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Random Notes by the Way

THAT TOWN HALL

Editor Reporter:

Dear Sir,—A dot, a period, punctates and now closes an epoch in the annals of Athens, and begins an era in her history—its dawn adds lustre to her already well earned fame.

Many of the citizens of Athens move in the best society, others are worthily aspiring; because a great many young ladies and gentlemen, in the years that are gone, received their first impulse along professional lines and an impetus imparted to them on and up to the Highlands of success—honor, competence—and because they felt a sincere desire to come in closer touch with the beautiful, instructive, expanding thoughts of distinguished lecturers and eminent speakers, they ventured to assume the responsibility of building a place attractive and spacious enough for such to radiate light and pleasure to all, and at the same time provide for their increasing school wants, the needs of the municipal council, and at the same time accommodate generally the corporation and the community around them.

We may here add that the dollar a seat, so cheerfully paid, was contributed by parties who had been remunerated in advance, many years before, by the high and model schools of this place.

The contour the hall presents is unostentatious, up-to-date, severe architecture. The grand auditorium may possibly seat 800, and has a stage that may accommodate an operatic company of fifty or more. The decorations displayed were simple, attractive, pleasing—all they should be. The facade on Elgin street and on Main street are varied—the hall is a credit to the architect and the wish of the community.

Well, the people of Athens decided that the opening of this fine hall was a sufficient reason for making an extra effort, so they apportioned the work and appointed, it may be, a dozen committees to represent the will and executive force of Athens, and they neglected nothing.

It was decided to have the Right Honorable the Premier of the Dominion present; so Mr. D. Derbyshire, M.P., was solicited to look after this, which he did in such an effectual way that Sir Wilfrid Laurier was promptly on hand and was welcomed by a vast concourse at the station. Mr. Derbyshire will be warmly remembered by this community for his efforts in this matter. It was remarked by one of the speakers that he doubted if any other man would have been so successful.

The Premier was entertained while in Athens, in company with Mr. A. E. Donovan and Mr. Derbyshire, at the home of Mr. W. G. Parish.

Mr. Parish's home is unique. It is almost an exact counterpart of some of the grand old intercolonial plantation mansions in the Southern States, which were projected down through the slave period till the civil war, when the destruction of many of them occurred—a form of home that pleases French and Spanish taste. They were ruled by a purple blooded aristocracy, one that would not deign to recognize that of Europe or even encourage scions of royalty. As a Dr. of Divinity expressed it to me: "There is a hundred mile belt in the U. S., along the Gulf of Mexico, that has an aristocracy with a vengeance."

The incident of the quartette dining at the Parish residence will long remain on memory's tablet a bright spot, but, as I view it, the Premier by his presence paid as fine a tribute of respect to the humblest citizen of Athens as he did to the splendid hospitality prepared for him—an expression which I am sure Mr. Parish and the above named gentlemen will be delighted to reiterate with emphasis.

The hall was filled almost as soon as opened. True, there were vacant chairs, but they were paid for by parties at a distance who, by the force cast for inclement weather were deterred from attending. Just here we may note that an absurd, a thoughtless rumor was set afloat—"foundations were giving way, walls would fall, a most calamitous catastrophe would be precipitated." Whoever you are, no matter how emphonic your name, your evil report stamps you as inimical to Athens. Don't ever try that again. The hall was full, in spite of jealousy's green-eyed stings, and the vibrations of the crowd did no harm.

On time, Mr. M. B. Holmes, Reeve, was in the chair. He filled the position most efficiently, with credit to himself and those he represented. His remarks were acceptable and cordially received.

The local lights from Brockville and elsewhere vied with each other in paying the highest tributes of respect and welcome to the Premier. They were sincere, as all shades and stripes of politics were submerged beneath the ways of good-will and admiration. The very atmosphere seemed charged with a flow of cordial feeling and genial courtesy. There was only one little divergence, and that on the part of a titled gentleman, who was probably more susceptible to temptation than the rest—but the kind-hearted Premier skillfully and courteously removed the little sting.

Mr. W. F. Earl, by half a day's work, made the ventilation in the gallery perfect, without which it would have been very oppressive.

The band, the orchestra, the vocal music were all good. The speakers cared for Athens as a petted child. It is seldom that a number of speakers face an audience as appreciative, as fine looking, as tastily dressed.

Address read by Inspector Johnston was one of the most thoughtful and scholarly productions of its class that has been my privilege to listen to. The sentiments and diction must have pleased all, and will remain an evidence of his high attainments and sound judgment.

The pleasant melody from the orchestra was dying away, a hushed hum of voices was audible, the "Earl" light in all its power, perfection and beauty was filling the auditorium with its pure, soft, white brilliant radiance, and was falling on fair women and brave men, as the Premier arose, amidst vigorous cheering. Then followed a swift summary of ancient Grecian or Athenian history, then an epitome of legislative measures which were the basis and led on up to Canada's greatness—a powerful nation developed under the British flag—proving that "Knowledge is power." Where are the limits of her strength or wealth, when from the Atlantic to the Pacific a thousand embryos, like Athens, shall burst, bloom, and burst into great and wealthy cities. In his flight, he paused to pay a touching tribute to the memory of Sir John A.

As I listened and looked down on the transient scene before me, a vision of the future passed swiftly. I glanced down the perspective of future years, and back from that interminable vista the reverberations of the thunder of the tread of a hundred mighty nations rolled on. I saw our honored dead—I saw our heroes, statesmen, poets, literateurs, historians, scientists, high professionals, artists and sculptors—I saw the vast rainbow of promise resting on St. John's (Nfld.) in the far east, on Victoria in the distant west, its zenith centred over our fair Ontario, its apex spanning 60,000,000 men and women. I looked toward heaven and saw a brilliant assembly of our illustrious dead forming a glorious starry constellation in the galaxy of nations.

In an undertone Sir Wilfrid once referred to his own demise. I fancy such thoughts as these may sometime flash across his view. When my eyes shall be turned for the last time to behold the sun in the heavens, may I not see him shining on provinces discovered, on the fragments of a once glorious union, our flag torn and trailing in the dust; but rather may I see him shining on our banner, known and honored everywhere, as it floats over the sea and the land, bearing this motto "Union now and Union forever."

Why, Mr. Editor, on that evening the parting sun flung back congratulations to all Ontario under the arching branches of the trees in a rich flood of tinted light, and the furies painted the leaves with untold beauty, and all unseen the winds wove wreaths for the fair brow of 1905. We will see them again when we get over where the columned years in or stand. We will see them again in the grandest floral beauty.

I sometimes wonder if things in the Age to come (which is near us) is analogous to this, and what we will get in exchange for our autumnal beauty and splendor.

You will notice, Mr. Editor, that "Random notes by the way" allow me to roam ad libitum.

W. S. Hovson

In future, the engagement of teachers in Kingston will be terminable only in June or December. This is a rule that will be found to work both ways.

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