

For the Kiddies

LET OF MISSING LETTER CONTEST

number of entries were re- this contest, and many were an allowing for the fact that only there was a slight mis- or full allowance had been his and taking into consid- neastness of the work, the e been awarded to the fol- idies:

Traveller.

erces, Bloomfield Station, B. certificates of merit. Allen, Dumbarton Station. Christensen, 127 Broad St. Cornwall, Centreville, Digby

LE MOLLY READER.

busy reader. de Molly Reader; and read and read and read living morning through. to forget the dishes her mother's wishes. little household tasks that been asked to do.

so busy reading e was all unheeding ish little Happy-Hope came nging to her chair. en the rascols found her ok her belt and bound her ould not move an inch from position there. he was through her reading, there, calling, pleading; e came to cut the knots till r after two. y Miss Molly Reader, still a busy reader. touch a storybook when she tasks to do.

RUDE PRINCESS.

edote from the anonymous an Court. Memories con- ex-ear's daughters, the chesses Olga and Tatiana. y day when the two little driving through the streets and a crowd of people recog- imperial equipage, and the hesses, holding on their hats hands, bowed right and left, ad been taught to do, in the salutes they received. the Grand Duchess Tatiana ed, and she bowed and laugh- ked delighted; but after a grew tired and looked cross, er head like a Chinese man- il at last she gave it up, drop- ands and put out her tongue wing crowd. lidish outbreak was received r of laughter and the exclaim- st like our own children!"

INTO THE FIRE.

who was being hunted was caught by the dog. He into a cave in the hillside in side. ner, however, had he en- he saw a huge lion crouch- farther end of the cave. The g upon the unfortunate deer him. ore he died the deer said: "Unlucky I am! I came into to escape from the dogs and n into the jaws of the lion."

DON'T BE STUNG.

asis: Rotten potatoes. A rotten potato is a A rotten potato is a rotten 'tater. A rotten 'tater is a spec' 'tater. A spectator is a beholder. A bee-holder is a bee-hive. A rotten potato is a bee-hive.

E KIDDIES, SMILE

A Problem. Can a person be punished for he hasn't done?" "Of course not." "Well, I haven't done my geo-

Mistake, Beg Pardon.

"I am surprised at your ring the date of Columbus' of America. It's at the head apter." Hopeful—"I'm sorry. I it was his telephone num-

Subtle Reasoning. on, who was speaking on the acute." compensation, said: a person is blind, his hearing said a listener. "I've no- t if a man had a short leg was longer?"

Per Request. the firemen at the Baldwin ve Works had to discharge putative Irishman named Pat. avoid discussion, he put his cation in writing and enclos- es the firm.

xt day Pat was missing, but a er the foreman was passing the shop and saw him again the. Going up to the Irish demanded: "you got my letter?" "I did," said Pat. "on read it?" "I did," said Pat. "sorr, said Pat," and on the said I was fired, and on the res said: "Return to the Lo Works in five days."

RED CROSS REPORTS TELL OF INCREASED INTEREST AND GIFTS

Annual Meeting Held Yesterday—Mrs. J. McAvity Re-Elected President—Splendid Accounts of Year's Work

With a large number of interested members present, the fifth annual meeting of the St. John branch of the Red Cross Society was held at Stone Church yesterday afternoon.

Mrs. John A. McAvity presided and on the platform were Mrs. George F. Smith and Mrs. Franklin Stetson, vice-presidents.

The meeting opened with the recital of the Lord's Prayer. This was followed by the President's address, which was inspiring and beautifully expressed.

The secretary, Miss Alice Walker, gave an account of the monthly meetings which have been held at the various churches; the Red Cross slides which have been shown throughout the Province, and the work of the departments telling in a comprehensive way the efforts of the year.

Mrs. A. C. Skelton, the treasurer's statement shows:

Receipts \$48,802.35

Expenditures 31,516.92

Balance on hand 17,285.43

It is explained that by the time the monthly bills from September to January are paid this balance will be reduced to a few thousand dollars, and an appeal for funds will have to be made to keep up the work. The "Drive" last January produced \$51,154.64.

Major Hayes made a few encouraging and congratulatory remarks, which were received with applause. Miss Lillian Haxen read the report of the excellent results of the St. John Ambulance Society's work.

The Needlework report from Mrs. Frank H. White showed that the month of the Halifax disaster the finished work totalled 15,000. The returned work for the year totals 65,555 articles, an increase of 15,000 over last year. Many work is no longer asked for. \$17,992.62 has been spent for supplies. The convenor of the Yarn Department, Mrs. Heber Vroom, stated that 6,350 lbs. of yarn had been purchased at a cost of \$9,161.65.

Socks received 14,722 pair. Boxes sent 151. These socks were received in the usual way showing that the need is recognized. Mrs. G. K. McLeod reported for the C.W.C.A., a decided increase in the work. Socks received for the Valentine appeal 1770 pairs, Maple sugar appeal, 100 lbs. of sugar, and \$1,030.50. Various drafts had been supplied with comforts, as well as the Military Hospitals.

