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PTE. F. STINSON SENDS INTERESTING SOUVENIRS

Belt Covered With Coins, Buttons and Bullets Gathered at Front.

Pte. Frank Stinson of the 33rd Battalion has sent home a belt that was worn by him in the trenches. Pte. Stinson is a London boy, and was employed as an engineer on the C. P. R. before he enlisted.

The belt is a cloth one, about four inches in width, and is completely covered with buttons, regimental badges, coins, bullets and other souvenirs.

Among the coins are a ten pfennig (ten penny) German piece, taken from one of his own prisoners. There is also a uniform button taken from one of his prisoners.

Other coins in the collection are French 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 centime pieces, coins of the Napoleon realm dated 1853, and Belgian and English coins of various denominations.

Among the regimental cap badges are included the 48th and 92nd Highlanders, Tynside, Irish, various Canadian Mounted Rifle regiments, and many Canadian infantry battalions.

There are also some interesting cloth shoulder badges, among them the red one of the Princess Pats, the blue of the 2nd Canadian Pioneers, the Royal Engineers and the British Columbia Battalion badge.

Of brass shoulder badges there is a large variety: The 91st Battalion, the 33rd, 36th, the Royal Montreal Regiment, the 48th, the R. A. M. C., and the 2nd Battalion are all represented.

Greatcoat buttons of French, German and English regiments, and tunic buttons from as far away as New Zealand, are on the belt.

Great varieties of cartridges are attached to the belt. Among these are Mauser, for Turkish use, and different types of German and French manufacture.

A French brass bullet, various German bullets, and some pistol bullets are also included.

A small ship, representing "Le Havre"; a medal representing "Les Halles" at Ypres, and a French crucifix, complete the interesting collection.

In all there are 113 pieces in the collection, which is one of the best that has yet reached Canada from the front.

CANADIAN EFFICIENCY TEST BEST FOR BOYS

So Speaker Declares at Banquet Held in Cronyn Hall—The "Gang" Instinct.

Many attended the banquet given in Cronyn Hall Tuesday evening. The banquet was for the purpose of discussing the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test, which has recently been introduced in the Young Men's Christian Association, and is being used by many Sunday schools of all denominations in this city.

R. E. G. Davis of the Young Men's Christian Association gave a very interesting address on the Canadian Standard Efficiency Test. "I think that I am safe in saying that the Canadian test is the best course that has yet been introduced in the Sunday schools of this city, and also in the Y. M. C. A. This system is now being used in the United States and in China. The reasons that it has been such a success is that it recognizes the great "gang" instinct. It keeps the boys away from the gang on the street corner and puts him with the right kind of gang, the gang of his Sunday school class."

Mr. Davis also spoke on the schedule of practical talks for the coming term from January until April. The churches which take this course will have banquets once a week, and will use a course of topics for each evening of the term.

Educational trips will be arranged for the boys, with campcraft talks, and in the spring a big athletic meet will be held either in the Y. M. C. A. or at one of the parks, in which all the churches will unite.

E. E. Reid of the London Life Insurance also gave a short talk and stated that something ought to be done for the Sunday schools to make them more interesting for the boys.

Another banquet of this course will be held next Tuesday night, in New St. James' Church.

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ANNUAL CHOIR CONCERT DELIGHTS LARGE AUDIENCE

Miss Carey of Hamilton Assisted Wellington Street Organization, Charming Hearers.

The annual choir concert of the Wellington Street Methodist Church, held last evening, with Miss Estelle J. Carey, soprano, of Hamilton, as the assisting artist, proved a most pleasing entertainment for the large number who attended.

The singing of the choir throughout was marked by good attention to the baton of the conductor, Mr. King; promptness in attacks and releases, and good volume of tone, the various sections giving a good account of themselves.

Miss Carey has many admirers in London who never let a visit of hers pass without making a point of hearing her.

