

Biographical Sketch

Mrs. (Dr.) Keane (nee Amy Hoekhus) author of the accompanying song and music, "The Rider of the Plains," is a native-born Canadian, the third daughter of the late L. Hoekhus, a pioneer of the Northumberland county, Ontario, Ontario was badly off for schools and teachers in its early days of settlement, and as Mr. Hoekhus was the only one in his district with a university education, he was requested by his fellow settlers to take charge of the district school, and hence taught school for many years after coming to this country. Mrs. Keane got her classical education from her father, and passed through the various grades of the public and high schools of her native province. Ontario. Her father having encouraged all his children to secure teacher's certificates whether they intended to follow the profession of a teacher or not. After finishing her school course, she married Dr. M. J. Keane of Dublin, Ireland, nephew of the late Rev. Dr. Keane of Toronto. On her maternal side, Mrs. Keane is connected with a number of old French-Canadian families, one of whose ancestors, de Courtenanche de Repentigny, held the Traverse against Wolfe at the time of the Conquest.

Mrs. Keane is the author of several songs, among which is "The Colonist and the Flag," approved by His Majesty as Canadian Empire Day song, and which is under the patronage of Lord Minto, former governor general, and Lord Grey, present Governor General of Canada. This song was written and originally sold for the Canadian South African Memorial fund. "The Rider of the Plains," the words and music of which we give in the present issue is esteemed one of the gems of Canadian literature. Mrs. Keane is also well known in journalistic circles as a forcible and interesting newspaper writer, these articles being usually contributed under a nom de plume.

Dr. and Mrs. Keane have one child, Miss Irene Keane, at present attending the University of Alberta, and whose clever newspaper articles would seem to indicate that she inherits her parents' literary talents.

LADY WHO IS QUEEN'S GREATEST FRIEND

Miss Knollys Has Position of Great Influence at British Court

London, April 8.—Miss Knollys is one of those very important personages at court who remain a great deal in the background. In the great state functions by the rules of procedure, she plays but a comparatively minor part, and is seen very little in general society, except when in attendance on the queen. Yet Miss Knollys is the one member of her household whom her majesty probably regards as indispensable. Some of the great ladies of the court, as for example, the duchess of Devonshire or Lady Grosford, are old friends of the queen, and if either resigned their positions, as it was reported last year the duchess intended to do, it would certainly be a matter of much regret to her majesty. But Miss Knollys' position differs from that of any other lady of the household, outside of the queen, in that she is the only person whom the queen has honored with friendship so close and intimate, that in private life, at all events, it has broken down all the barriers that usually separate sovereign from subject.

In "Alex." to Her Friend

For many years past her majesty in private has ceased to be addressed as "Your majesty," or "Majesty," by Miss Knollys. The queen is "Alex." to her friend, and the latter is Charlotte to her majesty, and indeed, to all the immediate members of the royal family, with whom she has been on terms of intimacy for the past fifty years. It was in 1863 that Miss Charlotte Knollys became a guest of Sandringham as a guest of the queen, then, of course, princess of Wales. The princess took a great liking to the young, downy-looking, girl of eighteen, and though there was in reality no vacancy in the royal household at the moment, offered to make her an extra lady of the bedchamber. Miss Knollys was certainly very young for such a position, and she hesitated at accepting it, but her reluctance was overcome by the gracious lady who had set her heart on retaining her young friend near her. Miss Knollys was, of course, familiar with the atmosphere and ways of the court. Her father, General Sir William Knollys and her brother, then Mr. Francis Knollys, now Lord Knollys, were both in Queen Victoria's household. Miss Knollys, therefore, in spite of her youth, possessed that essential qualification of a maid of honor, an intimate knowledge of the usages and customs of the court. From the day she entered the royal establishment it became evident that Miss Knollys was destined to occupy a position of considerable influence. It is well known at court that Miss Knollys made one lasting sacrifice for the sake of her royal mistress, to whom she has devoted her life's service. Some six or seven years after Miss Knollys entered the royal household, she could have married. Like all maids of honor, however, she had first to obtain her majesty's consent to do so, but it was not sought. That it would have been granted there is not the least doubt; indeed, there is not an instance of it having been actually refused. But had Miss Knollys asked for the royal permission to marry, there can be no doubt that, however reluctant the queen would have been to part with her friend, it would have been at once granted. The story is that the queen once expressed the earnest hope to her friend that she would never marry, that Miss Knollys promised she never would, and that a couple of years later she had to choose between breaking her promise to the lady whom she had promised to serve for life, or sacrificing her affection for the man she loved. She chose to do the latter, and it was not until long afterwards that her majesty learnt the whole story of how much her maid of honor had given up for her sake.

A Great Favorite

Miss Knollys has always been an immense favorite with the children of King Edward and the queen, though the queen of Norway was said to be her special favorite. A story is told of how on one occasion when her majesty went, accompanied by Miss Knollys, to be photographed with the little Princess Maud, who was then about four years old, her little royal highness at the conclusion of the sitting suddenly began to cry. On being asked to explain the cause of her trouble the little princess said plaintively: "I want to be photographed with Chatty, too."

THE RIDER OF THE PLAINS.

