

MUSIC and the DRAMA

Last Sunday St. Thomas Church congregations had the pleasure of listening to exceedingly well rendered anthems by the choir, "Great is the Lord" (Sydenham), and "Seek Ye the Lord" (Mr. C. W. Fyfe taking the tenor solos in the latter anthem).

At the Y.W.C.A. on Sunday last, the fine program was arranged by Miss Thompson, and the following vocalists took part: Miss Pearl Wood, Miss Balfour, Miss Conn, Miss Ingersoll, Mr. and Mrs. Riddell and Mr. Gordon Parrott. Mrs. S. W. Johns and Mrs. Russell Wilson were the hostesses at the social hour following the program.

John C. Fisher's production in which Zoe Barnett as the star in her former success, "The Red Rose," has an unparalleled record as a producing manager. He has never produced what might be termed an "absolute failure." Furthermore his "Floradora" still holds all box office records. Notwithstanding the big business of "Madame Sherer" and "The Chocolate Soldier," statistics show that they have never reached the record-breaking business done by "Floradora," which alone made over a million dollars.

A musician and an orator; a humorist and an imitator; moving his audiences to both laughter and tears in changes of unexpected rapidity; such is Mr. Enos Bacon, of Doncaster, England, called by many "The Yorkshire Nightingale," who will give a musical service in Wesley Church on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and a concert-recital in the same place on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. On Tuesday evening he will appear in song, musical monologue and dramatic recital. Several patriotic selections will also appear on his program. Having been at the battle front in France it is expected he will tell the story of "Singing to the wounded in the trenches," and give a description of "The Battle of the Marne."

An attractive program of music has been prepared by the choir of the First Baptist Church for Sunday. In the morning the anthem will be, "The Sun Shall be no More Thy Light by Day," H. H. Woodward. Mr. Paul Jones will sing "Wonderful Peace," W. G. Cooper. At the evening services Mrs. M. Brown will render the solo, "Fear Ye Not, O Israel," Dudley Buck, and the anthem will be "There is a Green Hill Far Away," H. Somerset. Mr. G. H. Peaker will preside at the organ.

The anthems at Wesley Church on Sunday last were exceedingly well given, much progress having been made by the choir under the leadership of Mr. J. W. Buckler. At the morning service the anthem "In Heavenly Love," and at the evening service, "I am Alpha and Omega," were beautifully rendered. Mrs. B. J. Tupman gave a very fine soprano solo.

At Knox Church last Sunday, the choir, under the leadership of Wm. Preston, rendered a special program of music, including the following anthems: The

The City Band concert on Sunday night was excellent in every respect. The Empire Theatre was packed and the program enthusiastically received. The band rendered an artistic and carefully prepared program, which included: "March of the Strength of Union," the "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin," intermezzo from "Cavalleria Rusticana," selection from H.M.S. Pinareto, a tone poem and Cavotte, "Rose, Memories and Butterflies," and the march, "Hero of the Istimus." Every number was given with fine effect. Miss Conn delighted the audience with three solos, "Bells at Twilight," "Some Day" and "Crossing the Bar." Mr. Max Tomzak gave a beautiful solo, "Good Bye" with grand variations by Pope. He responded to an encore with a selection from the "Il Trovatore" by Verdi. These popular concerts are very enjoyable.

The Juvenile Bostonsians are in our midst again delighting audiences at the Empire Theatre. The versatile members of this company are favorites with the Saskatoon theatregoers. The plays put on during the week have been especially attractive and amusing. Next week they present on Monday, Tuesday and St. Patrick's Day, "The Rose of Blandean." Their newest comic opera, which is the brightest, funniest and most tuneful piece in their repertoire, Miss Thom Hellen, whose glorious voice has held many an audience here in awe this week, will sing the beautiful song "Wild Irish Rose." The opera has its scenes in old Ireland. There will be two performances given every night with a matinee on St. Patrick's Day (Wednesday). Be sure and see this talented company in "The Rose of Blandean."