The Surgical Committee, through Mrs. F. J. Harding, report 1368 pneumonia jackets, and 2000 splanum moss dressings. The Halifax sufferers were assisted. Large committees are at work at present on the moss dressings to fill a demand for 10,000.

For the packing and shipping, Miss Stetson reported 687 boxes shipped, an increase of 116 over last year.

Mrs. Lawrence in the Publicity report thanked the press, theatres and

the public for the great assistance given.

Miss Angela Magee read a statement of the Collection Boxes which are looked after by the Wintonstead school. From Oct. 1917 to Sept. 1918, \$51.44 has been taken in.

\$3,925.50 was collected by the Campaign Committee as reported by Miss Edith Skinner.

Mrs. J. F. Robertson told of sending newspapers overseas regularly each week and the pleasure with which they have been received.

Mrs. F. Beasley reported for the Prisoners of War, that they have been written personal letters and cards which have been gratefully acknowledged.

Mrs. Richard O'Brien, as treasurer of the Women's Canadian Club, Prisoners of War Fund, stated that \$750 had been forwarded to the Red Cross.

A message was received from Lady Tilley regretting that she was unable to attend the annual meeting.

The election of officers resulted as follows:

Mrs. J. A. McAvity, president.

Miss Alice Walker, secretary.

Mrs. J. F. Robertson, 2nd vice-pres.

Mrs. H. Lawrence, 3rd vice-pres.

Mrs. F. Stetson, 4th vice-pres.

Committee of eight to take charge at the room—Mrs. R. O'Brien, Mrs. F. E. Savre, Mrs. Ambrose, Mrs. Roy Campbell, Mrs. A. C. Skelton, Miss MacLaren, Mrs. Richard Hooper, Mrs. A. W. Adams.

Miss Walker read a letter from Mrs. Murray MacLaren, describing some of the Red Cross work in London.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

MILLE, VAN DER FLIER ARRIVES IN ST. JOHN

Speaks on Behalf of Belgian Widows and Orphans—Was Slandered in Newspapers and Vindicated By Her Committee.

"I am sending the papers which published these stories," said Mills, van der Flier to a Standard reporter yesterday.

Mills, van der Flier, who is in the city in the interests of a committee authorized by the King of Belgium, to appeal for funds to re-establish the Belgians who have suffered so greatly arrived in St. John yesterday afternoon and will speak before an audience in the Imperial theatre under the auspices of the Women's Canadian Club.

The stories which Mills, van der Flier so indignantly denies were published in several American papers, including the Buffalo Courier and were of a nature to tend to the cessation of her work.

On hearing of the attack Mills, van der Flier returned to New York (breaking off her Canadian tour), engaged Terence J. MacManus of New York as her counsel, and will have the reports traced to their true source, which her friends feel sure will be shown to be German influence.

The New York Times of October 3 published a signed statement from Major August Belmont and E. R. Olcott, completely vindicating Mills, van der Flier, and stating that the

How Allies Are Smashing "The Minor Beelzebubs"

The despairing cry to Baal for help that rose from the false prophets on Mt. Carmel in ancient days is now duplicated by an equally wild cry to Berlin, and unless all editorial seers are mistaken, the call of Turk and Bulgar for aid will be answered only by the roar of Allied guns.

Germany's military might on the West Front, in Palestine, in Macedonia, is at last beginning to crumble, the New York World believes, and while Berlin trembles, the reverberation of Allied blows "thrills the enemies of Germany with joyous expectation." Marshal Foch has kept almost every sector of the Western Front busy and now one by one he is raising the curtain on the several 'side-shows,' according to the Philadelphia Press.

The leading article in THE LITERARY DIGEST this week—October 5th—will make thrilling reading for every Canadian, reviewing as it does the chain of Allied victories in all the war zones. There are four maps (one full-page colored) accompanying this article with a complete index of places, railways, roads, etc.

Other news articles of importance are:

Gompers Defeats the Defeatists
How He Administered a Thorough Drubbing to the Pacifist and Defeatist Members at the Inter-Allied Labor and Socialist Conference in England.

Your Share of That Six Billion
Who Owns the Washington Times?
The Success of Allied Propaganda
Worse Anarchy Due in Russia
Keeping Tag on Slacking Trucks
American Machinery for Russia
A Legal Status for Poets
Germany's War Slang
The Sugar Situation
(Prepared by the U. S. Food Administration)

Canada to Run Her Own Railways
Slackers Aiding the U-Boats
All Germany Have Her Colonies Back?
Fighting the "Cootie"
U. S. Potash to Rout Germany's
Col. Roosevelt on Soldierly Life and Death
Powdered Fuel to Relieve the Coal Situation
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WERE OMITTED.
In the account of the annual meeting of the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society the names of Miss Winifred Colwell, secretary, and Mrs. W. Edmund Raymond, treasurer, were inadvertently omitted from the list of officers elected.

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