FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

Miss Warner Gave Splendid Lecture

Large Audience at Germain Street Institute Last Evening Thrilled by Description of Soldiers in France.

"The High School Alumnae has often had the privilege of introducing to St. John audience good speakers, but this is the first time we have had the pleasure of presenting one of our own." It was with these words that Miss Jessie Lawson, president of the St. John High School Alumnae, presented Nursing Sister Agnes Warner, Infirmiere Major F. F. N. C., to a very large audience which completely filled the Germain street Institute last evening. Miss Dorothy Bayard played "The Marseillaise" when Miss Warner entered the room, and Miss Louise Knight sang one verse very beautifully.

Miss Lawson spoke of the fact that the Alumnae has on its Honor Roll some 600 names of pupils who had answered to the call, among them thirty girls, including Katherine Travis, Margaret Parks, Edith Hegan, Margaret Hare and Agnes Warner.

Miss Lawson then explained the meaning of Miss Warner's three decorations, ending with the words, "And of them all we love to think of her with," as one Frenchman expressed it, "the so gracious name of Sister."

Miss Warner who was greeted with prolonged applause, said that she had vivid recollections of one spring afternoon playing hookey from school and being found out. Miss Warner told of the various places where the hospitals in France were situated and with vivid yet simple words she gave some experiences, showing what war is and what was done to make it easier for the soldiers.

At Divonne where she was at first, the spy system of the Germans was very thorough, and many of the waiters at the hotel were summoned back to Germany three days before war was declared. A tailor and his daughter were arrested at the frontier and complete plans of the roads and the border of Switzerland were found in theirpos session. Two Sistersand a Priest were taken into France as prisoners and found to be all German men. One old man among the refugees told of the Germans coming into a tuberculosis hospital which he had given to a town in Alsace, and tearing the bandages off wounded soldiers to see if their wounds were real. A lad of seven was shot for pointing a toy pistol at the Germans.

In telling of the frightfulness of the Germans, Miss Warner said that she was relating only what she knew to be true, and that she felt people should not forget too soon what the Germans were like.

At the hospital where Miss Warner went from Divonne both the King and Queen of the Belgians came to visit. Both were charming, and the King was adored by all the soldiers.

Miss Warner told how grateful she was for all the comforts which came to her from St. John and elsewhere, and how it would have been impossible to have kept up their work without these supplies. The other nurses called her room "a high class bazaar," for she always kept cases and packages in there so that in an emergency she had a stock on hand. With the comforts they were able to cheer many of the soldiers, and with the money to relieve anxiety about the men's families, buy artificial limbs and in many ways assist.

Two soldiers once came to the hospital and asked for clothing, saying they had lost theirs in a gas attack and had heard from their comrades that the sisters at this hospital would give you anything you wanted. They got the clothing.

She referred to her book "My Beloved Polius," and the money raised through the sale of the little volume through the splendid efforts of George Cushing. She spoke of the kind preface written by Canon Cody, and said that they were able to do so much good with the money that she had entirely forgiven the publication of the letters. She referred to the generous gifts of the I. O. D. E. and other organizations.

At one hospital where nearly all the patients were French, several Canadians were brought in, among them a brawny chap named McDonald The Polius were very curious to see how this Canadian would behave, and as he had a bad dressing to be done Miss Warner was anxious that he should be as brave as the French. However, she saw his face getting red, and she said to him. "Well if it will make you feel better say it." And the Canadian opened his mouth and ejuculated, "Boys!" The Colonel of his regiment, who came to the hospital later, told Sister Warner that McDonald could do better than that, as he was a foreman of the railway construction line and had quite a command of language. The man became a great favorite, and Frenchman and Scotch Canadian grew to understand one another like brothers.

Miss Warner told of the devoted service of the ordlies and their help in the hospitals, giving individual instances of their faithfulness and consideration. They were men from all walks in life. The postman was a former governor of a French colony.

In telling of the patients, one affecting incident was related of a boy of nineteen who died of typhoid. He was delirious and thought he was at his telephone in the field. He gave orders all day, but at last turned to the Sister with a smile and said, "It's all right now. It is God at the telephone." And those were his last words.

Miss Warner impressed upon her hearers the devastation and the need of help for France for some years to come. She spoke feelingly of the returned men, ending her splendid talk with the words: "See the best of them. We have got to be patient and have the vision. If, out of every ten, one is unworthy would that be a reason to let the nine suffer? They could never have done what they did if there was not good in them. There is a story of two men who looked out of a window. One saw the mud and the other saw the stars. We have seen the stars through the mud of Flanders.

The deeply interested audience applauded Miss Warner, who then explained a number of fine photographs which were shown telling many amusing incidents which occurred.

At the close of the lecture, which was more like a friendly talk, and was deeply appreciated by all, Mrs. Lloyd Estey presented a beautiful bunch of roses to Miss Warner with a few well chosen words.

The meeting closed with the National Anthem.

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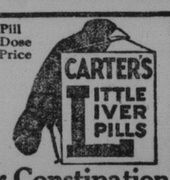

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Parlor Meeting of the W. C. T. U.