She is both a joy to look upon and to listen to, with a youthful winsomeness and bonniness, and the unaffected grace and simplicity of an unspoiled child. Her entire naturalness, indeed, constitutes a very large share of the charm of her personality and of her singing.

Charming Voice.

Her voice, as everybody knows who has hear it, is clear, pure, sweet, flexible, of unusual range and much power. Moreover, it has a rare quality of sympathy so much to be desired and so often missed in a soprano. Her song pours out with the spontaniety of the notes of a bird, and there is a spark'e or a tenderness as the number demands. She is an artist, moreover, to her finger tips. "The Call of Maytime" (Brahe), was a delight in its pagan, irresponsible joyousness, while "Daddy," given as an encore, proved a veritable gem of pathos. "The Pipes of Gordon's Men' had the brave and martial spirit of the highland fighters. Following upon its heels, the song-story of the baby who put daddy to sleep was a delicious bit of realism.

The choir of the church, which has much fine musical material, sang as an introductry number, "The Comrade's Song of Hope" by E. A. Dicks; later Rossini's familiar "Inflammatus," in which the solo work was taken by Miss Carey; and finally, Fanning's "Song of the Vikings," rendered with much spirit.

The encoring of the "Inflammatus" was a compliment to the choir, the soloist and the conductor.

Other Artists.

Mrs. Terry, soprano, who has an exceptionally sweet and pleasing voice, was heard in a double number, Denza's "Sing On" and "The Valley of Laughter" (Sanderson), the latter interpreted with a brightness that was most satisfying.

C. Jolly, who has been endowed with a tenor voice of much promise, and who possesses good ideas in regard to singing and interpretation, was heard in two numbers, "For You Alone," by Henry E. Geehl, and "Jean," by Gilbert S. Prose.

Mr. King, the conductor, also appeared in the role of baritone soloist, revealing a voice of much mellowness, resonance and power. His solo contributions were "The Norseman's Song" (Allitsen), and "In the Heather, My Lads," the latter given a most dramatic interpretation.

Miss Hicks, contralto, and Mr. Jolly were heard in the duet, the "Barcarolle" from "Love Tales from Hoffman" (Offenbach), Miss Hicks also appearing in duet with Miss Irene Straitch, soprano.

The program was rounded out by a male chorus, "Father, Keep Us in Thy Care," in which the solo work was taken by Messrs. Merritt and Parsons.

A large share of the responsibility for the evening's success devolved upon Mrs. King, who proved herself a genuine artist as an accompanist. Her ability as an organist was revealed in an organ solo, "Grande Offertoire" by Batiste.

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The Central Military Convalescent Hospital gratefully acknowledges the following donations:

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PRESBYTERY DECIDES TO MEET TWICE IN ST. THOMAS YEARLY

Departure From London Not Unanimously Approved.

FIVE MEETINGS IN ALL

One Always Held at Port Stanley of Social Nature.

At the meeting of the London Presbytery in the First Presbyterian Church on Tuesday, it was decided, after considerable discussion, to depart from the rule of holding four of the five regular presbytery meetings of the year in London, and to divide up with St. Thomas. The midsummer meeting is always held in Port Stanley, and is of a social as well as business character. The decision to hold two meetings of the year in St. Thomas was made for the benefit of members of the presbytery in St. Thomas and to the west and south of the Railroad City.

In regard to Chelsea Green, where Rev. J. H. Courtenay's term of service will be brought to a close the end of December, it was arranged that Rev. J. W. M. Crawford of Westminster should take charge of the evening services for the immediate future. The question of the grant to Chelsea Green was left in the hands of the home missions committee, of which Rev. W. A. Bremner of St. Thomas is convener.

Religious Report.

In the absence of Rev. W. J. Knox, Rev. W. R. McIntosh reported for the committee on religious education. The following recommendations were made and accepted:

(1) That a series of institutes be held in January on the lines of previous years, and according to same divisions, as follows:

Rodney, Wednesday, January 24; Newbury, Thursday, January 25; Komoka, Friday, January 26; London, Sunday, January 28; St. Thomas, Monday, January 29; Thamesford, Tuesday, January 30; Carlyle, Wednesday, January 31.

