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BEACON SOCIABILITY

GATHERING OF CORRESPONDENTS, PROPRIETORS AND EMPLOYES  
IN PHOENIX HALL

It has been the cherished desire of several Beacon correspondents for a few years past, to hold a general gathering or reunion of correspondents, employes and others identified with the Beacon. This idea was partially carried out last fall during the Fair of the Summit County Agricultural Society, where a few of the correspondents got together in one of the dining halls, and enjoyed a pleasant time. This little reunion had the effect only to kindle a stronger desire for a more general gathering which finally culminated in the one held yesterday. At a meeting of several of the more active correspondents, an executive committee consisting of Rev. Daniel Emmerson of Peninsula; W. J. Schrop of Springfield and Wellington Miller of Copley, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements, prepare a programme, fix the date and place of meeting, etc. Fountain Park was selected as the place at which to hold the reunion, but the heavy rains of the past few days caused a change, Phoenix Hall being selected. Some 12 correspondents, the editorial staff, employees, and others with their wives and families gathered together about 10:30 o'clock. The remainder of the forenoon was passed in social converse, and in becoming acquainted one with another. A little after high noon the party nearly 50 in all, sat down to a sumptuous repast, prepared by the ladies. When the tables had been pretty well cleared of the substantial, Mr. W. J. Schrop, chairman of the committee called the meeting to order. Rev. D. Emmerson was selected chairman, and W. J. Schrop, secretary.

REV. D. EMMERSONS ADDRESS OF WELCOME

Upon assuming the chair, Mr. Emmerson thanked the meeting for the honor conferred and said: We are met together on a new and most interesting occasion. More than 40 ladies and gentlemen distributed through this county and its vicinity as regular correspondents, together with the editors, printers and other colaborers on the Beacon have been invited to meet together for the first time, and see one another face to face. As a band almost of brothers and sisters, we have been engaged in a common cause, and from week to week, and some of us from day to day, have mutually spread the common labor of our minds and our hands before the eyes of each other. The speaker refered to the fact that most of the correspondents were known to each other only by their nons de plume and said that in order to become acquainted with each other the roll would be called and each correspondent was to answer in propria persona. He then spoke of his gratitude for the gift of a well regulated newspaper; paid a generous tribute to the Beacon, and closed by bidding welcome to all present. His remarks were greeted with applause.

THE BEACONS HISTORY  
THE TOAST "PAST AND PRESENT HISTORY OF THE SUMMIT BEACON  
RESPONDED BY S. A. LANE, MAYOR OF AKRON

In opening, Mr. Lane referred to the fact that the day thus celebrated was the 46th anniversary of his advent to Akron and followed this by the story of how he first acquired a taste for

































































































































































