

## KNOX COLLEGE "AT HOME"

The annual At Home of the Knox College Literary and Theological Society held on Friday Feb. 5th was a brilliant and thoroughly successful affair. Over 600 shared in the hospitality of the students, who did everything possible to make the evening enjoyable to their fair guests. The college was lavishly and artistically decorated with flags, bunting, plants, palms, etc. The amusements provided were numerous, and particularly attractive. In convocation hall an excellent programme was rendered:—Mr. Alex. Gorrie was musical director, and Miss May Dick accompanist. The various numbers of the programme were excellently rendered, and as a consequence were heartily appreciated. The beauty of the decorations in the hall, perhaps, exceeded those in any other room.

The promenade concert commenced at 10.30, and for this Napolitano's, orchestra played the following programme:—"Carmencita," Gruenwald; characteristic, "Happy Little Coons," Quinn; waltz, "The Wizard of the Nile," Victor Herbert; march, "Shandon Belle," Mills; overture, "Little Gem" Barnard; characteristic, "The Guard Mount," Ellenburg; waltz, "Queen Marion," Bennett; "Happy Days in Dixie," Mills; "Oh, Fair Dove: oh, Fond Dove," Gatty; march, "El Capitan," Sousa; waltz, "Princess Bonnie," Spencer; march, "Handicap," Rosey.

In the library, room 15, and museum interesting sights were on view all evening, and in the dining hall there was a not less interesting display of good things to eat.

In class-room No. 1 the guests were delighted with selections on the pantheon. Many spent an hour in another room examining Eastern curios, mementos of visits to the Holy Land of Principal Caven, Rev. Prof. Robinson, and Mr. Mortimer Clark. The museum also attracted much attention, but the greatest amusement was provided in room No. 15, where a collection of novelties were on exhibition. Some of the young gentlemen who arranged this exhibition enjoyed themselves watching the surprise and delight displayed by the visitors. The novelty room had been much talked of, and, as a consequence, curiosity as to what might be seen there ran high. Only those who visited it, however, could fully appreciate the exhibit. Following are some samples of the novelties.—A large spade labelled "An Irish land agitator," two battle-scarred hockey-sticks bearing the legend, "Li-Hung-Chang's chop-sticks," pair of men's stockings, very much the worse for wear, ticketed "Knox College hose, for use only in case of fire," two old pipes bearing tickets reading respectively "A piece of pipe, and a pipe of peace."

Needles to say that when the hour for departure came every one was sorry, but as the couplet on the programme had it:—"Farewell, a word that must be and hath been, a sound which makes us linger, yet—farewell."

The success of the concert must have been a source of pride to the students, and particularly to the members of the committee, who were as follows: President, J. Bailey, M.A.; Vice-Presidents, J. C. Wilson, B.A., and F. D. Roxborough, B.A.; Oritio, G. B. Wilson, M.A., LL.B.; Recording Secretary, J. A. Moir, B.A., LL.B.; Corresponding Secretary, T. Eakin, B.A.; Treasurer, W. D. Bell; Secretary of Committee, A. H. MacGillivray, B.A.; Curator, R. S. Scott; Councillors, A. A. Laing, B.A., A. C. Wishart and R. J. McAlpine.

## THE KING'S DAUGHTERS AND SONS.

You must live each day at your very best  
The Work of the World is done by few  
God asks that a part be done by you.

Among unsectarian organizations few have had a more rapid growth or are doing a nobler work than the International Order of the King's Daughters and Sons. Started eleven years ago by ten women, in New York City, it has increased until its members are found all over the world. In 1891 "International" was legally added to its title. Its constitution states that its aims and purposes are "to develop spiritual life and to stimulate Christian activities," and that all who accept these aims and purposes, and who "hold themselves responsible to the King, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ," are welcome to its membership. As its name indicates, the Order accepts and teaches the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. Its first work is to strive to win the individual heart for Christ, so that the individual life may be governed and guided by His spirit. "Within its ranks are found, not only the little child and the wayworn pilgrim, but some of the noblest men and women who, in the Church, the State, the university, and the business world to day are shaping the policy and guiding the affairs of the nations." The King's Daughters and Sons, for the love of Christ, and "In His Name," are ministering to the souls and bodies of men; "building churches;

paying mortgages on those already built; building and furnishing churches; educating young men and women for the ministry and for the foreign mission field; taking care of orphans and widows, of the old and the sick; building hospitals and infirmaries; maintaining day nurseries and kindergartens; sending trained nurses to the homes of the poor; Nearly 400,000 have taken the little badge as the outward symbol of their pledge of love and service, and more than one thousand different lines of work upon which they have entered are recorded at the headquarters of the Order.

