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### WITH OUR FRIENDS.

**W**ELCOME TO OUR BOYS!" in letters nearly a foot high, greeted the eye of every visitor to the dining hall at the Home during the second week of the Exhibition; and our boys realized that they were welcome and that if they did not thoroughly enjoy themselves and have a "rousing good time" the fault would be theirs.

Let us say at once they were faultless in this connection.

Enjoyment was the order of the day, and of not a small portion of the night. Sleep, after a day at the Fair, followed by a wind-up "below" of song, recitation and step-dancing, was not to be thought of until notes had been compared and old battles fought o'er again.

It is not every day in the year you meet an old friend and comrade, who as likely as not was last seen five or six years ago; and when such pleasurable recognitions do occur, an hour or two's chat in the *quiet and privacy* of the dormitory, after everyone has retired, is the most natural thing in the world—at least to a Barnardo boy—even if the beds of a dozen would-be slumberers do separate the talkers from each other.

Of course, the more prosaic, with whom a full night's sleep is essential to a full day's enjoyment, were inclined to deprecate these "whispered" confabs at midnight. One of our visitors, who had put in a hard day's work "sight-seeing," remarked to us in the presence of a number of his companions, that he was going to bed early, as he did not get very much sleep the previous night. "Sleep!" chimed in a friend who had been conspicuous by his enthusiasm from the moment he arrived at the Home, "why, you can sleep every night full time when you're at home, but you can't meet US, sir, every day of your life." There was no gainsaying this, and there was nothing for it but for the early birds to accept the inevitable with as good grace as possible.

The requirements of the "inner man" are always a serious consideration with "those responsible" on an occasion of this kind, when the hundred who sat down to breakfast may have increased to a hundred and fifty by dinner time. But no matter how great or how sudden the influx of visitors between meals might be, the abundant supply of various meats, vegetables, pies and fruits and "sundries," was equal to all the demands of hearty appetites, made keener by a long journey or a day's tramping.

The dining-room, which in the evening also did duty as a concert hall, presented a very bright and gala appearance with its coloured streamers and arches and other decorations, for which our thanks are due to the taste and skill of Miss Kennedy, a highly esteemed member of the office staff, who kindly devoted considerable time and labour to thus metamorphosizing the

rather sombre-looking chamber. This was but one of many occasions on which in a quiet unostentatious manner Miss Kennedy has very materially contributed to the enjoyment of our boys.

Realizing that coming events do cast their shadows before, it was early made manifest to Mr. Owen that his invitation to the old boys to visit the Home during the second week of the Exhibition was to meet with a hearty response, although the "shadow" in this case was very substantial and quite numerous, not a few boys registering during the latter half of the previous week. Among the first old friends we had the pleasure of greeting, was JOHN HAYNES, as big, ruddy and jolly as ever—perhaps more so, and naturally, for on the very best authority—that of John himself—we are able to announce that before the next "Old Boys' gathering," John will (D.V.) have joined the benedicts.

John's *secret* leaked out before he had been long at the Home, and he received congratulations from many quarters. It was doubtless very embarrassing for John, but he bore it all with becoming modesty.

The place of honour which was naturally accorded him as one soon to assume the vast responsibilities of matrimony, passed however on the Thursday to our old friend WALTER STREETER ('88 party), who joined us on that day in company with his wife, to whom he had been married a few hours previously.

That a visit to the old Home and to his old friends should be one of the first acts of his married life, tells of the warm heart of our recently wedded friend, and we extend our very heartfelt wishes to him and to Mrs. Streeter for a long life of happiness and prosperity.

Early in the week a committee was struck to prepare a programme for the evenings' entertainments. The committee, composed of Arthur Hillier, John Haynes, Charles H. Trewin and G. Smith, performed its somewhat onerous task in a highly satisfactory manner. The Home seemed to be the centre of attraction for the majority of our visitors after 8 o'clock. At that time they would gather about forty strong in the dining-hall, their numbers increasing as time went on by ones and twos until the room was crowded and fresh air was at a premium.

