

# FOR AND ABOUT WOMEN

## ENTERTAINMENT TO BE HELD SOON

Executive of Ladies of Natural History Society Plan Several Evenings at Meeting Held Yesterday.

Yesterday morning the executive of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Natural History Society held a meeting in the rooms on Union street. Mrs. J. A. McAvity presided. The Junior members announced that they will hold a Valentine entertainment. The entertainments to be given the Girls' Clubs of the city were left in charge of Mrs. George Mathew, who will look after the program while Mrs. Harold Lawrence was appointed as convener of the refreshment committee.

On motion flowers and a note of sympathy are to be sent to Mrs. J. A. McAvity, who is ill.

William McIntosh was made honor member of the entertainment for the orphans which will be held in the Wiggins Asylum.

A plan for the summer field meeting was discussed.

## IMPERIAL MONDAY

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## A WELL KNOWN MUSICIAN DEAD

Charles J. Hayes Had High Reputation as Bandmaster and Composer — Will be Buried This Afternoon.

By the death of Charles J. Hayes, which occurred on Thursday, St. John lost one of its most prominent musicians, and one who had gained more than a local reputation as a leader of bands and composer of band music.

During his active connection with musical organizations he was leader of a number of bands, here and in Fredericton, and he was regarded as one of the best bandmasters in this part of the country.

Before coming to St. John to reside, Mr. Hayes lived in Fredericton, and for a number of years was bandmaster of the Infantry School Regimental Band at that place. After removing to this city he acted as bandmaster for the Carleton Corset and other bands. As a composer Mr. Hayes had a most enviable reputation, and some of his marches have received high commendations.

He was of a jovial nature and made friends wherever he went, and will be sincerely mourned by a large circle.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. F. C. Beatty, 282 Douglas Ave., from whose residence the funeral will be held this afternoon at 2:30. The funeral will be private.

## THE S. O. S. CALL

Workers Needed at Once for Sphagnum Moss Grading.

Beginning on Monday a drive for workers in grading sphagnum moss will be undertaken by the Committee in charge of that work. William McIntosh, curator of the Natural History Society, states that there are still many thousands of soldiers in hospitals, the boys of Scotland and Ireland are depleted and those in authority in hospitals are looking to Canada to fill the needed number of surgical dressings.

Owing to the influenza epidemic the one million dressings promised from Canada have not materialized and New Brunswick is in honor bound to make five thousand.

The rooms of the N. H. S. will be open from nine in the morning till late in the evening, and any number of workers will be required. Just as many people as can possibly come can be given work to do, and soldiers who have suffered and are suffering must not be neglected.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS MET YESTERDAY

Heard Reports of Christmas Work and Made Plans for Other Activities.

A meeting of The King's Daughters was held in the Guild on Chipman Hill yesterday afternoon, the president, Mrs. A. Pierce Crockett, presiding. Reports were given of the Comfort Bags contributed to the Seamen's Institute, nearly every circle having joined in this work. The committee in charge of the baskets sent out at Christmas time gave an account of that work, and the hospital committee told of sending gifts and fruit to the Children's Ward in the General Public Hospital for the festival.

Plans were discussed for the Valentine Fair, and Mrs. David Puddington was appointed convener of the advertising committee. The circles will be in charge as follows: Lent a Hand—Afternoon Tea, Doorkeepers, Home Cooking, Ministering, Candy Table, Opportunity, Novelties, Comfort, Aprons and Bases. The Fair will be held in Centenary Hall.

## PERSONAL.

Mr. Nathan Beecher of McQuillan and Cowan's Head Office in Montreal is in the city acting manager during the absence of Mr. S. A. Thomas from the local office. The latter had been planning a trip to England for some time, but was not able to secure transportation. He has recently gone across in company with Hon. S. E. Elkin and will be absent for about six weeks or thereabouts. Mr. Beecher will be pleased to meet all friends of the company at St. John.

John McFadden, Fredericton, is in the city on business. Mr. McFadden is a former student at the U. N. B. and is well and favorably known throughout the province.

Miss L. E. Wilson, of Digby, Baptist missionary-elect to Bolivia, is the guest of Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson, Main Street.

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## MISSIONARY PLANS MADE BY UNION

Sessions of U. B. W. M. U. Held Yesterday Afternoon and Evening—Miss Matheson Appointed for Foreign Field.

