Characteristic Speech by the Great Scottish Novelist.

The Girls He Liked Best and What They Made Him Promise,

International Kindly Feeling Fostered by a Notable Reunion.

The Aldine Club, of New York city which has entertained many notable guests and gathered many distinguished people around its board, never gave a more successful and interesting dinner than that which was tendered to Mr. J. M. Barrie, the novelist, and Dr. W. Robertson Nicoll, the editor of the British Weekly and of the London Bookman. Among the eminent men of letters and editors who were seated at the guest-table were Mr. Howells, Mr. Cable, Mr. Warner, Mr. Aldrich, Mr. Page, Dr. Weir Mitchell, Mr. R. W. Gilder, Mr. E. L. Burlingame, Dr. Shaw, and Prof. Woodrow Wilson. Mr. Hamilton W. Mabie presided. In front of the guests of the evening was a charming reproduction of the house in Thrums, with its famous window. Mr. Barrie, as his work suggests, is a man of great simplicity, genuineness, and modesty, and the eeches, while very warm and friendly, were characterized by a moderation which was no small tribute to the guest. When he rose to speak, Mr. Barrie was greeted with the most genuine cordiality. He spoke very quietly, without gestures, in an easy, conversational, and delightful tone, and his speech was pervaded by the humor and simplicity which has given so much charm to his books. He said

"I wish I were not so terrified at the sound of my own voice, so that I could say how much we value the honor you do us this evening. But there is no denying I am a dumb dog -have been all my life. This is the only dinner that was ever given to me -(laughter)-and I have but just now experienced a passionate desire beneath the table. I have dreaded this moment all the week, and at times have actually wished that the silver candidate would be elected, for then none of you millionaires would have been able to pay for this dinner. am sure you are all millionaires. I have had to give up many preconceived ideas of Americans since I came here, but this one about millionaires I will stick to. I asked some publishers here if the authors weren't all millionaires, and they said they didn't know for certain, but that they all

ought to be. The authors' opinion of the publishers I have not asked. Five minutes after I landed here was asked by a reporter for my views on the money question, but I referred my questioner to my publisher. I have been asked many questions by reporters here, but the commonest one, I think, is what were the names of my books. Of course I always gave the list, and the next day I read with pleasure I was Mr. Barrie, where books have books been books been books. The aged man is bending over a great book. He is alone in his study, and shelf on shelf of well-worn volumes. Feb. 24. tears from all of us.' One reporter was charmed with my "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush.' I said he was very kind to say so, but Dr. Nicell's said he was sheets close written, and now again very kind to say so, but Dr. Nicoll'cor-rected him. Then he explained that he meant, of course, "The Stickit Minis-ter,' and when he found that that was also a mistake he declared that what he really meant was that charming seril now running in the Century, and called 'Silly Tommy.' Another reporter asked me if I intended on my return to write a book of America notes, like those 'Charles Dixon' had It

"Another thing that my questioners have greatly desired to know is what I think of the American girl, but I have told no one that, and I shall tell it to no one except the American girl herself; I think I have already told it to one or two. The thing that has struck me most about your country is your colleges and universities-so many of them you have. I think they are the most splendid things in America. The ones I liked best of all are the colleges for girls, and the college for girls I liked best of all was Smith College, at Northampton, Mass. The Smith girl I liked best of all was-erwell, the only speech I ever made I made at Smith College, and the Smith girls made me promise not to address any more colleges for girls.

What impresses me especially about

this gathering is to see so many pub-

lishers and authors gather here, all quite friendly. Times have changed since a certain author was executed for murdering his publisher. They say that when the author was on the scaffold he said good-bye to the minister and the reporters, and then he saw some publishers sitting in the front row below, and to them he did did not say good-bye. He said instead, 'I'll see you later.' I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for this kindness, and I assure you I shall never forget it as long as I live." Dr. Nicoll received a welcome not less cordial than did Mr. Barrie, and cisive comment in a voice at once vigorous and melodious, closing with a reference to the ties between this country and England which was entirely free from sentimentality and the commonplace, and which won the hearts of his hearers. He said that he was no speechmaker, and that he was in a peculiarly difficult position, being the proud proprietor of eleven repeat, because Mr. Barrie was familiar with them all. Those same anecdotes, he said, had taken on a canonical form. They could not be added to nor subtracted from. He then went on to give some pertinent impressions he had formed of the conditions of literature in America. "At a time when new books were exceedingly ex-pensive in England," he said, "your authors could be published more cheaply, because there was no copy-The course was wrong, but the result was that Longfellow was more read in England than Tennyson, and Emerson than Carlyle. I don't defend the piracy, but I don't know that I less ethical times than these.'

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history and criticism had been driven out of the field to so great an extent by fiction and journalism. He closed by referring to the kindly spirit that existed in England toward America, saying that when the German Emperor recently meddled in England's affairs, the hand of every Englishman could almost be seen feeling its way to his sword, but after President Cleveland's message on the Venezuelan question there existed the determination that, Dates of Meetings to be Held During there existed the determination that, come what would, England should re-Appin, township hall, West Middle-sex, Jan. 5. sort to every means rather than come to combat with America. "I do not

