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RECEPTION FOR DR. MARGARET PARKS AND MAJOR POWERS.

An informal reception has been arranged for the High School Alumnae to two of their members who have distinguished themselves by service overseas to the Empire, Dr. Margaret Parks and Major Thomas Powers. The reception will take place on Saturday evening at eight o'clock in the rooms of the Natural History Society, Union street. Officers of the society will receive the guests and during the evening a short musical programme will be given. As Major Powers and Dr. Parks are both High School graduates this will prove an opportunity for all those who attended our High School to meet the guests of the evening.

SOCIAL SERVICE CONGRESS.

Arrangement was set on foot yesterday, or rather took some strides forward, which may have far reaching consequences. Plans were completed for a Provincial Social Service Congress to be held in the city of St. John January 23rd and 24th. The meeting to discuss these plans was held in the Board of Trade rooms at three o'clock yesterday afternoon. A. M. Belding was elected chairman and Rev. F. S. Dowling acted as secretary. There were present delegates from the city churches and representatives from the patriotic and philanthropic societies of St. John.

It was explained that Social Service Congresses have been held in the west by well known social service workers. Calgary, Regina and Winnipeg have received much benefit from the speeches and been enlightened by the knowledge derived from authorities who have spent years in community work. It is proposed to hold these meetings at Halifax, St. John, Moncton, Toronto and later in Charlottetown, P.E.I., Alberta and Saskatoon. Each bureau of social service which receives both provincial and municipal support. The chairman said that we must have the get-together spirit and make the most of the great opportunities that were to be offered to us.

For some time a provincial committee has been working on these plans and in consultation with Dr. T. Albert

Moore of Toronto, who will be one of the leaders at the congress, it was voted that the action already taken by this provisional committee be confirmed by the meeting. A nominating committee consisting of Mrs. John A. McAvity, Mrs. James Doody, W. S. Fisher and Rev. Dr. Hutchinson retired to select officers and committee. While they were absent a place for the congress to be held was discussed and it was finally decided to leave this to the committee.

The officers appointed were: President, A. M. Belding; secretary, F. S. Dowling; vice-president, Rev. W. H. Burneough; treasurer, C. B. Allan; committee with power to add to their number, Mrs. M. B. Lawrence, Mrs. J. A. McAvity, Mrs. James Doody, Mrs. H. A. McKewen, Mrs. E. Atherton Smith, Messrs. T. H. Estabrooks, W. S. Fisher, J. L. Surruo, Dean Sampson, Judge Ritchie and Rev. W. Lane.

The speakers from outside the province are to be Dr. Raymond Robins of Chicago, who has such a reputation in this work that he is looked for speeches for two years ahead; Dr. T. Albert Moore and Dr. Shearer of the Social Service Council of Toronto; Dr. Pidgeon of Toronto, Canon Tudor of London, Ont., Dr. Byres, Dominion health officer of Ottawa. Besides these there will be speeches from sixteen workers from the province. It is hoped to spread the news of this congress all through the city by means of the churches and societies, and throughout the province in the newspapers that as many delegates shall attend as possible. The subjects to be discussed are as follows: "Social Reconstruction After the War"; "Prohibition"; "The Home, Industrial, Political, Social, Religious"; "The Patrons System and Craft"; "Care of Dependents, Delinquents and Defectives"; "Urban and Rural Life"; "Smuggling"; "The Social Obligation of Christianity"; "The Nation's Greatest Heritage, Its Children." Representatives were at the meeting from the following: The churches, W. C. T. U., Associated Charities, Playgrounds Association, Children's Aid Society, L.O.D.E., Women's Council, Daughters of Israel, Y.W.P.A., Suffrage Club, Y.W.C.A., and other religious and charitable societies.

MASQUERADE AT THE NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

The members of the junior branch of the Natural History Society and their friends are preparing for a very pleasant social evening tonight in the Natural History Society rooms on Union street. The entertainment is to take the form of a masquerade dance and the guests, with the members of the junior branch will number nearly two hundred. Cards will be played by those who do not desire to dance. With so many young people home for the holidays this will be sure to prove a delightful affair. The rooms have been festooned with Christmas greenery and decked with bright red bells. Miss Dorothy Jones is the president of the junior branch. Miss Winifred Colwell has charge of the decorations, Miss Constance Coster convener of the refreshments and Miss Ada Colwell is head of the entertainment committee. Ice cream has been omitted from the refreshments.

SOLDIERS' WIVES' LEAGUE MEETING.

