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March 8, 1897.

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A Prosperous Year.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church and Society was held on Tuesday evening in the church parlors with over 100 members present, the attendance being unusually large. Morris Osburn, chairman of the board of trustees, presided, calling the meeting to order promptly at 7:30. Rev. W. S. Ament invoked the divine blessing upon the meeting. G. L. Taylor read the minutes of the last annual meeting and presented his annual report as clerk of the society, which showed expenditures for the year amounting to \$3,713.36, of which \$898.33 applied on the church indebtedness, the balance being for current expenses and improvements. The report of the collector, read by Miss Zimmerman, showed \$2,971.26 received in the regular weekly offerings and from special subscriptions. Treasurer Southard reported that he had received during the year the sum of \$3,052.33 and had paid orders to the amount of \$3,004.65, leaving a balance on hand of \$47.68. E. H. Gould, treasurer of the church building fund, reported that he had paid to the trustees during the year \$478.95, received from the building pledges, and that he had on hand \$11.00. The Young Ladies' Social Union reported receipts during the year of \$340.30, expenditures \$145.83, leaving \$194.47 on hand. The Woman's Social Union received during the year \$327.39 and expended \$38.80, balance on hand \$288.59. This amount together with the \$194.47 of the Young Ladies' Social Union is to be applied on the church indebtedness Dec. 1st. These reports were exceedingly gratifying to the members of the society, showing as they do that all its affairs are in fine shape and that the finances are yearly getting upon a better footing. The estimate for the coming year call for an expenditure of \$3,048.

Chairman Osburn in a neat speech congratulated the society upon the showing made and urged still harder work for the coming year upon the part of all—promising a still better showing at the next annual meeting.

The election of officers resulted in the reelection for a term of three years each of trustees C. W. Gale, H. C. Frieske and C. D. Stewart; M. W. Southard, treasurer; N. M. Osborne, Jay Matteson, John Rhoads, and E. P. Vandewater, ushers. A committee consisting of Mrs. L. E. Gould, G. L. Taylor and Rev. J. C. Cromer was appointed to draft resolutions upon the death of J. W. Zimmerman, the faithful collector of the society for so many years.

After transacting other business, including the adoption of a resolution thanking the trustees and the Social Unions for the work of the year, the meeting adjourned to the rooms below to partake of an oyster supper, furnished by the trustees and elegantly served by the ladies of the church. This part of the program and the social hour which followed brought to a successful and pleasing close the best annual meeting the society ever held.

The annual meeting of the First Congregational church was held last evening with a good attendance of the members. The report of the clerk (for ten months, the church year being shortened by the change of date for holding this meeting,) showed that during the year 37 members had been added to the church roll, 19 by profession of faith and 18 by letter; 10 members were dismissed by letter and four removed by death. The report of the prudential committee summarized the spiritual work of the church in an excellent manner and gave the members much encouragement for the work of the coming year. A tender tribute was also paid to the life and work of deacon J. W. Zimmerman. The report of Mrs. M. L. Stewart, treasurer, showed receipts during the year of \$180.57, expenditures \$170.60. The average attendance at the Sunday school, as shown by Secretary Lovett's report, was 166, average collection \$1.62. The Christian Endeavor Society reported 27 active and 15 associate members, with an average attendance at the meetings of 58; receipts of the year \$86.04. The Junior Christian Endeavor Society reported a membership of 30. This report was one of the best of the evening. The Missionary Union raised during the year \$109.73, besides sending a box of goods valued at \$59.00 to a missionary in the northern part of the state.

The report of the committee appointed to draft by-laws for the church was presented, and with some slight alteration, accepted. It is expected that the same will be put into manual form for the use of the members.

C. D. Stewart and P. P. Bewick were chosen as delegates to the meeting of the Genesee Association, and the latter to the church council called by the St. Johns church for the installation of its new pastor. The elections resulted as follows: Deacons, for three years, Rev. W. S. Ament, E. O. Dewey, G. T. Campbell; for two years, F. H. Gould; for one year, M. N. Osborne; deaconess, Mrs. T. M. Wiley; clerk, Mrs. C. McCormick; treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Stewart; superintendent Sunday school, E. O. Dewey; music committee, A. M. Bentley, E. O. Dewey, Mrs. M. N. Osborne.

