

Ladies Guild Sociable

Last night the Ladies Guild of St. Andrew's Church held their sociable at the Presbyterian Hall. There was a large attendance and the audience was highly appreciative. The various performers were in excellent form and each item was faultlessly rendered. A particularly pleasing feature was the rendition by Mrs. King of "Till the Boys Come Home," assisted in the chorus parts by the Glee Club. After the National Anthem refreshments were served by the ladies who will give part of the proceeds to the city orphanages. The programme was as follows:
 Mariners of England—Comrades Glee Club.
 Bonnie Sweet Bessie—Mr. McIntosh.
 Till the Boys Come Home—Mrs. King.
 Larboard Watch—Messrs. Somerville and Dewling.
 Sweet and Low—Messrs. Martin, Boggan, F. Seymour, Dr. Howlett.
 Comrades Song of Hope—Glee Club.
 Drink to Me Only with Thine Eyes—Glee Club.
 The Lass that Loves a Sailor—Messrs. F. J. King, F. Bradshaw, J. Dewling, H. Taylor.
 Land O'Hame—Mrs. King.
 Maiden Fair, O' Deign to Tell—Messrs. F. Seymour, T. Seymour, F. J. King.
 Dear Little Shamrock—Glee Club.

WILL BE SHORT HANDED

It is now feared that many people going in schooners to the Labrador fishery this summer will go short handed owing to the large number of young fishermen who have already applied to all the principal bays, and already arrangements are being made amongst planters and others to join their fishing forces and handle their traps in a co-operative way when the fish strikes in. In some cases, but not many, it is believed that schooners will not be able to go to the fishery down the coast at all, owing to a shortage of competent men.

RECEIVED SEVERE WOUND

While Mr. F. Searle, of Knowling's, was yesterday swinging a two-pound weight in the store it suddenly slipped from his hand and struck Mr. Herbert Parsons, another assistant, in the head with great force. It inflicted an ugly wound from which the blood flowed in streams, and after Mr. Parsons had been attended by a doctor he was driven home.

LARGELY ATTENDED FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Nathaniel March took place yesterday afternoon and was attended by a concourse of people of all denominations attending. The remains were interred at the General Protestant cemetery on Waterford Road, the services at the graveside, which were very impressive, being conducted by Rev. C. A. Whitmarsh, M.A., of Cochrane Street, assisted by several other clergymen of the Methodist Church.

ASSAULTED A VOLUNTEER

This forenoon on Water Street a man insulted and assaulted a Volunteer who was in uniform, and the latter proceeded to the Court House and took out a summons against the other.

LOCAL ITEMS

The S.S. Petral will sail on Monday next to take up the Trinity Bay coastal service.

Thursday being the festival of the Girls' Friendly Society there will be Holy Communion in the Cathedral at 7 a.m. and an address will be delivered by His Lordship the Bishop.

The schr. Gay Gordon has reached Bellooram, salt laden for Harvey & Co from Cadiz after a run of 16 days, a good voyage at this season. She is now being loaded with fish for Europe.

Yesterday afternoon a boy, resident of Power's Court, off Signal Hill Road, was taken ill of diphtheria and is being nursed at home. This is the third case to develop within the past few days.

Mr. Peter Ryan of Roxbury, Mass., arrived here by the express Saturday, accompanied by his little daughter, and will remain several weeks the guest of his sister, Mrs. Conway, Monkstown Road.

It is likely the S. S. Kasangee which arrived here yesterday from Cadiz with salt will likely go North to load pit props for England. On the voyage out two of her crew, Negroes, had a lively set-to and did each other some damage.

FIREMEN SEEK INCREASE IN THEIR WAGES

The regular monthly meeting of the Firemen's Protective Union was held last night, some 200 members being in attendance, including members from Placentia, accompanied by President O'Keefe of that place. An important matter to the Union was taken up, that of supplying men to firms who did not subscribe to union regulations. As this applies to one firm in the city particularly firemen will be withdrawn from the shipping of the firm until a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be arrived at. Owners will be notified in writing that beginning June 1st, the Union would ask as wages, the following rates—Stokers \$45.00 per month; for Oilers \$50.00, these rates applying to steamers plying out of St. John's or other parts in the Island. Before the meeting closed a vote of appreciation was passed to Pte. Edward Pike who recently came home invalided.

