

WOMEN AT WORK

TORONTO.

KING'S DAUGHTERS.

The quarterly meeting of King's Daughters and Sons was held Thursday evening at the Y.W.C.A., Elm street. It showed an increase in membership. The president made an appeal to the Circles for assistance in keeping a free bed at Grace Hospital. There was a full attendance, and leaders of Circles were well represented and satisfactory reports given.

BOYS' HOME.

The annual meeting of Boys' Home was held on Feb. 15. His Honor Lieutenant-Governor Kirkpatrick opened the meeting. There was a large attendance of Toronto's prominent citizens. Rev. W. G. Wallace presented the manager's report, which was very satisfactory, marked success having attended their efforts for the welfare of the boys. The financial reports showed a balance of \$2,151.14 on hand. The medical report and that of the matron were also very favorable. The usual election of officers took place.

TORONTO DISTRICT, W. C. T. U.

The District Executive met February 1st, Mrs. Rutherford in the chair. Every Local Union in the city was represented, and great interest was shown in the work under discussion. Mrs. M. M. King, a white-ribboner from Detroit, Mich., briefly addressed the meeting. She spoke on rescue work in her own city, and said Canadians had no idea of the traffic carried on in Canadian girls. The secretary of the Shelter for Girls reported a number of girls who had already been helped to situations or returned to their parents. Donated to the Shelter by Western Union, \$5.50; Mrs. Embury, \$1.00; Mrs. Patton, of Peterboro', \$1.25. A resolution of sympathy was passed by the Union for Mrs. Greig, in the loss of her daughter, Mrs. Wanless, an earnest white ribbon worker in the Willard Union.

LOCAL AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held on February 5th at St. George's Hall for the purpose of forming a local center for this Association. A large number of Toronto's influential Anglicans were present. The purpose of the Association is to instruct and train in the care of the sick and injured. Dr. Parkin, of Upper Canada College, acted as chairman. Dr. Ryerson gave an address on the object and work of the society. The following officers were elected: President, Judge Kingsmill; treasurer, Mrs. William Boulton; secretary, Dr. C. H. Dixon. It is also purposed to elect vice-presidents at the first regular meeting of the committee.

Besides the above officers a very large Executive Committee was elected, consisting of some of the most prominent ladies and gentlemen of the city.

NORMAL SCHOOL LITERARY.

The Normal School Literary Society held a meeting February 6th in Principal Kirkland's lecture-room, and elected the following officers: President, Mr. M. A. Sorsoliel; vice-president, Miss Edith C. Armstrong; secretary, Miss M. Summerhayes; Executive Committee, Misses H. Watterworth, A. Ferguson and M. Jennings, and Messrs. J. A. Brown and S. A. Doupe. The society will hold bi-weekly meetings, at which literary and musical programs will be rendered.

WOMAN'S ENFRANCHISEMENT.

The Woman's Enfranchisement Association held its annual meeting at Massey Hall on Saturday, January 25th. Dr. Stowe-Gullen spoke regarding the fact that many women who had votes did not realize their privilege, and at her suggestion a committee was appointed to impress on women what their rights were, and to see that they took advantage of them. Steps were taken towards securing Mrs. M. McClellan Brown, of Minneapolis, for a lecture in Toronto. The following officers were elected for 1896: President, Mr. Jas. L. Hughes; vice-president, Mrs. Dr. Stowe-Gullen; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Scales; recording secretary, Miss Semple; assistant recording secretary, Miss Sims; treasurer, Mrs. Schoff; auditors, Miss Wiggins and Miss Sims.

PROVINCIAL WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.

The Ven. Arch. Tims, Diocese of Calgary, is making a tour of the Eastern Ecclesiastical Province, under the auspices of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary. Mr. Tims has been working among the

Blackfoot and other Indians in the above-mentioned Diocese for over twelve years and has much to tell that is most interesting and instructive of the advance of Christianity in the Northwest. The Arch. began his tour by addressing the Monthly Board meeting of the Toronto W. A. on January 9th; then went to Quebec, working his way back by Montreal and Ontario Dioceses. February will be devoted to the Toronto Diocese, and then the Arch. will go on to Niagara and Huron before returning to Calgary.

