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St. John's M. I. A.

LECTURE BY REV. W. H. THOMAS.

The St. John's Mutual Improvement Association held a meeting in the Congregational Lecture Room last night which was largely attended by members and visitors including a number of lady friends.

Mr. H. R. Brookes, President of the M. I. A., was the chairman, and before introducing the lecturer of the evening briefly summarized the aims and ideals of the Association, alluding to its threefold object of Thrift, Literary, and Physical development for the young and old of both sexes.

The Rev. W. H. Thomas then delivered an interesting discourse on the great American poet, "Edgar Allen Poe," tracing his career from his birth at Boston in 1809 till his death in 1849 at the early age of forty.

The rev. lecturer dealt with Poe as a "critic," "novelist" and "poet," stating that there was nothing very remarkable about his criticisms, which were as a rule, made without due preparation, but his prose and poetry were of a very high order. His descriptions were remarkably artistic and vigorous and the minute style of his narrative placed him in a class to himself, as a consummate literary artist.

In concluding his discourse, the rev. lecturer said that the works left us by Poe are scanty, but of a high order, and it is a sad reflection that his poverty compelled him to resort to hackwork, when he was capable of fashioning the highest verse.

At the close of the lecture, the audience were entertained with a rendition of "The Bells" on a gramophone, manipulated by Mr. Bervie Martin.

After the selection the Rev. Mr. Thomas recited "The Raven" in a very pleasing manner, and was heartily applauded.

At the close a vote of thanks to the lecturer was moved by Mr. John Cowie and seconded by Mr. I. C. Morris, and was carried by acclamation.

The Rev. Mr. Thomas expressed his thanks after which the National Anthem brought the enjoyable event to a close.

W.C.T.U.

On Thursday evening, a public meeting, arranged by the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will be held in Gower Street Church. This meeting is inter-denominational, although held in the Methodist Church, and will welcome all who are in sympathy with the cause of temperance in Newfoundland. It is expected that the city churches will be officially represented. We would bespeak for the W.C.T.U. workers a large gathering.

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Lodge Dudley Installation.

The installation of officers of Lodge Dudley, No. 227, S. O. E. B. S., took place last night, and was conducted by D. D. Lloyd assisted by S. G. Collier and Inner and Outer Guards A. G. Williams and T. Hallett. The following are the officers installed:—

- W. P.—Bro. N. Andrews.
- V. P.—Bro. W. Butler.
- Chaplain—Bro. J. Hemmons.
- Secretary—Bro. C. W. Ude.
- Fin. Secretary—Bro. J. Taylor.
- Treasurer—Bro. G. P. Hutchings.
- O. G.—Bro. W. Thistle.
- I. G.—Bro. M. Spurrell.
- Guides—Bros. S. Merrills, R. Pike, S. Thistle, W. Churchill, Herbert Taylor.

Before the meeting adjourned it was decided to present a Past President's Jewel to Mr. T. J. Pope. Mr. Pope has been ill for some time past, and the presentation will be made at his residence during the week.

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A Great Tenor at the Nickel.

Rudolph L. Koch, the lyric tenor, was heard at the Nickel Theatre yesterday, for the first time. He sang "Radiant Aida" from Verdi's opera Aida, with great success. Although just after a tiresome run from New York in which he was twenty-two hours late, and not thoroughly over the long train ride, he sang with great sweetness and power and was very warmly applauded. Mr. Koch has appeared in St. John's before, with the Robinson Opera Co., six years ago, and many will remember him. He has all the best operatic songs and if they are rendered in such a perfect and delightful manner as was Aida, then his season which is a very limited one, will be a success. During his stay here he will sing "Marie Halls Then You'll Remember Me, Let me like a Soldier fall. Mr. Koch will repeat Aida this evening.

A Pretty Wedding

A very quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at St. Philip's Church on Thursday evening, by the Rev. S. A. Dawson, when Miss Irene Penney was united in matrimony to Mr. Wm. Quinton, both of Keels. After the ceremony supper was served at the home of the bride. Many presents were received testifying to the popularity of the happy couple. The bride was beautifully gowned in cream poplin trimmed with oriental insertion, which looked very pretty. Keels, B.B., Jan. 8th, 1914.