A PRISONER IN GERMANY.

Fred Rees of Bell Island, who was 16 months serving with the British Navy in the North Sea and who recently returned yesterday, came over from the Island and enlisted in the Volunteers. His cousin, Enos, joined the 1st Canadian Contingent, and in one of the initial engagements of the war was reported missing and was not heard of for over 12 months, so that he was given up for dead by his father and friends. A couple of days ago, however, these were delighted to get some post-cards from him, saying he was a prisoner in Germany and he was when he wrote, enjoying good health. It is possible that one or two other Newfoundlanders who also are given up may be similarly still in the land of the living.

St. Thomas' Parish Annual Meeting

Various Reports Submitted Show Parish Condition Best in its History—Church Debt Has Been Liquidated—Committee Pay United Tribute to Rector

The Parishioners of St. Thomas' held their annual meeting last night in Canon Wood Hall. The rector, Rev. Dr. Jones, presided and after the opening prayers were offered, the minutes of the last meeting were read by Mr. F. M. Stirling, secretary of the Select Vestry, and confirmed.

The People's Warden, Hon. R. Watson, submitted his report, showing that the condition of the Parish was eminently satisfactory, the subscriptions showing a marked increase. The debt of \$3,500 on the Church had been to all intents and purposes liquidated and the \$200 worth of repairs given it recently.

From pew rents, special fund collections and other sources, the total sum raised for the year by the parish was \$12,500, and the General Church Fund is the largest in the church's history.

The rector then read his report referring to the spiritual and social work of the Parish. The number of Communicants on Easter Day was the largest in the history of the parish. The membership of the various organizations have all increased. The Llewellyn Club was organized during the year and now has a membership of nearly 200; the Girls' Guild was re-organized and is now known as St. Margaret's Guild, with a membership of about 120. He spoke encouragingly and appreciatively of teachers of the Sunday Schools, and all church workers, and thanked one and all for the splendid help given him during the past year.

Mr. A. Findlater presented his report as parochial representative to the Church Institute, which he was pleased to say was still maintaining its reputation as a good place for recreation for all young churchmen, in spite of the fact that quite a number of its members are now on active service fighting for King and Empire.

Report from the Cemetery Committee was read by the Secretary, Mr. E. Piusent. It is evident from his report that the committee will need extra funds this year to enable them to do the necessary repairs to the Mortuary Chapel, etc.

Reports from the Protestant Industrial Society, and from St. Margaret's Guild, were read by Mr. T. Hallett and the rector respectively.

All reports were adopted unanimously. The Hon. M. G. Winter was re-appointed Rector's Warden, and Hon. R. Watson was re-elected People's Warden.

The Select Vestry was re-elected, viz., the Rector and Wardens, ex officio; Messrs. J. A. Cift, J. S. Munn, W. S. Monroe, Hon. C. H. Emerson, Messrs. Thomas Lawrence, J. C. Oker, R. Dowden, R. G. Macdonald, Tasker Cook, T. Winter, R. R. Wood, F. M. Stirling.

Auditors—Messrs. J. S. Munn and A. Findlater. Cemetery Committee—Messrs. A. G. Carnell, J. C. Oke, Tasker Cook, E. Piusent, R. Dowden.

Protestant Industrial Committee—Messrs. W. W. Blackall, T. Hallett, R. W. Jeans.

Mr. J. H. Monroe was elected as lay delegate to the Synod in place of Mr. F. E. Rendell, resigned.

A vote of thanks was tendered the choir and chormaster for their excellent services during the year. Before the meeting closed Mr. Mott proposed, seconded by Mr. Carnell, that the congregation place on record their deep appreciation of the work and services rendered by the Rector during the past year. The proposition was agreed to with enthusiastic applause.

The meeting closed by singing the Doxology and the pronouncing of the Benediction by the Rector.

