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A Memorial Number

The Women's Canadian Historical Society, whose successful enterprise in carrying out the Historical Exhibition held in June, 1899, in Victoria College, Toronto, brought them so prominently into public notice, have undertaken an equally patriotic task for May 23rd, Empire Day, and the eve of the first anniversary, since her death, of that holiday so dear to all Canadians—the Queen's Birthday. This seemed a fitting occasion for the furtherance of the aim of the Society.

With a courage that should ensure success, they have secured The Star for that date, and will assume charge of the issue. They intend, while not interfering with its value as an evening paper, to make it a Memorial Number to the Queen, her influence on Canadian history, her love for her favorite colony, and an expression of the affection of its people. In short, bright paragraphs and half-column articles the progress, development and historic interests of the Dominion will be treated. The Historical Society has among its members many writers of ability, whose names are well known in many departments of literature, art, and bright, up-to-date newspapers—women, the aim of whose work is not only to brighten, but to elevate.

The Committees for the different departments of the paper are being organized, and a detailed report of the personnel of each will be published shortly.

The Memorial Star is to be issued under the distinguished patronage of Miss Mowat (Hon. President), Lady Edgar (Past President), Mrs. G. W. Ross, Lady Taylor, Mrs. Geo. Kerr, Lady Thompson, Mrs. Gzowski, Mrs. Dingman and Mrs. Nordheimer.

The proceeds are to be devoted to the Memorial Hall Fund, inaugurated by the Women's Historical Society, by which means may be provided to erect a Memorial Hall to the memory of the Queen. It will be the first of the like character erected in Canada. The intimate connection of the Queen with Canadian history and the influence her life and reign have had upon the status of women, make it fitting that such an effort should be made by women and historical societies. Contributions, manuscripts, etc., may be sent addressed to Miss FitzGibbon, Memorial Star Office, Toronto. We anticipate not only that the paper will contain much interesting reading, but that it will have such a wide circulation that the Fund will be considerably augmented.

We wish the enterprise every success, and that the women who have it in hand may be rewarded by rearing a building which will be a credit to themselves and a source of pride to their city and Province.

Advertisers who wish for space in the issue, kindly address Mrs. J. A. Paterson, Advertising Committee, the Star, Toronto.

Whom Will Ye Serve.

There are in China a considerable number who have found congenial occupation since the outbreak, berating missionaries and depreciating their work. I have before me a little book in which these charges are collected and answered by a gentleman who lives in Shanghai. According to their critics, these missionaries are selfish, living in luxury, without tact, and are vindictive. They over estimate the number of their converts, who, they say, profess conversion simply for the loaves and fishes. They lean on the gun-boat for protection, and in an objectionable manner thrust an objectionable religion down the throats of the Chinese. Now these charges and many more can be answered and answered fully, without ascribing infallibility to missionaries any more than to other men.

But whilst their enemies are so occupied, what are the missionaries doing? Well 183 of them have laid down their lives, and now wearing the martyr's crown, are doing whatever the redeemed are doing before the Throne. Of the remainder who escaped, some came to the home land, but the majority are at the Coast, standing at the door ready to re-enter and resume work as soon as permission is given. And in the meantime what? The women have held a conference in Shanghai, presided over by Lady Blake, the wife of the Governor of Hong Kong, in which they prayed for the women of China, discussed their needs, and how best to relieve them. The male missionaries also held conferences for prayer and Bible study, that they (the missionaries) might be themselves spiritually quickened, and thereby China blessed. As opportunity offers, they send letters and messages of sympathy and encouragement to the scattered and persecuted converts who remain. Is that selfish or vindictive?

Others are employed gathering up, lovingly, the story of the massacres, the heroic courage and loyalty to Jesus Christ, of missionaries and converts alike, and the many interventions of

God's hand, delivering from death those whose time had not come. It is sad, heart-rending, but glorious. For example, eighteen colporteurs about to go on a journey, were warned of the risk, but said, "We go on a colporteur tour, God's will be done." Only four of the eighteen returned. Their homes were looted and burned, and their families exterminated. They who escaped did so after passing through terrible privations. The whole story will never be told, but enough to make us rejoice in the power of redeeming grace.

Was ever any country more afflicted and more in need of sympathy than Canada to-day? The terrible scourge of war is now succeeded by one of the worst famines on record. In the two northern provinces of Shensi and Shansi, crops have failed for the third time, and the situation is so desperate that it is said cannibalism prevails amongst them. In the past, Missionaries have been their friends in times of distress, but now the Missionaries have been driven away by their own act.

Let us not for this turn away from them in anger, but rather say in compassion, as the Master did, 'Forgive them for they know not what they do.' This is the hour of darkness but the light will dawn. China will be conquered for Christ, and Satan will be shown of his kingdom and power. Where are our sympathies? Whom shall WE serve.

