The Domain of Woman.

TALKS BY "TERESA."

"THE HAND THAT ROCKS THE CRADLE RULES THE WORLD"

The House of Providence Victorian Diamond Jubilee picnic was a decided success. From an early hour in the afternoon until after 10 p.m. a constant stream of visitors passed the gates, and by their liberal patronage of the various entertainments and the different refreshment booths evinced a determination to enjoy themselves to the full, while, at the same time, benefitting our leading Catholic charitable institution.

A feature much appreciated was the large dancing platform, whereon scores of young people whirled around, gracefully and otherwise, to the inspiring strains of D'Alessandro's orchestra. By the way, that same orchestra cost * *; that seems a pretty large slice out of the proceeds. I think we ought to pay the cost of the entertainments, &c., by subscription and let the House of Providence have the benefit of the whole of the profits.

Did you see the Cinegraphoscope? If so, did you, like a lady of my acquaintance, "wonder how they could possibly make the things move about like that?"

The invention is certainly a most wonderful thing. The committee is to be congratulated upon their enterprise in securing it, for it proved one of the largest "draws" of the day.

The various refreshment booths dispensed toothsome edibles all day at a most moderate charge, the ladies who acted as waitresses exerting themselves to the utmost to provide for the wants of their patrons. Considering the work and fatigue involved in managing anything of this description, too much praise cannot be bestowed upon their generous efforts. I should like to offer a suggestion in this connection, to the effect that a little more space in the arrangement of the tables would add much to the convenience of everyone concerned. The tables are in many cases crowded too close together, with the result of producing a feeling of discomfort that might be obviated by a little judicious management.

Almost everyone present took the opportunity of visiting and inspecting the House and the halls and corridors resounded with the tread of hundreds of feet, while many and warm were the praises of the splendid arrangements, the exquisite cleanliness and order, and the many evidences of the loving and devoted care bestowed upon the inmates.

It was quite a gala day for the old people who could get about, and a large group of them collected on one of the balconies and watched the animated scene below with delighted interest. Even the children had as much candy and cake as they could conveniently dispose of, and I am afraid various small atoms of humanity had the stomach ache before the day was over.

It was a tiring day for the Sisters, however. They were here, there and everywhere, upstairs and down. And I am sure few of them sat down for five minutes the whole day.

The poor people in the infirmary were the only ones to whom the proceedings could not make much difference, excepting in so far as the constant stream of visitors passing in and out and the lively strains of the band could vary the monotony of an existence of suffering. As one walked through the wards and noted the poor pinched faces, the palsied hands and wasted limbs, the thought occurred, whatever would have become of these poor sufferers but for this haven of refuge? Nearly all of them are incurables, all of them are penniless, not one cent can they pay the institution for their maintenance, and yet everything they can want is theirs, everything possible is done to lighten their sufferings and smooth the thorny road the poor feet must travel. There are 500 in the institution, 20 cents a day will keep one of them. Only 20 cents, and how much we waste in useless extravagance every day of our lives.

And yet there is not one of us who can look forward to the future and say, "I am secure, I shall never come down to living on charity." But we go into business and fail, we put our money in banks and the banks break, and perhaps when we are too old and tired to begin again we may be left penniless. Happy it will be for us then if we have put some of our riches "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal," for we shall receive interest a hundredfold.

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The absence of His Grace the Archbishop was a great disappointment, but the rev. clergy made up for it as far as possible and did everything they could to make people happy. They evidently enjoyed themselves immensely, as they always do. More power to them.

I really think that for down right hard work, self-denial, kindness and joviality we have got the best clergy in the Dominion, or the old country either for the matter of that. The love of their own people and the universal respect with which Protestants regard them is a proof of the high place they hold in the estimation of everyone in Toronto.

I am afraid we are in the habit of taking their unselfish labors, as we do those of the good Sisters, pretty much as a matter of course without troubling ourselves to thank them or let them see their efforts are appreciated. "Oh, they know that without being told."

Perhaps so, but they like to be told now and then; besides our obligations to them are so immense that the least we can do is to show our gratitude on every possible occasion, and one very acceptable method is to take as many burdens off their shoulders as we can, instead of piling them on as we usually do.

I noticed Mr. Hugh Ryan, who had come to see how the picnic was getting on and who beamed on everybody. The House of Providence, as well as St Michael's Hospital, and many other charities also, have good reason to bless Mr. Ryan. I wish all our influential Catholics had half as much on their hearts and exerted it to as good purpose. We should soon see a considerable diminution in the sum total of want and misery.