A BUSINESS MERGER

We have it from reliable authority that there are certain changes to be made in one of the largest hardware businesses in St. John's, a concern which has been running, and with eminent success here, for the past 60 years or more. We learn that the present head of the business, a man who has made a handsome competency from the trade, will soon retire and that there will be what might practically be designated a merger in the business. Some people who have been doing trade here for several years past will identify their various articles with the concern we allude to, so that its scope will be enlarged and new avenues of trade will open up to it, while a new management will supervise its operations.

IN MEMORIAM

In memoriam of Norman S. Fowlow, who died of wounds, April 9th. He enlisted with the Second Canadian Pioneer Battalion (Canadian Expeditionary Force) in November, 1915.

The cord of life is cut at last. The sword of justice shattered lies. All labor ended, sorrow past. He, like a hero, falls and dies.

A noble death—A mother's heart Shall stand the test. Far from the shadow of earthly fears, The weary soul has found its rest.

Sleep on, thy noble hero, sleep on. For nobly thou hast fought and well. Let others stem the tide of wrong And strive its surging waves to quell.

Till radiant in her peace and pride Britannia reigns from shore to shore, And all her foes are scattered wide To vex her smiling lands no more.

TRAIN NOTES

Monday's No. 1 left Curling at 8.10 a.m. to-day.
 Yesterday's No. 2 left Alexander Bay at 9.15.

No. 2 (local) left Gambo at 6.35 a.m.
 No. 2 (to-day's), leaving Port aux Basques after arrival of Kyle.

NEGRO ARRESTED ON STEAMER.
 To-day Head Const. Peet, with Officers Day, O'Neil and Symmonds, went over to the S.S. Kasanga now discharging salt at Moray & Co's premises, and arrested a negro, a stoker, on the ship and brought him to the lock-up. On the voyage out from Cadiz, the man attacked a shipmate, another coloured man, and seriously wounded him with a razor to a fight which occurred on board. The injured man will appear in Court against the prisoner to-morrow.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

Got Twelve Months

The boy Geo. England was before Judge Morris in Court to-day and pleaded guilty to the following series of larcenies committed since January—\$5.00 from Jackson & Green; \$36.00, Monroe & Co.; 3 watches, valued \$21.00, from AYR & Sons; \$5.00 from Alex. Scott; tinned goods, valued \$2.50, from Margaret Lawlor; \$5.00 from J. J. St. John; \$18.60 from Ben Stafford; \$3.40 from Geo. Neal; \$16.40 from St. John's Meat Co.; \$3.00 from J. Parsons; \$6.00 from Albert Soper; \$28.00 from S. B. Kesner; in all 12 larcenies. He was given 30 days for each or an aggregate of 12 months. Const. John Simmonds who made the capture of this lad deserves credit, for citizens generally were almost in a state of panic, as day after day had deprecations were recorded. Const. Simmonds who is an officer of years standing with a good record behind him, should, we think, receive some recognition for clearing up this mystery.

THE "LILA D. YOUNG" HERE.

The schr. "Lila D. Young," Capt. Jenkins, which left here Saturday last fish laden for Europe and put into Bay Bulls, arrived here from the latter place this morning. When the ship left here she had a pretty rough time of it and got a drubbing in the storm and high sea of Saturday night, and the Captain thought it better to run into Bay Bulls, as there were signs of the vessel making water, though not leaking badly.
 Mr. W. Winsor went up Monday and came down in the vessel and we hear reports that nothing of a serious nature had happened. The ship not long ago, we also learn, was surveyed and given an overhaul and was pronounced to be, and is, according to competent authority, in good condition. To-day it is said that the Captain and crew will leave her and that others will go in their places.

VESSELS FOR SUPPLIES

Quite a number of schooners arrived here yesterday from the Westward, and several others passed Cape Race bound in. From all around Placentia and St. Mary's Bays and Conception and Trinity Bays a number of craft are now getting ready to sail here for fishing supplies, and salt of which several cargoes should arrive here after another week or so, and there will be as a result a boom in business.

REID CO'S STEAMER REPORT

Glencoe left St. Jacques 12.40 p.m. yesterday, coming East.
 Home left Flat Island 2.40 p.m. yesterday, going West.
 Kyle due at Port aux Basques this a.m.
 Sagona left Port aux Basques 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

The fine new schooner "Independence II" arrived here to-day from Boston with oil, gasoline, &c., after a good run and has been purchased by Mr. J. W. Hiscock of Brigus.