Pleasant Afternoon Spent by Members Yesterday—Social Hour Enjoyed—Paper on Profanity, Cigarettes and Gambling Read.

Mrs. H. W. Robertson, Superintendent of Parlor Meetings, presided at the W. C. T. U. yesterday, when they held a meeting at Mrs. Osbourne's residence on Sydney street. After the opening hymn, Mrs. David Hipwell read the 121st Psalm, and Mrs. Seymour led in prayer, all joining in the Lord's Prayer. Miss Stella Earle and Miss N. Brown sang "Only a Smile," and all members were asked to join in the hymn which followed.

Chapters from the book "Pollyanna" which is so much enjoyed by all, were read by Mrs. R. D. Christie and Mrs. H. W. Robertson, after which Mrs. Christie, at the request of Mrs. Hipwell, read a paper on Profanity, Cigarettes, and Gambling, urging all young people to sign a pledge against these three, thus saving the country for God and the Church.

As it was the birthday of Mrs. Hipwell, the President of the Union, Mrs. Robertson presented her with a fine cake, appropriately decorated. In thanking Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Hipwell said she had received many birthday greetings from members of the Union by post, and was gratified to be thus remembered.

A social hour was much enjoyed. Mrs. W. H. Humphrey moved a vote of thanks to Mrs. Osbourne and her daughter, and Mrs. Guy Turner, for their hospitality, and the meeting closed with a hymn and the Mispah Benediction. Among those present were Mrs. Thomas and several guests, as well as a large attendance of members.

ART CLUB LECTURE.

A delightful lecture on the historic isle of Iona was delivered at the Art Club last evening by Miss Homer. The lecture which treated of the traditions and ancient history of this island was illustrated with twenty-five fine views of Scottish scenery, including Fingal's Cave and other places of interest. The large audience present listened with enjoyment, and Miss Homer was heartily thanked for her address.

John Rogerson presided and the musical illustrations for the evening were given by the Misses Anderson and Thomas Guy. Miss Agnes Anderson played a medley of Scottish airs and Miss Louise Anderson sang several Scottish songs charmingly. Thos. Guy gave several Jacobite songs. A duet, a portion of the 123rd Psalm was rendered by Miss Anderson and Mr. Guy.

Mrs. Frank Hathaway and Mrs. Henry Page presided at the tea table and ladies of the club looked after the serving of the refreshments.

WORKING OF GERMAN MIND REVEALED BY FINANCIER

High Placed German Official by an Interview Endeavors to Sharpen the Wits of German Industrialists on Domestic and Foreign Policy.

By Joseph G. Saxe.

Berlin, April 7.—The following are extracts from a letter written by a highly placed German government official to the head of a large industrial concern in Rhenish Westphalia. It is intended to sharpen the wits of the German "heavy industrialists" concerning the pending issues of domestic and foreign policy. At the same time it reveals the working of the German official mind and may be taken in the main to represent the views of the present German government. The letter, which is dated Berlin, says:

"The work of the national assembly will drag on longer than was originally anticipated. This is due partly to the question of the German Austrian union and partly to the peace question. According to announcements from enemy countries, the latter question is to be considerably expedited. For to Mr. Wilson the European method of negotiation appears very slow and non-American; his employers want to see quick results and fresh possibilities of economic expansion, while in England and in France the spirit of the public has become 'occupation weary.' In more than one sector the soldiers seem to have a mind to raise the cry of 'home.' If they cannot get home with official consent, well, then they will go—without it! Simultaneously, the difficulties incidental to the conclusion of peace and the dissensions of the Allies grow day by day, the problems of peace grow more formidable and more perplexing. The discussion of the Western and the Eastern questions has so far been a task of Sisyphus for our enemies. The solution of the Turkish and Mediterranean problems threatens to become even more fatal to them, so irreconcilable are the clashing interests.

French Eyes on Byzantium.

"In a previous letter I referred to the struggle for Constantinople. France, too, is looking with covetous eyes towards Byzantium. She openly favors the Greek claims in the same direction, so as to have in Mr. Venizelos France's trustee on the Golden Horn and to extend her far-reaching economic protectorate over the whole Balkans, from Athens via Salonica as far as Odessa and Bucharest. These schemes have, above all, alarmed Italy, to whom France now hastens to throw a bait in the shape of German South Tyrol (Bezen-Brennerbad), for she realizes that in spite of all French intrigues in Vienna the union of German Austria is merely a question of time. But as it is perfectly well known on the Seine that such juggling with German territory violated one of the main principles of the Wilson peace, it has been suggested to centralize German South Tyrol and attach it to Italy in some loose form. One buffer state on the Rhine and another in the Brenner!

"But it is difficult to believe that Italy will be put off so easily, even though the head of the Italian government may recently have advocated a French-Italian bloc. Moreover, in the Adriatic the discussions between Italy and Jugo-Slavia and between Italy and Greece, are assuming such acute forms that the Italian censor has suppressed all reports of the bloody conflicts in Fiume, Agram, Valona and elsewhere, just as he has suppressed all reports of the grave street fighting in Milan and of the spread of Bolshevism throughout Italy, against which the government's machine guns prove powerless.

