

Social Happenings of the Week

SUCCESSFUL MASQUERADE.

Some three hundred guests were present at the masquerade held in the Normal School on Wednesday night under the auspices of the Literary Society, and the masquerade proved a success from every standpoint. The entrance hall and classrooms were prettily decorated with the school colors, red and yellow festoons being suspended from the chandeliers, where the lights were shaded with the same festive colors. At 11 o'clock refreshments were served in the gymnasium in buffet style, and the unique costumes were noted the following: Courtier, W. M. Galloway; footman, Russell Woods; Japanese girl, Miss Maude Thompson; Uncle Sam, John Battin; jester, Vance Stron; woodpecker, Miss Dunstan; night, Miss Daniels; Mephistopheles, Mr. McGee; clown, Mr. Parsons; Japanese girl, Miss Smith; night, Miss Marion Thompson; Chinese costume, Peter McCallum; Uncle Sam, Mr. J. E. Shrier; jester, Percy McCallum; Turkish lady, Miss Mary Gillon; Nurse Cecilia, Miss Pillsworth; page, Mr. Reg. Young; clown, Mr. Aiken; charlatan, Mr. Robert Riddell.

The success of the affair is owing largely to the efforts of the executive committee, who had the arrangements in hand. Following are the officers: President, Mr. Robert Riddell; vice-president, Mr. R. S. Young; secretary, Miss Hicks; treasurer, Miss E. Cameron; executive, Miss Schmidt; Mr. Russell Woods, Mr. Peter McCallum, Miss Edna and Miss Graves. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Topping sisters.

ST. ANDREW'S MUSICALS.

A very charming musicale and sale of home cooking was held yesterday afternoon in St. Andrew's Hall by the members of the Ladies Aid of St. Andrew's congregation, when among those taking part in the program were: Mr. Edward Webster, Mrs. Wood, of Toronto, formerly Miss Alice Hall, contralto soloist of St. Andrew's; Miss Gladys Reed and Mrs. Grant-Harris, violinist. A piano duo was rendered by Miss Eva Snell and Miss Lillian Grey, and a vocal trio by Mrs. Alex. Riach, Miss Lillian Grey, and Miss Grigg. All numbers were highly appreciated by the visitors present. A reading by Mrs. Gemmill proved a most pleasant feature of the afternoon. Miss Andrew Robson, Miss Lillian Grey and Miss Burns acted as accompanists.

During the afternoon tea was served, the tea-tables being in charge of Mrs. David Ross and Mrs. George Anderson. The hall was prettily decorated with vases of spring flowers.

LONDON SUFFRAGE SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the London Suffrage Society is being held this afternoon in the Normal School, Mrs. Gordon Wright presiding. Features of the program include the presidential address by Mrs. Wright, a description of the Detroit Suffrage Society by Mrs. E. M. Tilley, and account of the recent campaign for an increase in votes polled by women at the municipal elections by Mrs. Talbot Macbeth. By means of this campaign, postal cards, urging them to exercise their franchise, were sent out to all the women ratepayers in London before election day, and as a result the women's vote in the city was practically double the number registered.

Election of officers for the ensuing year also takes place this afternoon, when the ballots for nomination will be passed in dainty baskets woven with the suffrage colors, a deep yellow. A bowl of yellow daffodils on the table, will also add to the suffrage note.

Mrs. S. F. Lawrason and a group of helpers, are looking after the sale of some very attractive suffrage literature, arranged on a table near the platform.

The membership of the London Suffrage Society is steadily growing. A number of gentlemen in favor of the enfranchisement of women have joined as associate members, and the officers of the society would gladly welcome others desirous of following suit.

THE DUTCH FAIR.

The Dutch Fair, so successfully conducted in Croydon Hall on Wednesday and Thursday of this week by the ladies of St. Paul's Cathedral, was brought to a close on Thursday night by an auction sale of the goods remaining on hand. The proceeds of which have amply repaid the members of the various committees in charge for their labors of the past few weeks, will be devoted towards purchasing a Celeste Stope for the cathedral organ, in memory of the late Anon Dann.

The following ladies were responsible for the success of the fair:

Teatroom—Mrs. Jeffrey Hale, Mrs. T. G. Meredith, Mrs. Harley Brown, Miss A. A. Harris, Miss Biddome, Miss Helen

BRILLIANT GATHERING AT CANADIAN CLUB BANQUET

A large and brilliant gathering was that which assembled in the Tecumseh House dining-room yesterday at noon, when the members of the Women's Canadian Club were entertained at a banquet by the Men's Canadian Club of the city. Mr. Martin Harvey, the eminent English actor, being the speaker and guest of honor.