It is a good thing to give large sums in the cause of charity, but we too often overlook the fact that personal influence possesses considerable value, and a display of active interest on the part of people of position very often aids materially towards giving a charitable entertainment a large circle of patrons.

Of course the fireworks "went off beautifully." There was a good deal of nervousness on the part of the ladies, who watched the erratic flight of the rockets right over their heads, with a vast amount of anxiety regarding the possible descent of the sticks onto their hats, and the consequent disaster to those expensive structures.

Altogether it is to be hoped that the Diamond Jubilee Picnic has brought in a substantial addition to the funds of the House of Providence, which, almost more than any other institution, deserves the hearty support of everyone in the city, without distinction of creed.

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Last Thursday evening there was a meeting of the Hospital Committee of the Cathedral Branch of the C. L. A.

The work connected with the hospitals and jails is very heavy, and at present, owing to the small number of volunteers, the labor is very unequally distributed, too large a share falling upon the more energetic and devoted members.

We must have more volunteers for hospital work. the field is a wide one and the opportunities for doing good are unlimited. There are many of us who could spare at least one afternoon a week to visit and cheer the poor sufferers in the hospitals, to whom a few kind words of interest and sympathy often mean much. Once engaged in the work soon becomes most interesting, and one finds many opportunities of leading back some stray sheep that has been wandering far afield, and showing them the value of the blessings and consolations of religion.

We may not all be fervent, many of us indeed are sadly careless and lukewarm, but there is, in each one of us, a germ of kindness and pity for suffering ones. That germ may be either cultivated or repressed. If it is crushed down and never allowed to show itself in deeds of kindness and sympathy, our natures will become warped and blunted, and weeds of selfishness will spring up and spread until they overrun the soil.

Most of us are quite selfish enough already, we don't give sufficient thought to others, our thoughts become concentrated on ourselves. Anything that will draw them away from self is of the greatest value: sympathy with, and efforts to comfort and cheer others will do this, and the more our efforts are directed towards this object, the greater help shall we obtain towards the higher life for which most of us are striving.

TERESA.

C. M. B. A.

ST. JOHN, N. B.

The members of Branch 131, C. M. B. A., St. John, N. B., had a pleasant anniversary celebration in the Mechanics' Institute Assembly room Wednesday evening May 19th. Vocal solos by Miss Nellie Kiervin and Mr. John T. Kelly, a harp solo by Miss de Bury, a violin solo by Miss Marie de Bury, a reading by Miss K. Buckley, and a cornet solo by Mr. D. J. Gallagher made the excellent programme for the first part of the evening, and it was thoroughly enjoyed. Refreshments were then served, after which to excellent music dancing was indulged in. Mr. Thos Finigan had charge of the floor and was assisted by Mr. Florence McCarthy. The general committee which so admirably carried out the arrangements of the celebration was composed of Messrs Thos German, Thos. Kickham, James E. Stanton, John T. Kelly, John Rugg, R. W. Connor, D. J. Driscoll, T. O'Brien, M. D. Sweeny, J. J. Barry, F. H. Foster, W. Howard, T. Finigan and F. McCarthy.

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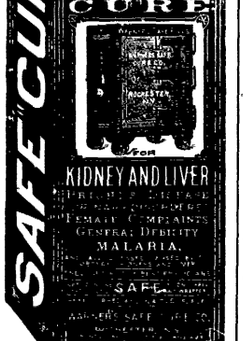

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DOMINION BANK.

Proceedings of the Twenty-Sixth Annual General Meeting of the Stockholders, Held at the Banking House of the Institution, in Toronto Wednesday, May 26th, 1897

The annual general meeting of the Dominion Bank was held at the banking house of the institution, Toronto, on Wednesday, May 26th, 1897.

Among those present were: Sir Frank Smith, Messrs. Masson, Messrs S. Austin, Walton, Jno. Jno. Scott, William Ross, J. K. Macdonald, Campbell, W. R. Brock, J. Smith, James Robertson, E. E. Sheppard, M. Lockton E. E. Osler, William Hendrie, Dr. Smith, John Stewart, Walter S. Lee, W. D. Matthews, George Cockshutt, H. M. Pellatt, William Ross, A. A. Austin, George W. Lewis, W. G. Gossell, Thomas Walmsley, J. K. Niven, J. D. Montgomery, E. B. Freeland, George Robinson, R. D. Gamble, and others.

