

# A SUCCESSFUL CONVENTION

## ONTARIO COUNTY WOMAN SUFFRAGE ASSOCIATION ELECTS NEW OFFICERS AND HEARS PLEASING ADDRESSES.

The afternoon session of the sixth annual convention of the Ontario County Woman Suffrage Association at Phelps yesterday was more largely attended than the morning session and many from this city went over on the afternoon train. About 2 o'clock the program was opened with the election of officers, which resulted as follows: President, Mrs. Alfred G. Lewis of this city; vice-president, Miss Alice Ashley of Honeoye; secretary, Mrs. R. H. Robinson of this city; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Lucretia Holbrook of Phelps; treasurer, Dr. F. A. Greene of this city; auditors, Mrs. R. M. Ashley of Honeoye, H. A. Wheat of Geneva and Miss Mary Coolidge of Clifton Springs.

M. T. O'Brien, president of the village of Phelps and Mrs. Bussey, president of the Phelps Political Equality Club, extended hearty greetings to the delegates and Miss Alice Ashley, who was presiding, responded with brief

jections have been advanced, but are now removed. The first objection raised was that of the lack of general intelligence, but Prof. Schmidt said that today in our schools and colleges there are just as many women as there are men, hence this objection is without foundation today, but in years past it was true, for it couldn't be otherwise when women were kept in subjection and were not given the opportunity to gain an education.

The second objection was that of their physical weakness, in that they could not fight as the men fight. This claim may be just because woman wasn't intended to perform the functions of men, but in the western life in the United States it has been demonstrated that women are just as capable of protecting themselves as the men, he said, and that because a woman can't fight in battle is no sign that she should have absolutely nothing to do with schools or taxes, etc.

Another objection raised was that of woman's economic dependence. Prof. Schmidt said that the women of today are not economically dependent, but rather economically independent, and again that it is only adding insult to injury to tell the women that they have no political training or experience when they have always been kept disfranchised. As to the moral fitness of women to vote Prof. Schmidt said he was not capable of judging for there all kinds of women in the world, but there are some virtues in which men excel, and some virtues in which women excel and if these virtues can be made available through the ballot, the standard of manly and womanly virtues in society will be far

delegates and Miss Alice Ashley, who was presiding, responded with brief and appropriate remarks. Two-minute messages from fraternal delegations were given by Mrs. Wileox of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church; Mrs. J. C. Gifford of the Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist church; Mrs. A. J. Wright of the W. C. T. U.; Mrs. E. S. Warner of the Tuesday Literary Club; Mrs. F. A. Salisbury and G. W. Salisbury of the Grange, and Mrs. F. J. Organ of the Geneva Label League. To all of these messages Miss Anne F. Miller responded. "Why Women Should Vote" was the subject of the first prize essay read by Miss Grace Crampton and was most enthusiastically received.

Prof. Nathaniel Schmidt of Cornell University delivered the address of the afternoon and his subject was, "Government by the People." Prof. Schmidt began his remarks by tracing, during the different periods of history, the extension of man suffrage, beginning with the early tribal organizations to the establishment of kingdoms, and then to that of the republics, and to the present time. He maintained that as all the grounds for objection to the granting of universal suffrage to the masses of men have been removed, just so now that the endeavor is being made for the extension of suffrage to women, the same reasons and the same grounds for ob-

the ballot, the standard of manly and womanly virtues in society will be far greater.

Prof. Schmidt's address was followed by a soprano solo by Mrs. J. J. Fox of Clifton Springs and the round table at which Mrs. V. H. Haley of Geneva spoke of the labor union work, and her work at the county fair as chairman of the enrollment committee. Mrs. Bussey of Phelps spoke briefly. Miss Coolidge of Clifton Springs related an amusing anecdote which happened at Buffalo during the convention last year, and Mrs. Charles S. Burrall of this city also spoke briefly, after which Miss Alice Stone Blackwell replied to several points made in Prof. Schmidt's address. Henry B. Graves of this city, who is president of the society for the suppression of tuberculosis, made a few announcements in regard to this topic. Mrs. D. W. Halenbeck of Geneva, Mrs. Mulcahey of Phelps, and Mrs. W. N. Smith of Clifton Springs were appointed as delegates to the state convention in Troy next fall. With the reading of the resolution by Mrs. C. S. Burrall and the reading of the minutes of the day the convention adjourned.

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