

Tennyson Evening.

The Epworth League of Iroquois had an "Evening with Tennyson" not long ago, which the *St. Lawrence News* describes as "a pleasant and interesting event." The large assemblage of lovers of music and poetry were not disappointed. The hall looked unusually bright and cheery with its tasty decorations of flags, plants, League mottoes, etc.

The discussion of the poet laureate—life and work—was taken up, in several short and pithy addresses. Rev. J. Webster, after formally opening the programme, gave in a few moments a biographical and character sketch of Alfred Tennyson, touching the poet's ambition and life purpose. A fine criticism of "In Memoriam," with some beautiful quotations, was then given by Miss Grace Redmond. The general character of "The Idylls of the King" was outlined by Edwin Forward. "Love, Thou Thy Land" gave Mr. M. McQuigg theme for a bright and inspiring address, urging broader views on things touching the affairs of our national life—greater patriotism. The subject was closed by Rev. J. M. Macalister in a few apt remarks on the poem, "Ring Out, Wild Bells." His was an earnest appeal to young people for pure lives and noble aims, to ring out the false and ring in the true.

Not less interesting was the music where the poet was in evidence, three of his songs being given. Miss Maude Cameron's interpretation of "The Brook" was excellent. The two fine quartettes—"Crossing the Bar" and "Sweet and Low"—were well given, the voices blending unusually well into true harmony.

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