The Grace Church Brotherhood and their friends were gleeful guests of the ladies of the church who aided them by a plentiful supply of artistic boxes filled with toothsome delicacies and numbered, which corresponding number was to be found with the partner of the bill of fare. Hence the social mixup was an enlarged fellowship with a pleasant memory. The program provided by the Brotherhood was one of the best ever given in the church, and musical numbers presented.

Enos Bacon, the Yorkshire Nightingale, is a Methodist minister in good standing in the English Conference, and next Saturday will be a guest at Grace Church Parsonage, and will preach in Grace Church at the morning service. In the evening Rev. R. H. Leitch, the pastor, will give special reference to St. Patrick, his worth to Ireland, the place of the cross of St. Patrick in our Union Jack and the need of a St. Patrick today in every province of the Empire.

IN THE UPPER TIER

Said a maiden residing on Mars, "In our theatres here, nothing jars. I am never annoyed By a dull asterisk, or a star, For I see almost nothing but stars!" —Blanche Flixabet Wa.

Rural Municipalities Convention

The Saskatchewan Government will shortly take steps to restrict the sale of liquor.

The Municipalities of Saskatchewan can supply feed grain to the extent of \$75 per quarter section, which should purchase 100 bushels of oats, on the same security as required under the Seed Grain Act, and as soon as the Legislature meets next May, legislation will be passed on this subject which will be retroactive. These announcements were made by Hon. George Langley, Minister for Municipal Affairs, at the convention of Rural Municipalities held in Saskatoon this week. He also stated that legislation would be introduced at the next session which will make it impossible to use small debt courts against any resident taxpayer.

Between five and six hundred delegates attended the convention, which opened Tuesday morning for a four days session. Mayor Harrison and Commissioner Selandens welcomed the guests. C. N. Hamilton, president of the association, presided.

A. F. Mantle, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, advocated the appointment of agricultural secretaries, but no great outburst of applause greeted this suggestion, as agricultural secretaries and municipal authorities sometimes get on very well. He also advised the formation of agricultural societies, and of co-operative purchasing associations and co-operative marketing associations, much more popular suggestions.

Dr. Seymour, Provincial Health Officer, spoke of the disease and insanity caused by the use of intoxicating drink, and asked the delegates present to do all they could to suppress the traffic a suggestion greeted with loud applause.

Hail Commission

The annual meeting of the Hail Commission was held early on Tuesday. Beginning the year with a cash balance of \$7,700 and unaided claims of \$126,472.62, the Commission now has a surplus of \$48,191.55, making it possible to pay all claims and still have a balance left of \$80,978.67.

There are now 127 municipalities under the act, with a total number of acres assessed of over 22 million.

A double indemnity resolution was introduced and defeated.

"May it please you, my lord, gentlemen of the jury," and all others who will allow themselves to be regaled upon an evening's entertainment at Angelina's expense, are invited to meet in mid-April to spend at the "era" "Trial By Jury," which will be out on by the members of the Fitzgerald I.O.O.F., and a score or more of men from among the best singers. The opera is one of the most original and delightful of Gilbert and Sullivan's comic operas, and with bright and pretty costumes and a score of choruses, it will be one of the best things staged in the city this year. G. H. P. Darby is the creator of the role of the young man, and a fine musical and dramatic actor. The production has been written, staged and rehearsed by the best experts obtainable. It is a smart play, lavishly costumed and excellently acted. Harry B. Smith, and his brother Robt. B. Smith, are responsible for the book and lyrics. Robert Hoo Bowers, one of the youngest and most brilliant of American composers, has written the music. R. H. Burnside, himself a well-known author and for the last four years stage director of the New York Hippodrome, has staged the piece. All the dances have been arranged by Jack Mason, some of the dances to be introduced include the Fox Trot, Festination, One-Step, Maxine and Whirlwind dance. The presenting company is unusually large and is said to include a stunning chorus and ballet. Taken as a whole, "The Red Rose" will no doubt prove to be one of the most important attractions of the season's bookings.

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SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Monday

The British battleships "Queen Elizabeth" and "Princess George," and the battle cruiser "Inflexible," with their 15-inch and 12-inch guns, on Friday opened an attack on the principal forts upon the European side of the narrows in the Dardanelles.