Cairo, East Lambton, Jan. 6. Thamesville, town hall, East Kent, see that weariness is in England's heart, or langor on her brow," said the speaker, "but if failure or death should come, we should have one consolation. We should be proud of having been your mother." Chatham, town hall, West Kent, South Woodslee, town hall, North Essex, Jan. 11. Kingsville, town hall, South Essex, Mr. Howells, who rarely speaks, but who, when he does, always speaks to the point and to the pleasure of his Jan. 12 and 13. Valetta, town hall, West Kent,

ation for Mr. Barrie, commented upon Dr. Nicoll's remarks. Mr. Charles Dudley Warner was both humorous and serious, after his usual manner. Dr. Mitchell, and Mr. Thomas Nelson Page paid delicate and appropriate tributes to Mr. Barrie's work and genius, and Mr. Cable spoke of Mr. Barrie as a man; of his sincerity, simplicity and tenderness, and of the fact Delhi. that he is the most prominent and most definitely revealed person in all his stories. Mr. J. Kennedy Tod, president of the St. Andrew's Society, and Mr. John Reid, vice-president of the society, admirably represented the Scotch element on the occasion, and combined with the bagpiper to furnish the proper background for the speeches and sentiment. The dinner was alteith, Stratford, and W. B. Sherar, Guelph. es and sentiment. The dinner was altogether an unusual tribute to the genius of a contemporary writer, and

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heads lest they should behold him. The procession of priests is marching solemnly up the aisle. As they pass us, we note the hopeful faces of those who are still young, and the

stolid or despairing looks of the old

How dim the light is. We

can hardly see that they have reached the chancel. What are they searching for now under the altar and behind the Bishop's throne? It is the old, old quest; they are looking for life eternal.

Who is that tall cloaked figure that treads stealthily behind them? It is Death. See, they feel his pres-ence, and they dare not turn their heads lest they should behold him.

he is fumbling over the yellow March 1. printed pages.

cannot find the text he is seeking. I wonder why he is thus straining his poor, red eyes? is the old, old quest; he is looking

for life eternal. But he is not alone. Who is that tall, cloaked figure stooping over his shoulder? is Death. See, the aged man feels

A Sister of Charity is dying on her though she knew that she was drinking in that poison. Here is work for our old friend Death.
Where is his tall, cloaked figure?

Ah, he is not here, and the Sister smiles, for she knows that he cannot enter. How can the Sister in her agony be

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Meetings of Farmers' Institutes will By J. Hoyes Panton, M.A., F.G.S., professor natural history and geology, Ontario Agricultural College; William

Ridgetown, East Kent, Jan. 15. West Lorne, township hall, West El-gin, Jan. 16. Shedden, West Elgin, Jan. 18. Aylmer, town hall, East Elgin, Jan. Courtland, town hall, North Norfolk,

Langton, town hall, South Norfolk, folk, Jan. 25. Waterford, opera house, North Nor-By Lieut.-Col. D. McCrae, Guelph; R. Thompson, St. Catharines; N. Mon-

sex, Feb. 11. Nilestown, Masonic Hall, East Mid-Inwood, Masonic Hall, East Lamb-ton, Feb. 25. Alvinston, town hall, East Lambton Feb. 26. Oil Springs, Smith's Hall, West Courtright, Stewart's Hall, West Lambton, March 3. By Thomas McMillan, Seaforth; W. W. Hilborn, Leamington. Eden (afternoon), East Elgin, Feb. 5 Calton (evening), East Elgin, Feb. Sparta (afternoon), East Elgin, Feb.6. Yarmouth Center (evening), East El-

Middlemarch, Grange Hall, West Elgin, Feb. 8. Dutton, opera Feb. 9. Rodney, township hall, West Elgin Newbury, West Middlesex, Feb. 11. Glencoe, Thomson Hall, West Middlesex, Feb. 12. Napier, township hall, West Middlesex, Feb. 13. Melbourne, Masonic Hall, West Middlesex, Feb. 15. Delaware, township hall, West Mid-Bothwell, town hall, East Kent, Feb. 17. Highgate, township hall, East Kent,

Dresden, East Kent, Feb. 20. Croton, Croton Hall, East Kent, Eberts, township hall, West Kent, Dover Center, Walkerville, separate school, North Maidstone, new village hall, North Essex, Feb. 26. Amherstburg, town hall, South Essex, Feb. 27. Essex, Peck's Hall, South Essex,

Blenheim, township hall, East Kent.

Feb. 18.

Cottam, town hall, South Essex, March 2. Olinda, Grange Hall, South Essex, March 3. Blytheswood, Grange Hall, South Essex, March 4. Romney, township hall, West Kent, March 5.

his presence, and he dares not turn his head lest he should behold him.

A Characteristic Missive Written V. hen She Became Engaged. straw pallet. She lovingly nursed back the life of the stricken tramp, lished by Bradley Garretson

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after Parliament meets, about the beginning of February.
"Pray, dearest uncle, forward these two letters to Uncle Ernest (of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha), to whom I beg you will enjoin strict secreey, and explain to do, and the faithful Stockmar, I think you might tell Louise of it, but none

"I wish to keep the dear young gen-tleman here till the end of next month. Ernest's sincere pleasure gives me great delight. He does so adore dearest Albert. "Ever, dearest uncle, your devoted

An Italian paper says that the court of Pope Leo XIII. comprises 1,000 per-There are 20 valets, 120 house prelates, 170 privy chamberlains, 6 chamberlains, 300 extra honorary chamberlains, 130 supernumerary chamberlains, 30 officers of the noble guard and 60 guardsmen, 14 officers of the Swiss guard and police guard, 7 honorary chaplains, 20 private secretaries, 10 stewards and masters of the horse, and 60 doorkeepers

in such widely-separated regions as South America, Spain, Austrailia and consumption, which goes to show that these people know a good thing when

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THERE is not a more dangerous class of disorders than those which af-Thanking you heartily for the medicine you sent us and recommending it to all sufferers, and especially to all singers, we have the honor to be, sir, Your humble servants, ness when applied externally, as well
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