The regular fortnightly meeting of the Soldiers' Wives' League was held yesterday afternoon in the St. Andrew's church parlor. The reports of the Christmas entertainment were given by the various committees and several touching incidents told of the appreciation with which the treat was received. The candy bases which were left over were sent to the children at the Municipal Home, Protestant Orphan Asylum, St. Patrick's Industrial Home at Silver Falls, and the treat for the children of returned soldiers to be given by the European War Veterans' Association on next Monday. A pleasing incident of the meeting was the presentation to Mrs. George F. Smith, president, of a beautiful bouquet of red and white carnations tied with red, white and blue ribbon. Mrs. Alfred Morrisey made the presentation on behalf of the executive and members of the league. Mrs. Smith thanked the members for this token of appreciation in a graceful speech.

GOOD WORK DONE BY YOUNG WOMEN'S P. A.

At the meeting of the Young Women's Patriotic Association held last evening at the Loyal Order of Moose rooms several interesting reports were heard of good work accomplished. Miss Grimmer was in the chair and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$55 in the Returned Soldiers' Fund and \$279 in the regular fund. Letters were read from Captain Bruce of the Discharge Depot thanking the Y.W.P.A. for a donation of \$10 for tobacco for the soldiers, and from Mrs. P. R. Warren expressing gratitude for the sum of \$20 given for the St. Dunstan's Hospital for Blind Soldiers; also a letter from Miss Margaret Stewart of Digby wishing the association every success in the new year and outlining the plans of the society there which works along similar lines.

For the Soldiers' Comforts sock appeal \$25 was voted. The association was asked to take charge of the Soldier's Club for New Year's Day, and Miss Nora Knight was appointed convener of the refreshments, with Miss Alice Fairweather to look after the entertainment for that evening. The Y. W. P. A. was also asked to attend the lecture to be given by Lady Aberdeen. The president gave an account of several ways in which the Y.W.P.A. had been able to assist soldiers. The sending of flowers to the late Roy North parcels which were sent to the Military Hospital were much appreciated and many expressions of praise were heard for the manner in which they were tied up and their splendid contents. Four new members joined at this meeting and all are enthusiastic and ready for any patriotic effort.

"PINAFLORE."

Among those who were at the rehearsal of "Pinaflore" last night were: P. C. Macneil, Harold Ellis, Walter Pidgeon, Murray Olive, T. C. Dickson, Mrs. F. C. Macneil and the Misses Anderson, Bizard, Coster, McLean, McFadden and Travers.

HIS CHOICE.

"I like simplicity in dress," he said, "and hate to see a woman gubbitating 'round with dresses to the knee. Now yonder is a girl who knows This proper things to wear; Observe her gown of modest length, And smoothly parted hair." Just then came tripping into view, A vision a la mode, A skirt so short that half a yard Of silken lacy showed; Faint, powder, tresses auburn-dyed And cutted right to date, And so! he left the modest maid, To wed the fashion plate. —London Opinion.

Uncle Dick's Corner.

TODAY'S LITTLE JOKE

Getting There Soon Little Bobby was sent to the bathroom and told to take a thorough bath, after having played close to Mother Earth all day. "How are you getting along?" called his mother. "Pretty well," replied Bobby, optimistically; "I'm almost getting down to myself!"

UNCLE DICK'S DAILY CHAT

About this time of the old year, grown up people are often thinking of the resolutions which they intend making for the New Year, and that is just what a number of boys and girls do also. Are you going to make any? If so let me suggest to you "Do your best." That sounds simple, yes, but just you make up your mind to practice it and you will be surprised how different it makes everything. How much better you will get on. How much improvement you will make at school, also that you will like school lessons better.

By making your best in the past year, many of you would have now been in the possession of some of the splendid prizes which have been awarded through the Children's Corner, but have not got them simply because you did not "do your best." A boy sent in a drawing the other day and wrote on the back of same "I couldn't be bothered to look for a better piece of paper, but hope you will not mind." Now, kiddies that will never win you a prize, because it is not an aim of mine to draw, even if the work is not so clever, but shows care and pains taken, simply carries off the prizes themselves.

When you help mother to set the dinner table, don't only carry the plates and set them on the table in the present, but place them as they ought to be, then they will not have to be re-arranged. That is just a simple illustration of what I mean. Don't do anything in halves, but always "do your best," just as if you were racing your play-mate down a hill on your paper framer. You know how you would arrive at the bottom first. Just so in the race of your young lives, it is those of you who "do your best" that make the more worthy young men and young women.

