

Social Happenings of the Week

round of gayety teas, bridge parties, there been a more winsome, more charming group of "buds" in one sea-

son than is the case this year. Several little Christmas-week festivities have been planned by the hostesses of London, and the holiday fortnight promises to be one of unusual enjoyment, especially for the younger

mas eve will be kindly welcomed by the citizens of London. For two years now the singers, under the direction of Mrs. Harry Kingsmill, have sung cheery Christmas songs beneath windows of London homes, and the proceeds realized have been devoted towards charitable purposes. This year there will be ten bands of singers to serenade Londoners on Christmas eve, and Mrs. Kingsmill hopes that a larger amount than ever before may be col-lected. Contributions will be banked until perhaps the middle of January or first of February, and then divided amongst four of the city's institutions which shelter children. It is felt that the donations may be more necessary then than at Christmas.

Amongst those who will take part re Charles Percy, W. E. Saunders, A. W. Slatter, J. Parnell Morris, Leslie Roberts, Roselle Pococke, Messrs. Chris Pink, Ed Crawford, and other soloists. A number of English people are taking keen delight in the prospect of the Christmas waits.

The ladies chorus of the Women's Music Club will sing a Christmas song | prejudice partial or complete. at the regular fortnightly recital on the program.

It is expected that Miss Cora Price, Miss Egglestone, violinist, and Mr. Killmaster, organist, at St. Paul's Cathedral, on Christmas day.

Miss Rouson will be the soloist in St. James' Anglican Church tomorrow evening, her number being, "At Even

When the Sun Was Set.' On Sunday evening in St. Andrew's Church selections from "From Olivet | the class. to Calvary," including "The March to Calvary," and "The Son of God Goes Forth to Die," will be rendered, and also the solo, "God Remembers When the World Forgets."

TALENT TEAS.

The Christmas sale of work held by Society, on Tuesday afternoon and room, at small tables prettily decorated evening in Cronyn Memorial Hall was with flowers. the members of the Girls' Friendly largely attended, and over \$50 was cleared for the society's work amongst women and girls in the city. Among those responsible for the success of the sale were: Miss Elliott, Miss Hilda Smith, Priscilla Ball, Jean Waugh, Mrs. Arnold, Miss Arnold, Misses Muriel Tucker, Isabelle Ross, Deborah Ross, Beatice Taylor, Miss Knott, Miss Hodges, and many others. In the evening an impromptu musical program was rendered.

RECEPTIONS.

Very largely attended was the reception at Huron College on Wednesday afternoon of this week, when many friends and graduates assembled in honor of the fiftieth anniversary and to visit the little chapel erected this summer by Principal Waller and the

Mrs. David Williams and Mrs. Waller received the many who called and a very enjoyable hour was spent. Mrs. Moorhouse and Mrs. C. B. Hunt were in charge of the tea table, and the young ladies from Western University assisted in serving refreshments, and Major Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Duffield. with the men students conducted the visitors through the chapel.

Among the guests were clergymen from various parts of Ontario, most of whom were graduates of Huron, and who had come up to London to attend the anniversary banquet and

Mrs. Edmond Beltz, 15 Picton street, with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Fred Beltz, received on Tuesday afternoon for the first time this season. Thomas Gillean was in charge of the tea table, which was graced with a and Mrs. J. F. Kerrigan, Mr. and Mrs. bowl of yellow 'mums, and assisting Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Rechnitzer, Mr. were Mrs. Booth and Miss Hanson.

Another afternoon affair claimed Mrs. M. I. Gardiner, of 393 William street, as hostess, on Wednesday, when she received very informally.

Mrs. E. C. Bowker will receive on Saturday, Dec 20, for the first time, in her new home, "Clover Lea," Richmond street north, and afterwards on the first and third Saturdays of each

On Monday afternoon St. Angelus College, corner Queen's avenue and Colborne street, will open for the reception of visitors from 2:30 to 5:30, when anyone interested in education in London is invited to be present, and learn something of the splendid work conducted by the sisters of the Ursuline Order. Although they have been in London but a short time, those who have met the Ursuline Sisters have been strongly impressed with their

culture and marked abilities. One of the largest receptions of the week was that held on Thursday afternoon at 429 King street, when Mrs. John Purdom and Mrs. Alexander H. Purdom were hostesses. They welcomed their guests in the drawing-room, where a profusion of pink roses and

"AT HOME" NEXT WEEK. Tuesday — Mrs. Alfred H. Hockin, 454 Adelaide street.

