

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...

The lawn presented a pleasing and inviting appearance, with festoons of colored lanterns adding light and gaiety to the scene.

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.

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...

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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 score, 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 gripe; 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; gripe or gout; Is nought, compared with this! The misery 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, is it?" 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, turned to the sanctuary boys, boys of 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 over 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.

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 Cretans, Turkey and Greece to remain calm.

A proclamation to this effect will be issued to the Cretans, 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 Cretans 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 Cretan 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 Cretans.

King George has refused 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.

TO LAFONTAINE

Corner-Stone Laid by Sir Alphonse Pelletier.

Tributes to His Work For the Unity of Canada.

Montreal, June 25.—To-day's celebrations in connection with the St. Jean Baptiste Society centered around the laying of the corner-stone of the new Lafontaine monument in Lafontaine Park.

Lafontaine's achievements and the lessons his life teaches constituted the subject of a series of eulogistic speeches delivered to admiring and applauding thousands.

Lieut. Governor Sir A. Pelletier graced the occasion and performed the ceremony of declaring the stone satisfactorily laid. He also delivered an appreciation of Lafontaine.

Senator Dandurand followed. He gave a vivid and most interesting summary of Lafontaine's career, indicating the great difficulties with which he had to contend.

"His greatest victory and his greatest achievement," he said, "was the establishment of the bond between the English and the French races, but without Baldwin he could never have won his victory. I claim therefore for Baldwin also a statue in the park of our city."

Mr. Bourassa also delivered a patriotic speech, dwelling upon Lafontaine's life for the purpose of showing his countrymen the wisdom of following the example of the statesman who devoted his life to the triumph of the principles of national pride and Canadian autonomy.

EVERY CONSUMPTIVE FIRST SUFFERED FROM CATARRH.

Just a slight matter at first, and because slight, neglected; but the seed soon brings forth a dangerous harvest. Consumption, which is the harvest of death.

"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 da music money—firreener, 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 gets two dol' for play—gets 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'!"

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USUAL SATISFACTION. (copy.) Jas. Gillan, Esq., Antrim, Ont. GUELPH, ONT.—I received the suit safely last week, and, as usual, it is perfectly satisfactory. The style and make are perfect. I have shown it to my friends here, and they are perfectly astonished at its cheapness. Thanking you for the promptness of dispatch, I am, yours truly, (Signed) W. M. C. HAYWARD.

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ship the highest. Have recommended your firm to several others, as per enclosed card. Such goods need no recommendation; they speak for themselves. Will probably order again soon. Could you make me a frock-coat without further measurement? If not, please say what more is necessary. Are goods of which above suit is made always in stock, and could I send later for coat of same piece? Yours truly, (Signed) J. OS. BARNES.

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THOSE WITH FEEBLE MINDS.

What is Being Done by Some European Countries.

Canada Lags in an Important Social Work.

Playgrounds For Children—White Slave Traffic.

Toronto, June 26.—Canada must be up and doing in regard to the problem of the care of the feeble minded. It was a British delegate, Mrs. Edwin Gray, of York, who urged Canadians to learn by the mistakes of the older countries. It was an acknowledged world expert that pointed out that the ratio of feeble-minded to the population was the same the world over, and who at the same time contended that Canada could be made the sanest country in the world.

It was the same British delegate, let it be pointed out, who congratulated Canada upon the policy of its Government to exclude all but the best immigrants. At the same time it remained for two Ontario delegates to admit that the problem had already reached terrible proportions, and a third, from Quebec, to support their opinions with a similar statement as to the best immigrants.

"I will show you in fifty minutes fifty feeble-minded children," said Dr. Helen MacMurchy. "There are in the Province of Ontario 700 feeble-minded women and children, and it is a conservative estimate that 100 such unfortunate are born every year," was the remark of Mrs. Evans, of Hamilton, while Miss Derrick, of Montreal, said that in Quebec 150 feeble-minded women had been reported, without taking into consideration the French-Canadian population at all.

THE OLD WORLD'S WORK.

The discussion arose in connection with the joint session of the sections of Education, Philanthropy and Social and Moral Reform, and followed papers showing something of the work which is being done in the old world. In the first place Miss Van Ewijck told how in little Holland municipal and national schools for the feeble-minded had been established, and where it is hoped that in the next few months a law will be passed compelling the attendance of all such children at the schools provided for them. Epileptics are not admitted to the schools, however, neither are those whose condition is such that they cannot be said to be morally responsible. Particular attention is given to the singing and kindergarten work, and each child is sent home in the care of a guide, paid by the municipality.