The banquet was served at tables for four and eight guests, one larger table being reserved for the officers of both clubs and their distinguished visitor. Bowls of tulips and daffodils effectively graced the centre of each table.

Among the ladies present were: Lady Gibbons and Mrs. Henry Becher, honorary presidents; Mrs. F. P. Betts, president of Women's Canadian Club; Mrs. F. W. Hughes, secretary; Mrs. A. T. Edwards, treasurer; Mrs. John Carling; Mrs. E. M. Tilley, Miss Harris, Miss Stella Macklin, Mrs. F. Hutehins, Miss Cornell, Miss Fowler, Miss Nelles, Mrs. McCallum, Mrs. (Mrs.) Meek, Mrs. A. Gillan, Mrs. Calhoun, Mrs. Joseph Johnson, Mrs. Shea, Mrs. Harry White, Mrs. Jared Vining, Miss Bullen, Miss Grace Blackburn, Miss S. M. Blackburn, Mrs. Ryan, Miss McColl, Mrs. M. W. Rossie, Mrs. F. Leonard, Mrs. J. C. Yarker, Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Geo. Reid, Mrs. Hutchison, Mrs. Granger, Miss Williams, Mrs. Palmer Smith, Mrs. Gardiner, Miss Gardiner, Mrs. C. C. Walker, Miss Edwott, Mrs. R. Bayly, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Harvey, Mrs. Barnes, Miss Tierney, Mrs. C. R. Somerville, Miss Harwood, Miss H. Harwood, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, Mrs. E. L. Williams, Miss

Weld, Miss H. Marshall, Mrs. Chas. R. Hunt, Mrs. Marjorie Tucker, Miss Nancy Niven, Miss Harvey, Miss Matthews, Miss Matthews, Miss Constance Ramsay (Toronto), Miss Beatrice Taylor and Miss Barbara Brown.

Infants' Table—Mrs. Frank Reid, Mrs. George S. Gibbons, Mrs. George Gunn, and Mrs. Masuret.

Bookshop—Miss Glass, Miss Carling, Mrs. Smith, Miss Williams, Miss H. Smith, Miss Blackburn.

Rummage Table—Mrs. Arthur Smith, Mrs. Ginge, Mrs. Boucher, Miss Madeline Green.

Fancy Work—Mrs. Whitehead, Miss Aspinall, Mrs. W. J. Reid, Mrs. W. S. Aspinall, Mrs. Gordon Phillips, Miss Bayly, Mrs. W. J. Robinson, Mrs. Patterson, Mrs. W. K. Ross, Miss Smart, Miss Helen Raymond, Mrs. Gerald Pearson.

Home Cooking—Mrs. T. H. Smallman, Mrs. W. T. Edge, Miss Betty Hodgins, Miss Helen Baker.

Orange Tree—Mrs. Nelles, Miss Elliott, Miss Daisy Mason, Miss Ruth Kingsmill, Miss Rowena Weld, Miss Blanford, Miss Aileen Nelles.

Aprons—Mrs. Niven, Mrs. T. Baker, Mrs. Greer.

Fish Pond—Mrs. Moorehouse, Mrs. Underwood and Mrs. John McClary Moore.

Fortune Tellers—Mrs. Duncan, Miss Zimmerman, and Miss Fennick.

Musical Program—Mrs. E. Paul, Mrs. Innes Carling.

Decorations—Mr. Colerick, Mr. Arthur Smith.

MUSICAL.

Mr. Everett F. Howard, of this city, rendered an excellent program of music at his organ recital held in St. George's Anglican Church on Tuesday evening of this week. Of his well-varied selections perhaps Flagler's "Torchlight March," with its fantastic notes depicting light and shadow, "The Pilgrim's Chorus," by Gounod, and the "Pilgrim's Chorus" (Tannhauser), by Wagner, received the best rendition by Mr. Howard. Le-maigre's "Prayer" was another delightful number, but in his entire program Mr. Howard displayed his exceptional knowledge and understanding of the instrument. Several Preludes and Postludes and "Evening Chimes" by Flagler, completed Mr. Howard's repertoire for the evening.