Under the chairmanship of Charles Trewin a couple of hours would be spent in a very enjoyable manner, there being, as our readers know, some very capable vocalists and instrumentalists in our ranks. It was understood, however, that the performances of the first three evenings were merely preparatory for Thursday evening, when there was to be a final rally, and a programme of exceptional merit and considerable length was to be presented. One difficulty that confronted the committee of management was the lack of musical instruments, but the difficulty was overcome by the kindness of Mr. Thomas Claxton, the well-known musical instrument maker and dealer of Toronto, who readily came to the assistance of our friends. Thus everything promised well; talent in abundance, enthusiasm unlimited. And everything went off well.

We cannot attempt to say all that could with justice be said of the merit of each performer, as the programme consisted of no less than twenty-five numbers. We append the names of those who took part and we can say unhesitatingly that they acquitted themselves admirably and provided an excellent evening's entertainment for all present, including various members of the staff and a number of other friends.

### PROGRAMME.

T. W. Smith, song; John Haynes and Alfred Hollifield, cornet solo; Ernest Jopson, reading; F. Bray, song; Mr. Green, Alfred Jones, mouth organ and autoharp; Henry Pepper, song; A. Hollifield, cornet solo; A. Taggart, harp solo; A. Pope, cornet solo; Charles Trewin, song; Ernest Jopson, recitation; H. Holmes, song; John Haynes, solo on cornet; Charlie Thorp, song; Chas. Jehu, song; Frank Nichols, song; — Smith, song; W. Byers, song; Charles Trewin, song; Edward Jehu, song; Alfred Williams, song; A. H. Nifton, recitation; James Willis, speech.

We must not omit to make special mention of one item on Thursday evening's programme. Our visitors from the first were quick to realize how unremitting were the personal efforts of Mrs. Cunerty and Mr. Gowan to ensure the comfort and enjoyment of all coming under their care. Supplying and anticipating the wants of from one to two hundred young farmers three times a day is by no means a light task, but Mrs. Cunerty and Mr. Gowan were equal to the occasion and were the embodiment of good nature at all times. Belated and hungry wayfarers, arriving "after everything had been cleared away" were nevertheless quickly taken in hand and provided with all that was likely to conduce to the comfort of mind and body. In many ways was it made manifest to our visitors that there was something more than the mere perfunctory performance of duty in the kindly treatment they received at the hands of Mrs. Cunerty and Mr. Gowan. It was in recognition of this that the chairman, on behalf of all the visiting boys at the Home, presented Mrs. Cunerty with a handsome silver sugar bowl, and Mr. Gowan with a gold watch chain; the address which accompanied the latter referred to the pleasant memories entertained by a number of those present of the days when in Leopold House they first learned to regard Mr. Gowan with esteem and affection, also to the pleasure they experienced in thus unexpectedly meeting their old friend in Canada.

Mr. Gowan thanked the boys for their kind words and for the handsome souvenir they had presented to him. He too experienced very great pleasure in meeting with so many young men whom he remembered as little lads in Leopold House. But whether they were Leopold House boys, Stepney boys, or boys from other branches, all "Barnardo boys" were linked together, and he with them, in a bond which nothing could ever weaken—affection for and fidelity to their beloved friend, Dr. Barnardo. The hearty cheers with which this was greeted showed that the speaker had struck a responsive chord in the hearts of his hearers.

Evidence was also not lacking of the kindly feeling our boys entertain for UPS AND DOWNS and those connected with the journal. This too was demonstrated by a presentation of which we are compelled to omit all further mention, owing to the exigencies of space, and other iron-bound considerations.

Not until several hours had been spent in a most thoroughly enjoyable manner was the end of the programme approached, and then in a few words Mr. Owen told the boys how glad he was to see them there, how he trusted they had all enjoyed themselves. He hoped to see them all again next year, and others in addition. The interim he sincerely trusted would be well and profitably spent by one and all. Three hearty cheers followed Mr. Owen's closing