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## LET'S TALK IT OVER.

## LETTERS.

Letters are at once the most satisfactory and the most unsatisfactory things in the world, perhaps more often the latter than the former. For people to write letters to one another argues that they have relationships of either business, or of affection. Leaving aside the business letters, it is the friendly or family correspondence that I have been thinking about lately.

Letters depend so much upon two things—the person who writes them and the recipient. You, yourself, are in a certain mood and most unconsciously your mood is reflected in what you put down in black and white and mail to your loved one. By the time the letter is on the train perhaps you have forgotten what it was that bothered you, but your letter with its undercurrent of trouble is speeding towards someone who is going to feel that you were worried when you wrote.

Then, too, the mood of those who receive letters matters a great deal. Many of us are apt to read into letters what was never there. Written down in ink things seem to mean so much more or so much less than when said. The personality of the writer has been forgotten and you may not remember that Mary always joked even when matters were serious, or that Tom invariably looked on the dark side and was easily discouraged.

This has been brought to my notice in thinking of letters to our boys overseas. It has been impressed upon us (and quite rightly so), that we must not tell them of our little worries but write them bright lively letters which will cheer and not dishearten them. They have been told the same and so perhaps, while families are passing through some of the saddest times they have ever known, they are denied the consolation of sympathy from loved ones and the mutual deception goes on. This is as it should be, of course, it is a small sacrifice to make for our soldier men. A letter I saw in a paper, however, struck me as pertinent—"Write us about serious and important things," he said. "We have got past all the lightheartedness of our lives at home." In some cases that request might apply, but I'm pretty sure that Major So-and-So loves to hear how far Johnny has got in his primer and is interested in the color of his wife's new hat, even if he never took any notice apparently of what she wore when he was at home. They like to be able to visualize their own people and from some letters I have seen no detail of the home life is too trivial to be of interest. The important happenings must not be left out, however.

Letter writing is a gift, like any other talent. Robert Louis Stevenson has a saying somewhere in his letters, (which I would advise you to read, if you have not already done so), that he felt somewhat as a squirrel who lived in a cage would feel if it should start to write of its daily round upon its wire wheel. But, then, Stevenson, having the gift, would make an essay upon that cage, the outlook from it, and the excitement of the whirl upon the wheel, as entertaining as another person could write upon a visit to Damascus. Dull letters have come from the most famous places in the world.

A letter to be ideal, however, must be written from the heart, not sentimentally. (I don't mean that for an instant), but it must have news of the writer for, after all, people are more interested than scenery; and it must tell of happenings as seen from the personal point of view. It isn't that fact of the battle or the trip or the lecture that you are truly keen about, it is how Jack came through, whether Mary stood the journey well or if Mother enjoyed hearing the celebrated speaker.

In fact, it is personality that counts with nine people out of every ten, but if you are possessed of a descriptive style along with it and can be your natural self in your letters you will write the best kind anyone can receive. Add the frequent writing and you will be a perfect correspondent.

What do you think about it?

MARGUERITE.

RED CROSS SOCIETY  
TO SUPPLY HOSPITALS  
WITH EXTRA COMFORTS

Lady Tilley, organizing president of the Canadian Red Cross for the Province of New Brunswick called a meeting yesterday afternoon at her home on Gorman street to consider a request which had come from the headquarters of the Red Cross at Toronto. It is asked that the Red Cross Societies to take over the care of the Military Hospitals in their district supplying the extra comforts, treats and delicacies required.

This is the work of the Red Cross in Great Britain where it has been most successfully carried out. Under one official society there is no over-

lapping of effort and individual organizations are asked to continue the good work they have been doing in the past only working through the Red Cross Society with this fine system and funds.

The matter was discussed and it was decided to comply with this suggestion. The following committee was appointed: Lady Tilley, president of the Provincial Red Cross, Mrs. J. A. McAvity, president of the local Red Cross, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Stella Payson, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. Leonard Tilley, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Mrs. P. C. Jones, Mrs. Frank R. Fairweather, Mrs. C. B. Allan, Mrs. S. Skinner, Miss Elsie Clements, Mrs. P. B. Ellis, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. F. Harding, Mrs. F. White, Mrs. L. Tilley was appointed convenor, and Mrs. F. Fairweather, Secretary.

Mrs. Anglin was added to this committee and asked to undertake the work in the hospital in the West Side. Lady Ashburn was made a member of the committee and asked to work in conjunction with this committee through the Lady Ashburn Circle of the Red Cross at Fredericton.

Others added to the committee were Miss Edith Hegan, Miss Lindsay, Mrs. Barbour, Miss Powell, Miss D. Bayard, Miss Katherine McAvity.

Committees appointed are as follows: Food and delicacies, Mrs. McAvity, Mrs. G. F. Smith, Mrs. S. Skinner, Mrs. Lawrence.

Drives and treats, Mrs. Powell, Hospital stores, Mrs. E. T. Sturdee, Surgical supplies, Mrs. Fred Harding.

Visiting, Miss Payson, Mrs. Lawrence, Miss Elsie Clements, Mrs. Allan, Mrs. F. C. Jones.

Lady Tilley will send word to the Headquarters at Toronto that the work will be carried out through a central committee.

TWILIGHT IN AN  
ORIENTAL GARDEN  
IS WELL PRESENTED

Splendid Entertainment Given Last Evening At Imperial Theatre Under the Auspices of the Royal Standard Chapter, I. O. D. E.

