

Lecture on Burns

Rev. Mr. McIntosh's lecture on Burns on Tuesday night in aid of the Public School Library was a decided success. The hall was well filled and all seemed to enjoy it to the full. Rev. Mr. Aiken was called to the chair and his introductory remarks were very happy. He referred to Mr. McIntosh as a native of Ayr.

When Mr. McIntosh was a native of Ayr, he was a young man of about twenty years of age. He was a very handsome man, and his features were very attractive. He was a very good speaker, and his lectures were always very interesting.

In referring to Burns' place in literature, the lecturer remarked that the Scotch nation owed to Burns the firing of their national ideal, he prevented its falling into disuse or becoming a sort of mongrel English. Burns was the wit and the wit of his time. In this he had no rival except perhaps Coleridge.

When Burns entered a public house, though it were after midnight and all the houses had retired, everyone was roused and soon all were listening to the words of wit and poetry that flowed in a steady stream from his tongue. His generous free nature was the cause of his downfall.

When he became famous admirers flocked to him and men, waiting his time and his resources. For his first volume of poems he received \$60 for his second \$200, and this was all the money that he ever received for the works which have made him the pride and joy of Scotland.

Though never in abject poverty Burns died in poor circumstances yet surrounded by loving friends and relations. After his death Scotland seemed to wake to the worth of the man she had lost. The State honored him with a magnificent funeral and immediately raised his family above the fear of want.

More monuments have been erected to Burns than to any other famous man. The poem which Burns himself liked best was "Tam O'Shanter" but critics say that for perfection of finish and truest treatment of the subject, "The Twa Dogs" surpasses all others. The latter's Saturday Night was the best example of his more serious poems. The lecturer read extracts from "Tam O'Shanter" and pointed out how he succeeded in making the poem so horrible that the last until the climax was reached in the church scene with Old Nick and the witches, coffin and all, and all the ghastly relief laid out upon the table.

Even Scotchmen do not claim that the genius of Burns as a poet is to be compared with Homer or Virgil or Milton or Shakespeare king of them all. But Burns as a song writer stands on his own feet. There is no second and there is no third.

Not long ago a famous London editor asked one hundred of the foremost literary critics of the day to send him what they considered to be the finest passage of literature in existence. Passages from the Bible, from Homer, Keats, Shakespeare were sent in but one—and by some he is considered the greatest critic of them all—said that in his opinion nothing in literature surpassed Burns' song.

Oh, my love is like a red, red rose, That's newly sprung in June, Oh, my love is like the melody, That's sweetly played in tune.

The Burns song sprang spontaneously from his brain like Minerva from the mind of fire. That trumpet blast "Scots wha hae" which Carlisle said might have been spoken from the mouth of the whirlwind, was composed one dark night during a ride over a windy moor.

When Burns lay dying he asked a lady friend to sing to him, promising to return to write a song which would make her famous. She sang an old ballad commencing

The robin came to the wren's nest, And looked in, and looked in, Oh we'll be on your side now, Wad ye be in, wad ye be in.

After a few minutes of thought the poet produced the last and best of his songs commencing

"Oh wert thou on the cannie blast, On yonder lee, on yonder lee, I'd shelter thee from the angry air, I'd shelter thee from the angry air."

Mr. McIntosh concluded with the most eloquent description of Burns' peculiar and transcendent genius, his whimsical and delightful humor, his many noble and generous traits of character. Before anyone of us dare to cast a stone at Robbie Burns let us remember that he it was who said

Then let us pray that come it may— As come it will for a' that, That sense and worth 'tis a' the earth, May hear the gree, for a' that, For a' that, and a' that, That man to man, the world o'er, Shall brothers be for a' that."

The lecture was diversified with a short musical programme. Miss G. McLean sang "I'll be no laddie but ane." Miss Russell and Mr. Wynn, Jeanie and James. Miss Russell sang "The Twa Dogs." Mr. Nicholson played the accompaniment. Mr. Vernon moved a vote of thanks which was accepted by Rev. J. A. Clark. The meeting closed by singing "Auld Lang Syne." The net receipts amounted to \$16.35.

Pay Up. Parties indebted to this office will confer a favor by settling their accounts. Individually the amounts may be small yet collectively they amount to a large sum the lack of which seriously embarrasses us in our business.

WHY SUFFER WITH PILES? Dr. Chase's Ointment Will Cure Them. A Case of Hemorrhoids. Piles, scrofula, eczema, eruptions, could be cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment. It is a sure cure. It is a sure cure. It is a sure cure.

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Good Blood

It is essential to health. Every nook and corner of the system is reached by the blood, and it is equally the condition of every organ and tendon. Good blood means strong nerves, good digestion, robust health. Impure blood means scrofula, dyspepsia, rheumatism, catarrh or other diseases. The surest way to have good blood is to take Hood's Sarsaparilla. This medicine purifies, vitalizes, and enriches the blood, and sends the elements of health and strength to every nerve, organ and tissue. It creates a good appetite, gives refreshing sleep and cures that tired feeling. Remember.

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It is the best—In fact the One True Blood Purifier. Hood's Pills take easy to operate.