DEDICATED TO THE RYAN NORTH WEST MOUNTED POLICE.

INTRODUCTION.

WORDS AND MUSIC BY AMY M. KEANE.

His pa-tral a lone out-riding,

came a "Rid-er of the Plains."

Soft-ly hum-ming thro' the dis-tance.

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lay across the ocean's foam.

No car-pet knight is he, this Rid-er bold and free, Tho'

grace-ful form had never by Beau-ty been car-ried; Thro'

fire and fier-est storm, thro' dan-gerous ev-ry form, He

WHAT IT COSTS TO BECOME A PEER

Charges that Newly-enobled Commoners are Obligated to Face

London, April 8.—Although titles cannot be bought in this country in the open market, as they can in many continental countries by merely paying so much gold "over the counter," Mr. Herbert Gladstone and Mr. Ivor Guest will not get set into the house of lords for nothing. They will both have to pay pretty heavily for their peerage. In stamp duty, crown office fees, and home office fees—the total in each case running into several hundred pounds, and all fees are collected strictly in advance.

As a viscount Mr. Gladstone will be charged £467 4s. 6d., the amount being made up as follows: stamp duties, £260 12s.; crown office fees, £229 10s.; and home office fees, £77 2s. 6d.

A viscount is, of course, the fourth

degree in the British peerage, the first being a duke, whose rank is inferior only to princes of royal blood. After a duke comes a marquis and then an earl. Viscount was anciently the name of him who held the chief office under an earl. The latter being often at court, the viscount was his deputy to look after the affairs of the county. In the reign of Henry VII. the title became a degree of honor, and was made hereditary.

Pearl Robes The coronation robes of a viscount are the same as an earl's, with the exception that he has only two and a half rows of ermine; his cap is the same, and the golden circle of his coronet is surmounted by sixteen silver balls.

The robe of a viscountess has two and a half inches of miniver, and two and a half bars of ermine, a yard and a half long. The coronet is the same as her husband's.

Mr. Herbert Gladstone can thank his lucky stars that he was not given

one of the higher ranks of the peerage, for a duke has to pay fees amounting to £205 12s., whilst a marquis has to pay up £691 12s., and an earl a sum of £578 12s.

Mr. Toynbee Guest, having only been made a baron, gets off with a mere £260 12s. in fees—quite enough, however, for an empty title, especially if the house of lords is so soon to be abolished altogether. The sum he made is as follows: stamp duties, £219 12s.; crown fees, £219 10s.; home office fees, £240 15s.

The coronation robes of a baron have but two rows of ermine, and other respects they are the same as those of other peers. King Charles II. granted a coronet to the barons, and it is formed of six expensive coronet and robes of his new dignity.

It may however, be whispered in confidence that not every peer possesses his own coronet and robes. In the case of the older families, of course, these are treated as family heirlooms,

but in the case of the newer creations they have been known to be borrowed or hired for the occasion.

Taken for Prince of Wales Some people appear to think that the British peers habitually wear their coronets in the house of lords on grand occasions. As a matter of fact, the only occasion on which peers put on these symbols are at a state coronation of the sovereign, when they wish to have their portraits painted or to be photographed "en state." A few years ago a newly created viscount was so fond of his coronet that he had it emblazoned on everything—even his luggage. The result was that, when traveling in Spain he was mistaken for the Prince of Wales.

For a long time he could not make out why he was treated with such extraordinary ceremony and charged such wonderful prices. It was only when the mayor of a certain town proposed to offer him an address that the mystery came out.

Let The allied lords, including the Amal Carpenters, Painters, Lathers, and Builders, are a new scale of round day-to come into the picture. The old union will strike as both come to the eight-hour day.

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THE RIDER OF THE PLAINS

His patrol alone, out-riding, came a "Rider of the Plains," Softly humming through the distance an old love song's light refrain; For bright skies and sunny weather brought sweet thoughts of love and home, Though the dear old land he sang of lay across the ocean's foam.

Chorus: No carpet knight is he, this rider bold and free, Though graceful form had never by beauty been carried; He does his king's behest, he does his soldier's best, Guarding well the empire's honor in the great Canadian west.

But what light or sound of danger breaks the current of his dream? What alarms his dumb companion, friend by field and wood and stream? Only gleam of tattered uniform, a comrade's friendly red, Till a nearer view reveals that friend one of the ghostly dead.

There's no need to ask the story of that comrade's bitter fate, 'Twas no foe in equal warfare, nor cunning Indian's hate. Dying there alone, he traced it on the papers at his breast: "I have lost my way, my horse is dead. Good-bye! I've done my best."

And no comrade's voice had cheered him, entering there that last long trail, Where the storm king's icy fingers seized the nobly guarded mail; Nor for him the fond endearments of a sweetheart's last caress, Nor the solace of a sister's prayer, a mother's holy kiss.

Yet no woman could be gentler in assuaging other's grief, Weak and desolate sought this prairie knight to bring them sure relief; But no plant of death, oft cheated, would this rider hero bring; From life's angel he had chosen the red wine of suffering.

A thousand years of glory and renown by sea and land, Has produced this truest hero, guardian of the hinterland. Every grace of mind and person, every manliest quality, Let us cheer him as we see him passing into history.

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