NURSING-AT-HOME MISSION.

Monthly meeting first Friday of each month, at 3 o'clock p.m., in the library of Association Hall, to which the public are cordially invited. The above mission, established for visiting and caring for the poor and sick in their destitute homes, has well entered on its work for 1896. Next month we hope to give a synopsis of the yearly report, also names of the Advisory Board and Visiting Committee. The poor are showing more and more their appreciation of the nurses, who are in ever-increasing demand. All the applications for nurses, however, have been granted, except in a few instances where the destitution did not seem sufficient to warrant them.

SECRETARY.

TORONTO LOCAL COUNCIL.

Notwithstanding the severe storm on the day fixed for the public meeting of the Toronto Local Council of Women, there was a very good attendance at St. George's Hall on Monday, February 3rd, and an excellent program given.

The president, Mrs. Grant Macdonald, reviewed the work of the various committees in her opening address in a very concise and able manner.

Mrs. Dickson read a paper in connection with the report touching "Shorter hours for women and girls in factories and shops." Miss Carty read a very strong paper on manual training in the schools in connection with the report of that committee. Mrs. Torrington presented her views of the Pure Literature Committee in an able paper on the subject.

A very charming selection on the piano was given by Miss Gunther, and a translation from the French by Miss Jones of a paper read at a musical convention in Brussels was very much appreciated.

Mrs. Curzon's paper on the "Council Idea" was read by Miss FitzGibbon, and published in full in the *Mail* on February 5th; also special copies were struck off which may be obtained from the secretary.

Resolutions to be considered at the Executive meeting of the N. C. of Women, to meet in Ottawa February 4th, were passed and forwarded.

Lady Thompson, vice-president of the N.C., was present on the platform.

A deputation was appointed to wait upon the School Board to urge the adoption of manual training in the schools. M. E. DIGNAM, Rec. Sec.

WOMAN'S ART ASSOCIATION.

The attractive series of lectures arranged by this Association, are given in the W. A. A. Studio, Canada Life Building, every second Wednesday. Miss Harriette Ford, one of the most entertaining platform conversationalists in Toronto, gave an essay on Giotto, on January 24th. On February 5th, the attractive art topic of "Book and Newspaper Illustrations" dealt with by Mr. Bernard McEvoy, was full of research and a most scholarly effort. Dr. Theodore Rand's lecture on February 19th, on "Some Subjects for Art Study" dealt largely with the romance, incident and early history of the land of Evangeline, the Annapolis Valley.

On March 4th, Miss Machar of Kingston, one of our foremost Canadian writers, will give the story of a woman painter, under the title, "Failure in Success," while the noted portrait painters, E. Wylie Grier and Professor Huntingford, lecture on attractive topics on the dates 18th and 25th of March. These lectures are full of interest to others than artists and productive of pleasurable culture.

At the regular meeting held this month, a large accession of membership was reported from the Branches, especially Hamilton. Mrs. Calder, the president, attended, and spoke of the effort being made for the exhibition opening there on Feb. 18th.

A resolution of sympathy with the Royal Academy, London, England, on the loss sustained by the death of the president, Lord Leighton, was passed, and the secretary instructed to forward it.

An event of the season is the exhibition of Græco-Egyptian photographs of recently discovered paintings sent to Toronto by the Montreal Branch. The photos will eventually be presented to McGill University. In the meantime they are on view at the Studio, 89 Canada Life Building, and will remain there until after next "Studio Day," Saturday, March 7th.

A very charming "at-home" was given by Mrs. S. G. Beattie to the artist members of the Association in Toronto, about sixty in number, and some invited guests, on Saturday, February 1st, to hear an address by Miss Mary Agnes FitzGibbon, on

"Historical Incidents Suitable for Painting." Mrs. G. A. Curzon, president of the Historical Society, also spoke regarding the collection of data, etc., for the Cabot Exhibition in 1897. A good deal of interest is being awakened in the W. A. A. in this proposed patriotic commemoration.