"Let this be a merry night of music, dance and feasting, a fete of honor to do the Orient proud." This wish expressed in the speech with which the Baron Okl welcomes his guests to his Japanese garden was surely fulfilled last evening at the entertainment given in the Imperial Theatre arranged by the Royal Standard Chapter I. O. D. E.

The Baron Okl entertains as his guests many dignitaries of Japan and other nations on the occasion of a visit to the port of ships of the Allied Nations. He plans for them a truly oriental evening in his magnificent gardens. Songs from dances and operas are given.

Besides the guests, Chinese, gaisans and coolies made up the chorus. The gardens are very lovely with all the brightness of flowers under the light of many lanterns. Through the trees are seen the light of the ships upon the harbor. This is the new setting for the Imperial stage.

The costumes were charming and most becoming and every detail was well carried out. The program was a splendid one and some professionals should look to their laurels for the amateurs could show them how to sing and act. All the selections were very fine, the choruses delightful and the musical director D. Arnold Fox and Mrs. Fraser, Mrs. Edwards and Miss Louise Anderson are to be highly congratulated upon the success of the evening's entertainment.

The members of the Royal Standard Chapter with the Regent, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith worked hard on the various committees and the large audience present last evening praised the results.

The dances were graceful, the fire-dancing especially pretty and novel. While all the numbers were excellent special mention must be made of "The Amorous Goldfish," as sung by Miss Fenton, "The Japanese Love Song" by Miss Gulliver and "Rhoda and her Pagoda" by Mrs. Marie Furlong Coleman.

Each selection had an especial setting which made it of interest. The soldiers were all encircled many of the ladies receiving beautiful flowers.

The program was as follows:—Introduction by Baron Okl, Mr. F. C. Macneill, Opening Song from "Chu Chin Chow" by Mr. F. C. Macneill, I want to go to Tokio by Miss Fenton, Dancers—Misses Emily and Kathleen Sturdee, Isobel Jack and Dorothy Blizard.

Yen How and Six Little Wives, San Yen How by Mr. F. J. Joyce, Wives—Misses Fenton, Climo, Creighton, DesSoyres, Sanction and Mrs. T. E. Ryder.

Japanese Love Song Clayton Thomas Fan Dance—Music from San Toy Misses Olivia Gregory, Barbara Jack and Emily and Kathleen Sturdee.

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Jack's the Boy . . . . . The Gels  
The Amorous Gold Fish . . . . . Gels  
Miss Fenton and Mr. Hew Walk  
China Crown . . . . . Schwartz  
Kissing Duet . . . . . The Gels  
Miss Jean Anderson  
Miss Dorothy Creighton and Mr. Hew Walker.

Firefly Dance, Miss Dorothy Blizard and Kathleen Sturdee.  
Scene from Madam Butterfly, Puccini  
Butterfly . . . . . Miss Louise Anderson  
Suzuki . . . . . Miss Valde Fenton  
Sextette . . . . . Chinese Honeycomb  
Mrs. de Soyer, Miss Fenton, Miss Climo, Mr. Wetmore, Misses Anderson.

Finale—Chorus—"The Lads in Navy Blue" (Solo—F. J. Punter) with Allegory Musical Director, D. Arnold Fox.

Chorus: Mrs. D. Mullin, Mrs. J. Haycock, Mrs. S. Peters, Mrs. T. E. Ryder, Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Misses Creighton, Grant, Moore, DesSoyres, L. Anderson, J. Anderson, Dowling, McLean, Brown, Fenton, F. McInerney, Climo, Frink, Armstrong, Sanction, Hol-

by, Melick; Messrs. Walker, Dr. P. Bonnell, Gregory, Ryan, S. Peters, Dickson, Stenhouse, Anderson, Fidgeon, Gordon Wilson, George Wilson, Capt. Blake, Lunney, Holly, Gandy, Macneill, Lieut. Humphrey, LeLacheur, Wetmore, Bouysse, Young, White, Joyce, T. C. Oliver.

Naval Officers and Extras from local War-time Circles.

Dancers: Emily and Kathleen Sturdee, Dorothy Blizard, Isobel Jack, Barbara Jack, Olivia Gregory, Marjorie Sanction.

A meeting of the executive of the St. John Local Council of Women was held yesterday afternoon in the King's Daughters' Guild, with Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, president in the chair.

After the routine business had been transacted several vital matters with respect to the revision of the council were discussed and voted upon. The meeting also had the privilege of hearing a valuable paper from the Local Council of Women of Victoria in which was discussed "performing animals in the theatres." A resolution, embodying the contents of the paper was moved by the Council, giving support

and sympathy to any means whereby this cruel form of amusement might be discontinued.

MISS WINTER ACCEPTS  
POSITION IN THE CITY

Miss Hazel Winter of Fredericton has accepted a position in St. John as manager of the Employment and Stenographic Bureau in connection with the L. C. Smith Typewriting Company. This is a new departure in New Brunswick.

Miss Winter was formerly the Government Supervisor of the Woman's Institutes of New Brunswick and was most successful in that position.

## FLORAL FREAKS.

IF by any hocus-jocus  
You awakened before dawn,  
You can blame it on the crocus  
Creaking out there on the lawn.  
—Springfield Union.

Or, if you'll kindly pardon us,  
This sere and ancient wheeze,  
Mayhap it were the ringing  
Of the bluebells in the breeze.  
—Levinston Journal.

If at this little matter  
You'll let us take a whack,  
We'd suggest it was the tulips  
Just having one sweet smack.  
—Regina Post.

Perhaps the noise that startles  
The dewy morning hush,  
Is the noisy little dog rose  
Barking at the old bull's.  
—Winnipeg Evening Telegram.



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