Yesterday morning's sessions of the Union Baptist Women's Missionary Union were largely taken up with plans for the jubilee in 1920, and a committee was appointed to draw up a program which shall be presented to the different societies. Mrs. Mary Smith, Mrs. McLean, and Miss Phoebe Vanwart are members of this committee.

Among the matters discussed at the afternoon session were applications for appointment and it was decided that Miss Laura Matheson, of Dundas, P. E. I., should be named as a missionary to go to India from the Union in the autumn of this year. Miss Matheson is now at the Gordon Training School in Boston, taking a four-year course. Miss Eaton spoke most highly of Miss Matheson as a candidate for the foreign field.

Mrs. J. W. Manning read a comprehensive report of the Home Mission work, directing attention to the necessity of assisting the work among the colored people, and the call from the west. Most of the colored people are residents of the province of Nova Scotia, and the Union decided to assist the churches in every way possible.

Another matter which came up for discussion was the question of the foreign allowance for lady missionaries, and in view of the high cost of living it was voted to give them a bonus for this year of \$100 in addition to the \$500 foreign allowance.

Whether missionaries from the foreign field should work in home missions when in this country, was talked over, and many held the view that while in this country which constituted their duty and received by the missionary and the people she met was great, still the need for complete rest in the order of the mission was greater in order that she might return to the foreign field strengthened and refreshed for her arduous labors there.

Among the expenses of the mission were the following items: Salary for lady missionaries \$10,200. Expenses on the field \$10,240. Specials on the field around the compound at Somers, India, \$1,750.

The Union has set themselves on foot for the jubilee year, 1920, and a bungalow at Palcondah, for home missions \$11,000 is apportioned for western work. Grand Ligne and provincial missions.

Miss Wilson, who is shortly to proceed to Bolivia, addressed the meeting and told of her work in the West where she was a pastor's assistant to Dr. Patterson.

## Evening Session.

The report of the nominating committee was heard at the afternoon session. Mrs. George Parker, St. John, was appointed in place of Miss Hazel Clark, who resigned as provincial treasurer for New Brunswick. Mrs. Haverlock Coy, Fredericton, was made Mission Band superintendent for New Brunswick. Mrs. D. J. MacPherson was placed on the executive instead of Mrs. Wentworth. Mrs. Hayward's place, and Mrs. Hurdman was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Henry Everett. Mrs. George Parker takes Mrs. Hayward's place, and Mrs. Hurdman was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Henry Everett.

The call to prayer of the Federation of Women's Prayers was considered and will be observed during the week of prayer on January 10th, when special prayer for missions will be offered.

Mrs. Manning gave a report on Tidings, the official organ of the union, and made a special appeal for more subscribers especially among Mission Bands.

The report of the column in the Maritime Baptist was read by Mrs. Spence, who gave a brief account of the different missionaries in India who were contributors and thanked Mrs. W. E. McIntyre, who had given such an interesting account of her trip south. Mrs. Spence also thanked Mrs. Hurdman for her articles on the jubilee work.

For the Bureau of Literature Mrs. George Dismart reported an increase of business. This report showed a great amount of work done by the secretary.

After some discussion on the suggestion of Miss Brockle, a committee was appointed to bring the work of the union before young people in the colleges and normal schools. Visitors will go to the colleges and try to bring the young students in closer touch with the missions. Mrs. Hutchinson, Mrs. Manning and Miss Hume were appointed to arrange these visits.

An invitation was received from the Wolfville ladies for the executive to meet there in April. This invitation was accepted and the meeting will probably take place about April 20th. The meetings closed last evening.

## ROYAL ARMS CHAPTER.

The Royal Arms Chapter, I. O. D. E. held a meeting on Thursday evening in the King's Daughters' Guild, the regent, Mrs. T. H. Carter, presiding. The sum of \$10 was voted to the Returned Soldiers' Reception Committee. Reports were heard from the Tea held recently at the home of the regent, and it was stated that \$120 had been raised. It was decided to hold a series of chain teas as a means of raising funds for the Chapter.

He who smiles and laughs away The little trials of life today, Will live to smile and laugh away A greater trial another day.

—Selected.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By William T. Ellis.

The International Sunday School Lesson for Jan. 5, is "Pharaoh Oppresses Israel."—Exodus 1:1-14; 21:25.

