

34TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY MISSION

Splendid Year's Work Accomplished by This Beneficent Institution.

The Thirty-Fourth Anniversary of the City Mission, Dundas Street, was commemorated on Thursday evening, March 11th by a Tea given by the teachers of the Mission Sunday School and their friends after which the anniversary Meeting was held.

Reports were presented from the various departments of the work which we append herewith.

Mr. Clapp, Supt. of the Sunday School was chairman. Rev. Mr. Smith of the Baptist Church was present and gave us a very interesting and instructive which all appreciated. Beautiful views and hymns were shown on the screen from the new Viopticon presented to the School by Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Graham. Many of the new in Switzerland were explained to us by Miss Anning who has travelled extensively in Europe.

We missed Mrs. Schuster's presence, she being absent on an extended visit to her son in Pittsburgh. A Sewing School has been carried on once a week all winter, also a Mothers' Meeting. Miss Maud Reeves being superintendent of the Sewing School and Miss Edith Nicholson superintendent of the Mothers' Meetings.

Mr. C. Elvins has charge of the Sunday and week night services.

The following is a list of the teachers in the Sunday School:

Mr. C. Clapp, Supt.; Miss Anning, Supt. Primary Dept.; Mrs. C. S. Clapp, Mrs. Lucas, Miss Madden, Miss Reeves, Miss Galle, Miss Peake, Miss Richards.

Sec. Treas. of S.S.—Miss Maud Reeves. Librarian—Miss Peake.

Pianists—Miss Anning and Mrs. Lucas.

The workers are grateful for the gifts of friends during the year and hope for increased interest in the work during the year in which we have entered.

Report of Mothers' Meetings, 1914. The Ritchie Co. donated remnants of Dress Material—about thirty yards also Hats, Artificial Flowers and Ornaments.

Mrs. F. E. O'Flynn—\$2.00. W. C. T. U. \$1.35 for wood, also \$2.00 for caretaker of the Mission.

Mrs. A. W. Dickens, Mrs. S. A. White and Mrs. D. V. Sinclair sent cakes and sandwiches.

About sixty yards of gingham and

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print were bought and made into aprons for the mothers. 25 cents paid for repairing table belonging to the Mission. \$1.75 was given to Mr. C. Elvins for City Mission.

Edith A. Nicholson, Superintendent.

Secretary's Report.

The membership of our school is 59 scholars and 8 teachers. The average attendance of scholars for the year was 98 and of the teachers, 8.

We are very much pleased to report an increase in our school over last year.

We organized a Grade Roll a short time ago with the names of 16 babies on our roll.

Contributions to City Mission, Christmas, 1914, through Mr. C. S. Clapp.

Miss Maggie Kerr—2 Ladies Coats. Miss Irene Moore—Toys, Dolls and Trunk.

Mr. D. B. Sinclair—Large number at Toques.

Mrs. Hoskins, Albert St.—Handkerchiefs, Beads and Purse.

Mrs. Robt. Baker—Coat. Miss Gail—Goods—\$1.00

Mrs. Rev. McCauley . . . \$2.00 Mrs. R. Templeton . . . 2.00

Miss L. M. Phelps . . . 2.00 The Misses Richards . . . 1.50

Mrs. John McCarthy . . . 25 Mrs. Tickell . . . 1.00

Miss Josephine Tickell . . . 50 Miss Bogart, John St. . . . 50

Mrs. J. W. Johnson—2 doz. Oranges. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clapp . . . 2.00

Miss Mabel McCutcheon . . . 50 Mrs. M. B. Roblin . . . 1.00

A Friend . . . 50 Mrs. R. J. Graham . . . 5.00

Miss Peake . . . 25 Mr. E. Guss Porter . . . 1.00

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Anderson . . . 1.25 For Anniversary, 1914—

Mrs. Campion . . . 1.00 Mr. S. Russell . . . 2.00

Morton & Herby . . . 5.00 For Anniversary, 1915—

The Misses Richards . . . 2.00 Mrs. Rev. McCauley . . . 1.00

Mrs. Carlisle . . . 25 Mrs. Mary Schuster . . . 1.00

For Viopticon (Magic Lantern). Mr. and Mrs. Graham, in memory of Ralph Graham, \$25.00

Curtain, Mr. Clapp, \$2.55 Making of Curtain, Miss Madden.

Slides for Viopticon.—

Mr. Ritchie . . . \$5.00 Miss Libby . . . 1.00

Miss Anning . . . 5.00 Treasurer's Report of Sunday School.

