

IN THE HALLS OF QUEEN'S

ORATORICAL CONTEST OF THE ALMA MATER SOCIETY.

C. R. F. MacLennan and H. B. Love Were the Winners—Rev. Dr. Graham, Toronto, Preached in Convocation Hall.

The annual oratorical contest was held at the meeting of the Alma Mater Society at Queen's University on Saturday night. There were three contestants—C. R. F. MacLennan, H. B. Love and N. D. Patterson. Mr. MacLennan gave an excellent summary, almost an unbiased eulogy, of the life of William Ewart Gladstone. Mr. Love spoke on "Profession as a Profession," and beseeched each student to realize when taking a part in the world's affairs that it is the man who treats his work as a profession and not as a business merely carried on for mercenary gains...

importance of preparation. We should realize that this life is only a preparation for the life to come, that here we are only entering on a fuller existence that should be ours later on. If an entrance is to be obtained into this better life, then the most careful plans and conduct is necessary. The preparation cannot come at the last moment, it must be life long. Nor can its importance be overestimated. Just as Franklin and Newton and the other early pioneers of the realm of physics laid the foundations for the inventions that we have seen developed in our own day, so it is the early preparation that plays a part of prime importance in the preparation. Throughout his discourse Dr. Graham used striking analogies and vivid descriptions which made a direct appeal to the congregation.

BURIED FOR SIXTY YEARS.

Aged Belgian Nun Had Never Seen a Train.

The death, which occurred recently at the convent at Edersheim, County Wexford, Ireland, of Abbess Perge, a member of the community of Irish nuns of Ypres, recalls an interesting story of her flight from Belgium during the German invasion. The abbess, who was a Belgian and 80 years old, took refuge in the Irish convent after a long and tedious journey from her stricken country. In this she was accompanied by other nuns from Ypres. Before the German bombardment drove the abbess and the other nuns into the world she had never been outside the walls of her convent since she entered it as a novice some sixty years before. She had never before seen a railway train, and it is said there was the greatest difficulty in persuading her to enter the train that carried her to safety. The nuns were unable to bring anything away with them and were destitute when they reached England. A place was bought for the community at Edersheim. One of the members is a niece of John Redmond, who has always taken a keen interest in the community, and who helped them to secure their present home. Before leaving Ypres the nuns managed to bury in a safe place their precious historical possession—the flag captured from the British at Fontenoy by the Irish brigade, then in the service of France. The Dames freindaisies, as they were known, fled from Ireland to Belgium in the reign of William III. The connection with Ireland was always maintained, novices going over from Ireland regularly, although a few Belgians have been admitted from time to time. Their convent, which is close to the Ypres Town Hall, was wrecked by German shells.

The Russian Hymn.

Of all the national anthems, none is more stirring, none more solemnly grand, than the Russian hymn, "God the All-Terrible." Its title, and its deeply searching tones give such a solemn name a fitting setting. It is younger than most of the other national hymns we know—Austria's "Emperor's Hymn" which was written by Haydn, and which is also the air of "Deutschland, Deber Alles"; France's "Marseillaise"; Belgium's "Brabantonne"; England's "God Save the King." But its solemnity is of the centuries. In 1833 Nicholas I. expressed a regret that the Russians possessed no national hymn. The composer, Lvoff, obeyed the implied command, and in November of that year announced that the hymn was ready. The Czar desired to hear it, and a date was set for its performance. On that date—Nov. 25, 1833—Czar Nicholas, accompanied by the Czarina and the Grand Duke Michael, went to the court chapel where the composer had assembled a large choir accompanied by two orchestras for the occasion. The hymn was played and sung several times, and at last the Czar said, "It is superb!" and then and there commanded that the hymn be officially adopted. A few weeks later it was publicly performed in Moscow.

Most national anthems are the result of either inspiration or chance. Some, like the "Marseillaise," are born of patriotism at a white heat; others are fortunate adaptations of old tunes to catchy words. But the Russian hymn was written and composed to order—and there is nothing grander. It is a triumph of absolute monarchy.