Wednesday - Mrs. Gordon Rapley Keenleyside and Mrs. J. E. Keenleyside, 396 King

Friday-Mrs. Angus A. Morrison, 12 Bruce street. Thursday-Mrs. Gustan Rice, 81 Ridout street, south. Saturday-Mrs. Bowker, at her new home, "Clover Lea,"

mond street, north.

و الله المام ا The social season in London is white chrysanthemums lent a festive Barbara Brown, Leonard, Merritt, already well advanced. The coming of air. Mrs. Robert Milne and Mrs. J. H. Meta Macbeth, Nancy Niven, Mary December has ushered in the usual Mrs. John Bell and Miss Daisy Mason bons, May Beddome, Davis, Gunn, were in charge of the tea-table, which Smart, Jean Allen, D. Allen, dances, dinners and luncheons. Quite was prettily centred with red Rich- Love, D. Burns, Steveley, Smith, Pena few of the year's debutantes have mond roses, violets and lilies of the had their "coming out" affairs, and it is perfectly safe to say that never has guerite Belton, Miss Marjorie Underwood, Miss Lillian Purdom and little Miss Lois Purdom.

Engagements Announced. The engagement is announced of Miss Beatrice Underwood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Underwood, this city, to Mr. Douglas Marr. of Montreal. The marriage will take place quietly on New Year's

Mr and Mrs David Howden announce It is to be hoped that those who the engagement of their daughter, Miss are taking part in the singing of Beulah Rome Howden, to Mr. John Ehristmas carols and waits on Christ- son of Dr. and Mrs. Samuel Stewart, of Thamesville, the marriage to take place

> Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Perry, 138 Wells street, Toronto, announce the engagement of their daughter Louie to Mr. T. A. McElhanney, B. A. Sc., of Vancouver, the marriage to take place very quietly,

COUNTESS-EDITOR FAVORS CANADA

The Countess of Warwick, who is to edit the ladies' page of a London daily, is credited with the intention of directing attention to the opportunities in the Dominion for British women. Lady Warwick is hardly likely to make the mistake which has not been avoided by many British women who have not had extensive experience, of assuming that Canada is a country where English gentlewomen may be precipitated without due preparation. On the other hand, her energetic personality may be counted upon to bear evening by the Officers' Mess at Woldown such opposition as is founded on seley Barracks, when among the guests

There is no doubt that there are ex-Wednesday afternoon next. Mrs. Har-ris Nelles (nee Strong) is arranging Leathes, of Toronto, has recently been giving some very sound advice to those people who are on the side of the optimists. On the other hand, the satisharpist, of St. Thomas, will play with faction of Englishwomen like Lady Hyde-to mention only one of the titled persons who have settled in Canada within the last few years, and who is thoroughly in love with her life herepoints to the fact that there is another side to this question. Lady Warwick may be counted upon to choose the happy medium and to maintain that it a question of the individual, not of

DANCES, DINNERS, ETC.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smallman were host and hostess at one of the largest of the season's dances held last night in the Tecumseh House, when London described by the transfer of the season's dances held last night in the Tecumseh House, when London described by the transfer of the largest points and provided by the transfer of the largest points and hostess at one of the largest points and hostess are points and hostess at one of the largest points and hostess are points and hostess at one of the largest points are points and hostess are points At midnight a sitdown supper was Redmond Meredith, Ibbotson Leonard, erved in the French and Indian grill and Rev. S. R. Heakes.

The Cortese orchestra was present. and furnished sweet strains for the maze of the dance. Many very pretty costumes were noted on the floor, a few of them being:

Miss Marjoire Brown (Edmonton), black moire with brilliant trimmings. Mrs. T. H. Smallman, black charmeuse satin with over-dress of net, and jet trimmings

Mrs. Jack Smallman, dancing frock Miss Morgan, guest with Mrs. T. H. Smallman, cerise satin draped in

Mrs. Francis E. Fallon, white silk charmeuse with short train, and tunic of lace and crystal. Miss Dorothy Burns, pale blue crepe

e chene with shadow lace trimmings. Mrs. Basil Sterling, black velvet rocade, lace corsage.

Mrs. E. Rechnitzer, heavy white procaded velour, trimmed with silk gold lace, and corsage bouquet. Miss Hilda Smith, silver embroidered tunic over white satin.

