

last visit to the city having been made twenty-five years ago. Speaking for the maritime provinces, he said: "The Confederation Life has been steadily growing in public favor. The Manager for the Provinces, Mr. F. W. Green, had proved himself to be thoroughly competent and everywhere popular, and his early training at the Head Office and the knowledge acquired while there concerning the affairs of the Company gives him a measure of confidence which proves invaluable to him and those under him in his field work. I am proud to feel that the maritime provinces are contributing largely to the success and prosperity of this great Company." He thought that all Canadians, east and west, should unite in sustaining our home companies, instead of giving business to foreign ones.

Mr. W. H. Gibbs moved, seconded by Mr. Walter S. Lee, that the thanks of the meeting be tendered to the officers, agents etc. of the Association for their efforts during the past year.

Mr. F. W. Green, manager for the maritime provinces, replying on behalf of the field workers of the Association, expressed his great pleasure at being present at the first annual meeting of the Association in the new Head Office building. Agents of some rival companies endeavored to depreciate the Association in connection with its building. His answer to these was that the building was the outcome of the mature judgment of the same Board of Directors who had made the company such a phenomenal success from its formation, and which was in itself an evidence of the wisdom and enterprise of the management. Referring to the statement made in the report in regard to the too common and pernicious habit of rebating, he said: "That although in the last four years several million dollars' worth of new business had been sent in from the maritime provinces, not a single policy had been obtained by a rebate or a concession of even so much as one cent. The company had firmly fought the common practice of rebating, and he hoped it would continue to set its face against it."

Mr. A. W. R. Markley, of Calgary, and others, spoke expressing their pleasure at being present at the meeting, and refer-

red in complimentary terms to the high appreciation in which the Association is held by the insuring public.

After some further routine business a poll was duly opened for the election of Directors. All the members of the old Board were re-elected.

Mr. W. H. Beatty then, at the request of the President, unveiled a portrait of the Managing Director, painted by Mr. G. A. Reid, of Toronto, and in a few graceful words presented it, on behalf of the Directors, to the Association. Mr. Beatty referred to the fact that he had attended the first meeting of the Insurance Committee, and that the first application offered was that of Mr. Macdonald's, and it was a coincidence that the first Board meeting in the new building was on the fifty-fifth anniversary of his birthday. (Applause.)

Mr. Macdonald, in acknowledging the compliment paid him in painting the portrait, referred to the many acts of kindness of the Directors, and to the agreeable manner in which all suggestions and recommendations made by him to the Board had been received, and he might say generally accepted. He stated that he would have been disinclined to accede to the request to having his portrait painted, had it not been made at the suggestion of the President, and pressed upon him. He trusted that the remaining years of his life would be spent, as so many had already been given, in the building up of the Confederation Life Association, which had now become a part of his very existence. (Applause.)

The meeting then adjourned, immediately after which a meeting of the new Board of Directors was held, and Sir W. P. Howland was re-elected President, and Messrs. William Elliott and Edward Hooper, Vice-Presidents; the remaining members of the Board being W. H. Beatty, Esq., Hon. James Young, S. Nordheimer, Esq., ex-Ald. W. H. Gibbs, A. McLean Howard, Esq., J. D. Edgar, Esq., M. P., Walter S. Lee, Esq., A. L. Gooderham, Esq., W. D. Matthews, Esq., George Mitchell, Esq., Halifax, and J. K. Macdonald, Managing Director.

A BABY POEM.

Where did you come from, baby dear?
Out of the everywhere into here.
Where did you get those eyes of blue?
Out of the sky as I came through.
What makes the light in them sparkle and spin?
Some of the starry twinkles left in.
Where did you get that little tear?
I found it waiting when I got here.
What makes your forehead so smooth and high?
A soft hand stroked it as I went by.
Whence that three-cornered smile of bliss?
Three angels gave me at once a kiss.
Where did you get this pearly ear?
God spoke, and it came out to hear.
Where did you get those arms and hands?
Love made itself into bonds and bands.
Feet, whence did you come, you darling things?
From the same box as the cherubs' wings.
How did they all just come to be you?
God thought about me, and so I grew.
But how did you come to us, you dear?
God thought about you, and so I am here.

—George Macdonald.

BURIAL SHIPS OF THE VIKINGS.

Viking shades would have been poorly off if provided with means of land transport only. To the "riders of the keel," existence in this world or in the next was inconceivable unless divided between sea and shore. Even the sun-god of the North, besides his chariot, possessed a skiff—"Skithbladner," the ship of the air—so cunningly constructed by trolls that while capable of carrying all the Norse Olympians—and Thor was a weighty cargo in himself—it could be folded up

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like a piece of cloth and carried under one arm. The idea then of a mortuary outfit was incompletely carried out until the "dragons" and "skelds" of the sea rovers became their sepulchres. Burial ships have so far been discovered to the number of about a dozen in Sweden and Norway. The bodies laid in them, burnt or unburnt, were equipped with pathetic care. Besides being elaborately armed and adorned, they had placed at their disposal means of employment and diversion, such as writing tablets, forging tools, whetting stones, scissors, cooking utensils, chessmen, draughtsman, and dice. In one of nine boats, containing as many bodies, disinterred in the churchyard of Vendel, in Uppland, weapons and implements were associated with the remains of three horses, three dogs, a cow, pig, ram, ewe, and goose. Another sheltered the bones of a goose, a duck, a falcon, rock owl, and crane. The inference seems justified that all these birds were domesticated. Inside the ribs of the celebrated Gokstad ship, some peacock's feathers lay scattered with fragments of gold-embroidered silken stuff; and the tumulus near Sandefjord, from which it was unearthed in 1880, contained the skeletons of at least twelve horses and six dogs. But the treasures of the sepulchral chamber amidstships had long ago fallen a prey to some of the numerous and nameless thieves who

Ransacked the graves of warriors old,
Their falcions wrenched from corpses' hold.

The vessel itself, which is of oak, clinker built, and 75 feet long, is preserved in the Archaeological Museum at Christiania.—Edinburgh Review.

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Mrs. C. Anderson.

Stanley Bridge, P. E. I.

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The majority of well-read physicians now believe that Consumption is a germ disease. In other words, instead of being in the constitution itself it is caused by innumerable small creatures living in the lungs having no business there and eating them away as caterpillars do the leaves of trees.

A Germ Disease.

The phlegm that is coughed up is those parts of the lungs which have been gnawed off and destroyed. These little bacilli, as the germs are called, are too small to be seen with the naked eye, but they are very much alive just the same, and enter the body in our food, in the air we breathe, and through the pores of the skin. Thence they get into the blood and finally arrive at the lungs where they fasten and increase with frightful rapidity. Then German Syrup comes in, loosens them, kills them, expels them, heals the places they leave, and so nourish and soothe that, in a short time consumption becomes germ-proof and well. ●