Also taking part in the program were Mr. Ed. Webster, whose two solos, "There Were Ninety and Nine" and "Devotion," were rendered in Mr. Webster's usual finished style. Miss Irene Thompson, who possesses a pleasing contralto voice, and Mr. Jack Pope, who acceptably filled a solo part in the anthem, "Love Not the World," sung by St. George's choir. Miss Gregory, organist, accompanied the choir, and also rendered Schumann's Traumerl most pleasingly.

MISS MACKENZIE HERE.

Miss Mary Ard. Mackenzie, R. N., superintendent of the Royal Victorian Order of Nurses in Canada, arrived in the city today to inspect the work of the order here. The past year has been one of marked opportunity for the order in London, and at the present time the three nurses engaged in Victorian Order work are continually busy.

Miss Mackenzie will remain in the city for a day or two, and on Monday afternoon will address a small gathering in the Manor Inn, where the board of management have invited a few friends to meet for tea. While in the city Miss Mackenzie is the guest of Mrs. Moorehouse, Queen's avenue.

LONDON SKATING CLUB.

Perhaps there is nothing more fascinating or beautiful to see than a group of skaters executing fancy steps or cutting fantastic capers on a smooth sheet of ice. Members of the London Skating Club have been making a specialty this season of the art of fancy skating, and under the instruction of Mr. Park a number of them have become very skillful indeed. In place of the usual mid-winter carnival, an exhibition of fancy skating will be held next Monday night in Slimcoe street rink, when a very attractive program will be rendered. The skaters will be present, and arrangements are being made to serve refreshments.

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were the scene of a jolly Valentine social, when festoons of red and white bunting, and scores of red hearts and pretty Cupids combined to make a most artistic setting for the bright faces of the guests. Dancing was indulged in by many, and for others a number of games were provided.

Supper was served upstairs, the decorations here also being white and red. The table was daintily laid and lit with red candles. At the close of the supper unique Valentine favors were distributed among the guests.

On Thursday evening a meeting of the Literary Club was held, the subjects being, "Life of James Whitcomb Riley," Miss Newbury was present and gave an interesting sketch of Riley's life, and recited a number of his most familiar poems. Musical numbers were contributed by Mrs. Kain and Miss Gertrude Rowntree.

On Monday night the "sophis" are entertaining at a sleighing party, and the "freshies" announce a skating party for Friday night.

PERSONALS.

Miss Constance Ramsay is the guest of Mrs. Edmund Meredith, London, Ontario, Toronto Saturday Night.

Mrs. T. C. Duncan was called from the city by telegram on Thursday morning, and will be absent two weeks or more.

Mrs. Janet Groshaw, of Victoria Home, this city, returns today after a week's visit with Mr. and Mrs. Putnam, of the Blind Institute, Saginaw, Mich.

Mrs. Frank Leonard, of "Oakwood," was at the home of Mrs. Leonard last evening, the guests afterwards attending the Paardeburg dance in the Masonic Temple.

Owing to the death of Mrs. Williams, Mrs. D. S. Perrin, of 498 Queen's avenue, is obliged to cancel the reception which she was to have given on Tuesday next.

Mr. C. R. Somerville, of London, was one of the guests of the banquet given this week at the Battle Creek Sanatorium, Battle Creek, Mich., for newly-arrived guests.

Mrs. C. Hunter Duff, who has been visiting her parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Sage, St. George's rectory, leaves today to join her husband in Prince Albert, Sask., where they will reside in future.

Miss Jean MacPhee, who has been the inspiration for so many pretty affairs as the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harrington E. Walker, of Walkerville, will return to her home in London the first of the week.—Detroit Free Press.

Mrs. Charles Handyside, of Montreal, returned home last week from London, Ontario, where she spent several weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Charlie Hunt. Mr. Keith Handyside left for New York, and sails by the Princess Irene, of the North German Lloyd line for a two-months' trip to the south of France.

Mrs. C. C. Robinson was the hostess of a delightful luncheon in honor of Mrs. R. S. Litchfield (formerly Miss Laura Hyman, of London) whose departure for London will be for a two-months' trip to the south of France.

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Special Correspondence.