Mrs. T. H. Smallman, Captain and Mrs. Folger, Captain and Mrs. Brooke Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Harris, Miss Marjorie Brown (Edmonton), Mr. and Mrs. W. Webster (Hamilton), Mr. and Miss Clare (Preston), Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Harper, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Masuret, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reid, Mr. and Baker, Hon. Adam Beck, Dr. and Mrs Drake, Mr. and Mrs. Birrell Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Farncombe, Dr. and Mrs. Alexander, Hon. C. S. and Mrs. Hyman, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hunt, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Sterling, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. R. G. and Mrs. Garvey, Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Fallon, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Gates, Mr. Moore, Miss O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. George Gunn, was tendered Miss Ruth West. Mr. Robertson, Miss Lucylle Robert-

son, Mrs. Cleghorn, Labatt, Doris Labatt, Marjorie Brown, served.

Marshall, Clare, Belton White, Amsden.

Messrs. Ibbotson Leonard, Gordon Ingram, F. Fisher, Revington Fisher, Lilly, M. Graydon, Wood Leonard Cook, Owen Hodgins, Herb. Scandrett, Will Meredith, Stanley Meredith, Campbell Becher, Dr. Henderson, Dr. Scott, Dr. Brown, Allan McLean, Arthur Mortimore, Ashley Mackay Lorne Becher, R. Arkell, (Hamilton), Gow (Hamilton), Kenneth Ingram, Ernest Weld, Colin Duffield, Sutherland (Galt), Dunlop (Hamilton), Dr. Davis, Johnston, G. Hunt, Hugh Labatt, Rev. Heakes, Banks, Wm. Wright, McKinney, Wells, F. Kerrigan, Capt. Eaton, Dr. Hale, Stuart Gunn, W. Purdom, McPhillips, Logan and others.

A most delightful evening with well arranged program, and promenade followed by the serving of refreshments, was held last night in the Normal School under the auspices of the Literary Society members, when a large number of their friends assembled. The pleasant rooms of the Normal were most attractively decorated with red and gold, the school colors, and the presence of the harpers added to the enjoyment of the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Radcliffe welcomed the guests as they arrived.

the affair are Mr. Riddell, president of

One of the pleasant events of the to build. week was the dance given on Tuesday "He seley Barracks, when among the guests were: Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kerri-Miss Morgan, Miss Meta Macbeth, Miss Barbara Brown, Captain and Mrs. Folger, Miss Adele Boulton (Toronto), Mr, and Mrs. Charles Hunt, Miss Amsden (England), Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson, Miss Ruth Robinson Mrs. Basil Sterling, Miss Mary Labatt Miss Love, Mr. Ibbotson Leonard, Miss Leonard, Major Hill, Captain Eaton, Lieut. Balders, Lieut. Brooke, Dr. A Scott, Mr. Logan, Mr. F. Reid. The rooms were prettily decorated for the event with flags. Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Brooke received the guests.

nost at a dinner-dance at his residence "Belvidere" on Saturday evening last, when the guests were: Mr. Doris Yarker, Barbara Brown, Dorothy society circles were well represented. dith, Owen Hodgins, Stanley Meredith,

> Rev. S. R. Heakes entertained a box party at the Grand on Monday night at "Fanny's First Night," and afterwards at a supper in his apartments. The guests were: Rev. and Mrs. Norwood, Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Fraser, Mr. and Mrs. Farncombe, Col. Smith, Miss Mary Meredith and Mr. Willie Mere-

PERSONAL.

Mr. and Mrs. William Webster, attic door, and turned the rusty han-Hamilton, are guests for the weekend of Mrs. J. E. Smallman, Elmwood die. With the opening of the door reminevenue, coming up to the city for the iscences of the past flocked to her. again the old rafters rang with the dance given by Mrs. Smallman, on Friday night. Miss Marjorie Brown, Eight long years! She had been but a shouts of merry laughter of the past girl in her 'teens when the little of Edmonton, is also a guest of Mrs. mother had passed peacefully away,

Miss Jewell Mitchell, King street, has returned home after an extended go to her uncle visit with her cousins, Dr. Stewart and Mrs. Macintyre, Saskatoon.

At a meeting of the Equal Franchise League, held in Toronto this week, the president, Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, made special reference to the work of Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Tilley, of London. Mrs. Tilley is honorary president of the suffeel miserable and lonely. frage society here, and was one of the moving spirits in its formation.

