

DID HONOR TO MR. KETCHEN.

Men of MacNab Street Church
Made a Presentation

On Eve of His Departure For His
Holidays.

Words of Appreciation Which
Accompanied the Gift.

A very successful and pleasant entertainment was given on the lawn at the rear of MacNab Street Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening last, when the men of the congregation met together to do honor to Rev. H. B. Ketchen, ere his departure on his summer vacation.

The lawn presented a pleasing and inviting appearance, with festoons of colored lanterns adding light and gaiety to the scene. Refreshments were served in excellent style, and the inspiring music provided by the orchestra added throughout to the enjoyment of the company.

The entertainment came as a complete surprise to Mr. Ketchen, who had been



REV. H. BEVERLEY KETCHEN.

deceived from the scene of preparation by an invitation to tea. On his return he was astounded to find his lawn in possession of his enthusiastic followers.

The proceedings were opened by Mr. George Gow, who acted as chairman, and after a few musical selections called upon Mr. William J. Allan to voice the sentiments of the gathering in presenting to Mr. Ketchen a beautiful traveling bag, also a present for Mrs. Ketchen and a remembrance for their little daughter.

Mr. Allan said he was sure that every one in the company was particularly pleased to take part in such a gathering of the men of old MacNab Street Church to do honor to and to show regard for their pastor both as a minister and a man. If he (Mr. Allan) were a silver-tongued orator he would, figuratively, throw bouquets of speech at Mr. Ketchen till he was covered like a veritable babe of the wood. He would build a pyramid of rhetoric in praise of his many good qualities that would dwarf in insignificance the largest one of old Egypt. As this was beyond his capacity he would content himself with echoing the very modest estimate the men had of him, and say that they had the best preacher in the whole Presbyterian Church. This was just before Mr. Ketchen's vacation, and seemed a fitting time to visit him in a body and show their regard for him, and it was also an opportunity to express in some slight, but more tangible form their great esteem for him. If the traveling bag would serve no other purpose, it might be used to bring back the copious notes and new ideas which Mr. Ketchen would acquire while away, and from which they were all likely to benefit in the not distant future. Inside the bag there was a small token to show their regard for Mr. Ketchen, and also for the daughter of the house, Miss Ketchen, who was to wear it out and might it never wear out. He concluded by repeating a short poem specially written for the occasion by Bard William Murray.

ABOUT TO TAKE HIS HOLIDAYS.
We, some lambskins of MacNab Street's
Firm and famous fold
Greet our peerless Pastor Ketchen
With love that never grows cold,
As well as gratitude for what
He's done to make us strong and fat.

We specially approach him now,
With all our hearts to wish him
The best that love and luck allow,
Or fairy forms can fish him,
While absent in a softer nest
To gather greater girth and rest.

And, furthermore, we may assure him,
Wherever he may roam,
We'll all do our utmost to procure him,
From either field or foam,
New sheep his fresh new fare to grab,
On his return to old MacNab.

So we need we add we wish a gay
Good time to histrionic Lady K.,
And all the earth to Angel May,
For the lambskins.

—William Murray.
Hamilton, June 24th, 1909.

Mr. Ketchen responded in a few well-chosen words, expressing his appreciation of the support which he had received from the men of his congregation and his confidence in the future of the church.

Mr. James Chisholm, in a very happy speech, outlined the great benefits which the young men had already derived from Mr. Ketchen's brilliant and helpful sermons and advised them to apply the principles explained to them to their everyday life.

Mr. James Dingwall delivered, with fine effect, the stirring address of Prof. Blackie, of Edinburgh university, to the students who were starting out in life.

Great zest was added to the evening's enjoyment by the excellent selections which were given by the following gentlemen: Songs, by Messrs. Harold Hamilton, Aubrey Hamilton, Walter Peacock, Harry McCoy; violin solo, by Mr. Arthur O'Ster, and yams by Mr. George Gow.

The proceedings terminated by the company singing various patriotic sentimental songs.

If it takes nine tailors to make a man, where does the self-made person come in?

Scrap Book Poetry

MATCHLESS MISERY.

I'm disappointed, pained and sad;
My heart down at my feet,
My case is bad, and very bad,
My misery complete!

I seem to have no comfort left!
The world is black and blue;
I feel so hopelessly bereft
I know not what to do.

Indeed, were I a coward fool,
With nothing in my soul,
I'd take a halter and a stool,
And end the thing at once!

It isn't that the bank is broke,
And all I had lot in it;
I have more cash than many folk,
And able still to win it.

Nor is it that the looks are cold,
That were so warm and tender;
She's true as steel; she's good as gold;
And may all good attend her!

O no! I haven't lost a friend,
A sister or a brother;
Or seen a good position end
Before I got another.

I haven't traded off my horse,
And got a spavined cripple;
Nor am I eaten with remorse
After a heavy tipple.

It isn't grippie; it isn't gout;
Nor any pain or ache;
My sight is good, my limbs are stout;
My hearing wide awake.

And yet, I never felt so bad,
So downcast and forlorn;
So helpless, miserable, sad—
No, not since I was born!

Toothache or headache; grippie or gout;
Is night, compared with this!
The miseries men talk about
Well—I should call them bliss!