Two of the forts were damaged and the magazine of a third was blown up. One of these forts, armed with two 12-inch guns, could hardly reach the "Queen Elizabeth," which fired 20 rounds from her 15-inch weapons by indirect fire and had the advantage of aeroplanes to direct her gunners. The other two forts are armed with three 11-inch guns and some smaller cannon.

Meantime, lighter cruisers continue attacks on the fortifications along the coast of Asia Minor from Besika, which is near the entrance to the Dardanelles, to Smyrna, doubtless with a view of preventing reinforcements being sent to the straits, where there are a large number of Turkish troops, with whom the marines who were landed to complete the destruction of the forts at the entrance to the straits have been in contact.

It was in this line fighting that the Allies suffered casualties to the British of 19 killed and 25 wounded, with three missing. The Turks, however, place the British losses at a higher figure.

Extremely heavy snow storms in the Carpathians have stopped military operations completely, even where the opposing lines are in close contact. The Austro-Hungarian troops are reported to be suffering severely from the cold, owing to the fact that their lines of communication have been cut off by the snow.

British troops occupying the head of the Persian gulf, located two Turkish forces, accompanied by hostile tribesmen, during the past week, and in the fighting which followed, heavy casualties were inflicted on the Turks and their allies, while the British also suffered considerably.

Germans up to the age of 55 years, who two months ago were declared unfit for military service, it is reported here, have been called upon to undergo training with younger recruits.

On Sunday the Russian fleet bombarded Zunguldiak, Zoolon and Kilimli (ports on the Black Sea), destroying all structures and plants for the shipment of coal. The bombardment was followed by a terrific explosion and fire. Four batteries were silenced and eight steamers destroyed.

Tuesday

The Admiralty announces that it is not justified in extending honors to the captured crews of German submarine boats, owing to their methods, and that it is intended to segregate them under special restrictions during their possible confinement at the conclusion of peace. The Admiralty states that this ruling applies to the 29 officers and men of the German submarine U-8, which was sunk recently off Dover.

The British Admiralty made public the following statement concerning the operations of the Allied fleet against the Dardanelles:

"The operations against the Dardanelles are progressing in fine weather. Vice-Admiral Sackville-Hart, C.B., reports that on March 6, the battleship 'Queen Elizabeth,' supported by the battleships 'Agamemnon' and 'Ocean,' began an attack on the forts Hamidieh, Tabia and Hamidieh 3, which are marked on the Admiralty map as forts U and V by indirect fire across the Gallipoli peninsula, firing at 21,000 yards.

"The 'Queen Elizabeth' was replied to by howitzers and field guns and three shells from the field guns struck her, without, however, causing any damage. "Meanwhile, inside the straits the 'vengeance,' 'Abion,' 'Majestic,' and 'Princess George,' and the French battleship 'Suffren,' fired on Souain Dere and Mount Dardanus batteries.

"On March 7 the weather continued calm and fine, four French battleships—the 'Gaulois,' 'Charlemagne,' 'Bouvet,' and 'Suffren' entered the Straits to cover the direct bombardment of the defenses of the narrows by the 'Agamemnon' and 'Lord Nelson.' The French ships engaged the Mount Dardanus battery and various concealed guns, silencing the former.

"The 'Agamemnon' and 'Lord Nelson' then advanced and engaged the forts at the narrows at from 14,000 down to 12,000 yards by direct fire.

"Forts J and U, both were silenced after a heavy bombardment. Explosions occurred in both forts. Fort L has not fired since the explosion on March 5.

Thursday

Balked at other points, the Germans are making another attempt to break through the Russian line of fortresses in Northern Poland. They are advancing from Khorjole, on the East Prussian frontier along the Orycz river and by the roads leading southward to Praznysyz. This is one of the routes the Germans took in their great rush from East Prussia in February, which finally ended in their defeat at Praznysyz. For the new attempt they have brought up troops which have been operating in the region of Grodno and some of the new army which has been training since the outbreak of the war in the interior of Germany.

