

Announcement



SUGGESTED in the invitation herewith enclosed, the "Wallace evening" of the Indiana Society is designed primarily to honor the memory of Indiana's famous soldier, author, diplomat and citizen, Gen. Lew Wallace, formerly of Crawfordsville, and will follow in the evening the unveiling of the Wallace Statue in Statuary Hall, the National Capitol, which occurs earlier in the day, January 11. His four-fold character, as hereinbefore outlined, will be considered in speech as indicated below.

Capt. John P. Megrew, of this city, who served under General Wallace during the Civil War and knew him personally, will speak of him as a Soldier.

Senator Beveridge, himself an author, will speak of General Wallace as an Author.

Senator Shively will speak of General Wallace as a Diplomat.

Governor Marshall, as the Chief Magistrate, representing all the people of the State, will speak of General Wallace as a Citizen.

James Whitcomb Riley, the famous Hoosier poet, has accepted an invitation to attend the unveiling of the Wallace Statue at the Capitol and is expected to be present at this meeting, and have part in the program.

In addition to the reception and orations as above indicated there will be numerous other enjoyable features.

Richard Buhler, who plays "Ben Hur," the leading character in the production of Ben Hur, dramatized from General Wallace's masterpiece of the same name, which will then be playing at the New National Theater, will be present, in costume, and will recite "The Chariot Race."

Robert Downing, the famous actor, known throughout Indiana because of his splendid histrionic ability, has signified his desire and intention to attend this meeting and participate in the evening's program.

The Hoosier male quartette will favor the audience with one or more numbers of rare merit. Other talented singers, who will assist in the musical program, are Mrs. Ethel Holtzclaw Gawler, soprano soloist of Calvary Baptist Church, and Mrs. Charles H. Henny, contralto soloist of All Souls' Church (the President's church). These ladies are accounted the best singers in their respective lines in the city, and their singing will be a rare treat.

Looking to the future, the prospects of the Indiana Society are most flattering. During the year 1910 there will be at least eight monthly meetings and, with exceptional talent to draw upon, every meeting will present an enjoyable program. It is evident that these meetings cannot be held as planned without money to meet necessary expenses. With the end of 1909 all memberships lapsed, and can only be renewed by payment of the annual dues—one dollar for each individual member. This membership fee (or dues) is so small, the advantages so great and the programs so enjoyable, to say nothing of the social features offered, that no Indianian should hesitate to join the Society, and no appeal for the payment of this fee be necessary. No where else can so much of real entertainment be had for even many times the cost. If your name is already on the roll of the Society, and your have not renewed your membership, do not fail to do so at once, and then bring in a new member. Back in Indiana we used to say, "The more the merrier," and the truth of that applies with equal force to the Indiana Society in Washington. If you are, or ever were, a Hoosier, and long for the good old fellowship of Indiana, pay your dollar and come with us. We will do you good. State pride should prompt you to help make the Indiana Society bigger and better than ever during the year now beginning.

Cards of membership, together with special admission tickets to the "Wallace Evening," may be had upon remittance of the required fee to either of the secretaries, or to other officers of the Society. They can also be had at the Arlington Hotel before admission to the Wallace meeting.

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