An Art Conference is to be held by the Association in Montreal, about May 15th, during the meeting of the N. C. of Women. Lady Aberdeen will preside, and an interesting program has been provided.

A ceramic exhibition was most successfully held in Winnipeg by that branch. A large number of exhibits were sent from Ontario.

St. Thomas Branch will hold an exhibition, succeeding Hamilton, first ten days of March.

The Toronto exhibition will open Easter Saturday, and will be held in Robert's Art Galleries, 79 King street west.

The Montreal exhibition will be opened by the 11th of May.

ANGLICAN MISSIONS.

The regular quarterly conference of the officers of the Women's Mission Association, and those of the Mission Board, was held February 13th at the Synod office. The work of the Parish Mission Association was fully discussed, and the report of the treasurer showed the funds of the mission to be in a flourishing condition, the receipts being much greater than those of former years.

W. L. S., UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

Saturday, February 1st, was the occasion of the annual reception given by the Women's Literary Society of University College to the professors and the wives and the officers of the various clubs and societies round 'Varsity. The gymnasium, where the reception was held, was prettily decorated for the occasion with bunting, flags, curtains and palms. The refreshment room was a work of art, the room being all hung with yellow and white, and the tables set and decorated in the same dainty colors.

At five o'clock the visitors began to arrive; they were received and welcomed by Miss Salter, Miss Lawlor, '90, and the president, Miss White. The invitations were very dainty little affairs in the college colors, blue and white; and quite a little curiosity was aroused as to what the words, "Representation of Women of George Eliot," followed by a caste of characters, could mean. About two hours were very pleasantly spent in talking and visiting the refreshment room, and then it was announced that the "Representation" would be given shortly after seven in the Students' Union Hall. Soon the hall was filled with guests and at the time mentioned the president came forward on the stage, which was fitted up like a library. She announced that the principal heroines of George Eliot's works would shortly gather here in the home of *Dorothea*, with the intention of forming a George Eliot Club, and the hope of seeing *George Eliot* herself. Every effort had been made by Miss White, to whom belongs the credit of having written this clever little play, to keep as nearly as possible to the original words of the characters, and also by the girls taking part to reproduce as nearly as possible the costumes; so that the representation was carried through very successfully, the acting being in all cases good and the interpretation of the various characters true to life.

Miss Edgar, gowned in grey with simple linen collar and cuffs, looked the serious *Dorothea* to the life; with her came Miss Harvey as *Celea* with her dainty, saucy ways and wit. Misses Northway and Miller successfully portrayed the staid common sense of *Mary Gash* and the playful yet terribly real willfulness of *Rosamond*. Miss Burgess, in green, was the haughty *Gwendoline*, while Miss Bapty, gowned in black, made a beautiful *Mirah*. Miss Hunter was a beautiful, noble looking *Romola*, and *Tessa*, who pours out her woes to the unconscious *Romola*, was portrayed by Miss Neilson. Miss McDougal made a realistic *Maggie* and Mrs. Audison an exceedingly pretty *Lucy*. An almost ideal "method" preacher was Miss Benson as *Dinah*, in black gown and dainty white cap. Miss Turner as *Hesty* was gowned in pink, and Miss Glashan, busy with her knitting, made a dainty *Esther*. Misses White and Stovel as *Mrs. Poyser* and *Mrs. Bede*, supplied the comedy; both were gowned in old-fashioned dresses with large checked aprons and white caps. Miss Cowan gave a very successful rendering of *Fedalma*, the Spanish gypsy.

Last of all to come on the stage was *George Eliot*. Miss Tennant's only fault in this character was that of being much more beautiful and graceful than was *George Eliot* herself, judging from all accounts. To all these, her creations, she speaks kindly, helpful words, and one by one they steal away, leaving her again alone.

This brought to a close the second annual reception of the society and judging by the comments of the guests the society may congratulate itself upon achieving another success.

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