

MRS. METZGAR IS BETHANY HEAD

Succeeds Mrs. W. C. Bennett, President of Home for 10 Years.

DIRECTORS ARE NAMED

Reports From Various Phases of Work Show Prosperous Condition of Affairs.

The friends of Bethany home met last night at the New Harper and listened to the reports of the last month's work, and then took up reports of the work for the whole past year: elected directors and officers, and discussed matters of general interest to the cause.

The president, Mrs. W. C. Bennett rounded out a full 10 years at the head of the institution, its most prosperous and useful years. It is due to her rare qualities of leadership that Bethany home holds the place it does in the estimation of the general public. A year ago she served notice that with the close of her tenth year she would withdraw from the office of the presidency, and so last night she gave a beautiful report of her work; warned the board of the danger of over confidence when all seems to be running successfully, and requested that she be not again reelected, a request which was regretfully observed by the board, for Mrs. Bennett has continued to the last to be a leader, looking after every phase of the work. She continues however, to be a member of the board and while the weight of the responsibility will be off her shoulders she will still labor faithfully with her devoted associates.

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

The following were elected to three year terms as directors: Mesdames A. Mosenfelder, M. L. Henderson, G. A. Stephens, E. F. Bartholomew, C. R. Metzgar, Fred Kann and Messrs. C. E. White, Thomas Campbell, J. H. Hauberg and L. O. Jahns. Mrs. K. T. Anderson was elected for two years to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Mary L. Sudlow and, Mrs. L. M. Copp was elected to a one year term to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. W. H. Gest.

After the adjournment of the association the board had a meeting and elected officers as follows:

- President, Mrs. M. R. Metzgar of Moline.
- First Vice President, Mrs. K. T. Anderson, Rock Island.
- Second Vice President, George W. Gamble, Moline.
- Secretary, John H. Hauberg, Rock Island.

Treasurer, Mrs. George H. Huntington, Moline. Attorney, George C. Wenger, Rock Island. DIVISIONS OF WORK PROSPEROUS. The attendance was not what it would have been without the snow storm, but more than a quorum of ladies and gentlemen were at hand, and the showing made by every branch of the work more than made up for any lack of numbers. For example: The house committee has above \$500 in the bank; the Bethany Home Sewing society reports \$107.11 on hand; the educational committee has \$55.77; the treasurer reported disbursements of \$5,474.06, and receipts of \$8,089.93 for the year 1912. In a certain sense, however, the financial success is the least of it all; the fact that 54 homeless children were taken in and given a chance to live, to grow, to study, to lay the foundation for future usefulness under such auspices as Bethany home affords, is really the thing which makes every worker proud of the part he or she has had in the work.

SOURCES OF AID MANY.

No figures can be given, but it would be interesting to know how many different persons of this county contribute to this charity. The annual steamboat excursion, the annual tag day, the music-drama "Abasuerus," the coffee and other functions of the standing committees, the Thanksgiving offerings of the public school children, the contributions of the big-hearted men of the fraternal societies and the through-the-year donations of food, clothing and other necessities of individuals—all these together are the bone and sinew of the life of the institution and the taking away of any one of them would mean that the board of directors would of necessity have to make up the deficiency from other sources. A more detailed account of the work will be found in the year-book of the institution where all reports are given verbatim.

The distribution of relief given by the home is shown by the following extract from the matron's annual report:

Children received from the following places: Moline, 24; Rock Island, 20; Coal Valley, 4; Cordova, 2; Carbon Cliff, 1, and Taylor Ridge, 2. Twenty-six were placed in homes during the year, 35 were returned to their parents, 37 are at the home at present. There were but three cases of sickness last year and these were looked after by Drs. Bradford and Comery. Dr. Ostrom treated the eyes of several of the children, while Dr. L. G. Albright did dental work which was very much appreciated, all these professional men giving their services without cost to anyone but themselves.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They do the work whenever you require their aid. These tablets change weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, gloominess into joyousness. Their action is so gentle one doesn't realize they have taken a purgative. Sold by all druggists.—(Adv.)

ANNUAL REPORT IS OFF THE PRESSES

The annual report of Major Charles Keller, corps of engineers, U. S. A., in charge of the rivers and harbors in the Rock Island district of the Mississippi river has made its appearance from the government printing office at Washington. It is in the form of a booklet which contains 48 pages of information regarding the enormous amount of work done on various improvements throughout the district. Everything is told in detail so that it covers everything done by Major Keller's engineers, working crews and boats during the entire year.

City Chat

(Advertisements)

Fiebig sharpens skates. Buy a home of Reidy Bros. Fire insurance. Dolly Bros. For express, call William Trefz. Tri-City Towel Supply company. Have your skates sharpened at Fiebig's, 1619 Third avenue. Kerler Rug company for vacuum cleaning and rug-making. We repair all makes of graphophones, Charles Fiebig, 1619 Third avenue. Our B. B. serge at \$33 is the best value ever offered. J. B. Zimmer's Sons.