(2) That the special topics for discussion this year be: (a) A unified program of religious education in local congregations; (b) The problem of leadership.

(3) That the institute culminate in a grand rally of the young people of the presbytery in Knox Church, St. Thomas, Tuesday, February 13.

(4) That sessions be requested to give special attention at the time to the questions sent down re religious education.

Leave of Absence.

Further leave of absence was granted until May, 1917, to Rev. John Elder of the Bethel and Bryanston congregations. Mr. Elder has been rendering patriotic service in munitions work and is entering military Y. M. C. A. work. He expects to proceed to the front in the near future.

Several reports were presented, including one prepared by the hospital visitor, Rev. J. H. Courtenay and read by Rev. J. G. Stuart.

A report was also made by Rev. George Weir of Glencoe, in regard to contributions made by ministers of the presbytery towards supplying the pulpits of Melbourne and Riverside, following the death of Rev. Mr. Stephens.

A most interesting feature of the afternoon was an address by Rev. James Menzies, M.D., medical missionary, who is on furlough from North Honan. Dr. Menzies spoke most optimistically of the educational and religious outlook there.

Rev. Peter Jamieson, late of Stratford Presbytery, was appointed to take charge of Knollwood Park Church for a year, to succeed Rev. Peter Nichol, who resigned some months ago owing to ill-health.

ALL READY TO VOTE FOR VOTES FOR WOMEN NOW?

Everyone Will Be Asked to Sign Petition Circulated by Local Society.

A ways and means committee, formed by the London Suffrage Society, has as its task the circulation of the petition for votes for the women of Ontario, which will be presented to the Legislature at the next session. It is proposed to divide up the city into wards, districts of the wards, and again subdivisions of the districts, for the purpose of making an effective canvass along the lines of the committee of one hundred campaign. For the county, the Women's Christian Temperance Union machinery will be used which rendered valuable assistance in the committee of one hundred campaign.

Mrs. Barklie has been appointed convener of the campaign committee for London, and the county, on which appear the names of several representatives of local women's organizations, as well as members of the Suffrage Society.

The committee stands at present as follows:

Mrs. Barklie, convener; Mrs. Gordon Wright, president of the Women's Suffrage Society; Mrs. S. F. Lawrason, secretary of the W. S. S.; Miss May Fowler, Woman's Music Club; Mrs. Marshall, president of the Women's Christian Association; Miss Needham, St John Ambulance Association; Mrs. Frank White; Mrs. H. Ashplant, president of the W. C. T. U.; Miss Farncombe; Mrs. Flanders, Women's Missionary organizations; Mrs. F. W. Hughes, president Union Mothers' Clubs; Mrs. Thomas, Methodist Ladies' Aids; Mrs. H. H. Bingham, Baptist women's missionary organizations; Mrs. D. C. MacGregor, Presbyterian women's missionary organizations; Miss Weir, Women Teachers' Guild; Mrs. Barber, Mrs. John Stevely, Sanatorium Aid; Mrs. G. W. Young, president Ladies' Auxiliary Y. M. C. A.; Mrs. Bowker, Miss McColl.

A request is being made for representatives of the Women's Canadian Club and other organizations not yet represented.

A meeting has been called for 4 o'clock Thursday in the Y. W. C. A., Park avenue, to discuss plans for the canvass.

DR. WARTHIN COMING.

Dr. A. S. Warthin, an expert and head of the pathological department of the Ann Arbor University, will speak to a mass meeting of men next Sunday afternoon in the Lyric Theatre, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

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The Stage; What It Is; What It Should Be.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

In your issue of December 1 appeared an editorial on "Shakespeare's Language," in which the writer reminded us that "Shakespeare comes to us about once a year, and sometimes, like a dividend, skips us altogether."

