

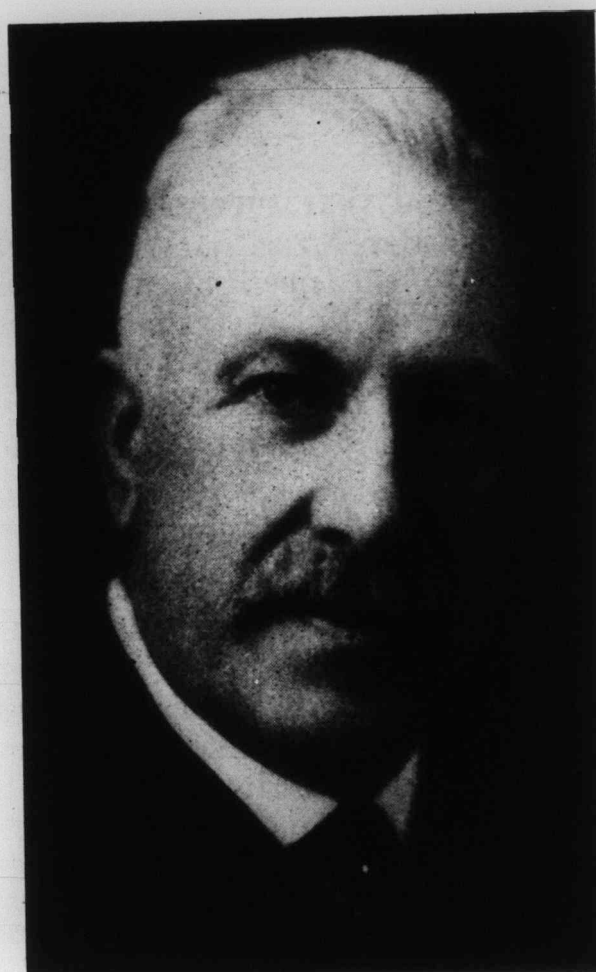
versatile pen of the ploughman bard.

At each monthly meeting a particular poem, or other subject, is selected for study; with this as the theme, a short paper is read and the meeting then thrown open for discussion. Music and elocution round out the evening, partiality naturally being shown to the beautiful songs written by Burns.

At the November meeting, something of an innovation was offered, when the leadership was handed over to one of the lady members of the Fellowship. Taking as her subject, "Women Celebrated in the Poems of Burns," Miss Kate Morrison gave this comprehensive theme a most sympathetic and thoughtful treatment, charming a large gathering by the excellence of her paper and the happy glint of humor which ran like a silver thread through the web of thought delightfully expressed. The discussion which followed, it is hoped, is a happy augury of what is in store for members of the Fellowship during the present winter session.

Evidence of activity along the lines laid down in the syllabus are seen also in the fact that the Fellowship have been successful in having a special class in Scottish folk song added to the syllabus of the British Columbia Music Festival, which takes place in Vancouver next summer. A gold and a silver medal have been donated to the Festival committee, who have gladly availed themselves of the suggestion made by the Fellowship. The songs chosen for competition in this special class are "Green Grow the Rashes O" and "Ye Banks and Braes."

The Fellowship were exceptionally fortunate, during the recent visit to Vancouver of ex-Premier Ramsay MacDonald's son, in entertaining the distinguished Oxford scholar as their guest. The meeting held in First Presbyterian Church—the first public assembly sponsored by the Fellowship—proved an interesting and enjoyable experiment and brought together a large gathering of Scottish people. Mr. Malcolm MacDonald contributed a rather delightful talk on "In Scotland To-Day," and the musical programme was of an unusually enjoyable nature, rendered by talented Scottish singers. A letter was read from the Burns' Federation, Kilmarnock, offering a warm welcome to the Fellowship and stating that affiliation with the world-famous Federation would be most willingly accorded. Commenting on the syllabus submitted for approval, the secretary of the Federation wrote that it was one of the finest which had ever come under his notice, and



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that it promised an exceptionally high standard of study. The syllabus as arranged for the winter session, 1924-1925, follows:—

- Oct. 20—"Burns, the Reformer" John MacInnes
 Nov. 18—"Women Celebrities of Burns" Miss Kate Morrison
 Dec. 16—"The Edinburgh of Burns and Scott" W. R. Dunlop
 Jan. 20—Annual Banquet. "The Immortal Memory" A. Fraser Reid
 Jan. 25—Special Burns' Service at First Unitarian Church
 Rev. Alex. Thomson
 Jan. 27—"Tam O' Shanter"
 P. McA. Carrick
 Feb. 17—"Intimate Friends of Burns" Rev. Alex. Thomson



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March 17—"Biographers of Burns" Alex. McRae
 April 21—"Burns' Highland Tours" Donald MacLeod
 "Highland Mary"

..... John Macdonald
 May 19—"Scottish Poetry Prior to Burns" James Taylor
 Annual Meeting. Election of Officers.

The officers of the Fellowship are: President, P. McA. Carrick; vice-presidents, Alex. McRae, W. R. Dunlop; executive, James Taylor, John Macdonald, Rev. Alex. Thomson, John MacInnes, David Murray; Hon. secretary-treasurer, A. Fraser Reid, 1635 Napier St.

Membership in the Vancouver Burns' Fellowship is open to all who are interested. The fees (\$2.00 for gentlemen, \$1.00 for ladies) have been made so low as to offer no handicap to any who are genuinely interested in this phase of Scottish literature and song.

Anniversary of Poet's Birth.

The anniversary of that eventful day, 160 years ago, when a "blast o' Janwar' win" ushered Robin on to this terrestrial sphere, will be celebrated, or rather commemorated, in a rather unusual fashion. Preparations are well under way for the first annual banquet of the Fellowship, which will be held at Glencoe Lodge on the evening of Tuesday, January 20. Here the "Immortal Memory" will be pledged and other toasts incident to the occasion will be duly honored. The actual date of historic interest, however, the twenty-fifth, occurs on a Sunday, and cognisance of this fact is taken in the special service to be held in First Unitarian Church on that evening. A special sermon, in the Scottish vernacular, will be preached by Rev. Alexander Thomson, M.A.; the lessons will be read by President Carrick from an old Scottish Bible, also in the mother tongue; and the services of the Scottish Orchestra and special soloists have been secured for the occasion. The service should be a memorable one.

Celebration of the poet's birth will be brought to a close so far as the Burns' Fellowship are concerned, by a meeting on Tuesday evening, January 27, when the well-known descriptive poem, "Tam O' Shanter," will be the chief subject of discussion.

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