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Report of the Nfld. Poultry Association.

The Newfoundland Poultry Association held its annual meeting last night in the Association's rooms, Bastow Building. The meeting was largely attended and great interest in the proceedings was manifest.

The Show Committee's Report proved the Poultry Show held in November last had been a great success, and those present expressed their appreciation of the strenuous work performed by certain members of the Committee.

The following report from the Directors was passed, as also were reports from the Treasurer and Auditors.

To the Members of the Newfoundland Poultry Association:

Gentlemen,—In presenting the third annual report, your Directors are pleased to be able to draw your attention to the fact that during the past year, substantial progress has been made.

During 1913, twenty-nine new members have been added to the Roll, making a total of one hundred and three members, owning 248 shares. As will be seen by the Treasurer's report, the Association is in a sound condition financially, having a substantial balance to its credit in the Bank of Nova Scotia, besides having furniture, exhibition coops, wire netting, etc., the property of the Association.

In May a Committee was appointed to carry out a scheme suggested in March, i.e., the incubating of Chicks by the Association, the scheme proved a great success, our President (Mr. Gushue), took charge of the Incubating, he received over 1,000 eggs.

In May the Association offered a prize to the member who would bring in the greatest number of new members within a given time, also a prize offered by Mr. W. R. Butler, a "Setting of Eggs," for the same purpose; both were won by Mr. O. Rusch.

The Association has to thank the Agricultural Board for the annual grant of \$400 which has proved of substantial assistance to the Association.

The second annual Show was held in the Prince's Rink on Nov. 19th, 20th and 21st; it was opened by His Excellency the Governor, and other prizes were distributed by Mrs. Davidson; it was a most successful Show and reflects great credit on the work of the Committee in charge.

The Association is grateful to His Excellency the Governor, and other kind friends who donated silver cups, cash and other goods for prizes, and owe a debt of gratitude to those members of the Committee who by their unstinted labor and earnest work, were largely responsible for the success of the Show.

The birds were judged by Prof. Landry, of Truro, in a manner satisfactory to all, and the many visitors were agreeably surprised and delighted with the number and display of thorough bred birds.

A number of discussions on subjects interesting to the members, have taken place during the year, from which it is hoped and believed much profit has been obtained.

In concluding this report, and referring from office your Directors wish the Association abundant success during 1914.

Respectfully submitted,
GEO. W. GUSHUE, President.
JNO. F. CALVER, Secretary.
Jan. 12, 1914.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted as follows, viz:—

Hon. President—Hon. Mr. Justice Emerson.
Hon. Vice-Presidents—Hon. W. C. Job, Hon. Geo. Knowling, Percie Johnson, Esq.

President—Mr. Geo. Gushue.
1st Vice-Pres.—Mr. W. Barker.
2nd Vice-Pres.—Mr. F. Blackall.
Secretary—Mr. J. Calver.

Treasurer—Mr. W. R. Butler.
Directors—Messrs. W. Reid, M. MacLeod, Geo. R. Williams, S. White, S. Embery.

Auditors—Mr. W. Warren, Mr. W. Campbell.

The members discussed several important matters pertaining to the Poultry Industry, and a Committee was formed for the purpose of arranging for a series of lectures and addresses during the winter months. Jan. 13, 1914.

White Bay.

Messrs. Bowring Bros. received the accompanying message last evening from Capt. Keen, of the S. S. Prospero:—

"Reached Grignat and made all ports of call; gales of wind the last two days; came direct from Conche to Coachman's Cove; S. Side of White Bay blocked with ice; all well."

The foregoing message was sent from Coachman's Cove.

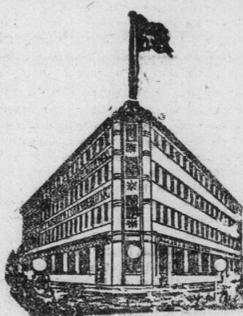
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