A meeting of the Circles of the Toronto City Union of the International order of King's Daughters and Sons by invitation of the "Steadfast Circle" was held in Toronto Jan 27th, Miss Brown Presiding, Dr Bertha Dymond acting as secretary. The meeting was well attended, Mrs Tilley, of London, Dominion Secretary delivered an excellent address which was enthusiastically received, very gratifying reports were received from the following circles showing the amount of good work that is being done in a quiet way. "Whatsoever," "Helping," "Loving Helpers" "Speak No Evil" "Willing to be" "Earnest Helpers" "Labor of Love" "Heavenly Healers" "Steadfast" "Opportunity" "St. John's" and "Willing to be" Circles.

One of the special works of the Union is the support of a bed in Grace Hospital. The following are the officers of the City Union:—Honorary President, Mrs Coad; President Miss Annie Brown (late Provincial Secretary) First Vice-President, Mrs Gooderham:—Second Vice President, Mrs Scales:—Secretary Dr. Bertha Dymond:—Treasurer, Mrs Austin (Provincial Secretary)

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION

## OF THE PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

The second annual meeting of the Young People's Union of the Presbytery of Toronto was held Feb. 9th in Cocke's Church, Toronto, and from every point of view was highly successful.

The business of the day began at 10 o'clock in the morning. The President of the Union, Mr. G. Tower Fergusson, occupied the chair, there were present over 200 delegates. After the usual opening exercises the report of the Executive Committee was read. It recorded the continued interest in the work of the Union taken by the young people within the bounds of the Presbytery. Mr. Frank M. Pratt, Secretary of the Y.M.C.A., then read a capital paper on "The place of Bible study in our young people's work," and this was followed by another interesting address by Rev. J. C. Tibb of Streetsville on "How can our societies best reach the young men of our congregations." "How to obtain a more thorough knowledge of our own church life and work" was the subject of a carefully thought-out paper by Rev. R. D. Frazer of Bowmanville.

In the afternoon the nominating Committee presented their report, and by its adoption the following were declared the officers for the ensuing year:—Rev. J. McP. Scott, Toronto, President; Mr. R. M. Loveless, Agincourt, First Vice-President; Miss Riddell, Toronto, Second Vice-President; Miss Anna Flaws, Toronto, Recording Secretary; Miss Isabel Christie, Toronto, Corresponding Secretary; Mr. C. J. McHenry, Streetsville, Treasurer; Executive Committee, G. Tower Fergusson, Miss Black, Miss Hooley and Mr. Moffat of Weston. Five-minute papers on practical subjects were then given. Miss Riddell of Bloor Street Church read one on "Unity in Our Work," Miss Mabel Traill of St. Jt. John's Church on "How can we Most Effectively Aid Weaker Societies," Mr. W. J. Booth of Westminster Church on "Educational Work," Mr. Geo. Wagner of Toronto Junction on "Our Benevolent Schemes," Mr. Findlay McCaig of St. James' Square Church on "Foreign Missions," and Miss Atwood of Cooke's Church on "Home Missions." A question-drawer was then opened, and one of the questions was found to be, "How can the Young People's Societies best further the aims of the Lord's Day Alliance?" This was handed over to Mr. John A. Paterson, President of the Lord's Day Alliance, to answer. He did so very forcibly, and made a strong address against Sunday street cars. Rev. Dr. McTavish gave an able address on "How to Raise the Standard of Spiritual Life in Our Societies and Work."

In the evening Rev. Wm. Paterson occupied the chair. Hon. Geo. W. Ross delivered a splendid address on "Good Citizenship."

The Rev. Dr. Robinson then spoke upon "Christian Opportunity." The reverend gentleman is an accomplished Hebrew scholar, and the greater part of his address was made up of a description of the events in the reign of Xerxes, narrated in the Book of Ezra. The audience listened with deep attention to the vivid word painting, in which the means adopted by Queen Hester to save Mordecai and the Jewish population from the fate planned