching the village of Pianje, near Dubno, when they were startled by the chase cry of a wolf pack in their rear. The peasant fled and reached the village in safety. The horse and tarantass, which had been some little distance behind the peasant, dashed into the village a few minutes later, but without their owner. The next morning the poor sieve-maker's bones were found scattered about the spot where he had been attacked and dragged from the vehicle by his ravenous pursuers, whilst the unfortunate man's head was discovered in a dreadfully mutilated condition nearly half a mile away.—Cincinnati Commercial-Gazette.

Helping the Culprit. It often happened that the negro head-servant on the farm was a sterner censor of public morals than his master. Such an Uncle Tom once told his master that a keg of lard had been stolen and named the thief and hiding place. "Don't say a word about it," said the master. Next day he rode into the field where the culprit was plowing, got down from his horse and walked along beside the man. "What's the matter, William?" he asked, after a time. "You can't look me in the face as usual." Then William began to cry and confessed the theft. "Come to-night," said the master, "and I will arrange so that you can put the lard back. Nobody shall know that you took it." So, somewhat to the disapproval of the zealous head-servant, the culprit was shielded from punishment.—Waverly Magazine.

Wise Girl. Hunker—Miss Flypp, will you have oysters or ice-cream? Miss Flypp—Both, please.—Truth.

Something New. He hovered around her, and watched her eyes. And hung on each musical word— And she was aware of his stifled sighs And the throbs of his heart she heard; And though nothing was said between these two, He knew she knew that he knew she knew.—Madeline S. Bridges, in Puck.

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A Sure Sign. Bings—How much do you owe your livery stable keeper? Slacks—Nothing. Why? Bings—Oh! I saw you shaking hands with him and heard you asking after all his family this morning.—Town Topics.

An Outrage. "Well, what is your grievance?" said the warden of the penitentiary to the mutinous convict who had been brought before him. "I have been unjustly humiliated, sir," replied No. 621, his cheek flushing hotly at the recollection. "I'm doing time for embezzling a million dollars, and you've put me in the same cell with a cheap, low-down scrub that's here for counterfeiting nickels!"—Chicago Tribune.

Getting It Down Fine. Friend—Why don't you marry? Goodfello—Can't. "You have a fine house?" "Yes." "And a good income?" "Yes." "Then what's the matter?" "My housekeeper and her servants have formed a union, and if I marry outside of their union they'll strike."—N. Y. Weekly.

Letting His Light Shine. "And now, my friends," shouted the frontier evangelist, "remember that he is no man at all who never has done anything to bring the sunshine into the hearts of his fellowmen." "I guess that don't hit me," commented Alkali Bill. "I've let daylight into more fellows'n I can recollect."—Indianapolis Journal.

Mixed. A Wisconsin school-teacher had among her pupils a little boy named Jakey who was always late in the morning. But one day he managed to get to the schoolhouse before the bell rang, whereupon he said to the teacher: "Well, to-day I am before at last. I always was behind before."—Harper's Young People.

Time to Stop Fooling. Dr. Gruff (to fashionable patient)—It's merely the same old ailment, my dear madam. Mrs. Style—Oh, no, doctor; I really am ill now! Dr. Gruff—H'm! If that really is so I'll have to change the whole course of treatment.—Judge.



Another Wonder. "William Crosscut, of this city, who was ninety years old on his last birthday, has just commenced cutting a new set of teeth."—Brooklyn Life.

Inventive. Small Son—I know what I'll be when I grow up. I'm goin' to be a great inventor. Papa—That's encouraging, certainly. What makes you think you have inventive genius? Small Son—Why, I wanted to take a screw driver, and I couldn't find any screwdriver, and so I unscrewed it out with your razor.—Good News.

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Remark by Some Spiteful Neighbor. "I think you said Widow Tungay's husband preceded her to the better land some forty years." "Yes." "Then she had forty years' gossip to unload on him when she went to meet him. Poor man!"—Chicago Tribune.

Something He Knew About. Teacher (to the class in chemistry)—What does sea water contain besides the sodium chloride that we have mentioned? Bobby Smith—Fish, sir.—Boston Globe.

The Relative Ratio. Gutterby—There are so many ciphers in society these days. Swinton—Possibly; but you know the proportion of ciphers in 400 is as two to one, and figures won't lie.—Detroit Free Press.

A Cheap Meal. "I know a place where you can get a dinner for a quarter." "Really? A good lay out?" "Really, if you give the waiter a half dollar."—Truth.

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