> Mrs. J. E. Dawson and grand-daughter, Miss Georgie Dawson, of Butte, Montana, will spend the winter with the secret dwelling of the fairies. Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, of this city.

A number of the Anglican clergy and gazed about her. with their wives who were in the city for the celebration of the Huron College fiftieth anniversary, lunched Smallman's restaurant on Thursday noon. Among those present were noted, Bishop and Mrs. Williams; Rev. W. T. Hill, of Petrolea; Rev. William Lowe, of Lucan; Rev. T. B. Howard, of her first. Poor old trunk, it seemed Woodstock, and others.

A very pleasant time was spent on lid. Wednesday evening at the residence Phyllis Moore, Dr. and Mrs. Seaborn, Wednesday evening at the residence Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Pearson, Dr. and of Miss Blanche Gerry, Craig street, Mrs. Snell, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. when a "shower" of Haviland china time passed quickly in various amusements and music, and at the close of How many times had this same inan-Misses E. Morgan, M. Harris, Jean the evening a dainty luncheon

WONDERFUL WOMAN HAS FOUND AN UNDISCOVERED CONTINENT---THE CONTINENT OF LITTLE CHILDREN!"

Nixola Greeley-Smith, Interviewing the Famous Creator of "the Montessori Method" on Her Arrival in America, Says This Gray-Haired, Soft-Voiced Italian Woman Has Paralleled the Feat of Her Countryman, Columbus.

BY NIXOLA GREELEY-SMITH.

(Copyrighted, 1912, by the Newspaper Enterprise Association.) Maria Montessori, doctor of medicine, countess of Italy, and the most eaceful revolutionist the world has ever known, has arrived in the United States to explain to American mothers and American school teachers the method of child-education which she invented and which has made her name

famous throughout the world. Like her countryman, the Genoese Columbus, this plump, middle-aged, Italian woman, whose black hair is flecked with gray and whose black eyes Caudwell (Brantford), H. J. Glaubitz, are radiant with intelligence, sought and found an undiscovered continentthe country of little children.

What has this world-famous teacher to say to the mothers of Young America and to their second mothers, the public school teachers? She does not speak English, so the lectures which she will give throughout the country will be illustrated by film pictures of her "House of Childheod" in Rome, and an interpreter will translate her explanatory remarks. But Madame Montessori is mistress of the French tongue, as well as of her own, so that she has no difficulty in communicating her thoughts to the in-

"The basic principle of the Montessori method of teaching children from two and a half to six years of age is what I call auto-education," she said

"I believe that if you give the child happiness-proper surroundings, proper clothes, good air and good food—and if you place him in contact with objects which stimulate and interest him HE WILL EDUCATE HIMSELF!

TO HELP DEFECTIVES.

"I regret an idea seems to prevail here that "The Montessori method' is specially effective in dealing with defective children. As a matter of fact, it is particularly beneficial to the normal child, and I am now working out a plan to extend the system to ALL CHILDREN up to 16! At present, though, On the committee responsible for my pupils are mainly from two and a half to six years of age. "I am a physician," Dr. Montessori added, with a little note of pride, "and

the Literary Society; Mr. Young, vice- I gained my knowledge of the PSYCHOLOGY of the child after an earnest president; Miss Hicks, secretary; Miss study of his PHYSIOLOGY. My method is, briefly, to put in the child's way Cameron, treasurer; Messrs. Wood such objects as will interest him and to let him SEEK information about and P. McCallum, Mrs. Schmidt, Mrs. them. In my 'House of Childhood' in Rome every object, in the rooms oc-Graves, and Misses Edgar, Burgess, cupied by little children-even the very chairs and tables-is adjusted to the of Pinfold and Law, all members of the size of those who will occupy them and each pupil is permitted to have a choice of any of the pretty, instructive toys designed for some special purpose-to show him, for instance, how to distinguish colors, or to measure, or

"He is taught to distinguish rough from smooth surfaces. Gradually he learns the feeling and the shape of letters or figures which I have cut from smooth or rough paper and pasted on bits of wood. Finally he puts them together into words; or almost unconsciously traces them with a pencil, learngan, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Smallman, ing to write WITHOUT EFFORT! A child of three has learned to write in six weeks in this way!

