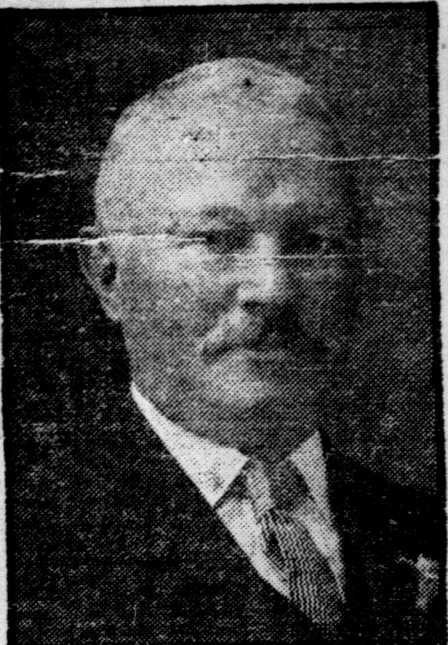
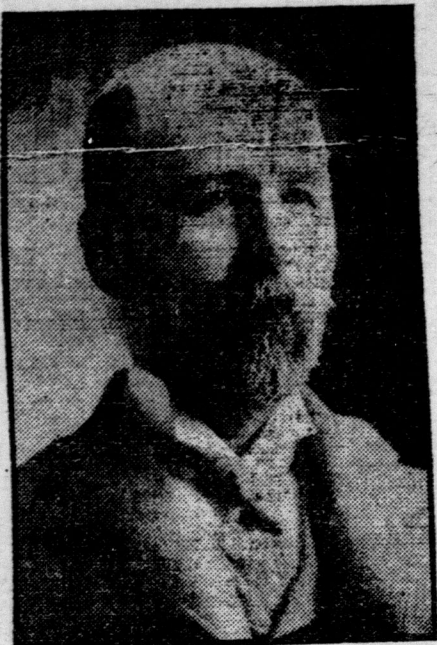


PROMINENT IN BRITISH SOCIAL UNION WORK



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BRITISH SOCIAL UNION MEMBERSHIP JUMPS FROM 25 TO 1,000 IN A YEAR

Wonderful Growth of Old Countrymen's Organization in Few Short Months—Interesting Work Done by Many Different Departments.

AFTER PERMANENT QUARTERS AND NIGHTLY MEETINGS

Organized less than a year ago at an opening meeting attended by only 25, the British Social Union of this city has now a membership of between 900 and 1,000. The opening meeting was held in Hyman Hall in March, 1913. The meeting was called by Lieut.-Col. Thomas Hobbs, who with William Heaman was chiefly instrumental in the organization of the association. At the second meeting when the organization was completed, the attendance was 15. The 25 members who attended the first meeting were made the executive of the union, and from them the officers for the first year were chosen. In December of last year the union had attained a membership of 900.

Labor Bureau's Good Work. One of the most helpful and popular departments undertaken by the union last year was the labor bureau. Through it 100 members secured positions during 1913. Last October the British Social Union was reorganized. A nominal membership fee is being contributed by the members this year, and as soon as the finances of the organization will permit, permanent club quarters are to be secured.

Last year the union met two nights a week, Tuesdays and Thursdays, in Hyman Hall. This year on the same nights this union will meet but many of the members and officers are strongly in favor of securing club rooms that will be available every night in the week.

Ambulance Corps Affiliation. St. John's Ambulance Brigade under the direction of W. E. Clarke, has been affiliated with the union and is interesting a large number of the members. Every other Thursday a whist drive is

held, and on the alternate Thursdays a concert for which the members supply the talent, is enjoyed. Carpenters are also a growing attraction of the club. For the coming summer committees on cricket and football have already been organized, and the union will take an active part in other sports. Last August a picnic at Lakeside was the big outing of the year.

Debate on Feb. 12. A debating club has recently been organized, and on Feb. 12, the union will debate on the question whether woman or literature is of the greater help to the worker.

The cause of "lovely woman" will be nobly championed by W. Garratt and A. D. Dean, and the value of literature will be set forth by Messrs. Nicholls and Stewart.

One main feature of the many attractions of the union is the reading table, which is well supplied with leading old country papers at all meetings.

1914 Officers. The officers for 1914 are: Honorary president—Lieut.-Col. T. Hobbs.

President—W. Heaman. First vice-president—John Nutkins. Second vice-president—John Bottom. General secretary—William Garratt. Financial secretary—R. C. Ball. Associate secretary—J. P. Miller. Treasurer—Mark Quimby.

T. J. Holmes is chairman of the labor bureau committee, which is meeting with marked success, while the entertainment committee is efficiently presided over by R. Robertson. Other departments and committees of the union are in the hands of equally capable conveners.

GEORGE ROSS, THIRD, ARRIVED AT TORONTO

Senator Made Happy by Announced Birth of Grandson.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Toronto, Feb. 4.—The sick-room, where Sir George Ross is lying in the General Hospital, was the scene of a celebration today—as hearty a celebration as a man seriously ill can be allowed to indulge in. A grandson, to perpetuate the name of George Ross arrived in the world early this morning, and one of the dearest wishes of Sir George's heart was at last fulfilled. Dr. George W. Ross is the proud parent.

Sir George showed keen pleasure when the news was given him. He had partaken, rather half-heartedly, of a light breakfast, and was preparing for another day of apathetic quiet, when his son came in with the news. "It's a grandson!" the sick man's face lighted up as if by magic. He was lively and cheerful all morning. The improvement was helped by the arrival in the afternoon of Miss Margaret Ross, his favorite sister, from Nairn.