The point selected for the attack is the most favorable along the East Prussian

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Zoe Barnett and "The Students Glide" in John C. Fisher's production, "The Red Rose," at the Empire Theatre on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 18, 19, and 20. Matinee Saturday.

morning anthems, Sullivan's "Yea, though I Walk through the Valley," and in the evening two very fine anthems "Hark, My Soul" (H. R. Shelley), and "I Am Alpha and Omega" (Stainer). Solos were pleasingly given by Miss Fretta Conn, who sang "The Lord is My Light" (Allister), and Mr. Humphrey Davies rendered Oscar Verne's "De Profundis."

The Third Avenue Methodist Church choir, conducted by Francis Stevenson, gave very fine selections at both services on Sunday last, "The Lord is My Shepherd" (H. Smart), "Thou Wilt Keep Him in Perfect Peace" (C. L. Williams), and "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears" (J. L. Field). The solo parts were pleasingly rendered by Miss Cairns, G. A. Timperley and Ernest Parr. A quartette composed of Miss Cairns, Miss Margaret Connell, R. A. Bridgman and Ernest Parr, sang "God is a Spirit." The organ numbers by Mr. Francis Stevenson included "Andante Graziosa" Kate Boudreau; "Largo in G" by Handel; "Voluntary in D minor," D. Harris; "Meditation" by B. Haynes; "O Salutaris Hostia" Myles Foster, and "Voluntary in G" by Dr. Harris.

Music

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ANOTHER SONG OF THE SHIRT

Now that the lads in khaki have taken it to their hearts, that classic ditty, "Sister Susie's Sewing Shirts for Soldiers," has become an epidemic. At present, however, it suffers from certain defects; one of these being that it contains no mention of knitting—a pursuit that is known to be absorbing most of the energy of 402,963,553 fair ones in various parts of the universe. Hayden Church, therefore, suggests this encore verse:

Susie has a sister with the nifty name of Nettie, And Nettie spends in knitting every second she can find, The yarn she buys for mittens is the joy of our two kittens, And the cat sleeps in a helmet of the Balalaika kind, To knit a hundred body-belts, our nimble Nettie vows, But o'er the products of her hands the soldiers knit their brows.

Chorus: Nettie's knitting knick-knacks for the soldiers, Her knobby knack of knitting nets them neckties by the score, But Tommy, likewise Jackie, would prefer some fags and "baccie" To the knobby knitted neckties Nettie knits for necks galore.

The vessel sunk by the Ariel was the U-12, one of the smaller and older submarines. This makes the fifth submarine sunk by British warships, but it is believed in London that as many more have been sunk by merchantmen or met with accidents.

"THE RED ROSE"

At the Empire Theatre for three days commencing next Thursday, Miss Zoe Barnett will appear as the star in her former success, "The Red Rose," John C. Fisher's production, which ran for one solid year at the Globe Theatre, New York, and the original supporting company and dancing chorus which included some of the most artistic and most celebrated principals to be found in the amusement world.

The production has been written, staged and rehearsed by the best experts obtainable. It is a smart play, lavishly costumed and excellently acted. Harry B. Smith, and his brother Robt. B. Smith, are responsible for the book and lyrics. Robert Hoo Bowers, one of the youngest and most brilliant of American composers, has written the music. R. H. Burnside, himself a well-known author and for the last four years stage director of the New York Hippodrome, has staged the piece. All the dances have been arranged by Jack Mason, some of the dances to be introduced include the Fox Trot, Festination, One-Step, Maxine and Whirlwind dance. The presenting company is unusually large and is said to include a stunning chorus and ballet. Taken as a whole, "The Red Rose" will no doubt prove to be one of the most important attractions of the season's bookings.

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"ERIN GO BRACH"

The following is the program to be given in the basement of St. Paul's Church on March 17th, at 8 o'clock:

1. Orchestral selections—Reminiscences of Ireland, Collier's Orchestra.
2. Opening remarks by the chairman?
3. Solo—"Kathleen Mavourneen" (Crouch), Mr. W. R. Lowe.
4. Quartette—"Believe Me, if all those Endearing Young Charms" (Moore) Mrs. Darby, Miss Ryan, Mr. Phillon, Mr. Reinhardt.
5. Speech—"The Irish in Canada," Mr. Gerald Wolloughby.
6. Solo—"This is the Last Rose of Summer" (Ainslie an Oghilvie), (Moore), Mrs. Darby.
7. Recitation—Auntie Doleful, Mrs. Ryan.
8. Solo—"She is far from the Land" (Fosgaill an Doru), (Moore), Mrs. Ryan.
9. Speech—"The Day We Celebrate," Mr. Leo F. Reardon, B.A., Winnipeg.
10. Solo—"Off to Philadelphia," (Haynes), Mr. W. R. Lowe.
11. Quartette—"Off in the Still Night" (Moore), Mrs. Darby, Mrs. Ryan, Mr. Lowe, Mr. Reinhardt.

