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**BANQUET AT THE I. O. O. F. HALL**

Over 200 at Supper Tendered by Philathea Class. Toast List and Musical Program

The banquet tendered on Monday evening in the Oddfellows Hall by the Ladies' Philathea Class of the United Baptist Church to the Men's Brotherhood and to Mr. Brown's Class was a complete success in every particular and the biggest affair of its kind ever put on in Bridgetown.

Within the spacious Lodge room were five tables, and over two hundred persons sat down to the sumptuous repast provided by the ladies, bountiful in quantity, choice in quality, and with service and appointments unexcelled. Besides the repast there was a short toast list with some excellent and witty speeches, readings, and also a fine musical programme under direction of Mr. Brinton Hall. Proceedings lasted from seven o'clock till ten-thirty, and every moment was fully occupied and thoroughly enjoyed by the large gathering which completely filled the hall.

Rev. C. W. Robbins, pastor of the Baptist Church and teacher of the Brotherhood Class, presided as toast master and after a few brief remarks the banquet proceeded. A short song with appropriate selections such as "Brighten the Corner Where You Are", were rendered with good effect.

The first toast "The King" was proposed by Mr. M. C. Foster, Inspector of schools, who gave, in an excellent speech, a resume of what the King stood for, and his influence in our far flung empire. This was followed by the National Anthem.

The ladies, was the toast proposed by Mr. O. S. Miller, barrister, who discoursed in a most entertaining manner on the "heaviest subject he had ever tackled." His remarks were characterized with much humor and with a wholly sympathetic bearing on women's entrance into the fields of government and of public affairs. Their presence was necessary to retrieve the failures of men in dealing with world affairs. It goes without saying that his remarks were very favorably received by the ladies. Women understand how to live for others—the only true way to live.

Mrs. Eugene Saunders responded in a witty and happy vein with story and she certainly showed where men were waking up to the importance of ladies in the world. Mr. Stanley Marshall proposed toast to Mr. Brown's class in well chosen words, and response was made by Deacon Chute in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Brown, to whose high skill as a teacher he made a notable tribute. He also traced the history briefly of the class for many years back from the days of Deacon Chipman, naming his different successors in the work, the deacon's son, William Chipman, the late Inspector of schools, Mr. L. S. Morse, Deacon Craig, now all passed away.

The work went on and was carried forward in a splendid manner by Mr. Brown.

The press was proposed by Mrs. (Rev.) C. W. Robbins who, in the course of a brief but most interesting speech in which she paid a high tribute to the work done by the 15,000 publications of Canada in promoting all movements for the public good. She accorded praise to THE MONITOR for its assistance in this regard. She also quoted the famous saying of Napoleon in his tribute to the power and influence of the press. The toast was responded to by Messrs. Beattie and Stratton, lessees of THE MONITOR, both of whom referred with pleasure to the action and friendly co-operation of business men and of the public generally in their efforts to produce a creditable weekly, and assured the gathering that the columns of THE MONITOR would always be open to advance the public good and that constructive criticism would be always welcomed.

"Why we failed" was the subject of an interesting and witty speech by Mrs. H. Abbott. "How we won" was treated by Mr. J. W. Peters in an equally illuminating way. Mr. Peters traced briefly the history of the Brotherhood organized with 18 members. Then fifty became the objective. till the number had now reached one hundred and eighty. The effect of personal effort was dwelt upon, and great credit given Rev. C. W. Robbins. Mr. Peters on behalf of the Brotherhood, accepted the challenge issued for an endurance test for the next three months with the Philathea Class for best attendance.

Mrs. Peters spoke to good effect in giving the challenge referred to above and gave several excellent hints of ways to increase membership and add to effectiveness of the work.

Rev. C. W. Robbins, as well as others, expressed great regret that Hon. O. T. Daniels, who was to have given an address, had been obliged to leave for Halifax. Mr. Robbins

**OTTAWA BUDGET BY FORMER RESIDENT**

Unique Event In Masonic Circles—Looking Forward to the Visit of Lady Astor

Our Parliament is carrying on, but not doing much, and probably the Budget will not be down till next week, so it don't look as if the House will wind up much before the first of July, if it does then. We are all looking for the arrival of Lord and Lady Astor, who left Chicago for Ottawa yesterday. We are all pleased that such distinguished people are to be the guests of our fair city. She is to speak in our largest theatre, and a right royal welcome will be given them both.

Much regret is expressed at the failure of the Genoa Conference to achieve the object for which it was called together. One thing is certain, the great British statesman, David Lloyd George, was surely a whole conference by himself, and it is to be hoped when they again meet in June at the Hague some better results may follow.

A unique meeting took place last Tuesday evening in Dalhousie Masonic Lodge (my Lodge by affiliation) when all the officers were filled by clergymen of the city. The Grand Master of Ontario, and Deputy Grand Master were present, sufficient to say, the gentlemen of the cloth carried out the work very efficiently, and put through one candidate for the first degree in perfect condition, and received the praise not only of the Grand Master and other officials, but the entire satisfaction of all present. There were over six hundred members present.

Masonry has a fast hold upon the city of Ottawa. Ten Blue Lodges and others higher up. They are all growing very rapidly. In our own Lodge we take in about thirty new members each year.

disclaimed merit for work in increasing the membership of the Brotherhood and praised the members who exerted themselves to bring in new adherents to the class. He appealed for the same loyal support for the future with this it was possible to build a church second to none in the Province.

President J. W. Peters had sent a card to Mr. M. W. Graves, now with Mrs. Graves, visiting his daughter, Mrs. O. E. Underwood, in Detroit, apprising them of this pleasant occasion and expressed regret that they were not here to participate. A very nice musical programme under the direction of Mr. Brinton Hall was given. Miss Gladys Newcombe accompanist. The numbers were:—

Piano duets—Ojos Criollos, Mr. Hall and Miss Newcombe, and as an encore, Hungary Rhapsodie.

This was followed by selection by the male quartette composed of Messrs. V. Saunders, A. C. Charlton, E. C. Hall, Judson Munro, "Come Where the Bright Waters Flow" as an encore, "When Your Note Falls Due".

These selections were much appreciated. Mrs. W. A. Warren rendered in splendid style the popular poem of Robert Service, "The Cremation of Sam Magee", and as an encore the amusing little song "Billy Do", a play on words.

Miss Irene Harding rendered very pleasantly the song "Love, the Pedlar" and was costumed suitably to the part, and as an encore, "Little Georgia Rosebud".

The next number was a piano solo by Mr. Brinton Hall, "Convent Bells" and as an encore "Robin's Return".

The male quartette rendered "Hush a By" and as an encore "The Cobblers and the Crow". Mrs. John Hutchins gave an amusing reading parody on "Cafesau must not Ring Tonight", entitled Touser must be tied tonight, encore "Father will be up before night".

Duet—the Misses, Irene and Ethel Harding, "Voices of the Woods". Mixed Quartette—The Misses Harding and Messrs. Saunders and Charlton, "Men of Harlech", encore "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia".

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for the splendid banquet furnished and to Crescent Lodge I. O. O. F. for their kindness in offering the use of their hall. This was moved by Mr. M. C. Foster and seconded by Mr. O. S. Miller, after which a pleasant and memorable evening came to a close by the rendering of the National Anthem.

Alexander Fowler, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Kentville, spent the holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Fowler. He was accompanied by his friend, Mr. William Metzler.



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