

**NEW ORLEANS-MISSISSIPPI VALLEY SEAMEN'S FRIEND SOCIETY**

**Bethel to Enlarge Home and Work Among Seamen.**

In St. Thomas street, near Jackson avenue, New Orleans, stands the Seamen's Bethel. It has cared for thousands of sailors without ostentation, effectively and with economy. It has done a noble work for 60 or more years, but the increase in the seagoing commerce of New Orleans, bringing an increasing number of seamen to this port, with the promise of still greater numbers makes the enlargement of the Bethel work most imperative. The Board of Directors of the old seamen's friend society realized that plans should be made for an extension of the work, and they decided that this could best be accomplished by a larger organization which has now been completed and is known as the New Orleans and Mississippi Valley Seamen's Friend Society, the management of the Seamen's Bethel being now under the direction of the following Board of Directors:

Officers of the Bethel Auxiliary are: Mrs. William Lamb, president; Mr. James R. Meyers, 1st vice-president; Mrs. A. V. Richards, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Fred C. Kolman, secretary (recording); Mrs. George Turner, cor. secretary; Miss Mary Noyes, treasurer.

But in January a new superintendent, Mr. G. MacDonald James was elected to succeed Mr. Steward. The New Orleans Seamen's Friendly Society has added the Mississippi valley to its name and scope, and dreams of a larger institution to keep pace with the large fleet of the fast expanding port. The new structure is to be built by the entire valley is to supply more space and many more conveniences and facilities, and will furnish meals as well as beds, so that the sailor will not have to go elsewhere for any of the requisites of a real home.

Meantime, the Bethel, still exclusively a New Orleans enterprise, has broadened out in every department and multiplied the benefits it has been bestowing for sixty years. The society and its women's auxiliary have combined for more thorough teamwork, and the board of directors now is composed of fifteen men and ten women. Also the board has been evangelized, so that all the protestant denominations are represented and the representation perpetuated. The Episcopalian, Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Evangelical and Christian denominations are represented by some of their ablest workers.

The Women's Auxiliary, which has about sixty members, is the general house committee. Its subcommittees plan the entertainments which feature every Tuesday night, they visit the seamen sick on ships and in hospitals, and they try to be the devoted mothers and the helpful big sisters of the mariners far from home harbors. They are the real housekeepers of the institution, and have worked wonders with the money, material and space at their disposal.

The dormitories have been expanded to lodge sixty men. This was accomplished by converting a large room upstairs, where religious services were formerly conducted, into a sleeping apartment with as many beds as it could hold. There the half a dozen smaller rooms, furnished in memory of departed friends.

All the rooms are screened and clean, but are graded according to the accommodations offered. Even the best room, with its single bed and several luxuries, costs its occupant but \$3 a week. The general rate is 25 cents a night, or \$1.25 a week.

If the sailor applicant has no money at all, free shelter is found for him, the rule being not to turn anybody away as long as it is possible to rig up a cot somewhere. When the new Bethel is built it is hoped to make it a big hotel, with food as easy to obtain as a bed, so that the sailor will be the city's favored guest. That will help as much as anything to make New Orleans the country's first port instead of the second.

Then entertainments at the Bethel always have been of exceptional class. In Chaplain Witherspoon's day, when his friendly and revering contemporaries were still vigorous, the greatest of warriors, statesmen, and artists willingly responded to his invitation. Jefferson Davis spoke eloquently of the mission of the mariners; Father A. J. Ryan, the poet-priest, read his masterpieces to them. French Opera prima donnas sang for them.

The gatherings are none the less enjoyable but fuller of fellowship.

Men and women with many calls upon their time nevertheless attend the teas and other gatherings and impress the sailors with the fact that

they are very welcome. Church and other circles conduct and provide the talent and refreshments for the night reunions, and encourage the mariners to take part as performers as well as auditors.

The climatic assembly is a feature of the Christmas season, and the aim is to replace as much as possible the home cheer the absence of which at that time is conducive to the feeling of loneliness. On the occasion of the entire valley is heard from, women from all over the South contributing the comfort bags which are such good comrades during the long voyages. When the perpetual interest of the valley materializes it is planned to expand the Bethel's schedule to include every night, with some sort of helpful pleasure always available.

A pool table was erected and has proved so popular that the need for several more has been impressed upon the committee. Shower baths are on the lower floor, with dressing room alongside. There is a model kitchen which could be made to serve enough to operate a restaurant. There is a place for the dunnage of the guests, and other needs are provided for as fast as they become apparent. While gambling is strictly prohibited, the men are permitted to play cards, with whist the favorite game, and chess, checkers and dominoes in high regard.

Sometimes it is the family that writes soliciting the Bethel's good offices in quickening the conscience of a provided remiss. The delinquent is hunted up, and in the majority of instances makes amends for his neglect. The number of savers is large. There are small bank accounts, with accretion rather than depletion the rule. The list is led by a Greek sailor, now in New York, whose local bank balance is \$3300.

Mrs. Fred Kolman, Secretary.

**MRS. LEWIS DIES AT ADVANCED AGE.**

Mrs. Elvira Gertrude Scott Lewis is dead at the age of 82 years. She passed away Monday afternoon at 4:50 o'clock at her home, 3723 Richland avenue. She was the widow of the late Dr. C. L. Lewis. She was a member of the First Presbyterian church and the Rev. James I. Vance, the pastor, will conduct services at the residence Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. The burial will be in Mt. Olivet cemetery and Dr. J. E. Harris, Judge Robert Ewing, W. S. McKittrick, W. R. Cole, Harris Allen, Johnson Bransford, Dr. George H. Price, Duncan McKay, W. Gales Adams, Frank Boensch, D. C. Buell, Dr. Harry S. Vahn, John T. Kercheval will serve as the honorary pallbearers. The active will be Leq Cantrell, Dr. A. W. Harris, D. Weaver, W. W. Crandall, H. E. Frost, Wilbur Crutcher, Tillman Cavert, William Waldron, Claiborne N. Bryan.