A List of Useful Articles
 Always needed, but seldom obtainable at such **Very Low Prices.**
 An excellent opportunity of saving about 50 per cent. off regular prices.

Savings for Ladies

- WHITE LAWN JABOTS, Regular 20c. 10c value; each
- WHITE AND PARIS NET JABOTS, Regular 25c. value; each
- WHITE AND CREAM LACE COLLARS, many beautiful designs. Regular 20c. and 25c. value; each
- FANCY COLORED SILK COLLARS, various styles. Regular 25 cents and 30 15c value; each

Extra Special!
LADIES' CREAM SERGE COATS
35c each.

- Ladies' One Piece Dresses
 Made from All Wool Serge. Colors: Navy and Saxe Blue. Regular \$4.50 value. \$3.00 Now
- Ladies' White Lawn Dresses
 Prettily Embroidered; Long and Short Sleeves. Value \$3.00 to \$5.00. Sale Price \$1.60 to \$3.00.

Ladies' Costumes
 In Tweed and Corduroys; several leading colors. Formerly sold at \$5.00. For \$2.50.

Footwear Specials
 Ladies' Black Dongola Laced Boots. Regular \$2.10 value. \$1.90 pair.
 Ladies' Black Dongola Buttoned Boots. \$1.95 pair.

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- SUIT BARGAINS**
 150 AMERICAN TWEED SUITS
 Made from good materials by Union workmen, ensuring a well finished suit; sizes 30in. to 36in.
 Prices \$2.50 to \$4.50.
 Less than HALF the former price.
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 Two styles; medium height. Regular 10c 15c. value. Now

Shirt Specials
 MEN'S BLUE CHAMBRAY SHIRTS; full size, double stitched all through. 55c Each.
 MEN'S WHITE SHIRTS; double collar attached. Each 75c
 MEN'S HEAVY BLACK SATEN SHIRTS. Each 85c

Footwear Specials
 Little Girls' Box Calf Boots. \$1.40 pair.
 Men's Kid Blucher Boots. \$2.40 pair.
 Men's Vici Kid Blucher Boots. \$2.80 pair.

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 Very Newest and Up-to-date Styles, just to hand in all the Leading Shades,
Price \$8.50.
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 Agents for Ungars Laundry & Dye Works,

Citizens Meet to Discuss Charter

Last night a meeting of the Citizens' Committee, of an informal character, was held to discuss the charter, but little, if any, business was done as the convention was hurriedly called at the request of a member who wished to have the qualifications of voters in the projected Municipal election more than closely expressed than in the Act of 1902. The section as it now stands is ambiguous and anything but clear, and the idea is to have it legally defined. No official recommendation has been made to the Select Committee on the matter, but the meeting understood that it will receive attention when the report of the Committee was presented to the House.

ADVERTISE IN THE MAIL AND ADVOCATE

LECTURE
 Under the auspices of Atlantic Lodge, No. 1, I.O.O.F.
 ON
Wednesday, April 26th at 8.15 p.m.
 Lecturer: REVD. EDGAR JONES, Ph.D.
 Subject:
 "Is the World Growing Better?"
 Pianoforte Solo: H. Gordon Christian, A.R.A.N.
 Solos: Messrs. H. Courtney and C. Trappell.
 Tickets on sale at the door or from any Oddfellow.—ap24.3i

TENDERS

For the following Machinery for the Manufacture of Plain and Fancy Biscuits will be received by the undersigned until MONDAY, May 1st. The lowest or any tender not necessary accepted.

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 - 85 Steel Pans.
 - Reeve Ceiling Transmission.
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 - 1 4bb. Dough Mixer, T & L Pulleys.
 - 1 1½bb. Dough Mixer, T & L Pulleys.
 - 1 No. 3 Dough Break, 17 inch Rollers.
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 - 1 30 gall. Cake Mixer.
 - 1 Jacketed Icing Mixer.
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 - 85 best Wire Pans.
 - 85 Steel Pans.
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