EXTRACTS FROM THE MAIL BAG

Dear Uncle Dick:— I intended to write to you before, but I have been quite busy. I have not had time. I have been making Christmas presents and we are going to have a concert, so that takes a good deal of my spare time. But tonight I said I wasn't going to put it off any longer. Although I have read them all over and have decided that the second one sent in by Myrtle Cox is the best. I also did the word-making contest of which I got 150 words. I hope I shall win a prize. I am sending it on a separate piece of paper. Well I guess I will close with love to you and the Corner. I remain your loving niece, Kathleen Fowles.

Races For Standard

Truro, N. S.

Dear Uncle Dick:— I am trying for that winning contest in the Standard, St. John, N. B. I am eleven years of age, and in grade six. I would like very much to win it, and see it in your Corner where I see so many more little girls' and boys' names. I go to school about every day. Our teacher is Miss Crowe. We are going to get our school teacher a present, and I am going to try and win this contest to get Miss Crowe a present. I have seen many contests in your Corner, but have not tried for any. I do love reading your Corner, and reading the Bedtime Stories, I have been reading them for a long time. Whenever grandpa brings it home, my other brothers and my sister Dorothy has a race out to the wagon where he unloads his horse. I will give you love to all, and piles of love to you. Hazel Connolly.

Dear Uncle Dick.

I have been reading the letters in the Children's Corner in the St. John Standard and it is so very interesting that I would like to join the Corner. I am a little boy twelve years old and am in the fourth grade at school. So I hope Dear Uncle Dick you let me join the Corner and be one of your kiddies. I remain, your nephew, Kenneth Rogers.

Who's Who and What's What in the Picture World and on the Stage--Favorites and What They Say and Do.



W. W. Swornbourne, who will conduct the orchestra at the performance of Pinaflore to be given in St. John in the New Year, and for the Loyalist Revue to be given by the Loyalist Chapter, I. O. D. E.

UNIQUE

Grant Police Reporter, "Police." Charlie Chaplin gets the laughs. You may think he is funny or you may think he is vulgar or merely silly, but if you go to the Unique Theatre today or tomorrow you will hear such laughter as should do anyone's heart good to hear. The theatre was filled yesterday afternoon with a large audience of children and grown-ups. When the Chaplin film "Police" was over, the small boy behind me sighed, "Is that all the Chaplin? Evidently for him that was the whole show. "Police" is an Essanay production with Charlie Chaplin as a burglar who repeats. One funny moment is where he opens the door with all the gestures of "Jimmie Valentine," rubbing his fingers and feeling the catch.

LYRIC

"Out of the Ashes." The Mutual favorites, Winnifred Greenwood, Edward Coxen and George Field, were seen yesterday at the Lyric in a two reel picture entitled "Out of the Ashes." Edward Coxen takes the part of a doctor who is suspected of weakness at the time of a critical operation. His certificate is taken from him and he goes west to forget (according to motion pictures the west must be almost populated by that sort of person!) In this land he meets a miner and his wife, and a chance is given him to redeem his professional reputation. There was a half-witted character in this picture which part was very well taken but I did not get the actor's name. A fire scene is very well done, the effect of the purple light being wonderfully photographed. A Pathe comedy "Lonesome Luke's Lunch" provided amusement. Ballroom dancing was the bill for

CHANGES AT THE OPERA HOUSE.

The new leases of the Opera House, F. B. Franklin, of Halifax, will take possession February 1, and will immediately begin the renovating and re-decorating of the building. The entire lower floor will be rebuilt. New and comfortable seats will be installed similar to those in the Strand theatre Halifax. These up-to-date seats come from Kitchener, Ont., so are "made in Canada" goods. They will be arranged in a new style, the chairs to run straight across the floor with two aisles, every seat thus facing the stage. The floor is to be raised at the stage end of the theatre and lowered at the entrance in order that each seat may have an equally good view of the stage.

The present boxes will be entirely removed. There will be a new exit on the left hand side of the orchestra floor. New electric light fixtures have been ordered for all over the house and the lighting for the stage will be altered to conform to vaudeville requirements. The house will be re-decorated in a rich old rose tint. The public waiting rooms are also to be re-decorated and furnished, and the dressing rooms for the performers will be rebuilt. The entrance is to be greatly changed and a flash electric sign over the front door is to be a feature. The work will be commenced the 29th of January, and it is hoped to open the theatre by the middle of February. All the work is to be done by St. John contractors.

The policy of the house is to be first class vaudeville, the acts being brought direct from New York city, playing in St. John first and then Halifax. The orchestra will be enlarged and there will be some changes in the staff. With all these changes it will be gratifying to his St. John friends to learn that W. C. McKay will remain as manager and St. John representative.

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