

ies in the Popular Magazine, Munsey's Magazine and the People's Home Journal. Lewis Wharton has published another legal book, "Principles of Canadian Criminal Law." Mr. P. W. Luce, besides his usual work as Columnist, several short stories in MacLeans, articles in the Toronto Star and various other weeklies, has won the \$75 prize for the "Musquash" competition, which was announced through this Society some months ago. We congratulate Mr. Luce. Mr. Francis Dickie we have not heard from personally but we have seen several short stories of his during the year and the last MacLeans contains a novelette "Mystery of the Straits." Mr. Beeman has had his "VIA VANCOUVER" set to music and published by Whaley, Royce, Toronto. Mr. R. L. Reid's articles in the Province have been read by all of us. He has also published several articles in the "Tranquillan," and his new book is now in proof. It is pleasant to know that Dr. R. G. McBeth's "Romance of the C.P.R." is now in its third edition. He has also lately published a new book "The Burning Bush in Canada" and still another "Western Memories and Pen Portraits" is now ready. I am delighted to record also that Mr. A. M. Pound's book "British Columbia in Books" is in the publishers' hands and will probably be out this autumn. "Boileau and the French Classical Critics in England" Dr. A. F. B. Clarke's very fine book on neo-classicism was published this spring and has met with a very flattering reception.

Our outside activities this year have not been many but they have possessed quality if not quantity. Mr. R. A. Hood represented us upon the programme of the Vancouver Institute when his excellent lecture "Puck on Pegasus" was greatly appreciated. During Book Week Mr. Percy Gomery lectured for us at several schools and Parent Teachers' meetings, as did also Mrs. Alice Winlow and Miss Coleman. Mr. R. L. Reid gave a most enjoyable talk on current Canadian Books to the Women's Canadian Club. Mr. Hood gave readings upon the same afternoon. Your Chairman has also addressed the Women's Canadian Club upon the subject, "Poetry and Children."

Our executive early in the year received the communication that the National Association of which we form a part had decided to hold its convention of 1926 in Vancouver in acceptance of an invitation tendered

by our delegates at Winnipeg—Mrs. C. G. Henshaw, Miss Annie C. Dalton and Mr. Stephen Golder. We have been in communication with the National Executive about the matter and will be able to pass on to our next Executive various suggestions gleaned as to this important event. The dates are set for

August 6, 7 and 8 and we hope that all members of this branch will hold themselves ready for any service in this regard which it may be in their power to render. Various committees will doubtless be formed under the guidance of the new executive and Vancouver expects every author to do his duty.

## Report by Honorary Secretary

(Stephen Golder)

In submitting my third annual report I beg to state that during the past season the Association has held eight receptions or entertainments, and held seven executive or business meetings.

We entertained Mr. J. Vernon Mackenzie, the then editor of MacLean's Magazine, at a dinner at the Ambassador Cafe.

Major Roberts was also an honored dinner guest at the Vancouver Hotel.

A luncheon was tendered Mr. Bernard MacEvoy at Glencoe Lodge, and the Baroness Orczy and Mr. Montagu Barstow were also guests of the Association at Glencoe Lodge. There was a large attendance on each occasion.

We were entertained by Mrs. Julia Henshaw at her residence at Caulfeild, when the delegates to the Winnipeg Convention gave an account of their stewardship. Mrs. Henshaw announced that the Vancouver representatives had been successful in securing the 1926 Convention for Vancouver.

Mr. Tom McInnes was entertained at a social gathering at the residence of Mrs. Blanche Holt Muriison.

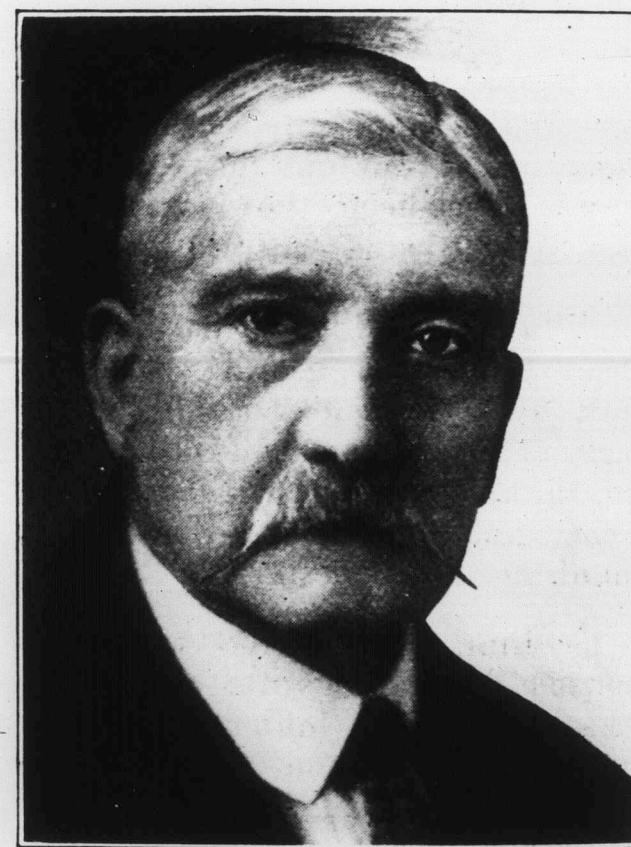
A social gathering was also held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Forsyth.

Professor Frederick G. C. Wood gave a lecture on Sir James Barrie at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Reid.

The reception arranged in honor of Bliss Carmen had to be cancelled owing to the illness of Bliss Carmen.

Mr. Robert Allison Hood lectured for the Association at the Vancouver Institute, and again at the Carnegie Library during Book Week. Mr. R. L. Reid and Mr. Hood gave a Book Week talk before the Women's Canadian Club, and our President, Mrs. Isabel Ecclestone MacKay also addressed the Women's Canadian Club at their Annual General Meeting recently.

Letters of congratulation were sent to Miss Marjorie Reynolds, winner of the competition arranged by the Little Theatre Association, to Francis Dickie on winning a



Steffens-Colmer Photo  
MR. STEPHEN GOLDER,

who, as honorary Secretary for three years of the B.C. Branch C.A.A., did notable work for the organization, prize in the Dominion Essay Competition, and also the other British Columbia winners.

During the season the following new members have been elected: Mrs. Virginia MacDonald Cummings of Fernie, Mrs. M. P. Chalmers, Mr. C. R. Dowman and Mr. R. L. Roys, whilst a big list of applications are on hand for the start of the new term.

We have lost one member in the death of Mr. Fitzmaurice.

In retiring from office I beg to express my thanks to our retiring president, who at all times has been ready to give much of her time in assisting me to make the necessary arrangements for receptions, etc., and to Mr. D. A. Chalmers for fully reporting our doings in **The British Columbia Monthly**.

I shall be only too willing to assist my successor in any way possible.