Mrs. Lewis was a native of Louisiana. She came to Nashville at the age of 14 years with her mother and became a pupil of the Nashville Female Academy, a widely celebrated school for young women, of which the late Dr. C. D. Elliott was the president. Following her graduation in 1858 she married Dr. Clarence L. Lewis of Nashville.

Many residents of Nashville will sorrow at the passing of Mrs. Lewis, who was a type of the Southern gentlewoman of the fine old school, exquisitely refined and beautiful to the close of her long life. Her relations with her neighbors and others who enjoyed her friendship was never superficial nor transient, but often included the children as well as the parents. Many young persons had their eyes opened to a world of beauty and wonder and high ideals under the influence of this saintly woman, and what she gave in love and service to old and young was returned in their warm affection. Her memory will long be cherished in this community. It would be hard to say how far such an influence as hers might not radiate for good. Young persons drawn to her in admiring devotion, gained under guidance that best of gifts, a sense of wider social values and a power to enlarge their affections beyond the range they might naturally have known.

Mrs. Lewis leaves three sons, Dr. Clarence L., Bernard Scott, and Vernon Moore Lewis, and two daughters, Mrs. Harold D. Motter and Miss Fannie C. Lewis, and her three grandchildren, Gertrude L., Edna K. and Henrietta Lewis, children of Mr. and Mrs. Verner Moore Lewis.—Nashville Banner.

Mrs. Lewis in her childhood days lived at Scotts Bluff, this place being named for her father Dr. Scott. She and Mrs. Cordelia Cheatham of "Oakland" have always been devoted friends, being playmates in childhood.

The Enterprise wants the reports of club women's organizations all over the state.

**ACTIVITIES AND ORGANIZATION OF THE UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC**

When the department of music was started in the fall of 1915 there was only one teacher. This one teacher taught the few small classes in public school music and directed the band, to begin with, and, later, as opportunity afforded, began the work of getting the various organizations together and giving each something to do. The one teacher also taught a few students in voice. During the first year the Glee Club struggled through swaddling clothes. The constitution, now serving as a model for several other state university glee clubs, was worked out very largely by Professor E. B. Doran. The Oratorio Society, composed mostly of people from the choirs of the city churches, gave The Rose Maiden and the Creation.

The next fall the departments of piano and voice were added. These departments have had a steady growth in numbers and excellence until the war, when Miss Katherine McComb took over both the departments until the director returned from war service. When Miss McComb left the University in the fall of 1920 the two departments were again made separate and Miss Leila Opendeweyer returned to her post as teacher of piano, and Mrs. A. M. Schutzman took the work in voice.

The organization of Girls, now called the Semi Chorus, was first called together in 1915. However, the number of girls in the institution then was so small that the project was dropped. It was tried again the next fall and discontinued for the same reason. The next time, the third trial, the organization held together the entire year and made especially successful appearances at commencement time. The war year the Girls' Glee Club, as it was then called, could not get under way, largely because there seemed to be no member of the faculty willing to give time to conduct it. Since the fall of 1919 it has had its present name, and has made satisfactory progress as a good singing organization.

The present officers are: Miss Thelma Golden, president; Miss Eugenia White, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Jessie Chambers, press agent. The girls made an excellent impression in the sacred cantata, Saint Mary Magdalene, at the choir concert at the Saint James Episcopal Church in December.

The present officers of the Glee Club are: W. T. Mott, president; E. C. Daigle, secretary; W. D. Moore, treasurer; Edgar Hull, assistant secretary; and Press Agent, J. F. Waymouth, business manager. These officers, with one other selected from each part, constitute the glee club council, which acts as a governing and stabilizing body. All these officers are elected once a year, and the self governing feature of the club is one of its best.

Each of the organizations for the girls and the boys has a quartet. For the boys the Tiger Quartet has been famous since 1915. The Tigerette Quartet has been going for three years. This group of girls does excellent work, musically better, as a usual rule, than the Tiger Quartet. However the Tiger Quartet is the more popular simply because the male singing organization takes better with the public.

There is one more singing organization, the University Chorus. This one is the youngest, but has so far amply justified its existence. The chorus elected officers for the first time last fall. Mr. A. L. Batten is president; Mrs. J. E. Lombard, secretary-treasurer; and Miss Mildred Morgan is the press agent.

There are now seven teachers who are giving all or part time to the work of the department. They include: Professor H. W. Stopher, director of the department; Miss Leila Opendeweyer, teacher of piano; Mrs. A. M. Schutzman, teacher of voice; Professor E. H. Charlton, teacher of violin and viola; Mr. Hypolite T. Landry, teacher of cornet; Mr. Rudolph M. Levy, teacher of clarinet and saxophone; and Professor D. H. Piller, teacher of cello, bassoon, and oboe.

The Baton Rouge Philharmonic Orchestra depends very largely upon the university for its existence. Not only is the director of the department of music the conductor of the orchestra and the teacher of violin and viola the leader of his section, but four of the first violin section and three each in the second violin and viola sections are pupils of the concert master.

Altogether, the outlook for the continued growth of the department is very bright. At present the department of voice is practically full to the limit, but each of the other instructors could take more pupils.

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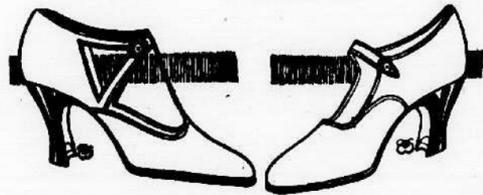
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