R. P. MACKAY.

Carrville.

On Tuesday afternoon of last week the pupils of the Public School and a number of friends gathered in the school room where a programme of readings and recitations was given by the pupils in a most creditable style, and was followed by an address and presentation to their teacher, Miss M. Lowndsbrough, who was leaving. The address was read by Miss Lucy Reaman, and the present, a handsome silver pie server, Cordova pattern, with gold blade and in a fancy satin-lined box, was presented by Miss Ethyl Patterson. A few kind words by some of the friends, and a fare-well song before the last good-byes were said, brought the afternoon programme to a close.

It is just about a year and a half since Miss Lowndsbrough came among us, and during that time she made many friends, and her pupils were much attached to her. The good wishes of many follow her.

Maple

The following are the names of the officers of the Epworth League elected for the ensuing year:—Honorary President, Rev. S. W. Dean; President, Mr. H. Gordon; 1st Vice-President, Mr. T. McCormack; 2nd Vice-President, Miss J. Phillips; 3rd Vice-President, Miss Bertie Rupert; 4th Vice-President, Miss E. Rupert; Cor. Sec'y, Miss A. Craddock; Rec. Sec'y, Miss Daisy Saigeon; Treasurer, Miss Millie Craddock; Organist, Miss A. Craddock.

Dr. T. Kirby, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., who has been taking a special course in a hospital in New York, is visiting his parents and other friends. His wife and little daughter are also expected here this week.

Rev. P. Currie of Beaverton, has been visiting for the past week at Mr. W. J. Thornburn's.

Miss Etta Richardson commenced her duties on May 1st as teacher in Carrville School.

Mr. L. Richardson and Mr. John Coombs have been appointed by the Quarterly Board as delegates to the District Meeting in Elm St. Church, Toronto.

Act as Gentlemen.

To The Editor of THE LIBERAL:
While at the baseball match between the High School and the town team on Tuesday, the attention of the writer was drawn to some members of the High School nine, making use of epithets altogether out of keeping for a friendly ball game.

This very forcible language was not only spoken in the presence of gentlemen, but also before ladies who were interested in the match. What made it appear more surprising to many was that the offenders seemed not afraid of being overheard by the H. S. teachers who were present.

Respectable men and women are not likely to watch any match, at any place, where talk is in progress similar to that used on Tuesday; and if the High School players can not learn to express their disappointments of defeat in a milder manner, they had better dissolve their clubs.

Thanking you for your valuable space, Mr. Editor, I remain,
Yours Truly,
"ONE WHO WAS THERE."
RICHMOND HILL, May 8, 1901.

Concord.

School report for April:
Senior IV.—Elinore Reaman, Geo. Miles, Edgar Bowes, Alonza Watson, Lizzie Cooper.

Junior IV.—Maudie Lee, Pearl Pearson, Elsie Troyer.

Senior III.—James Fisher, Fred Miles.

Junior III.—Wilkie Bowes, Flora Golland, Ethel Whitmore, Margaret Stewart, Jesse Farrell.

Junior II.—Tena Vanderburgh, Jesse Bowes, Albert Bowes.

Part II.—Ella Reaman, Bert Evans.

Part I.—Pryce Evans, Eddie Clarke, Ida Clarke.

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Results of Bank Amalgamation

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The negotiations for the purchase of the assets of the Bank of British Columbia by the Canadian Bank of Commerce, an announcement respecting which was made some months ago, have been carried to a successful conclusion. A thorough examination of the affairs of the Bank of British Columbia was made by the officials of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, and this proving entirely satisfactory the amalgamation was finally completed on the 2nd of January. A statement of the affairs of the Canadian Bank of Commerce after the amalgamation has now been issued, and discloses a very strong position. In point of capital and reserve the bank now ranks fourth among banking institutions on the continent of America. It has 61 branches throughout Canada; 5 Branches in the United States, namely at New York, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland (Ore.), Skagway (Alaska); and one in London, England, 67 establishments in all. The acquisition of the London office is an important step in the progress of the bank. The bank's transactions in sterling exchange in the United States and Canada each year amount to many millions of pounds, and the ability to handle this business through the bank's own London office will result in an important addition to the earning power of the bank. In many other directions also the interests of the two banks will be immensely benefited by the amalgamation.

The following is a condensation of the statement issued by the bank at the close of business on the 31st of January:

ASSETS	
Cash, Gold Bullion, Bankers' Balances and Balance due by London Office	\$ 9,095,934.47
Investments	10,822,507.29
Loans and Discounts	42,492,985.89
All other assets	1,422,018.53
	\$63,833,446.09
LIABILITIES	
Circulation	\$ 5,299,934.00
Deposits	45,755,750.52
All Other	2,442,519.06
	\$ 53,498,203.58
Capital	8,000,000.00
Reserve	2,000,000.00
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