Mr. W. G. Cassels and Walter S. Lee were appointed scrutineers.

The Secretary read the report of the directors to the shareholders, and submitted the annual statement of the affairs of the bank, which is as follows:

To the Shareholders:

The Directors beg to present the following statement of the results of the business of the bank for the year ending April 30, 1897:

Balance of profit and loss account, April 30, 1896	$ 25,752 43
Profit for the year ending April 30, '97, after deducting charges of management, etc., and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	184,173 32
	$209,925 75
Dividend 3 per cent. paid Aug. 1, 1896	$45,000 00
Dividend, 3 per cent. paid Nov. 1, 1896	45,000 00
Dividend, 3½ per cent. paid Feb. 1, 1897	45,000 00
Dividend, 3 per cent. payable May 1, 1897	45,000 00
	$180,000 00
Balance of profit and loss carried forward	$ 29,925 75

It has been decided to extend the operations of the bank to the province of Manitoba, and your Directors have made arrangements to open a branch in the city of Winnipeg at an early date.

It is with deep regret that your Directors have to record the death, which occurred in February last, of Mr. Jas. Austin, who had so long and ably filled the position of president of the bank since its organization in 1871. The Hon. Sir Frank Smith was appointed President, and Mr. E. E. Osler, Vice-President. Mr. A. A. Austin was appointed a director to fill the vacancy on the board.

FRANK SMITH, President.

Sir Frank Smith moved, seconded by Mr. E. E. Osler, and resolved, That the report be adopted.

It was moved by Mr. S. Lee, seconded by Mr. John Stewart, and resolved: That the thanks of this meeting be given to the President, Vice-President and Directors for their services during the past year.

It was moved by Mr. William Hendrie, seconded by Mr. George Robinson, and resolved, That the poll be now opened for the election of seven directors, and that the same be closed at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, or as soon before that hour as five minutes shall elapse without any vote being polled, and that the scrutineers, on the close of the poll, do hand to the Chairman a certificate of the result of the poll.

Mr. John Scott moved, seconded by Mr. William Ross, and resolved: That the thanks of the meeting be given to Sir Frank Smith for his able conduct in the chair.

The scrutineers declared the following gentlemen duly elected directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. A. W. Austin, W. R. Brock, William Ince, E. Leadley, Wilmot D. Matthews, E. E. Osler and Sir Frank Smith.

At a subsequent meeting of the directors, Sir Frank Smith was elected President and Mr. E. E. Osler Vice-President for the ensuing term.

GENERAL STATEMENT.

Liabilities		
Capital stock paid up		$1,500,000 00
Reserve fund	$1,500,000 00	
Balance of profits carried forward	29,925 75	
Dividend No. 68, payable May 1	45 000 00	
Former dividends unclaimed	431 00	
Reserved for interest and exchange	105,006 99	
Rebate on bills discounted	20 638 45	
		1,797,002 19
		$3,297,002 19
Notes in circulation	$ 955,595 00	
Deposits not bearing interest	1,077,239 27	
Deposits bearing interest	9,141,681 79	
	11 718 915 06	
Balance due to London agents	129,503 27	
		11,904,018 33
		$15,011 018 53
Assets		
Specie	$ 466 277 87	
Dominion Government demand notes	817,636 00	
Deposit with Dominion Government for security of note circulation	75,000 00	
Notes and cheques of other banks	242,270 34	
Balances due from other banks in Canada	290,685 59	
Balances due from other banks in United States	385 842 92	
Provincial Government securities	222,378 62	
Municipal and other debentures	2,415,031 97	
		$4,933,122 33
Bills discounted and current (including advances on call)	$9,781,679 79	
Overdue debts (estimated loss provided for)	68,002 41	
Real estate other than bank premises	33,212 50	
Mortgages on real estate sold by the bank	10,000 00	
Bank premises	268,203 64	
Other assets not included under foregoing heads	7,706 96	
		10,162,895 30
		$15,011,018 53

R. D. GAMBLE,
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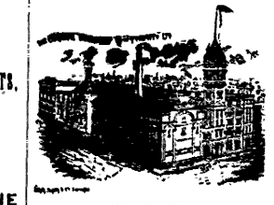

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