Vernon Argus—Charles Munger exhibited seventy coops of fowls at the Clinton county fair at St. Johns last week on which he received thirty-five first, and 18 second premiums in competition with a large exhibit. Mr. Munger has a fine lot of fowls, which are well bred, as this must prove.

University Extension.

Mt. Carroll, Ill.: Mr. Sparks made an excellent impression and his lectures are warmly commended.

Pt. Madison, Ia.: In the treatment of the subject, Mr. Sparks pleased his hearers without exception, and to such a degree that they were enthusiastic regarding Mr. Sparks himself; and the public are particularly desirous that he may be heard here next winter on the same subject.

Death of A. D. Sutton.

The death of A. D. Sutton, who resided at the corner of Pine and Elizabeth Sts., occurred Wednesday morning. He had been in poor health for several months, suffering lately from heart trouble which caused his death. His wife had been absent from his room but a few moments and when she returned he was dead. Mr. Sutton was born in Putney, Stubaen county, N. Y., Oct. 10th 1833. He had resided in Owosso about 13 years. Beside his wife, a son, Roe, of New York, and two daughters, Mrs. James Post, of Owosso township, and Miss May, who lives at home, survive him. The funeral will be held at the home at 2:30 Sunday. Rev. J. Sweet officiating.

A Quiet Wedding

There occurred Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Hurrell, 712 N. Park street, the quiet wedding of Anna E. Hurrell and E. W. Bihlmer. Owing to illness in the family none but the immediate relatives were present. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. L. Farnum, of Flint, who has been an intimate friend of the family for many years.

Miss Hurrell is well known in Owosso, having been connected with our city schools as principal of the Emerson. Her executive ability combined with a love for her work, made her a teacher of rare excellence.

Mr. Bihlmer has many friends in Owosso and vicinity, and is a highly respected business man.

It is with pleasure that we learn that Mr. and Mrs. Bihlmer are to remain with us. They will be at home to their friends after October 15, at their country residence just south of the city.

Happily Wedded.

The marriage of Wm. W. Dennis, of Ovid, and Miss Minnie E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Faxon, occurred Monday noon at the home of the bride's parents, 302 W. King street, Rev. John Sweet officiating. The wedding was a quiet one, only the immediate relatives and friends being present. The house was beautifully trimmed with cut flowers, pinks, roses, nasturtiums, etc., the fire place, in front of which the couple stood while the ceremony was performed, being banked high with them. Taken all together the wedding was a very pretty one. A wedding dinner was served at 11 o'clock. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dennis are very favorably known and highly respected in the community. Mr. Dennis, while living in Ovid, has been in the city frequently, having considerable real estate here. Mrs. Dennis is a graduate of the musical department of Albion College, has been prominent in musical, church and social work in the city and is very highly esteemed for her many excellent qualities. They left on the 1:10 train for Chicago and other points in Illinois to be gone several days, after which they will return to Ovid to reside.

THE TIMES extends to Mr. and Mrs. Dennis its heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

Regret His Departure.

Rev. C. V. Northrop and wife arrived in the city Saturday and were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. C. Mahaney until the parsonage was ready for occupancy. On Sunday Mr. Northrop entered upon his work as pastor of the Baptist church, being greeted by large congregations both morning and evening. Those present were impressed by his earnestness and deep spiritual desires.

The church at Wooster, Ohio, parted with his services with great regret. Of him the Daily Republican says: Rev. Carey V. Northrop closed his ministry in Wooster last Sabbath, preaching to large audiences both morning and evening at the Baptist church. Of the many excellent pastors who have gone out of this church in the more than three-quarters of a century of its existence, none more faithfully and acceptably gave himself to the leadership, ministry and preaching so beautifully blended in the office of pastor. Mr. Northrop's removal to another field of labor is a sad loss to his church and a sad loss to his congregation, and is sincerely regretted by the various churches, fraternities and military posts. Many remained at the close of both services to say farewell to the consecrated gospel preacher and his family." The article also refers to Given Post No. 133 G. A. R., which, by a committee specially appointed, conveyed the good wish of the post, "and to assure him that the kindness he has shown the old soldiers during his pastorate in the Bethany Baptist church will always be remembered with gratitude."