In spite of the improvement in the patient's spirits apparent today, the progress of his recovery continues slow. "There is no cause for immediate apprehension," Dr. Ross said. "My father is better than he was in Ottawa, but improvement is not rapid."

Dr. Goldie, the consulting physician, said that Sir George was in for a long illness, and might possibly have to remain in the General Hospital for some weeks.

CATCH DECREASED

[Canadian Press.] St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 4.—The herring fishery on the west coast, in which a number of Canadian and American vessels engaged, closed yesterday with a total catch of 65,554 barrels, against 71,585 barrels last year.

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THE HOLLOW OF HER HAND

By GEORGE BARR McCUTCHEON
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"Sara," she said, meeting her friend's eyes with a steady light in her own, "why did Mr. Wendall ask for me instead of you? It is you he is coming to visit, not me. It is your house. Why should—" "My dear," said Sara glibly, "I am merely his sister-in-law. It wouldn't be necessary to ask me if he should come. He knows he is welcome."

"Then, why should he feel called upon to—" "Some men like to telephone, I suppose," said the other coolly.

"I wonder if you will ever understand how I feel about—about certain things, Sara."

"What for instance?"

"Well, his very evident interest in me," cried the girl hotly. "He sends me flowers—this is the second box this week—and he is so kind, so very friendly, Sara, that I can't bear it—I really can't."

Mrs. Wendall stared at her. "You can't very well send him about his business," she said, "unless he becomes more than friendly. Now, can you?"

"But," it seems so—so horrible, beastly," groaned the girl. Sara faced her squarely. "See here, Hetty," she said levelly. "We have made our bed, you and I. We must lie in it—whether we like it or not. If Leslie Wendall chooses to fall in love with you, that is his affair, not ours. We must face every condition. In plain words, we must play the game."

"What could be more appalling than to have him fall in love with me?"

"The other way round would be more dramatic, I should say."

"Good God, Sara," cried the girl in horror. "How can you even speak of such a thing?"

"After all, why shouldn't—" began Sara, but stopped in the middle of her suggestion, with the result that it had its full effect without being uttered in so many cold-blooded words. The girl shuddered.

"I wish, Sara, you would let me unburden myself completely to you," she pleaded, seizing her friend's hands. "You have forbidden me."

Sara jerked her hands away. Her eyes

flushed. "I do not want to hear it," she cried fiercely. "Never, never! Do you understand? It is your secret. I will not share it with you. I should hate you if I knew everything. As it is, I love you because you are a woman who suffered at the hand of one who made me suffer. There is nothing more to say. Don't bring up the subject again. I want to be your friend forever, not your confidante. There is a distinction. You may be able to see how very marked it is in our case, Hetty. What one does not know, seldom hurts."

"But I want to justify myself—" "It isn't necessary," cut in the other so promptly that the girl's eyes spread into a look of anger. Whereupon Sara Wendall threw her arm about her and drew her down beside her on the chaise longue. "We must not speak of the past, that's all. The future is not likely to hurt us, dear. Let us avoid the past."

"The future!" sighed the girl, staring blankly before her.

"To appreciate what it is to be," said the other, "you have but to think of what it might have been."

"I know," said Hetty, in a low voice. "And yet I sometimes wonder if—" Sara interrupted. "You are paying me, dear, instead of the law," she said gently. "I am not a harsh creditor, am I?"

"My life belongs to you. I give it cheerfully, even gladly."

"So you have said before. Well, if it belongs to me you might at least permit

me to develop it as I would any other possession. It takes it as an investment. It will probably fluctuate."

"Now you are jesting!"

"Perhaps," said Sara laconically.

The next morning Hetty set forth for her accustomed tramp over the roads that wound through the estate. Sara, the American dowdy at home, resenting the chill spring drizzle that did not, in the least, discourage the Englishwoman. The mistress of the house and of the girl's destiny stood in the broad French window, watching her as she strode sprightly, healthily down the maple-lined avenue in the direction of the gates. The gardeners doffed their caps to her as she passed, and also looked after her with surreptitious glances.

There was a queer smile on Sara's lips that remained long after the girl was lost to view beyond the lodge. It was still on her lips but gone from her eyes as she paused beside the old English table to bury her nose in one of the gorgeous roses that Leslie had sent out to Hetty the day before. They were all about the room, dozens of them. The girl had insisted on having them downstairs instead of in her own little sitting-room, for which they plainly were intended.

A nasty sea turn had brought lowering gray skies and a dreary, enveloping mist that never quite assumed the dignity of a drizzle and yet blew wet and cold to the very marrow of the bones. Hetty was used to such weather. Her English blood warmed to it. As she strode briskly across the meadow-land road in the direction of the woods that lay ahead, a soft ruddy glow crept up to her cheeks, and a sparkle of joy into her eyes. She walked strongly, rapidly. Her straight, lithe young figure was a joyous thing to behold. High boots, short skirt, a loose jacket and a broad felt hat made up her costume. She was graceful, adorable; a young, healthy, beautiful creature in whom the blood surged quickly, strongly; the type of woman men are wont to classify as "ineffably feminine," though why we

should differentiate is no small mystery unless there really is such a thing as one woman possessing an adorably feminine quality denied to her sisters. Be that as it may, there is a distinction and men pride themselves on knowing it. Hetty was adorably feminine. Leaving out the matter of morals, whatever they are, and coming right up to her as an example of her sex, pure and simple if you please, we are bound to say that she was perfect. The best thing we can say of Challis Wendall is that he took the same view of her that we should, and fell in love with her. He would have married her if he could, there isn't much doubt as to that, no matter what she had been before he knew her or what she was at the time of his discovery. No more is it to be considered unique that his brother should have experienced a similar interest in her, knowing even less.

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