They recently celebrated the 83rd birthday of the hymn in Moscow and Petrograd. You may hear the air, though, without leaving your accustomed haunts. It has been happily wedded to a rarely inspired passage of Pope, and the combination is used as a church hymn. The passage begins:

Rise crowned with light, imperial Salem, rise! Exalt thy towering head and lift thine eyes; See Heaven's sparkling portals wide display, And burst upon thee in a flood of day!

A Printer's Problem. Marie hit upon a problem the other day more perplexing than George H.'s apple dumpling. She peered between the uncut leaves of a magazine and said: "Mother, how did they ever get the printing in there?"

Have Good Teeth. Nearly all savages have sound teeth. Imperfect teeth are a sign of civilization.

Miss Ada Ward, Cobourg, has been appointed a high school teacher at Carleton Place at \$1,200 a year.

Why Hair Falls Out. Dandruff causes a feverish irritation of the scalp, the hair roots shrink, loosen and then the hair comes out fast. To stop falling hair at once and rid the scalp of every particle of dandruff, get a 25-cent bottle of Danderrin at any drug store, pour a little in your hand and rub well into the scalp. After a few applications all dandruff disappears and the hair stops coming out.

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ESCAPED FROM HUNS

TWO CANADIAN SOLDIERS HAD EXCITING ADVENTURES.

Pte. Peter Nelson Managed to Elude Teuton Bloodhounds by Throwing Snuff on His Trail—Both Men Tell Stories of Hardships and Brutal Treatment in the Prison Camps.

WHILE the habit of snuff-taking may be open to objection from the point of view of a temperance, social, and moral reform department, it undoubtedly helped Private Peter Nelson, of Vancouver, to elude Teuton bloodhounds, for when he skipped his camp in Germany, he heard the baying of the hounds, he threw pinches of snuff about. This, and the shelter of a friendly wood enabled him to cover up his traces, and within twelve hours he was well across the Dutch boundary. At Rotterdam in the British Consul's office, Nelson found a Montrealer, Sergeant Joseph Turcotte, of the 14th Royal Montreal Battalion. Both men had escaped from Muenster camp, in Westphalia, within two days of each other, and both of them found themselves back on English soil a few days ago. They are in excellent health, and Sergt. Turcotte shows enough savoir-faire to make a Hun exclaim, "See how well we look after our prisoners!" As a matter of fact, both men attribute their keeping well to the parcels of food sent regularly to them by the Canadian Red Cross and by private friends. The Red Cross parcels nearly always reached them, and this seems to have been due to the fact that they were properly packed, and in a matter of fact, it is an official organization. To have lived on the acorn coffee, war bread, and thin soup provided would have been impossible. Sergt. Turcotte, who has been with his battalion from the start, lived at 345 Dufresne street, Montreal, and was a locomotive fireman in the employ of the C. P. R. On the 24th December last he was searching for a man in his company who had not come back from patrol duty. He found him lying wounded, close to the German lines, and at this point was himself spotted and taken prisoner. Passing through Lille, the clearing house for prisoners, he was sent to Muenster Camp, where he was in charge of men employed on stable work. In this camp Turcotte made two attempts to escape, as also did Nelson. "In fact," said the latter, "that was the one which we always had, and it helped us to bear what we had to go through." These attempts were unsuccessful, and the punishment was 21 days in a dark cell, on a diet of bread and water. Peter Nelson was taken prisoner just a year ago, and found himself also at Muenster Camp, though the two only met each other occasionally. After these attempts at escape they were sent to other camps of a rougher type: Turcotte was deported to one in Poland, near Rigas, where he said men were flogged and ill-treated in a most brutal manner. As he showed unwillingness to play the bully with the men over whom he was put (being a sergeant) he was sent back to Muenster early this month. Quite undeterred by previous failures, and perhaps thinking of "third time lucky," Turcotte tried again, and on Friday evening, 10th November, he got out, and with him there also escaped a man from the Northumberland Fusiliers. Both men were fortunate in having been taken without being wounded, so that they were naturally agile and feet-footed. During the next four days Turcotte burrowed the darkness and kept up turps and anything else that he found in the fields. He was very cautious, because on a previous occasion he had been captured when only six miles from the Dutch frontier. The last lap towards the promised land was done in a swamp, but they got out, and although the record says that they were now out of Germany, they forged ahead for two miles before they stopped to enquire. The enquiry was simply, "Holland—Deutschland?" And the answer of a farmer, a "Holland," reassured them. The good-hearted Hollander gave them breakfast and took them down to the police, and the latter gave them food and shelter until their transfer to the British Consul was arranged.