Receipts:—

Balance from last year . . . \$13.42 Collections from March 1914 . . . 27.53

Donations for Picnic . . . 3.25 Balance from donations for Christmas Tree . . . 4.42

STIRLING.

A crowd from here attended the memorial sermon which was held in the Methodist church and the Church of England, Frankford on Sunday for Ross Herman, who was killed at the front on March 2nd.

Miss Edna Marchand has returned home after visiting a week with friends in Peterborough.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Barker and their children spent Sunday with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. R. Herman.

A number from here went to the party at the home of Mr. Harry Tulouche on Friday last.

Miss Edith Bush visited friends in Frankford on Sunday.

The weather is quite cold again after our fine spell of spring-like weather.

Miss E. Lally of Trenton is the guest of Mrs. (Dr.) Potts.

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EXPENDITURES:—

Caretaker . . . 6.00 30 copies "Northern Messenger," 1914 . . . 6.00

30 Copies "Northern Messenger," 1915 . . . 6.00

25 copies "Dew Drops" (prim) . . . 3.00

Reward Cards . . . 1.50

Paid for Wood . . . 5.50

Boat for Picnic . . . 9.00

Crackle Roll Supplies . . . 1.25

Flowers . . . 75

Coal Scuttle . . . 60

Ash Sifter . . . 20

Money Orders and Postage . . . 24

Total . . . \$40.04

Balance on hand . . . 8.59

Maud Reeves, Treas. of Sunday School.

Library Report.

From April 5th to September 31st. Total number of Books taken out, 190. Number of Books not returned, 9.

Three highest classes having taken out Books: Miss Madden's class, 47. Mr. Clapp's class, 33. Miss Anning's class, 30.

October 4th 1914 to Feb. 28th, 1915. Total number of Books taken out, 172. Number of Books not returned to Feb. 21st during the year, 34. 20 less than last year.

Three highest Classes having taken out Books: Mr. Clapp's 42; Miss Anning's 27; Mrs. Clapp's 21.

Total number of Books taken out during the year, 342. 20 less than last year.

The Librarian has been unable to be in the Sunday School but very little since April, and is very sorry of the non-return of so many books.

Miss E. Peake, Librarian.

Treasurer's Report.

For The Year Ending Feb. 21, 1915.

Receipts:—

Cash on hand (Feb. 21) . . . \$21.62

Mrs. Rev. Lambly (Feb. 26) . . . 5.00

Mr. MacFarlane (March) . . . 5.00

Mrs. Sweetman (April 19) . . . 50

Total . . . \$31.12

Expenses:—

Sewing Material for Mothers' Meeting (Mar. 4) . . . \$1.00

Intelligence Printing Report . . . 5.00

Smith Hardware Co. (Apr. 22) . . . 65

Cutting down trees (June 8) . . . 50

Repairing Table . . . 25

Smith Hardware Co. Cleaning Stove Pipes (Mar. 6) . . . 1.23

J. McDonald, Wood, (Apr. 9) . . . 2.50

The Schuster Co. (Aug. 19) . . . 2.60

Taxes, Payment & Sewerage (Oct. 27) . . . 3.84

The Schuster Co. Coal, (Nov. 6) . . . 7.65

Mrs. Galloway . . . 20.60

R. Elvins a/c . . . 8.19

Cash on hand . . . 38.21

Total . . . 92.22

Letter For Mrs. Pitman

Chief Newton has a letter sent here for Mrs. M. A. Pitman, R.F.D. No 52 Sidney.

Girl Vagrants

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Miss Nellie Bradley, a stranger, was given over to a charitable and social institution at her own request instead of to the Shelter.

Hear Mr. Dancey on April 5th

Reserve the evening of Monday April 5th to hear the lecture in Griffith's Opera House by Mr. S. N. Dancey, a native of Belleville. Mr. Dancey spent two and a half months with the German army after the battle of Mons by posing as an American citizen. He escaped to England and will relate his experiences in troops in the illustrated lecture at the opera house here next Monday night. In the afternoon he will speak to the Women's Canadian Club on "The Red Cross in the Field."

CHARGED WITH FAILING TO ACCOUNT

A secretary-treasurer of an association of employees in this city was arrested yesterday on the charge of having received \$204.00 between November 1914 and February 1915 which he should have accounted for to the grand treasurer who resides in the States. The charge was laid under section 315 of the Criminal Code, which deals with theft by persons required but failing to account for monies.

This morning the case was laid over by Magistrate Masson until April 6th.

It is likely that the official will get bail.

Mr. P. J. M. Anderson appears for the crown.

