

cold weather, quite a goodly number of persons gathered. The Hall was prettily festooned with wreaths of evergreens and decorated with flags. The proceedings began at six o'clock, and table after table was served, till all had done ample justice to the good and bountiful tea provided. The jingling of cups and saucers, and the merry peals of laughter from time to time, showed, that all present were bent on spending a pleasant evening together. After Tea there was a sale of useful and fancy articles, some of which were made by the members of the Sewing Guild, who met frequently at our House, and worked for this purpose, the remainder having been kindly sent by Mrs. Dr. Hamilton and the Lady Mabella Knox, both of England, to whom our thanks for their kindness have been tendered. It was my intention to close the Evening with a series of Magic Lantern Slides, but owing to the intense cold, the Lantern for some reason behaved so badly, that this was abandoned, and since it was nearly eleven o'clock, I expressed my thanks to all for their presence there that Evening and, after the singing of "God Save the Queen," I announced that the ladies of the Committee wished me to say that there was an abundance of cakes, etc., left, and therefore a second Social Evening would be held that day week. This news was received with applause. The proceeds of that Evening at twenty-five cents admission amounted to seventy dollars.

On the Evening of the 27th, the weather was more favourable and quite a merry party again assembled, the admission fee this time being ten cents. After all had partaken of a capital Tea, the lights were turned down, and a couple of hours spent with the Magic Lantern, which this time behaved beautifully, as if to atone for the previous occasion. Sets of Slides, illustrating "The Heroes of the Victoria Cross," "The Swiss family Robinson," "Life in Africa," "Sinbad the Sailor," with several moveable comic slides made up a very good show, with which all were much pleased and interested. The success of those who collected contributions from our people for this Tea was such, that at the end of this second evening there was still left an abundance of cake, which induced me,

amid much good humor, to announce that a third Social Evening, consisting of Tea, Comic Songs, Readings and Recitations, with Magic Lantern Views, could be held on February 3rd, admission ten cents. After thanking all for their kind support, and the youngsters for their good behaviour, we all joined in singing "God Save the Queen," the words being thrown on the sheet and accompanied on the harmonium by Miss Caulfield. This brought the Evening to a close, the proceeds being twenty-five dollars and sixty cents.

February 3rd was fine and mild, though the roads had been made heavy by the high drifting winds of the day previous. However, another goodly company of happy smiling faces, young and old alike, were present, and awaited the request: "Will you please come forward and take seats at the first table?" After several tables had thus been relaid, and all had partaken of Tea, I read from "Artemis Ward," "Life among the Shakers," and "The Showman's courtship." Mr. LeGros sang a comic character song and was loudly encored. Miss Walters gave a Recitation "The Station Agent's Story." Mr. Bert LeMarquand gave two songs, and was received with applause. Miss Duncan recited "How Christmas came to the workhouse," Miss LeGallais "The Other Lud," and Miss Leggo, "I am only a working girl." Mr. James LaMothe gave amid much applause two of his favourite "Irish character songs." This was followed by views from the Magic Lantern, viz., "Heroes of the Life Boat," "Overland route to India," "Life on board an Ocean Palace," "Pass in Boots," the mechanical comic slides at the end being greatly enjoyed by the youngsters present. Mr. Collas called for "Cheers for the Minister," which were heartily given, and then, after the National Anthem had been sung, all dispersed in good spirits, declaring that "the last Evening was the best." The proceeds of the third entertainment were \$18.70, making the total \$114.30. This has enabled us, after paying a debt due on our Church Hall, and repainting the exterior of our Church, to form with the balance the nucleus of a fund for the building of a new Parsonage House, though we are badly needing a new organ for