

KNOX CHURCH W.M.S. HEARS FINE ADDRESS

Anglican Deacon and Former Brahmin Speaks on India
A unique and most interesting evening was provided for the members of Knox Church W. M. S. at this week's meeting, when an address was given by Rev. D. N. Abhyankar, of Huron College. Mr. Abhyankar, who is himself a high

caste Brahmin, came some six months ago from Poonah, West India, on a special mission to America, and is at present studying at Huron College, having already been ordained a deacon of the Anglican church by the Bishop of Bombay.
Six years ago Mr. Abhyankar was converted to Christianity, and his address on life in his native land, from a dual point of view, proved most valuable. With references to his own conversion, the speaker gave an interesting account of the Brahmin caste and the difficulties that beset the new-made Christian of the Brahmin caste.

WOULD KNOW EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT HOUSE

TORONTO, Feb. 28.—Among the notices of motion scheduled for the Provincial Legislature is an inquiry asking what has been the cost of maintenance, together with other expenses, connected with Government House during the fiscal year ending October 31, 1921.

LENTEEN SEASON OPENS.
To-day, Ash Wednesday, marks the opening of the Lenten season.

SEE DANGER IN WOMEN SMOKING

Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Harrison Says Habit a Grievance.

POINT NEED FOR ACTION

Declare Girls Learn It From the "Best" Families

That cigarette smoking has grown to an alarming extent among the Canadian women of to-day and that it is a cause of the downfall of girls was stated by Mrs. Gordon Wright, president of the W.C.T.U. of Canada, and Mrs. Ida Harrison, W.C.T.U. social worker, at the regular meeting of the local organization yesterday afternoon in their rooms on Clarence street.
"Who would have thought 10 years ago that any member of the White Ribbon Society would have to raise her voice in protest against cigarette smoking among Canadian girls? Yet such is the case," said Mrs. Wright. "When we learn from medical science that cigarette smoking means lessening of physical vitality, and from moralists that there is a lack of moral tone among cigarette smokers it does seem as if we would be cowards not to raise our voices in protest."
"Insurance companies say that the risk of a nonsmoker is 50 per cent. better than that of even a moderate smoker. When, however, the habit has taken hold to any great extent these 'cigarette fiends,' as they are called, will falsify and even steal, in a way absolutely impossible before the habit has fastened itself upon them."

Mrs. Wright in speaking of the effect of cigarette smoking on these potential mothers instanced the case of an Englishwoman coming across from England on a steamer where she was conspicuous among her friends as a nonsmoker. When asked why she did not smoke, as her friends did, she replied: "I think it is terrible. I never see a young girl smoking that I don't tremble to think of conditions when she becomes a mother."

"I went once to see two or three girls in jail," said Mrs. Wright. "I asked them if I could bring them anything. Each separately asked for cigarettes. One called them 'smokes' and at first I didn't know what they were, and thought they were firecrackers to blow up the jail. One of the girls said that she 'loved cigarettes night and day.' Of course I explained that I couldn't bring them, but I felt that there was some connection between this deeply rooted habit and their fall."

EITHER DRINK OR SMOKE
"I have yet to find a girl who has gone from the path of virtue who doesn't smoke or drink," said Mrs. Ida Harrison, who supplemented Mrs. Wright's talk by giving her experience among girls. "With regard to lowering of morals I don't know whether it is smoking or drinking which accomplishes it, but I do know that they go hand in hand."

"Where do these girls see smoking?" asked Mrs. Harrison. "They see the ladies smoking on verandas of some of the fine houses of our city." These girls think it smart, and they follow."

The speaker said that during the war she heard a returned nurse pray "that to our soldiers, our sons across the seas evils might not become as common and so ordinary, that they might not seem to be wrong."

"We have to think of the cigarette," continued Mrs. Harrison "as an evil which is getting hold of boys and girls, or we have to take it lightly. I do not think we can be neutral."

"In our fiction to-day the women characters are smokers. In the movies they are seen to smoke. At a party I heard of recently the father would not allow the young people to smoke. The young men desisted, but the young women in spite of the host's expressed wish smoked. In a school the teacher went out of the room and the scholars lit cigarettes and smoked."

FOR SMOKING NURSES
"As most of you doubtless know in the new hospital in Toronto there is a smoking room for the nurses. We have women's smoking rooms in the large hotels now. We have not yet got them on the trains."

"Don't you think this habit means the downfall of the girls? I think it does," said Mrs. Harrison. "When I see these girls who have never had a chance and look at those other girls who have every chance in the world I sometimes wonder what the outcome is going to be. I know it is a cause of the downfall of women."

During the business meeting which preceded the address the resolution of the Social Service Council to have every child in the schools medically examined at least once a year was endorsed by the society. The following were chosen to represent the W.C.T.U. on the Social Service Council for the ensuing year: Mrs. Ida Harrison, Mrs. Amy Patterson, Mrs. Gordon Wright, Mrs. S. R. White, Mrs. John W. Jones, Mrs. B. K. Grier, Miss C. Long, Miss Handley, Mrs. E. W. Gairns, Mrs. J. J. Rankin, Mrs. E. W. Gairns, Mrs. J. J. Goodman and Mrs. May Thornley were appointed as delegates of the society to the meeting of the provincial branch of the Dominion Alliance, which meets in Toronto on the 8th, 9th and 10th of this month.

Two new members, Mrs. Laughton and Mrs. Kean took the pledge of the W.C.T.U. and were welcomed into the society. The chair was occupied by the president, Mrs. Thornley.

**LONDONERS TO ORGANIZE
GIRL GUIDES IN RODNEY**
Increasing Interest Will Be Reported at Provincial Council Annual on March 18
With the approach of the first annual meeting of the Ontario Provincial Council of Girl Guides, scheduled to take place in Cronyn Hall, London, on Saturday, March 18, the growth of guide activities in the province, since organization a year ago, gains increasing interest.

Western Ontario in particular is lining up and new companies are at the present time in process of organization.
In this connection it is interesting to note that Mrs. P. P. Betts, provincial commissioner; Miss Beth Pennington, provincial corresponding secretary, and Miss Helen d'Avignon, London staff captain, have been invited to visit Rodney on March 14 to organize a company.
Mrs. Howard Thompson, of Rodney, who came to town this week to confer with Mrs. Betts, reports a waiting membership of 20 girls, recruited from

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April 27—J. M. Synge, "Riders to the Sea."

TO STUDY DRAMA

Under the direction of Miss Topley Thomas, a series of readings from modern dramas, will be given at the Institute of Musical Art, on Thursday afternoons at 3 o'clock, and will include informal discussions of the plays and playwrights.
The program follows:
March 2—John Galsworthy, "The Pigeon."
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