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Burton.

Preaching Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the M. P. church by Rev. S. S. Fleming—Mrs. J. Selby returned to her home in Eiba, Lapeer county, Saturday of last week—Miss Ada Schoot, of Owosso, was in town Friday of last week calling on friends—Mrs. W. M. Giles and daughter, Miss Lena, were the guests of Mrs. G. Gibson, of this place, one day last week—There will be a chicken pie social Wednesday evening, Oct. 13, at the residence of E. W. Mason, under the auspices of the Y. P. S. C. E. All are cordially invited—The aid society and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, of the M. P. church, were entertained at the home of Mrs. Minerva Mason, Tuesday. Three new names were added to the roll—Mrs. J. Potter was the guest of Mrs. Jennie Taylor, of Ovid, the first of the week—Mr. and Mrs. N. Pierce, of Eisele, were in town Sunday and called on Mrs. Alice Scott.

Lansburg.

Mrs. A. G. Blood is very sick with malarial fever—Dr. C. M. Freeman has sold out to Dr. Wade—Wm. Lee went to Charlotte on Tuesday to be absent a few days for medical treatment—Eli Cooper shipped a load of poultry to New York city Monday evening—The commissioners on claims and accounts against the Lorida Pulver estate held their last meeting at the office of G. W. Swarthout on the 6th inst.—Charles Ballard's two-year-old child was buried on Tuesday—Several of our townsmen took in the excursion over the M. C. Ry. to Chicago, Friday—The free silver people plied at Round lake, Friday. Like October weather they are gradually cooling off a little. Some of them who have been struggling along under the new administration begin to like it better than they thought they ever could. Poor deluded il-liveries, may they soon get their eyes fully open and bid an eternal farewell to their past delusions. May the Lord have mercy on them—When President Lee called the council meeting to order last Monday evening only councilmen Lawler and Scoutten were present, and the four opposition members of the board failed to show up—After waiting an hour the council adjourned. The men who had bills for labor the past month of course received no orders for pay, and feel as though they have not been well used and must suffer much inconvenience to satisfy a little spite of the absentees. McClintock was not nominated for marshal this time, but he is marshal yet and probably will be for at least another month—The hunters are cleaning up their guns in preparation for the annual trip north next month. About twenty men will go from Lansburg.

Vernon.

Mrs. H. Pinney visited in Detroit this week—The funeral of Mr. Frank Bradley was held at the Congregational church Monday afternoon—Miss Eva Nobles is visiting her brother at St. Johns—Charlie and Miss Gertrude Eaton, of Ovid, spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. G. Goff—Miss Edith DeHart enjoyed a visit from her cousin, of Swartz Creek, this week—Miss Franc Holmes has gone to live with her sister, Mrs. E. Crane, in Detroit—Miss Nellie Buyea, of Bancroft, spent Sunday with Miss Della Marks, of this place—F. Tilden is entertaining company this week—B. F. Chadwick's little daughter, Eleanor, has been very sick, but is now gaining—Mrs. Julia Palmer is repairing her house—Rev. Emerick has moved into the house owned by Mrs. Nellie Garrison. He will work as an evangelist this year—Guy Davids and wife have gone to St. Louis. Mr. Davids has the job of building a house near there—Mr. Floyd and Miss Mable Halliday, of Flushing, visited friends here Friday and Saturday—The North Vernon Farmers' Club will be entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wright on Wednesday—Mrs. Libbie Graves spent Sunday at Morrice—J. Armstrong has had new siding put on his house—Mildred Holmes and Ruth DeHart visited Mrs. S. Whitcomb, in Durand, Saturday—The South Vernon Farmers' Club met with Mr. and Mrs. Aden Harrington on Thursday—Mrs. Grant Reed went to Fenton the first of the week—George Goff is home from the western states, where he has been selling fruit trees—Walter Corp has work in Owosso and will move his family there this week—The postoffice was moved on Monday evening from C. P. Weeden's store to F. Westcott's—New coal stoves have been put in the high and grammar schools this week—Oscar Reynolds, of Byron, was home a few days this week—Clarence Holly, of Bell Branch, is visiting at G. Clark's—H. Martin was in Corunna, Wednesday—Henry Clark and wife are away on a visit.