LECTURE ON WAR EXPERIENCES

"The highest and best," "The most popular patriotic song that has been written in Canada today," are quotations re Enos Bacon, who speaks on Sunday a.m. next and gives on St. Patrick's Day a recital of experiences with soldiers in the trenches and the battle of Marne in Grace Church, Wednesday the 17th.—A.C.V.

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The Y.M.C.A. is to fill the vacant room when this is done campaign will be

Thirteen members of the Winnipeg to join at the front.

Local contractors meeting discussed encouraging building out the province a labor and material reasonable prices.

The Mounted Charles Lewis, the Sask., who was killed was not murdered, elevator not being as known, there should have been being accounted of \$830 cash in his

It is probable that the city will be formed at proposed university students which promoting. The men and a non The students are enthusiasm.

Local bankers agreeably surprised which March 20. Some of the bank corn to the farm with instructions.

The complaints which the city council proposal to discontinue the market under situation therefore for the present.

to have the exp farmers on the m Melville hockey defeated the Arrows defeating the To day night, fifteen

W. Saskatoon the annual convocation the year was one of the best well and Dr. Ru The sheepbreed asking the govern

active projects. The Horseshoe Breeds Clydesdale Breeds. Hon. W. in this respect, we consider the importance is in progress further north in the region of Suwalki, where the Russians have pressed the Germans back to their own border.

The Russians appear to have successfully countered the German offensive on the Piltava River, and in the arpathians they are withholding continued attacks along the whole front.

In the Western zone the fighting, as for many weeks past, has been confined to the Champagne region, the Argonne and Vosges, although there has been an occasional skirmish north of Arras.

With all this fighting on the continent, the people of England continue to concern themselves chiefly with the operations of the German submarines, one of which was sunk by the destroyer Ariel, and the attempt to force the Dardanelles.

The Germans have abandoned Augustowo (in Russian Poland, 140 miles northeast of Warsaw) and the Russians are already on the outskirts of the town, according to a Petrograd despatch to the Daily Mail.

Przemysl is said to be hard pressed and an officer who has arrived at Petrograd from Przemysl says that part of the outworks are already in Russian hands and that those works still held by the Austrians have been much damaged. More than half the garrison of 60,000, it is asserted, have been lost.

The Japanese government received not long ago a friendly inquiry from the United States calling attention to the difference between the Japanese and Chinese versions of the series of demands made by Japan on China, shortly after Japan ousted the Germans from their Kiaochow possessions and which for two months past have been under negotiations at Peking.

In reply Japan has communicated a supplementary note to the Great Powers in which she summarizes the articles not included in the first statement on this subject. She explains that these articles, being in the nature of requests concerning old and long pending questions between herself and China she had not felt previous by any obligation to impart them to the Powers. It is generally understood in Tokyo that neither the United States nor any European Powers had registered objection to the Japanese demands and the impression prevails here that Japan is determined to bring about an acceptance of most, if not all of them.

Bulgaria has mobilized three army divisions in the neighborhood of Tirnova. A prominent army officer is quoted as saying: "These troops will be useful in the advance on Adrianople."

"Gen. Carranza unless there is a situation respecting interests in part control the United States will have to be satisfied with the American battle Vera Cruz at one City are menaces of whom 2,500."

Over 1,500 have decided to their demand for an hour is granted

Details of the the allies to show a sum of equally by the powers direct to 250,000,000 francs 185,000,000 Greece 20,000,000 and to Montenegro 1,000,000. There are 894,500,000 francs which the allies divide Belgium. From take care of Russia by placing sums in Russia for