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The annual meeting of the Wadena Cemetery Association was held at the court house hall Monday evening. As a matter of fact this was the first meeting of the old association held for several years. The cemetery has practically been in the hands of the Ladies Auxiliary society.

At the meeting Monday evening, Dr. P. E. Kenyon was elected trustee for one year, Mrs. G. A. Whitney for two years and G. M. Stowe for three years. Dr. Kenyon's election carries with the position of president of the association. C. C. Butturff was elected secretary and treasurer.

The Cemetery association has in the treasury the sum of \$265 and the Ladies Auxiliary society has over \$700 in cash on hand.

Another meeting of a public nature will be held next Monday evening at the court house to decide as to the advisability of erecting a receiving vault in the cemetery, where bodies may repose during the winter, and wait interment until the frost leaves the ground. A vault would prove desirable in many obvious ways and in the matter of saving on grave digging would pay good interest on the investment.

Mr. Stowe has secured a plan for a receiving vault which will be submitted to the meeting next Monday. This plan shows both a receiving vault and a small chapel above.

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The Ladies Aid of the Cemetery association met last Thursday afternoon with Mrs. H. L. Douglas. The attendance was satisfactory. The work in the cemetery for the coming season was planned and Henry Gash was again engaged to take charge of the work. It was decided to hold a rummage sale next October. After the business session there was a social time and refreshments were served. The officers of the Aid are Mrs. Harmon Douglas, president, Mrs. P. E. Kenyon, vice president, Mrs. F. S. Ioset, treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Coon, Mrs. L. L. Benedict and Mrs. G. A. Whitney, executive committee. Ms. John Harding was appointed as a special committee of one to make the preliminary arrangements for the October rummage sale.

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A very important meeting of the cemetery association was held at the Court House hall in this city on Saturday evening. There was a very satisfactory attendance, considering the evening on which the meeting was held. George M. Stowe presided. The following were admitted to membership: Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Stedman, Mrs. B. R. Stedman, W. H. Benson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dower, Peter Boyd, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Yetter and Mrs. Emil Gustafson.

The association has been working for the last 14 years without a set of by-laws, drawn somewhat after those of the best association in the country. These by-laws were taken up section by section and adopted. The by-laws contain 15 articles, dealing with the organization, its name, its officers, the regular and special meetings, committees, memberships, transfers of real estate, etc.

The articles of incorporation were also re-drawn for the purpose of better preserving them for record and a very comprehensive act of rules to govern the cemetery were adopted.

The rules cover much ground. They deal with who has authority over the cemetery, the care of the lots, both temporarily and perpetually, mounds on graves, monuments and headstones, plants on lots, designs for monuments, rules for governing the superintendent, privileges and

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restrictions of lot owners, lot enclosures, grades, removal of trees, trespass, monuments, foundations, watering trees and flowers, interment of bodies and disinterment, admission to cemetery and regulation of funerals and many other points.

The articles of incorporation together with the by-laws and rules and regulations will in all probability be printed in pamphlet form or general circulation among members.

The meeting on Saturday evening was called for the special purpose of paving the way to unite the Ladies auxiliary to the regular cemetery association. The regular association is now in a position to invite the auxiliary society to come under the parent organization.

The cemetery is something that the people of this city and the surrounding country may well be proud of, thanks to the ladies of the very active and forceful auxiliary society. The ladies have certainly worked wonders in transforming the cemetery from an unsightly spot overgrown with brush and entirely lacking beauty, into a veritable park. The Wadena cemetery today stands without an equal in this section of the state from a standpoint of beauty.

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"A receiving vault at the cemetery is practically a necessity," said Undertaker C. C. Butturff to the Pioneer Journal yesterday. "This is again emphasized today, inasmuch, as Mr. Gash has just informed me that he will be unable to accomplish the work of digging a grave in time for a scheduled interment today. Not long since, because a grave could not be dug in time, a funeral was turned back after it had started for the cemetery and interment was postponed for a day," Mr. Butturff says grave digging this winter is hard, slow work. The frost is down 7 or 8 feet and every bit of the dirt must be picked out. Mr. Butturff is heartily in favor of a receiving vault and hopes to see one built in the cemetery before another winter.

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