TWO GOOD THINGS.

"77" For Grip and Colds. "77" is Dr. Humphrey's famous Specific for the cure of grip and colds. It is more widely used and more highly spoken of than any medicine of the present day. Those who habitually carry and take "77", never suffer from colds. It is the greatest preventative and cure that has ever been known.

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Musical Entertainment.

A musical for the winning side of the C. E. of the Church of Christ will be given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Colby, corner Olliver and Hickory streets, Tuesday evening, Oct. 13. Tickets 10 cents.

PROGRAMME.

- Instrumental music.....Miss Abbie Conant
- Duet.....Masters Harry and Frank Allen
- Recitation.....Miss Maggie Gray
- Solo.....Mrs. McKenzie
- Reading.....Miss Nora Brewer
- Solo.....J. B. McIntosh
- Recitation.....Miss Maud Gates
- Duet.....Mrs. McKenzie and Miss Minnie Sullivan
- Selection on mandolin.....Miss Maud Gates
- Recitation.....Mrs. J. Bert Sullivan
- Solo.....Miss Daisy Fish
- Duet.....Mrs. F. F. Hoyer and Miss Mitchell

Shiawassee Battalion.

The following is the program for the meeting of the Shiawassee County Battalion to be held at Corunna, Wednesday, Oct. 13. Business Meeting at 11 a. m. Dinner by W. R. G. 12 o'clock at G. A. R. hall. Parade will form at one p. m. and march to the Court House. Music, "America," Male Quartette Opening Services by Captain Henry King. Address of Welcome by Mayor Marshall. Response by Col. E. H. Pulver. Music, "America," Male Quartette Recitation.....Miss Lena Parker Speech.....Com. C. C. Duff Recitation.....Miss Lena Parker Drum Solo, Representation of the Battle of Stone River.....Com. Decker Instrumental Music, Harmonic and Guitar combination by Com. Decker, son and daughter. Remarks by Comrades Crane, Cooper, Clark, Moyes, and others. Music.....Male Quartette Benediction.....Com. Rev. Jas. Fisher

Sunday School Rally.

The quarterly meeting of the Sunday School Superintendents' and Teachers' Union, will be held in the First M. E. church, Tuesday evening, Oct. 13. The following program will begin at 7:30 sharp: Music.....Congregation Devotional Exercises.....Rev. Hanson Music.....Roy Knapp Business.....G. D. McIntosh Sunday School Rally.....M. L. Parker "Rally of Teachers to Renewed Consecration and More Efficient Work," M. L. Parker Rally of Officers to their Respective Duties, G. T. Campbell. "Rally Back to Sunday School Those Who Have Lost Interest and Dropped Out," Miss Mamie Shanafelt. "Rally Effort to Reach Those Outside the Sunday Schools," Rev. L. W. Sayre. Music.....Roy Knapp Discussion.....Congregation Music.....Congregation

Labor Day Finances.

The auditing committee of the labor day celebration after going over the bills carefully, approved the following financial statement.

RECEIPTS.	
From City.....	\$300 00
From subscription list collected in full except \$3.00.....	516 75
Total.....	\$816 75
EXPENSES.	
Printing and advertising.....	\$ 90 00
Music.....	267 35
Water battle.....	37 50
Sports and games.....	79 05
Balloons ascension.....	40 00
Decorations and grand stands.....	90 00
Sundries.....	88 70
Returned to city.....	66 78
Total.....	\$716 75
F. W. SMITH, Treasurer.	G. L. TAYLOR, Financial Sec'y.

Catarrh and Malaria.

People who are or have been afflicted by malaria. The explanation is this: Malaria is a germ disease. Germs find their way into the blood through the mucous membranes. If the mucous membranes are healthy the germs can not enter the blood. This is why some people do not get malaria. But if the blood membranes are afflicted by catarrh, even slightly, the malaria germs find easy access into the blood.

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