Not one is mine of all the batch;
And yet my woe is ripe;
I find I haven't got a match,
And cannot light my pipe!

Good Short Stories

SUBSTITUTION.

"Good morning, madam!" voiced the cheery salesman.

"Good morning!" echoed the quiet-looking matron, "have you something very choice in Irish lace?"

"Well—er—no; but here's something just as good as seventy-five cents a yard."

"Just as good?" doubtingly.

"Yes, yes; in fact, confidentially, superior to the real article. How much do you wish, please?"

"Just a yard," sweetly. "Here's your money."

"But, madam!—in confusion, 'you've made a mistake—this isn't money.'"

"No?" agreeably.

"Why, no; it's a matinee ticket."

"So, it is?" sweetly. "But it represents seventy-five cents, and while it isn't actual money, it's just as good. Adios."

The clerk faintly.—From the July Bohemian.

SEED HAD FALLEN ON ARABLE GROUND.

A well-known prelate of the Cleveland diocese recently preached a series of sermons, his general theme being "Humility."

In the course of his sermons he necessarily dwelt upon the nothingness of man without the help of grace. His auditors were the gentle nuns of the Villa Convent, and the convent school pupils made up of many young ladies, girls and small boys.

At the conclusion of the sermons, says the Leader, the prelate, while divesting himself of the garments of the altar service, turned to the sanctuary boys, laden with 10 or 11 years. "What are you?" inquired the venerable priest of one of the two boys. Quick as a flash came back the answer, "I'm an Irishman, and I'm proud of it."

"And what are you?" he asked the other lad. Crossing his little hands upon his breast, he quietly rejoined, "Father, I have been listening. I am nothing."

The aged administrator of the Cleveland diocese chuckles as he unfolds the tale. The seed had evidently fallen on arable ground.

REAL SOURCE OF PROFIT.

A son of Italy was so unfortunate as to face the judge in the police night court in New York not long ago, according to Judge.

"What do you do, Tony?" the judge asked, in a kindly tone, not being hurried, as it happened, and perhaps touched by the liquid softness of Tony's dark eyes.

"Maka da music wid de fina street piano—oh, very fine music!" Tony said, with a bright smile.

"How much do you make in a week?" There was a flash of white teeth.

"Maka my money—fifteen, maybe twenty dol'."

"What? Get twenty dollars for playing a street piano?" the astonished judge demanded.

"No, not for play," the music master admitted; "maybe get two dol' for play—get a rest for shut up noise an' get off block!"

DIFFERENCE IN THEM.

The head of a big firm of contractors was walking around the premises and stopped to converse with old George, a stableman.

"Well, George, how goes it?" he said. "Fair to middlin', sir," George answered. "Fair to middlin'." And he continued to rub down a bay horse, while the other looked on in silence. "He and this 'ere horse," George said, suddenly.

"Well, well," said the boss, thinking a little guiltily of George's very low wage. "And I suppose you are pretty highly valued, George, eh?"

"H'm!" said George. "Both of us was took jill last week, and they got a doctor for the horse, but they just docked my pay!"

Have You Poor Eyesight?

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TO QUIT CRETE.

Powers to Withdraw International
Troops From Island.

Whether War or Peace King George
Will be in Trouble.

Paris, June 25.—According to the Temps, the four protecting powers of Crete, France, Great Britain, Russia and Italy, have reached complete accord with regard to the future of this island. They have decided to withdraw the international troops from Crete on July 27.

At the same time they urge the Cretons, Turkey and Greece to remain calm. A proclamation to this effect will be issued to the Cretons, while Turkey and Greece will be advised through the regular diplomatic channels.

New York, June 25.—A cable despatch to the Herald from Athens says: The Minister of Foreign Affairs denies categorically the report from a Turkish source that the Hellenic Government is giving financial assistance to the Cretons to enable them to purchase arms and ammunition. According to exact information these purchases are made by the provisory Government of Crete with the aid of Greek patriots mainly living abroad.

In spite of reiterated representations by the Ottoman Government it is certain at present that the evacuation of the island by the international troops takes place on July 27, the contingents of the four powers leaving Crete simultaneously.

Contrary to malevolent suppositions that the security of the Mussulman population in Crete will be threatened after the international troops leave the island, the Creton provisory Government will guarantee the lives of Turks in Crete. Their sole danger lies in the appearance of a Turkish fleet in the harbors of the island, for this would be considered a challenge by the Cretons.

King George knows that if he refuses to accept the annexation of Crete there will be a popular rising in Greece which will drive him and his family from the kingdom. It was solely in consequence of an alternative of the same kind that he gave a reluctant consent to the former war with Turkey about Crete, which resulted so disastrously to Greece. If, on the other hand, he does yield to the imperative demands of his people, and approves of the annexation of Crete to his kingdom, then the war with Turkey will ensue, of the issue of which there can be not the smallest vestige of a doubt in the mind of any body save of the Greeks themselves; and when, as is inevitable, they are defeated, they will, as on the previous occasion, saddle all the blame on King George and on his sons, the Crown Prince, Prince George, Prince Nicholas and Prince Andrew, for the national disaster, and will decline any longer to submit to his rule.

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