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## Hither and Thither

MISS FLORENCE GREENWOOD of Whitby, Ontario, who is visiting her brother, Mr. Hamar Greenwood, Liberal member for York in the British House of Commons, has been the guest of the Earl and Countess Beauchamp at Madresfield Court. Lady Beauchamp, who is a sister of the Duke of Westminster, was brought up in a strongly Tory environment but since her marriage has gone over with enthusiasm to the Liberal camp and is known as one of the most influential hostesses in the Asquith ranks. Mr. Hamar Greenwood, as a rising Liberal, is made much of at London receptions. Unlike Sir Gilbert Parker, Mr. Greenwood has taken care to remain un-English in voice and manner. His recent M. A. P. article in "The Days of My Youth" series shows how ardent is his love of Canada and Canadian conditions.

THE races have made the Woodbine at Toronto the most fashionable spot in the Dominion for the last fortnight, where elaborate gowns and thoroughbred "gees" have proved costly attractions. But the scene of racing interest has shifted to Montreal, and Hamilton, also, will have its share of race devotees. The latter city, as the home of Hendrie of *Holmstead*, has especial associations for those who admired that model sportsman. His sons show the same clean and manly interest in the turf and it will be many a day before a great racing event in Canada is unattended by a representative of the Hendries. Among the Canadian women who have given their hearts to the fascinating sport, none is more spirited and charming than Mrs. Adam Beck of London, Ontario, whose interest in all that concerns her equine favourites is as keen as that of her dashing husband who would rather lose an election than a prize at the Woodbine.

THE Women's Institutes of Ontario, now a flourishing association, have arranged for a summer series of picnics and meetings, when improving addresses will be given to the accompaniment of luxurious luncheons and out-door recreation. The farmer's wife has a dull lot, indeed, in too many sections of Canada but a better and brighter day seems dawning for the women who are doing the most valued toil of all and the Women's Institutes deserve the credit of ushering in the new order of things. The speakers engaged for the summer meetings are those well-acquainted with the most advanced methods and theories in connection with all which relates to farm life—and farm life is interpreted in a broader sense than the petty round of manual toil.

EVERY once in a while, a group of United Statesers manifest a desire to erect a monument to their fallen brave on Canadian territory. Such a plan was formed some years ago by enterprising admirers of Montgomery who wished to have a costly structure in memory of the departed at Quebec and, had it not been for the protests of Canadian women, would have carried out their project and made a laughing-stock of "easy" citizens of this Dominion. The latest proposition of this kind comes from certain ardent United States patriots who wish to erect a monument at Fort Erie to commemorate the virtues of their soldiers who fell in the War of 1812. This time it is Hamilton to the rescue. The Wentworth Historical Society has protested against such a

bit of granite grotesqueness and will probably arouse others to like resolutions. A slab or memorial stone is one matter and a monument of adulation is quite another. When New York allows British subjects to erect a monument to Lord Howe, when Yorktown permits a similar erection in honour of Lord Cornwallis, it will be time enough for Canadians to allow the commemoration of the courage of invaders.

THE closing of the musical and dramatic season has been marked by several events of interest. The Arion Club of Victoria, B.C., gave an excellent closing concert last month and Winnipeg reviews show that the public of that city has enjoyed an unusual number of high-class concerts. In Toronto there is talk of forming yet another choral society, one which would afford unique and historic entertainment. An English madrigal society has been discussed for some time and there is certainly space in next winter's programme for such an organisation. Mr. R. S. Pigott will probably have charge of its formation and is admirably qualified for the undertaking.

PRESIDENT SCHURMAN of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., has lately been visiting Professor Goldwin Smith at "The Grange," Toronto. President Schurman belongs to that large and worthy class of college presidents, native to the maritime provinces of Canada. He was born in Prince Edward Island and spent his boyhood in that idyllic spot and its neighbour, Nova Scotia. President Schurman is of Teutonic ancestry and has shown in his career the dogged qualities characteristic of that race. Like most presidents of American universities, President Schurman is considered a man of affairs and has served his adopted country in important international negotiations. He was appointed on the commission regarding the Philippines and gave significant advice as to the future disposition of those Isles of Unrest.

FROM the other side of the Atlantic come encouraging reports of the work of Miss Katherine Parlow, a young Canadian violinist who is playing her way into the best musical circles of Europe. Miss Parlow has been spending the recent months in Germany and Paris and, according to report, is to have a tour in South America before her appearance in her native land. Canadians have comparatively little knowledge of the cities of the America which lies south of the Gulf of Mexico; but Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Ayres contain opera houses which surpass anything of the kind in this country and the verdict of Latin America on musical achievement is regarded as superior to the judgment of the Saxon North.

## GRAY AND GREEN.

A GLIMPSE OF LAKE ONTARIO FROM A BALCONY.

By Amy Parkinson.

Green in the middle distance, like  
A shining beryl floor;  
Gray where it met the gray-blue sky,  
Gray where it touched the shore.

Green and gray in the cool, soft tones  
Of a varying spring-time day,  
With now and again, where a sun-beam fell,  
A topaz glint on the gray.

Then a sudden change—and white gleams, like pearls,  
All over the waters seen—  
As a swift-winged wind came rushing down  
And ruffled both gray and green.

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