Peter Nelson of the 29th Battalion, Vancouver, had been sent to another camp not far from Muenster where drainage operations were the staple work. On Sunday evening, November 12, he managed to elude the guards and got into a wood nearby, where he could hear the dogs barking and machine guns working. He threw snuff over his footstep and made so rapid a journey that next morning at 6:30 he found himself over the frontier, the distance covered being about thirty miles. At one point he almost ran into a sentry, but managed to avoid him without attracting undue notice. Near the boundary there was a canal without a bridge. In civil life Nelson was engaged on survey parties for the British Columbia Government, and had learned to swim. Having, as he believed got into Holland, he enquired of a boy and found his surmise was correct. That supposition was at first suggested by the fact that two or three workmen were cycling to work, and that they were young men. In Germany there would be no young men not in uniform. Two mounted police came along and asked Nelson if within an hour he was before an inspector. This time, however, the role of the police was to liberate rather than jail their man, and further, they gave him the best meal he had had for over a year, together with money and a letter to take him to the Consul at Rotterdam. At this point the two men joined and were shipped over to London.

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SAYS MONTENEGRO SOLD TO AUSTRIA

Consul Who Resigns Says Nation Betrayed by King Nicholas.

New York, Feb. 19.—Captain A. V. Seferovitch, who sent a long memorial to-day to King Nicholas of Montenegro, urging him to abdicate so that a single Serb state might be formed of Serbia, Montenegro, and Serb, Croatian and Slovene elements in Austro-Hungary, charged that King Nicholas and the Montenegrins had sold Montenegro to the Austrians after only a pretended resistance. Captain Seferovitch was the Montenegrin consul in New York until a few days ago when he resigned, turning his affairs over to the Russian consulate. Captain Seferovitch said that the alleged treachery of King Nicholas and his ministers was well known to the Allies, and that the King's purpose had been to insure his restoration to the throne of Montenegro, regardless of whether the Allies or the Central Powers were victorious, believing that the Austrians, if victorious, would reseat him in payment of their obligations to him for surrendering the country, whereas the Allies would allow him to return to power because his daughter was the Queen of Italy.

LIBERIA STARVING BY TRADE LOSSES

Republic Has Been in Constant Turmoil Because of Foreign Element Living There.

Washington, Feb. 19.—Official dispatches from Liberia indicate that the population of that republic is nearing starvation as the result of the effects upon the country of the European war. The trade of the republic has been conducted almost entirely by German residents, who controlled both exports and imports, but since the war their operations were first restricted and later altogether stopped by British war measures. The population of the country is divided into three classes: 12,000 Americo-Liberians; 30,000 natives, who have come in contact with white men and who know something of English; and 2,000,000 blacks, composing the savage native population.

U. S. CONSULS LEAVE BERLIN.

Second Special Train Leaves for Berne Next Tuesday. Washington, Feb. 19.—A second special train carrying American consuls from various parts of Germany will leave Berlin for Berne Tuesday. This announcement was made by the State Department Saturday following receipt of a message from the German Government via Madrid. A train is to be made up and leave the latter part of next week.

The German Government is making inquiry as to the wishes of remaining representatives of the Government and to which point they wish to go. It was stated this Government has no objection to any consul remaining in Germany.

BORDER GUARDS FOR HOME.

Entire U. S. Militia Force on Mexican Frontier Demobilized. Washington, Feb. 19.—Demobilization of the entire National Guard force remaining in the Federal service on the border, including troops from Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, was ordered Saturday by the War Department. Gen. Funston was directed to send all guard organizations home for muster out as soon as he can complete arrangements for the movement.

News From Cartier.

