

Farm Women's Clubs

NOTE.—Any woman in Saskatchewan who feels that she would like to have a Woman's Section of the Grain Growers' Association in her district, should communicate with the provincial secretary, Miss Erma Stocking, Delisle, Sask.
Any Alberta woman who would like a Woman's Section of the United Farmers in her district should write to Mrs. R. M. Barrett, Mirror, Alta., who is the women's provincial secretary for Alberta.

EASY SUNDAY DINNERS

The July meeting of the Woodlawn Women Grain Growers was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Miller, on July 1. Owing to the disagreeable wind, not as many as usual were present, however all were in a holiday humor and the meeting progressed in a particularly pleasant manner. Business was commenced by a resolution by Mrs. Doeg on the suggestion of Mrs. Campbell, who was not present, that a Red Cross committee be appointed with power to send linen collected by members to Red Cross headquarters, and also to investigate other lines of Red Cross work that the club might take up. Those appointed to serve on the committee were Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wm. Doeg, Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Van Northwick, Mrs. A. Doeg and Mrs. Sparrow.

It was also suggested that the members who visited the university grounds on excursion for that purpose and members who attended lectures given at the better farming train, report on visits at the next club meeting.

Mrs. Wm. Doeg and Mrs. A. Doeg led in a very able manner the subject on "Easy Sunday Dinners." Excellent recipes for good things that might be prepared on Saturday were given. It was recommended that vegetables and fowl be cooked on Saturday and taken from the water in which they were cooked. Jellied meats were given a place of prominence in the menu as being especially nourishing.

Recipes for steamed meat pie, orange custard and prune whip were welcomed, and proved most appetizing by their mere naming.

After a delicious lunch, served by the hostess, the meeting adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. Pollock, in August.

Club members or others who are willing to give clothing to the many needy cases in the drought stricken district, please communicate with Miss Erma Stocking, provincial secretary W.G.G.A., Delisle, Sask.

A TENNYSON DAY

Dear Miss Stocking:—You have not received a report from the Snakebite W.G.G.A. for some time, but we have been having splendid meetings lately. The eleventh regular meeting was held at Mrs. Fitzmaurice's on May 4. The topic for the month was "The Life of Tennyson," on which Mrs. Stokes prepared an especially good paper, which I am enclosing for publication. At that meeting each of us responded to the roll call by giving a quotation from Tennyson.

I am very sorry to say that I have resigned my position as secretary-treasurer, owing to the fact that I am about to leave Snakebite. Mrs. Fitzmaurice has been elected to take that position. You will therefore kindly address all communications to her.

Yours very truly,
OLIVE E. COLLINS

Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Alfred Tennyson was born at Somersby, Lincolnshire, in the year 1809. His father was rector of that parish and his mother was the daughter of a clergyman. His first attempt at poetry was when a mere child, but the first published work was a little book of verse called "Poems by Two Brothers," being the joint work of himself and his brother Charles, which was issued in 1827. He published several poems during the next five years, and then wisely kept silence for the period of ten years, at the close of which his matured genius burst upon the world in a volume of beautiful poetry which at once placed him in the forefront of English poets. In 1851 he succeeded Wordsworth as Poet Laureate. He lived a retired life on the Isle of Wight, seldom appearing in public, happy in the society of his wife and children. He died October 6, 1892, and was buried in Westminster Abbey.

Tennyson, deservedly, is one of the

best known and most popular of all British poets, and his poems are read and quoted by all classes and ranks. While in many of his works he rises to sublime heights, yet his thoughts are never clothed in a mist of words so densely as to bewilder and confuse the reader, and thus he escapes the fault that makes that great brother poet, Browning, so incomprehensible to the average mind.

In a paper of this length it is impossible to enter into an exhaustive description and classification of his poems. All we can do is to merely mention a few of his most important. Perhaps the one that is most widely connected with his name and which in the estimation of most is his finest work is "In Memoriam," that wonderful monument to his undying love for his friend, Arthur Hallam. Another beautiful series is his "Idylls of the King," while other well known ones are "The Princess" and "Maud." He wrote many beautiful lyrics, ballads and sonnets, and also several dramas, which are not as well known as his other works, among these is a series of historical dramas.

Tennyson was a deeply religious man, tho perhaps not one who made a parade of religion, but no one can read his poems without seeing revealed in them a trust and faith in God. Take these lines from "The Passing of Arthur":

More things are wrought by prayer
Than this world dreams of. Wherefore
let Thy voice

Rise like a fountain for me night and day.

Or the closing lines of "In Memoriam":

That God, which ever lives and loves,
One God, one law, one element,
And one far-off divine event,
To which the whole creation moves.

Or the beautiful poem, "Crossing the Bar," which he wrote in his eighty-first year, and which he said was to be placed at the end of every book of his poems, ending thus:

For tho from out our bourne of Time
and Place

The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

In concluding this brief and fragmentary account of the life of Tennyson, I cannot close without quoting from a patriotic poem, "Hands All Round," which, tho written many years before the sad and bitter struggle in which we are now engaged, expresses our sentiments as if but newly penned, as we read with mingled feeling of pride and grief of the gallant stand and sad death of so many of our own brave Canadian boys who are laying down their lives for the Empire, that the principles of liberty and righteousness may prevail:

To all the loyal hearts who long
To keep our British Empire whole;
To all our noble sons, the strong
New England of the Southern Pole.
To England under Indian skies
To those dark millions of her realm;
To Canada whom we love and prize,
Whatever statesman hold the helm.

Hands all round.
God the traitor's hope confound.
To this great name of Britain drink,
my friends,

And all her glorious Empire round and round.

BETTER FARMING TRAIN

Dear Miss Stocking:—Mrs. Ferry, who was our recent secretary, has resigned, and I have been elected to the office for the balance of the year. Many thanks for your suggestions in regard to the better farming train. The members of the Grain Growers' Association, both men's and women's sections, are doing all they can to draw on a big crowd. The women's section will serve tea from 5 to 7 o'clock.

MRS. H. BEATTIE,
Sec., Bratton W.G.G.A.



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