Flash lights and electrical novelties. Charles Fiebig, 1619 Third avenue.

Six per cent farm mortgages. Litten & Roberts, People's National bank building.

Remember that Ralph Stanton has everything to make your friends, who smoke, happy.

Don't forget the Regulars' big dance at Industrial hall, Wednesday night, Jan. 8.

Coal, coal, coal. The Rock Island Fuel company will deliver to you all the best grades of hard and soft coal.

Sewing machines repaired and warranted for one year. Supplies for all machines. Fiebig, locksmith, 1619 Third avenue.

Ward & McMahon will give you estimates on your plumbing, steam and hot water heating that will save you money.

Dunsmore & O'Connell smoke house and billiard parlors, corner of Twelfth street and Fourth avenue. Every brand of good cigars and all kinds of smokers' supplies.

Mueller Lumber company will enable you to build a fine house or barn out of the choicest select lumber and you will be surprised and yet pleased to learn the low prices they are making.

Souders Laundering company at 501 503 Twelfth street. This laundry is equipped with the very latest modern machinery, turning out work that is not surpassed by any laundry in the state.

Kain & Reinhardt cigar store still takes the lead. Most liberally patronized. Everything in tobacco, cigars and smokers' supplies. Man is never better satisfied than when smoking their choice brands.

T. S. O'Hara, flour and feed store, is having a big trade on stock and poultry food. Dr. Hess' stock food for horses, cattle, hogs, sheep and all kind of poultry. It makes the hens lay every day.

The Rock Island Lumber and Manufacturing company, lumber and building material for all purposes, houses, barns, granaries. We will give you an opportunity to save a big per cent. Let us be of service to you.

Math's bakery and confectionery store, the finest in the city. Bread, cakes, pies, cookies and hot rolls. They can't be beat. Most people say they are superior to any home baking. Let them serve you.

We are the leaders for up-to-date laundry work. Each shirt finished by hand and put up in a carton, insuring work. Delivered to you in good condition. We guarantee no cracked collars or cuffs. City Steam Laundry, Reid & Bollman, 417 seventeenth street.

E. E. Lamp, plumbing, steam and hot water heating, gas fitting. His efficient knowledge of the business justly entitles him to your patronage. His shop has all modern equipments. Everything in plumbing supplies.

M. R. Iglehart, marble and granite works, save you the middleman's profit. From 15 to 25 per cent saved on every monument and all kinds of monumental work. Call at our shop on Second avenue and see for yourself.

Improving sight, that's what our glasses are doing. If you have reason to believe that there is anything wrong with your eyes at all, you should have them examined by Fred Bleuer, expert optician, Second avenue near Seventeenth street.

Johnson's Wood Dye is not a mere stain—not simply a surface dressing. It is a real, deep-seated dye, that goes to the very heart of the wood—and stays there—fixing a rich and permanent color. Johnson's Wood Dye is made in 14 standard shades. For sale by Lerch & Greve, 2002-2004 Fourth avenue.

How to Take Pills. Take Blackburn's CascaRoyal-Pills that never gripe nor sicken. One each night as a laxative. Two or three as a cathartic. After a few weeks' use the trouble is usually corrected. Try a 10-cent package just once and you'll want no other—they are so prompt and pleasant.—(Advertisement.)

All the news all the time—The Argus.

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\$2.50 GOLD PIECES GIVEN AWAY

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Come in and let us explain to you how we do it. We have had many inquiries for these valuable little gold coins of \$2.50 denominations, but which have been withdrawn from general circulation and on account of which an added value as a souvenir is now placed upon them and to give all an opportunity to possess one of these we have taken up the matter with our local bank, who on our behalf has secured for us a number of these valuable little coins, which we intend to give away.

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Sold on easy payments, \$1 a week.

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Nine Die From Meningitis.

Cairo, Ill., Jan. 7.—Nine deaths from cerebro spinal meningitis is the toll at Gale and East Cape Girardeau, this county, and others are hourly expected. The epidemic broke out within the last 48 hours.

Harrisburg, Pa.—Margaretta Jane Brown's kindness four years ago in helping an old peddler onto a trolley car here has won her a reward of \$3,000. A check for this amount came from Valentine R. Cortas and was mailed from California.

At High School

The high school second team basketball team will play a curtain raiser at Davenport Friday night, previous to the Rock Island-Davenport varsity contest. The first game will start at 7:30 and the big contest begins at 8:15. Nelson A. Kellog, director of athletics at the University of Iowa will referee the chief game. About 16 basketball players will go from the local high school for the contests.

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The M. & K. Reducing Pencil in the Shoe Dept.

M. & K. shoes look right, feel right and wear right; they're high quality footwear—hundreds of people found this out. Our shoes are worth every penny we ask for them in regular season. They're wonderful values now.

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