"There are three feeble-minded men to every two girls in the world," said Miss Dendy in reply to Mrs. Edwin Gray, who urged that more attention should be paid to the male sex, but Dr. Helen MacMurchy contended that the children should have the first claim, because then they would begin at the root of the matter, for it was hard to realize how quickly those same children came to maturity.

REVIVED OLD CRAFTS.

The morning session of the art section dealt with the interesting subject of handicrafts and home industries in different countries. Lady Aberdeen was able from her great knowledge of the movement to revive the old Irish lace trade to give a most interesting account from the distressed island. Lady Aberdeen founded the Irish Industries Association, and she told how efforts were being made to protect the hand-worker in linen from fraudulent misrepresentation by the producer of the machine-made article, who traded on the reputation of the hand-made goods. Through the stimulus given by the association, the forming of depots for the disposal of the goods in Dublin, London and Paris, the Irish handicrafts had been saved, and with their survival had come a revival of the study of the old folk-songs, accompanied by the preservation of the characteristic music and legends, and in a sense the preservation to the people of the pleasures of imagination.

THE TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

At the private session of the International Women's Congress last night, following the public evening meeting, a report prepared by Lady Bunting, of London, dealing with the progress of



Elsie Sigel Was Barely 20. Note the Girlish Pose in This Photograph.

TALE OF A PEARL.

It Reads Like a Chapter From Arabian Nights.

New York, June 25.—A tale of a pearl said to be worth \$140,000 and weighing nearly thirteen grains varied the drab monotony of the west side police court for Magistrate Corrigan yesterday. The magistrate rubbed his eyes and wondered whether he was an Oriental cadi hearing the disposition of Sinbad the Sailor. Then he rubbed them again and scrutinized the visitor from whose lips the wonder tale came as freely as ever such a one flowed from the pen of a Wilkie Collins or a Robert Louis Stevenson.

The petitioner said he was Captain S. R. White. Centuries ago an ancestor of the Maharajah had presented to his favorite monastery two large oval pearls of sky blue color. In 1879 a priest ran away with a Rane, and they took the pearls with them. Later the priest and his wife were found killed.

In 1886 the pearls were next heard of as being in the possession of the Duc d'Annam, in France. He gave them to his friend, Colonel Du Verney. Misfortunes followed the possessors of the pearls. Du Verney and his wife both died, and the gems were sold at auction and reset by Parisian jewelers for the King of Belgium.

The gallant captain next told how King Leopold presented the pearls to his friend, Colonel Du Verney, and famous in her day. Mlle. de Merode sent one of the pearls back to the Maharajah, and the other she gave to a French officer. He fell in a duel. His vanquisher took the pearl and again it disappeared from view until coming into the hands of a wealthy American it was pawned by him when stocks broke badly in Wall street for a paltry \$1,000. Now here's the sequel.

Captain White, as the agent of the Maharajah, asked and obtained from the magistrate a summons for the appearance of Morris A. Forgoston, a dealer in pawn tickets in upper Broadway, who he said, had purchased the ticket for \$150. The latter, it is said, has resold the ticket to a stranger. Mysterious Hindus are in town trailing Forgoston and the clues to the pearl, and meanwhile Forgoston is busy telling folk that he is entirely ignorant of the present whereabouts of the Maharajah's treasure.

Arrangements are being made to form a regiment of boy scouts in Ottawa. A number of local military men and private citizens are interesting themselves in the scheme, and already several hundred applications are in from boys to join the new organization.

CHILDREN SADLY NEGLECTED.

A scathing arraignment of the methods of dealing with the problems of child life in large cities, with some special touches on local conditions, was given at the joint session of the education, philanthropy and social reform sections of the National Council of Women yesterday morning, by Miss Sadie American, of New York.

In this connection Miss American pictured the scurried rows of homes in the new sections of Toronto without any provision for play room between them. Character was built in leisure even more than in work and there should be open spaces within reach of every child which he would feel was his own.

They should also be within a quarter of a mile of the homes of the children. There should be sympathy between the

movement for the suppression of the traffic in women in all countries, was read.

The resolution urges all the National Councils of Women to study the respective measures now in force in their respective countries, and to work for such additional measures as will bring about the entire suppression of the traffic.

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