A Good Thing. NORTH BRIDLEBAND COUNTY. Letters from all points in this county have been coming in, all telling the same story of joy and happiness brought to many a home by a simple agent which should be known throughout the Dominion.

When a person has a cold his spirits are depressed, and a feeling of general fatigue or sickness always accompanies it. Coughs seem to be but slight ailments, but people have a habit of belittling them, and instead of great precautions being taken to get rid of a cough or cold at once they are allowed to take care of themselves. This is a dangerous way, and one which might result in a simple and marvellous cure for colds and coughs is Pny Pectoral. It is guaranteed to cure the most distressing cold or most stubborn cough in a few days. Mr. B. J. Johnson of St. Louis, N. R., writes under date Dec. 22nd, 1896, "I am pleased to state that I have used Pny Pectoral for a very bad cold, and have found immediate relief from it."

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Clipping Notice. A most important clipping announcement appears this week in the advertising columns of the Union Advocate. Subscribers to the Union Advocate are hereby afforded an opportunity to get their dross weekly paper, the FAMILY HERALD, of the FAMILY HERALD and WEEKLY STAR of Montreal, it is scarcely necessary to do more than mention its name for it has become a household word, not only in Canada, but all over the Continent. The FAMILY HERALD is now enlarged to sixteen mammoth pages, 128 columns each week, being six thousand six hundred and fifty-six columns, equal to about one hundred large volumes a year. The FAMILY HERALD is recognized as per excellence the great weekly newspaper of America, and with the Advocate the two fill the bill to overflowing.

Blank Form. Bills of sale having the necessary details as required by law in New Brunswick and the form of Teacher's agreement according to the School Law Manual of 1892 can be obtained at the Advocate office.

Sunlight Soap's Latest Scheme

Messrs. Lever Bros., Ltd., proprietors of Sunlight Soap, do nothing by halves. They have built up the largest soap business in the world, first by turning out a very superior article, and second by plucky and attractive advertising. Their latest stroke in Canada is a bold one. It is a Monthly Wrapper Competition, the simplest feature of which is the presentation of \$1,025.00 worth of bicycles and gold watches every month of the year 1897, to those who collect and send in to Lever Bros., Toronto office, the largest number of Sunlight "coupons."

The total value of the prizes to be awarded during the year 1897 is \$10,500.

This Competition commences in January, when ten Steam's Bicycles and twenty-five Gold Watches will be awarded to the successful competitors of that month residing in the districts of East and West Ontario, the Province of Quebec, N. B., N. S., and P. E. I.

A great advantage in this Competition is that it is held monthly, and therefore, those who do not succeed for one month have many more opportunities during the year. Rules and full particulars are given in our advertising columns.

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THE VICTORIAN JUBILEE.

SCHEME BY LADY ABERDEEN FOR MARKING THE GREAT EVENT IN CANADA.

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The scheme recommended by the National Council of Women for the commemoration of her Majesty's jubilee was published a few days ago from Montreal. The Countess of Aberdeen, the president of the National Council, explained to the press correspondents this afternoon at Rideau Hall some further details of the plan and announced that it would be officially launched on the eve of public opinion in the discovery of the body of Preston and Butler's presence in the neighborhood between October 19 and 21 are fully established.

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"QUEEN VICTORIA: HER LIFE AND REIGN"—great historic work, sells on sight to thousands. Lord Dufferin introduces it to Canadians in glowing terms. Easy to make \$25.00 a week: some make more than that; day at regular employment. This year's Ontario Celebrations are booming. Books on time: Prospectus free to canvassers. Territory only fee. THE BRADLEY-GARRISON CO., Ltd., Toronto, Ont.

WANTED—Young women and men, or other ones if still young in spirit, of unblemished character, good talkers, ambitious and industrious, can find employment in a good cause, with \$800 per month and upwards, according to ability. Rev. T. S. LAMONT, Toronto, Ont.

WEAK MEN CURED No Cure No Pay. Remedies Sent FREE BY MAIL. \$500.00 REWARD for any case of Nervous Debility, Lost Vigor or Sexual Weakness we cannot cure. REMEDIES SENT FREE. (See and Pay if Satisfied). Send full particulars of case, with 10 cts in silver to help pay postage, and Remedies will be sent FREE by return mail. Everything sent securely sealed. N. S. M. COMPANY, LOCK BOX 325, PICTON, ONT.

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I will sell for the balance of the winter my entire stock of Men's and Boys' ulsters, overcoats, referees and Mackintosh jackets, jumpers, Canadian jackets, sweaters, liners, drawers, shirts, Fur coats, Caps, Sleigh robes, AT REDUCED PRICES.

Jno. Ferguson, Newcastle, Jan. 12, 1896.

Last Chance FOR **The Orphan's Prayer.**

Without any doubt, the premium picture offered by the Family Herald and Weekly Star is the Grandest picture ever offered newspaper readers. There is a perfect example from all parts of the world to acquire a copy. Some subscribers who have received it would not part with it for a \$10 bill. The publishers will withdraw the premium shortly. We have made arrangements, however, with the Family Herald publishers, whereby they guarantee to supply the "ORPHAN'S PRAYER" to all names sent in by the Union Advocate on or before 15th, February. The Family Herald and Weekly Star is the recognized leader of all Weeklies in America.