Cartier, Ont., Feb. 16.—Mrs. E. Wallace of Chapleau, is a visitor in town. This is her first visit here since she moved to Chapleau. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Mascoe a daughter on Sunday morning. The Red Cross concert and box social in the Cartier school hall was largely attended, Feb. 14th. A small wreck occurred at 7:30 on Sunday morning. The Toronto express was the unfortunate train. A wrecking team was ordered out from here. J. Larken has joined the engineering corps, and is about to sail. He is better known to Cartier people as "Uncle Jim."

Plymouth Cosed Its Neutrals.

Washington, Feb. 13.—The closing by the British of the port of Plymouth to allow but Ally vessels was officially announced in a communication received by the State Department Saturday from the American consul at London.

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W. F. NICKLE ASSISTING Minister of Finance Regarding New Pensions Act. An Ottawa despatch says: A Pensions Act is to be passed at the present session of Parliament, and the character of the legislation is now being considered. W. F. Nickle, M.P. for Kingston, is assisting the Minister of Finance in dealing with the problem. Last year a special committee of the House made a report and prepared a scale of pensions which was put into force, not by an Act of Parliament, but by Order-in-Council. In the meantime the pension list has grown enormously, while many concrete cases have produced conditions not contemplated when the first report was made. The new pensions act is not so much to vary the scale as to elaborate the provisions of the law. MISS A. M. MACHAR RE-ELECTED President of Kingston Branch of National Council of Women. The annual meeting of the local branch of the National Council of Women took place on Saturday afternoon in the City Council Chamber and was very largely attended. Satisfactory reports of the year's work were read by representatives of the twenty-seven federated or affiliated societies. The officers elected were: President, Miss A. M. Machar; vice-presidents, Mrs. S. Oberdorffer, Mrs. C. F. Constantine, Mrs. E. T. Steacy, Mrs. G. Hunter Ogilvie; treasurer, Miss H. Chown; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Wright; with Miss E. Henstridge as assistant; recording secretary, Miss Ida Ronan.

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Sermons at War Prices. Apparently one trade is to be found without war prices, says the Westminster Gazette. In a church paper no fewer than a dozen advertisers, some of whom are clergymen, offer sermons to their clerical brethren at prices varying between 6d and 1s 6d each. Arrangements are suggested for a whole quarter's supply at a price of half a guinea.

Entertained Old People. Thirty members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Kingston Veterans' Association held a very successful entertainment for the old people at the Home for the Aged on Saturday evening. The accompanist was Miss Mason and solos were given by Mrs. Groom, Mrs. F. Ingledew, Mrs. Bocking and Miss Mason. Mrs. Crane was in charge of the production of gramophone selections. Refreshments were served at the close. Man—I want your opinion in a matter. Would you advise me to borrow \$10 to help me out of a tight place? Legal Friend—By all means. Man—Very good! Lend me ten. Legal Friend—That's all right. My fee for legal advice is \$10, and we'll just call it square. Memorial to Late Miss Hunter. On Sunday evening Rev. John Lyall conducted a memorial service in Bethel church for the late Miss Gladys Hunter, who was an active member of the Sunday school. There was a very large congregation present at the service. Is Motor License Issuer. Thomas Gaskin, of the Customs House, has been appointed motor license issuer for Frontenac by the Ontario Government.

SALTS IF KIDNEYS OR BLADDER BOTHER

Harmless to Flush Kidneys and Neutralize Irritating Acids.

Kidney and Bladder weakness result from uric acid, says a noted authority. The kidneys filter this acid from the blood and pass it on to the bladder, where it often remains to irritate and inflame, causing a burning, scalding sensation, or setting up an irritation at the neck of the bladder, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night. The sufferer is in constant dread, the water passes sometimes with a scalding sensation and is very profuse; again, there is difficulty in voiding it. Bladder weakness, most folks call it because they can't control urination. While it is extremely annoying and sometimes very painful, this is really one of the most simple ailments to overcome. Get about four ounces of Jad Salts from your druggist and take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast, continue this for two or three days. This will neutralize the acids in the urine so it no longer is a source of irritation to the bladder and urinary organs which then act normally again. Jad Salts is inexpensive, harmless, and is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is used by thousands of folks who are subject to urinary disorders caused by uric acid irritation. Jad Salts is splendid for kidneys and causes no bad effects whatever. Here you have a pleasant, effervescent lithia-water drink, which quickly relieves bladder trouble.

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