"I have heard that the Montessori method does away altogether with

DOING TOO MUCH "The abolishment of punishment is merely a result-not a cause -of the method," Mme. Montessori replied. "A logical consequence. not a deliberate purpose. I believe the child who is comfortable and happy and whose bodily, mental and spiritual needs ARE KNOWN and LOOKED AFTER will not require punishment. I not only believe this, I KNOW IT!

"A child cries or has fits of temper merely to make known its wants. When needs are known IN ADVANCE and attended to it does not cry. One of the most interesting sights in the world, I think, is the clinic in the state hospital at Rome, where in one large, beautifully-lighted room one may see 60 Colonel A. M. Smith was the genial new-born babies lying side by side and never a whimper from any one of them. The silence in that room of NEW LIFE IS MORE COMPLETE, MORE IM-

and Mrs. Geo. Gibbons, Misses Amstaken almost at birth, because the doctors have found that it is impossible to to be able to establish a large laboratory in Rome where the psychology of teach these mothers, when left alone, not to do TOO MUCH for the child, children of all nations may be studied and developed.

A CHRISTMAS STORY

ing wish of her parent that she should the baa-sheep; they all came in for a

eral days had rummaged about the old ed aloud. "Will you never come again?

She had shed many tears over the old ly lamb peeped beneath her hand. The

cobwebs clung to the casement of the sink limply down on the stairway.

in England, her sole share in the merriment. Perhaps it was

BLESS AND BURN"

"memories that bless and burn." Once

Once again Billy and she romped and

played, now with the doll, or now with

the little tin soldiers in some great

battle. "Dear old days," she exclaim-

Dusk found her still hugging the

battered doll in her arms, while a wool-

scurrying feet of a mouse awakened the echoes. Holding the doll firmly

in her hand, while the lamb, under the

severe pressure, was forced to ex-claim "Boa" so tight was he held,

Helen closed the trunk with a bang,

of the twilight in the dim hall. Some-

one who came forward and in a hearty

voice, said, "Welcome home!" It was

this same voice that caused Helen to

Thereupon the tin horn took it upon

mischievously till it paused at the feet

of its old companion. He stooped and

picked it up. His face beamed with

smiles as he recognized it, and came

itself to become disengaged and

step beside Helen.

Someone was standing in the dusk

and left the fantastic shadows.

"MEMORIES THAT

leaving her an orphan. It was the dy-

relative; that had caused the closing

house, finally summoning courage to

surroundings, and they had made her

She walked slowly up the dusty

stairs. Phantoms of childhood rushed

about her. In days gone by this had been the loved retreat, here many sec-

ret battles had been waged, here was

which grown folks are never privileged

to see. She paused at the top step,

Cobwebs hung from dusty rafters,

dusty window. Dust everywhere. It,

covered the fleor like a mystical car-

pet. It stood in little mounds upon

An old trunk steeped in age greeted

herself beside it and raised the faded

The contents of that trunk brought

back such longing. She fumbled about

it, and a tear crept to her eyes as she

drew out a small, battered doll. Poor

old playmate of golden days long past!

imate form been the source of consola-

tion and refuge! One arm was miss-

of sawdust. The flaxen wig hung by a

"Dear old doll!" exclaimed Helen as

everything.

enter the sacred precincts of the attic.

up of the home.

Now she had returned, and for sev.



Dr. Maria Montessori, whom Nixola Greeley-Smith calls "the Discoverer the Continent of Little Children," on her first visit to America.

just as my greatest difficulity with teachers is to instill the principle of autoeducation-to let the child teach itself. In this large hospital room these little mites lie peacefully all day long. There is NO SOUND from them save a faint sucking of the lips which announces that they are ready for their food which they should have every two hours.

"It is only at meal-time that the mothers see their babies, and no one who has been in that great room of happy infants can realize the miracle of the profound silence which reigns where, under less favorable conditions, screaming, whimpering and fretting would never cease!

"At what time do you think education should begin?" I asked when we had both laughed over this scientific mirasle which has eliminated every one of baby's squeals save the first with which he fills his lungs. For Mme. Montessori admitted that as yet the baby's pessimistic greeting to the universe has not been eliminated from his repertory!

