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W. C. Senior, of Toronto, of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, addressed the gathering on the possibilities and value of the "Every Member Canvass" of the churches for missions and current expenses. At the close of the conference two committees were appointed, one on evangelism, consisting of Rev. J. H. Boyd, Rev. H. H. Bingham and Rev. W. M. Walker, of London; Rev. J. D. McLaughlin, of Strathroy; Messrs. J. W. McGill, London, and W. Pratt, of Petrolia, the committee to co-operate with the pastors of the association with a view to holding special meetings in all the churches. The second committee, appointed to forward the idea of the "Every Member Canvass," consists of Messrs. J. D. Campbell and D. H. Gillies, London; Rev. H. Wright, Arkona; W. Dowling, Petrolia.

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Before a crowded house, the members of the London Press Club and their many good friends, last night, presented a minstrel show that has never been excelled by amateur talent in this city, and seldom by professional talent. It is mild to say that every member of the audience went home pleased, and that he or she could not have gone home more pleased had the admission been three times as great, and the stars of the evening known from coast to coast (which the newspaper minstrels will be, after last evening).

The performance was suggested and organized by Mr. Carl Stubig, of The Advertiser editorial staff, assisted by the best local talent and other members of The Advertiser staff. That it was a great success is gratifying to all Londoners, the proceeds being donated with the exception of the charge made for the theatre and necessary expenses, to the Victorian Order of Nurses, the performance being put on under the auspices of the Lord Elgin chapter of the Daughters of the Empire. The members of the local organization have worked assiduously to make the attraction a success, and last night expressed their appreciation by inviting all the members of the company to attend a banquet of homemade viands tonight at Hyman Hall, where the rehearsals were held through the kindness of the officers of the Liberal Club.

A Fine First Part. The first part of the performance was one of the most striking and attractive that has ever appeared on a local stage. The chorus of sixty was trained under the direction of Mr. Bert Ferte, who has given unstintingly of his time and talent to make the performance a success. This he accomplished not only through his own fine vocal talent, but because of his ability to train a chorus. The opening overture, a medley of sweet melodies, was a happy augury, and the concerted numbers and the solos were a strong background for a galaxy of star and end men. Mr. J. R. Mitchell, whose long experience made him extremely valuable to the production, acted as interactor and introduced a number of the city's finest soloists, Messrs. James Fowler, William Rossiter, Bert Ferte, Frank Leah, all of whom were recalled several times to convulse the audience with their jests. Mr. George Wardrope, Mr. Athol Henry, Mr. Charles Boyce and Mr. Stubig shared the honors of the evening, and every one of them scored a success. There was not a flaw in their delivery, and they got their songs over, and brought the choruses with them. Mr. Stubig bears some resemblance in stature to "Honey Boy" Evans, and his local gaits directed at some of his friends in the best good nature, won him endless encores. The song and dance of Athol Henry, in which a live monkey was introduced (not a member of the troupe's editorial staff, as he began to explain), scored a success, and every end-man was repeatedly called back by the audience.

A Patriotic Touch. The patriotic tableau at the conclusion of the first part was a genuine heart-toucher. In this manner much time was occupied, and more than half the evening had been passed before the olio commenced. But there was not a long wait, and a few minutes with the "Squirrels," written by Mr. Stubig, was the next number. A hodge podge of nonsense, in which Bert Ferte, Harry McKenna and the author appeared, had the audience scanning from start to finish. Mr. McKenna showed real dramatic ability. His enunciation, expression and appreciation of his lines was extraordinary, a reason for his seeking further and more serious honors. Mr. Ferte took his part with a fine sense of its good points, and his song was appreciated. Mr. Stubig, however, a nonsensical, most difficult role, and won approval.

The dramatic sketch of the evening was a remarkable production, considering that local talent attempted a piece written for Miss Ethel Barrymore, and scored decidedly. Miss Irene Plewes, of Miss Barrymore's troupe, three bold burglars, and her audience at the same time. She showed much ability in elocution, and further strengthened her reputation as she was making a finished performer. Mr. McKenna, in the leading male role, again exhibited his talent and versatility. Mr. Reginald Sanborne and Mr. George Wardrope took the minor crook characters to the life. The sketch was produced under the direction of Miss Georgia Newbury, and reflected much credit upon her.

A Clever Team. Johnny Madden and Locke Hendricks, two versatile comedians and dancers, added a touch that made the performance a complete vaudeville production. Their sidewalk chatter and comedy was fresh and put over with confidence. Both are remarkably clever dancers. London did not know there were such good ones as these boys until last night.

The staff of The Advertiser offered the final sketch, "A Newspaper Sketch," which was also the production of Mr. Stubig's facile typewriter, with some trepidation. They usually come to praise Caesar, not to play him, but there was a real surprise for the audience, and a novelty. Some of the perplexities of local newspaper editing were shown, and the author, as Spike, the office boy, a German spy, and several other things, kept the fun going. George Wardrope caused a laugh as he appeared as Gen. San Sews, and placed the office under a strong guard; Ralph Laskey did a clever character bit as an English lord, and the rest of the newspaper boys showed that they could get a punch into their acting as well as into their "copy." A session of the city council burlesqued made a hit. Those who appeared in this sketch were as follows: / City editor, Carl Richardson; sporting editor, Ted Williamson; cartoonist,

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