

Woman's Education Society.

As you have doubtless noticed by report in the HERALD, the Kalamazoo Ladies' Hall Association gives place to the Woman's Education Society. The following in brief is a report of the late meeting with the conclusions reached:

THE ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Kalamazoo Ladies' Hall Association in connection with the State Convention at Kalamazoo, the advisability of permanent organization of a Woman's Education Society was recommended and freely discussed. Some of the arguments presented in favor of such organization were:

(1.) It is the duty of young men and women, to make the most of their gifts by the development of their physical and mental powers. Such a society will be helpful to this end.

(2.) We have a college at Kalamazoo founded to fulfill this purpose. Large numbers of young men and women who most need the benefits offered, are deprived of them for lack of means. This society could give financial encouragement to those so circumstanced.

(3.) While the institution has an honored record in the past the demand of the times is for more and better work in the future. To do this successfully two things are necessary: increased endowment in money and increased endowment in students. Organization will do much to effect

these results. Let there be a large enrollment in the college of young men and women representing the various cities, towns and neighborhoods in Michigan, and money will be forth-coming to fully equip it.

The interests and activities of women pertain to the home. They are talked about in the family; the young people become interested in societies and measures which are on the mother's heart. Let Kalamazoo college and higher education be a theme of conversation in the home, in social gatherings and in the church, and tens of young men and women will avail themselves of college advantages where now is one or none.

OBJECTIONS.

There was opposition to the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies, much more will there be to this.

Yes, there are those who will use the same arguments to oppose this movement that they used to oppose missionary organization. The success of the latter is an unanswerable argument in favor of the former.

We have too many societies already, another will conflict with and decrease the revenues of those already in the field.

Not so. The youngest child does not rob older members of the family, but strengthens the ties of affection and increases the happiness and usefulness of all. Our treasuries are not depleted because of our poverty, but because we have not the hearty interest and co-operation of the rank and file. Fear not to multiply agencies and activities; fear only failure to come up to the measure of responsibility.

Miss Sawtelle, lady principal of the college, emphasized the importance of such an organization and the following constitution was adopted:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE 1.—This organization shall be called The Woman's Education Society of Michigan.

ART. 2.—Its object shall be to promote the cause of Christian Education, co-operating with the board of Trustees of Kalamazoo college; to seek out young men and women of promise in our churches and encourage them to pursue a course of collegiate study; to raise money to aid worthy young men and women who are hindered in their educational pursuits for lack of means; to purchase or manufacture articles needed in Kalamazoo Ladies' Hall; in short to have willing hearts, ready hands, and open purse in educational enterprises suggested by the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo college and the Executive committee of this society.

ART. 3.—Its membership shall consist of annual life members, and delegates from auxiliary societies. The payment of ten dollars into the treasury of this society shall constitute a life member, who shall be entitled to privileges of the floor and to vote at any public meeting. Any annual contribution shall constitute an annual member.

ART. 4.—Its officers shall be a president, two vice-presidents, a secretary, a treasurer, an auditor and an associational superintendent for each Baptist association in the state, who shall be elected annually and shall perform the duties usually incumbent upon such officers. •

ART. 5.—The annual meeting shall be held at the time and place designated by the Executive committee.

ART. 6.—The Executive committee shall consist of the board of officers, and life members elected by said board, and shall convene at the call of the president for the transaction of business during the interval of public meetings; five members shall constitute a quorum.

ART. 7.—This constitution may be amended by a majority vote at any annual meeting.

The officers elected were:

President—Mrs. Caleb VanHusan, Detroit.

Vice-Presidents—Mrs. H. G. Colman, Kalamazoo, Mrs. H. B. Taft, Paw Paw.

Secretary—Mary A. Sawtelle, Kalamazoo.
Treasurer—Helen H. Colman, Kalamazoo.
Auditor—Mrs. Samuel Brooks, Kalamazoo.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ART. 1.—This society shall be called the Woman's Education Society of the Baptist church.

ART. 2.—Its object shall be by contributions of money, annual membership fees, and in public and private ways to promote the cause of Christian Education in Michigan.

ART. 3.—Any person may become a member of this organization by vote of the society and contribution to its treasury.

ART. 4.—Its officers shall be a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer, a committee on programme of meetings, and solicitors of membership.

ART. 5.—This constitution may be amended by majority vote at any regular meeting.

The associational superintendents already serving were in the main re-appointed.

It was voted that all business transactions, pledges, etc., made to the Ladies Hall Association be transferred to the society under its new name: "Woman's Education Society of Michigan."

It was suggested that for this year, churches be allowed to elect a life member for every \$10 contributed.