The 44 men from Picton were yesterday posted to "A" company.

LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Engine Coulter Writes an Interesting Letter From Northern France

Mr. Richard Snell has received the following unusually interesting letter from Eugene Coulter, a former employee, who left Belleville with the 34th Field Battery to join the First Contingent.

March 5, 1915.

Dear Old Friend Dick,

Here I am, many miles away from my old mate, and will never be satisfied until I can put a few more fires in the old mill for you; hope it won't be long. Some say the war will last a long time and others say it won't, so I guess there isn't many, if any, that know for sure. We have been in action for five days and doing good work, haven't lost a man in our battery so far, but can't tell how soon.

When the coal boxes or Jack Johnson's are playing music around a fellow's ears, he must keep his bean out of sight or there will be some thing doing. I have heard the music and don't seem to mind it at all now; at first it made me feel shaky.

We have been in action now, five days, haven't lost a man in our battery so far, but can't tell how soon.

line, waiting for orders to advance at any moment. May not move for some time, and again might not have time to finish this letter. Just waiting for a call on the railroad.

When we go into action, we think no more of it than going out to do a half-a-day's work, but if one of those coal boxes bursts near a fellow's lid, he might be in— for breakfast. It is funny and you would hardly believe it, but you can see the biggest ones coming through the air like a big dart of some kind.

Say, Dick, I'm some Frenchman now, can talk the language to beat the devil. I get a little English in

Mr. P. Murray (May 17) . . . 1.00 Mrs. Sweetman (June 7) . . . 50

Proceeds from Mothers' Meeting (June 20) . . . 2.00

Mrs. Sweetman (Sept 5) . . . 50 Mrs. Clapsaddle (Dec 6) . . . 2.00

Mrs. Sweetman (Dec 6) . . . 1.00 Mr. Corby, Senator (Jan 9) . . . 25.00

Mr. J. N. Pringle (Dec 19) . . . 1.00 Mrs. Uglow, Oakwood (Feb 16) . . . 1.00

Mission Box . . . \$71.62

Total . . . \$22.22

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it sometimes, so have to start all over again. The coins here are something like our own money. In the Old Country—across the Rubbles, we had a dear of a time for a while trying to count change, but soon got used to it.

Well, Dick, I have seen many graves and spoils of the war. They certainly are cruel. They seem to make churches their first aiming point, something another nation would not do. You people can read the papers and see how the works are going on, but war is war and there is no doubt about it. No one knows until they are targets themselves. We don't have it as bad here as we did on Salisbury Plain; there was more rain there than here. Say, Dick, can you send me a couple of Belleville papers so can imagine I'm in the old town for awhile. If I get out of this safe, back there I will certainly be at all over again. If you have an extra plug of tobacco or a packet of Old Chum, just send it along too, for tobacco is scarce as dollar bills around here. We get some French tobacco once in a while, but that isn't tobacco. Well, Dick, would like to say more and tell you where I am at, but can't do that. Will wait until some other time. The people here can't do enough for the Canadians.

Send my best to Bill Craig, Paty Davis, Jack Hall, George Cornish and wife, and all the rest of the people, especially you and your family. Will have more to write about the next time. So be good, I will try and do the same.

As ever—your old mate

P. S.—Say "Forgie" Thomas yesterday, told him was going to write you. He sends his best.

Evening of Grand Opera

International Opera Company at Closing Program of Y.M.C.A. Star Course Last Evening.

An evening with the giants of music was spent by some five hundred citizens at the Y.M.C.A. Star Course last evening, when the International Operatic Company sang selections from the great operas and interpreted the whole of the second act of "Martha." From start to finish the program preserved a standard of excellence which has made the company one of the finest ever heard in this city. The large audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance.

The members of the company were Miss Tekla "Farm, late prima donna soprano with Madam Schumann-Heink in "Love's Lottery," Miss Rose Headenreich, contralto, Mr. J. Albin Grubb, tenor, Mr. Bert McKinnie, baritone, and Miss Margaret Day, accompanist and piano soloist. The soprano has a voice of remarkable flexibility and range, vibrating with sympathy at every emotion and at the command of an interpretative mind of no mean power. She is possessed of dramatic ability of a high order which had full scope in "Martha." The playful humorous passages which she sang will long be remembered. Miss Headenreich, contralto voice is rich and deep, full of intense sympathy. She commands an evenness of tone and volume. Mr. Grubb, the tenor has a lyric voice of great sweetness, sympathy and brilliance. His musical eloquence reminds one of the greatest singers.

Mr.