British Ambitions, Charged.

"Nor are France's ways in the Near East those of England. For the sake of appearances, London allows Paris some latitude in these regions for a while, so as to divert the attention of the French from the vast British schemes in Asia Minor and Africa. But the feeblest wind will suffice to upset the French house of cards on the Balkans. For instance, if Trotzky accepts the invitation to the Prinkipo conference, as he seems inclined to do, and if any arrangements are arrived at there between Moscow and London, then they will be made at the expense of France, whose press is unable to dissemble its anxiety over the British move. In order to get as much as possible out of the Russia, John Bull would even be prepared to recognize the Soviets, which financially are at the end of their tether as a government power, while France in her anxiety about her Russian loans can only support the opponents of the Soviets. It would be clever tactics for the men in Moscow to accept the British invitation and to appear as a government fit to negotiate and recognized by the leading great power. The significance of this event for us is obvious. We should regard it as fresh proof that America and England change their method of combating Bolshevism in no longer shunning direct contact with its strings. This issue is not in itself of a desperate character in England, though the temper of the masses there is exceedingly critical. Moreover, this British action is undoubtedly partly inspired by solicitude for Poland, Hungary and—for Germany. We shall soon see whether it brings us any relief.

Bolshevism a Weapon.

"The slight improvement in our international situation continues, but the carrying out of the contemplated measures regarding compulsion to work, abolition of the Soviet system, reduction of wages, and so forth, may easily expose the country to fresh compulsions. For the work of the peace conference it will be essential whether the Bolshevist wave will be stronger with us or in the enemy countries. In Paris the pressure is already perceptible. The result of the international Socialist conference in Berne may also be reckoned as a favorable item, and the fear of infection works in our favor. Should France make fresh impudent demands, we, on our part, intend to wait and see what the enemy proposes to do if we refuse to yield. We should defy him even more had not Erzberger to some extent tied our hands by his unqualifiable surrender of our mercantile fleet. This politician, who began showing an unlucky hand before the Italian declaration of war in Rome, is likely to be pushed somewhat in the background very soon."

In a previous letter the same writer said:

"The fact is beyond question that Bolshvism is becoming an increasingly sharp weapon in our hand against the foreign foe, who is writhing and twisting under these lashes. It is quite conceivable that Bolshevism, which of late has developed considerable strength not only in England, France and Italy, but in Rumania, the Balkans and the Caucasus, will contribute to hastening the conclusion of peace. The question of war indemnity has taken a back place in the enemy press. England has undoubtedly given France to understand that she is not prepared to delay peace any longer for the sake of French aims. The key to the dissensions within the Entente is now to be round on the Golden Horn where France would establish Venizelos as her agent."

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OBITUARY

Dr. Arthur D. Howden.

Dr. Arthur D. Howden died at his home, Dewar Lake, Saskatchewan, on Wednesday, April 2nd, from heart failure at the age of thirty-five. Dr. Howden lived for some years in Presque Isle, Me., where he practised his profession. He was married in 1908 to Miss Mary Fowler, of Lakeville, Car. Co. Three years ago Dr. Howden moved to the West, where he continued his profession and was the owner of a large wheat farm. His early demise will be greatly regretted by his many friends. He is survived by his widow and two daughters, Glenna, aged ten years and Margaret six months.

Mrs. Manning Milton.

Aged 30 years, Mrs. Manning Milton, Moncton, formerly Miss Lirett, of Calhoun, Westmorland Co., died Wednesday, of pneumonia. She leaves her husband, parents, three sisters and five brothers, Leonie, Moncton, Mrs. A. Belliveau, Manchester, N. H., Mrs. R. Weatherbee, Williamsdale, N. S., Ransford, Calhoun's, Wilfred and Martin, overseas, Ernest of St. John, and Eddie, at home.

Jesse Prescott.

On Sunday Jesse Prescott, Pennfield, Charlotte County, aged 86 years, died. He was a member of the well known Prescott family, whose brothers became prominent in New Brunswick and Maine. Mr. Prescott was a well known Liberal, and leaves his wife and two daughters, Mrs. Will Eaton, of Calais and Mrs. A. H. G. Justison, of Pennfield.

Alfred Hamilton.

Aged 22 years the death took place, Monday, of Alfred Hamilton, only son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hamilton, Hopewell Hill. Some years ago he attended the Normal School at Fredericton and taught for a short time. Besides his parents, he leaves two sisters, Erna, a teacher, and Doris, at home.

Mrs. Wade B. Rogers.

The death has occurred in San Jose (Cal.) of Mrs. Wade B. Rogers, formerly Miss C. Annie McG. Hamilton, of Shediac. Mrs. Rogers was a daughter of the late Robert and Elizabeth (Hamington) Hamilton, of Shediac. She is survived by her husband, a brother, William Hamilton, of Shediac, and a sister, Mrs. E. H. Gray, of San Jose. The Misses Margaret and Ada Hamilton, of this city, are nieces, and Frederick H. Glasby, also of St. John, is a nephew.

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