Today, your editorial on "Vapid Vaudeville," combined with the above, recalls a lecture delivered by Henry Arthur Jones to the Sheffield Playgoers' Society in 1913 on "Municipal and Repertory Theatres," in which he criticized very seriously "our lack of the higher drama!" He stated that "the autumn program for London was fixed, and that not one performance of Shakespeare was announced throughout all London!"

In 1912 there were 1,104 performances of the "Merchant of Venice" alone in Germany! There were 59 different companies playing Shakespeare, and in Berlin eight theatres put up twenty-five different Shakespearean productions between them!

He pleaded that in our large cities the mayors and the municipal authorities should recognize the theatre as a necessary and inevitable institution of our civic life!

He suggested that it be made a place "where the supreme science of wise living may be learned in the guise of amusement." A place of charity and civilization and broad enlightenment, where we may polish our manners and enlarge our outlook, correct our prejudices, and sometimes check our conduct and brace and strengthen our character."

These are the grounds on which the municipal authorities of every large town may be asked to lend their countenance to their local theatres. The absence of any municipal recognition of the theatre, the absence of cultivated and thoughtful citizens from their local theatre, tend to make it a place where folly and sensuality may have their full fling. Where wrong and false views of life may be taught—a school of vice, a place of bad manners, of tawdry sensation and inane frivolity, a place of civic corruption and degradation. He asks "may not every large town in England feel ashamed when it compares its local theatre with the local theatre of a corresponding German town?"

Addressing the lord mayor, who occupied the chair, he questioned: "Is it amongst the chief duties of our city fathers to see that pure water and clear light are brought into our homes, and will you not also help us to provide ourselves with those equal necessities of decent human life—the things that refresh and enlighten the mind and spirit? Will you look to it that the foul drainage of one town is removed, that it does not poison us, and will you not also aid us to cleanse the cisterns of our amusement from the choking, rank growth of witless mirth and sensual frivolity?"

We were pleased to see your editorials on the above subject, Mr. Editor.

It is time we compelled our caterers to realize, if only by our dignified silence when they expect applause, that we consider shouting a poor apology for either talking or singing; that we do not mistake vulgarity for fun, and that we prefer to see them adorn the stage with some regard for deportment and expect them to speak or declaim as grammatically and harmoniously as it is possible for them to do.

Ministerial alliances and other interfering bodies are not educational in their methods, as witness their taboo of "Damaged Goods."

We have no right to taboo or condemn merely! Let us give the public something better to mentally digest and they will quickly reject the baser elements on the stage.

Shakespeare has a message for all time, and in the midst of this world-war it is refreshing to remember that

The quality of mercy is not strained,
It droppeth as the gentle rain from Heaven
Upon the earth beneath.
It is thrice blessed, it blesseth him that gives and him that takes;
'Tis mightier than the mightiest, and suits
The throned monarch better than his crown.".

"PORTIA."

London, Ont., December 5, 1916.

The Catholic Marriage Law.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

As some non-Catholics have expressed a desire to know what is the teaching of the Catholic Church in regard to marriage between two Protestants, I beg to state that according to the ne temere decree, non-Catholics, whether baptized or unbaptized, who contract marriage among themselves are nowhere bound to observe the Catholic form of marriage. A marriage is invalid only when it is contracted in contravention of the laws of the Catholic Church. Therefore, non-Catholics contracting among themselves, being bound by no law of the Catholic Church in regard to marriage, may validly contract marriage, provided they obey the natural law. Suppose, for example, two of the aborigines of Australia, knowing nothing of the Catholic Church, desired to contract marriage by exchanging their consent. They would be validly married. But every Catholic, whether he wishes to marry a Catholic or non-Catholic, can only do so validly by obeying the laws of his church. Yours faithfully, H. T. E. RICHARDS.

St. Mary's Church, London, Dec. 5, 1916.

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