New York, Feb. 20.—Because Katherine Grey, actress, found her closets full of discarded apparel, over 100 truckloads of cast-off clothing were distributed in one day to the needy of New York City. Miss Grey started a movement for a general "rummage day." Newspapers, truck owners and the public responded, and on the appointed day the gleanings of the closets in thousands of homes were gathered up and distributed.

meet this charming bride were: Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Greening, Mrs. Homestead, Mrs. Garrow, Mrs. Bayes Smith and Mrs. Hyman.—Toronto Saturday Night.

WILL RECEIVE. Mrs. Eccles will receive informally at her new home, 288 Princess avenue, on Tuesday, February 24, and afterwards on Wednesdays.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED. The engagement is announced of Miss Ethel Phair Hudson, daughter of the late James M. and Margaret Hudson, of this city, to Mr. David George Kennedy, of Winnipeg, son of David Kennedy, of Wick, Scotland. The marriage is to take place March 12.

'Twas Always Thus. She was a vision passing bright, Which shed his soul with keen delight; To marry her, it was his whim, For she was very dear to him.

They're married now. She dresses well, They're living in apartments swell. To pay her bills is quite a chore; She's dearer now than e'er before.

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"I can see," he exclaimed, "the day of the resurrection—the dawn of the resurrection of the oppressed in all lands—already gilding the hills." (Prolonged cheers.)

Home Rule Compromise. After the lunch meeting, Mr. Lloyd George was entertained to supper at the Glasgow Liberal Club. In reply to the toast of "Our Guest," he referred to the attitude of the Government to the home rule question in relation to Ulster.

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NEW ZEALAND LEADS WAY IN PUBLIC GOOD POLICY

A striking article on "The Social Policy of New Zealand" appears in the Colonial Journal, based on H. H. Lusk's new book on "Social Welfare in New Zealand" (W. Heinemann, 6s.).

New Zealand has led the way in democracy, and its numerous economical innovations have been carefully watched and largely imitated. Today the community is represented by its admirers as the first one that has ventured to carry the conclusions and disregard the teachings of commercialism.

Its main object is to secure that every member of the society shall obtain a fair and full share of the profits arising from his pursuits.

The well-being of a nation, Mr. Lusk writes, demands wages sufficient to support a man with a family in reasonable comfort, and to leave a margin beyond this sufficient to enable him to marry, and to provide for the future. If in any trade these essentials cannot be provided, the supreme law of well-being demands that it shall cease to be carried on in the country.

A Challenge to the Social System. "It is obvious that this standard of individual welfare raises a challenge to the social system. It conflicts with the commercial spirit, the methods of individualism, and laissez faire policy generally. In the present work it is claimed that it has been no vision, but a reality, and that it is the program one reflecting a high moral standard, but it has resulted in an increase of individual well-being for the people and of wealth for the nation that is wholly unprecedented in the annals of history."

How It Came About. "It was not, however, the study of the higher morality or for the matter of that any abstract ideas that led to the well-known economic measures of New Zealand. That was due too much to expect from any Anglo-Saxon community. The original cause of the process was simply debt.

"The necessity for offering inducements to settlers, became acute. There was only one way of doing this, and that was to open up the land more freely. A large part of the available land was owned in large estates, and held up for speculative purposes, frequently by English companies, which were prepared to wait leisurely for results. Two expedients were adopted to force such land into the market.

First was a sliding scale of taxation, under which holdings of over five hundred acres paid a land tax which increased gradually until it reached a total of five per cent on the market value of land in estates of more than fifty thousand acres.

"Secondly, there was a surtax where the owners had their headquarters outside the colony.

These taxes benefited the revenue, but as it turned out they did not have the anticipated effect of bringing the estates into the market. The owners held out in the belief that the value of land would go up. The next step taken to break up the large estates was to introduce a system of compulsory purchase.

What the Government Did. "In New Zealand the best part of the country was largely taken up with big properties occupied only by a manager and a few shepherds. The Government in 1892 took steps to purchase large estates for subdivision into farms. There are under the act as amended three modes of acquisition. An owner may make an offer to sell, and if the property is considered suitable a board proceeds to consider the price which should be given. Or land can be taken compulsorily, the sum payable being that given in the valuation roll on which the owner has been paying rates, plus 10 per cent of the total value up to £50,000, and 5 per cent on all amounts above. Improvements are also paid for and are separately assessed, and another 2 per cent is added on the purchase price as compensation for the compulsory taking. In alloting such lands preference is given to married people, and all applicants have to satisfy the land board that they have means to stock and cultivate and erect