This is more than a new year; it is a new era. Our grandchildren will understand clearly more than we the vast meanings of the present months. To us it has been given to see the passing of an old order of life. We have lived through the Great Emancipation. Some things as old as history have come to an end before our eyes. As twenty million members of the Sunday School and other millions of newspaper readers besides, begin another year of lessons they find themselves called upon to see the profound significance of a time that is only partially paralleled.

Nowadays we have to read the newspapers in the light of the Bible. It would be a waste of time to read the papers if we did not study the meaning of the Bible. No alert person, for instance, would think of studying the present lesson upon the oppression of the Jews in Egypt without interpreting it from the standpoint of the latest findings from the Near East and the world.

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The first great division of this present lesson upon Pharaoh's oppression of the Israelites should be a clarifying that this sort of thing is new in the past tense. The world is through with pharaohism and pharaohism, political, commercial, industrial and social. Some do not know this; but the law of Moses and the Spirit of Christ has doomed them. A new, high and resolute purpose in the heart of humanity has toppled over the old tyrannies that represented injustice.

## Forgetting of the Past.

Short memories are said to be characteristic of rulers. Pharaoh was a good forgetter. He took no thought of the men of former days, the deliverers of his people, the friends of his fathers. He was of that large class which the New Testament describes as "blind, seeing only that which is near." He counted only what they can see and hear; the present thing and the present moment dominated them.

Only the wise have a historical sense, seeking ever to add all of life in proportion and in relationship. Not always, though, is the cynical apologist concerning the short memories of the people warranted by the facts. Because America has not forgotten Franco and Lafayette and Rochambeau of a hundred and forty years ago the German hordes have been beaten back from the land of the Lily, and their power broken and their plans utterly confounded.

Whatever men do, God remembers. His cycles swing sure, though slowly. Consider what vindications of their past there have been within a twelve hour period—Bolshevism freed and Armenia emancipated; the Jews afforded an open door in the Land of Promise; Alsace-Lorraine restored; the horribly oppressed blacks in equatorial Africa saved from the German lash. This is a year of jubilee upon which the world is looking; and it has need to recall the days that are gone, and gone forever. God forbid that it should forget the time when, pharaoh fashion, forget their friends and deliverers and allies.

## An Old Pharaoh Crime.

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Now, thank God, the world knows better. Only the stupid and the left-overs from yesterday are heedless of the bitter cries of the poor. Sensitiveness to the needs and to the rights of the masses of mankind is the mark of the civilized man today.

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Smiles from the Cross upon a conquering world."

## Enter the Babe.

From the standpoint of his own business, Herod was one of the wisest of tyrants for he tried to kill the baby born to dislodge his sway. Turkish baby-killers in Armenia and German baby-killers in Belgium and occupied France were following the fashion set by Pharaoh. "Wrong is always in terror of the child; for its overthrow is somewhere in a cradle. If it had only to do with the mature and the cautious, the men of yesterday, evil might hope to hold its throne; but the babe, which spells potentiality and incarnates tomorrow, holds the doom of tyranny in its infant hands. Destiny comes in swaddling clothes.

A baby was born in Egypt, and the event was of more importance to the world than the building of the Great Pyramids. That little boat of bulrushes water-proofed with bitumen, to which the mother of Moses committed her babe, held more of the historical story for mankind than all the palaces of the pharaohs. Danger both sharpened the wits and quickened the love of the Hebrew mother who saw—was it any other mother did not see the same!—that her son was favored above other babes. All of us learned in childhood the details of that beautiful story of resourceful mother love, which hid Moses for three months and then set him adrift, with a daughter standing sentinel on the bank, where the eye of a princess would fall upon him—and her deep mother wisdom told her that no woman, by the princess or peasant, can resist the appeal of a helpless, beautiful babe.

In that bit of strategy lay safety for Moses, and an education in all the wisdom of the Egyptians. God has strange ways of providing the discipline that is necessary for the men He means to use. We wonder to what unpredictable uses He designs to put the unique training that has been given to our soldiers in France? Already, they have fulfilled the work that Moses began, of smiting to its extinction the pharaohian fashion of autocracy, cruelty and oppression.

Among the boys now in khaki is some modern Moses who will lead the race on to a great deliverance and destiny. A historian of a century hence may write of our time, as we write of the time of Moses, that God manifestly exerted Himself to bring good out of evil, day out of night, blessing out of bitterness.

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