Theoretically, of course, education should begin at birth," Mme. Montes. sori answered, "but from observation I think that it is about the seventh day of existence that the baby's psychology shows itself. that his soul 'moves in' This applies to specially intelligent children. Have you not seen a baby a week old follow a ray of light with his eyes as though trying to divine from whence it came and what it is? AT SUCH A MOMENT the child's psychology

Educators in the United States believe that Mme. Montessori's method is PRESSIVE THAN THAT WHICH PREVAILS IN THE ROOM OF DEATH, in itself such a ray of light for little children, and they were present in large "These babies are the children of very poor mothers from whom they are numbers when she landed in New York. Ultimately Mme. Montessori hopes

DO NOT ALLOW MONOPOLY.

One of the most foolish things a girl and altogether monopolized the lady can do is to permit herself to be mon- through all her best and freshest years, opolized by one man who has not penly declared himself her lover. Men are always ready to hang around a charming girl like moths around a candle, but to allow one to do more "hanging" than another is a quite fatal mistake.

Slowly other possible suitors will fall away, convinced that there is some understanding between the two, and it is only natural that they should do The old home had been closed for Billy, her childhood chum and playmany years, but few changes had mate, was wondering perhaps where so. If one out of their ranks is pertaken place. Helen Windermere noted she was. Those old rooms, and frolics! mitted practically all the rights of this as she inserted the key in the Helen's eyes sparkled through her declared lover, what else can they think? tears as she gave herself up to the

As to the man to whom these privi-

leges are granted, quite often they so amply satisfy him that he asks no more, and having talked and walked he quite calmly bestows his affecsome other fair one

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AROUND THE CAMP FIRE

Boy Scout Tidings From London and District

The Major Lamb trophy for efficiency in scoutcraft is to be put into competition in this city again. This action was decided upon at a largely attended meeting of the Scoutmasters Club of this city in the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday evening, Dec. 16. It is probable that the Y. M. C. A. rooms on Thursday evening. The trophy is now in possession of the Ninth London Troop, which has held it for over a year, but as that troop has not yet won it a sufficient number of times to keep it permanently, the trophy, which is an extremely handsome one, donated by Major J. H. Lamb, of the Corps of Guides, will be brought to Scout headquarters, and competition among the various troops will decide who will be the next possessor.

New Names On Roll.

The Major Lamb trophy for efficiency spectively, attended the meeting, and it

d to the Sixteenth London Troop, now of a vanished hand.

has been elected vice-president of the London Scoutmasters' Club. The election was a popular one

New Names On Roll.

The meeting of the Scoutmasters' Club on Thursday evening was one of the best which that organization has ever held. Practically every scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster in the city was present, and a number of new members were added to the membership of the club. These included J. A. R. Elder, D. McDonald and C. Welsh.

Several important matters were dealt with at the meeting. C. Butler and G. H. Greenlees, president and secretary-treasurer of the London Scout Association reformed.

Was a popular one.

Provincial Commissioner Hammond recently issued an appeal to the men of Ontario to take a greater interest in Scout affairs in the province, and to assist the boys in becoming leaders in the numerous corps which are springing up. He need have no fear of London falling behind in this respect. No less than sixteen qualified officers were present at Thursday inght's meeting, enough to fully man all the corps in this city. More will be needed, however, as new corps are being formed.

she tenderly held it at arm's length and basked in the somewhat wry smile of welcome on the doll's dirty face. "You have been sadly neglected, but I've come home to take care of you. Then she rummaged about again; this time it was something that was ever so soft to the touch. Lo! The little baa-sheep. One bright eye still glittered from its friendly face, while the other-but who shall say in what glorious frolic that one little eye was lost? She patted the woolly sides with a reverent hand, was almost startled when her fingers came in contact with the spring, and "Baa" said the woolly lamb. Not with its old ardor, for it had sadly needed exercise, and the sides had grown rusty, waiting for the touch

An old tin horn was the next article the old trunk yielded. It was bent and showed numerous signs of having been used roughly. "Poor old Billy," sobbed Helen, holding it up, and trying vainly to see through misty eyes,

Poor old Billy." For a long time she sat in the attic looking at the horn. Even the woolly lamb was deserted, and flung aside with the battered doll. Miss Helen gazed at the bugle, and a regiment of musty tin soldiers, which she drilled upon the floor of the attic. The last rays of the dying sun lit up the cobwebs of the dingy old place, and threw their brightness into the farthest cor-

hold it all in one hand, for Billy, dear old Billy, had taken charge of MUSICAL.

MR. ED. WEBSTER, soloist in the ner. Somewhere out in the busy world, First Methodist Church, London.



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