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SOCIAL EVENT AT Y.M.C.A.

HELD BY THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ON TUESDAY.

The sum of \$100 was realized for Furnishings for the Senior Room of the Association.

A successful tea, sale and concert programme was conducted on Tuesday at the Y.M.C.A., commencing at 3 p.m. The musical programme was put on during the evening. The event was held under the auspices of the "Y" Woman's Auxiliary, and about \$100 was realized to be devoted to furnishing and beautifying the senior rooms of the association as is required from time to time. The following are those who assisted: Homemade table, Mesdames F. Reid, A. Vanluven, J. Armstrong, W. White, J. Lemmon, F. Reid, Jr., H. Vanluven; tea table, Mesdames G. Chown, R. Meek, W. H. Dyde, H. Day, W. T. G. Brown, F. R. Anglin, E. P. Jenkins, A. Lingham, and Misses Olive Chown and H. Chown; candy booth, Miss Mayell, Mesdames R. H. Ward, F. Renne, T. Donnelly, Miss Vince; work table, Mesdames C. Balden, H. A. Chadwick, F. J. Wilson, J. W. Campbell, T. Grimason. Mrs. William Gill officiated at the door, while the guests were received and welcomed by the president, Mrs. John Wright, and Mesdames G. A. Bateman and L. C. Lockett.

Mrs. R. M. Douglas was convener of the programme committee, and R. H. Ward made an excellent chairman for the musical programme, which commenced at 8 p.m., and which consisted of the following: Selections from "Sid" Salisbury's orchestra, violin solo, Miss Goldie Bartlett; readings by Miss Jewell; solo, Dr. A. B. Haffner; piano solo by P. Parker; selection by "Y" male quartette, made up of W. Thompson, F. J. Wilson, F. A. Haffner and Dr. A. B. Haffner.

An interesting event at the close of the evening was a sale of candy, and the chairman, Mr. Ward, again proved his worth by acting as auctioneer for the sale. The auxiliary are pleased with the assistance that was given them from many sources which permitted the successful event.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Principal Slater's Reply.
Kingston, March 16.—(To the Editor): I should like to have the privilege of correcting, in your columns, some misapprehensions which Mayor Nickle may have created in the minds of those who are not acquainted with the facts.

Examination results, and the percentage of candidates passing from the Collegiate Institute, are not, and never have been, kept secret. Every year, these results and percentages have been reported to the Board of Education, and, so far as I know, have appeared in the local press as part of the report of the board's proceedings. This would place them at the disposal of any citizen.

It is true that I recently refused to give the mayor a summary of those results for the last few years, and I propose to give my reasons for so doing. But first let me correct some other misapprehensions. The mayor, as such, has no authority in school matters. His office demands upon me as official of the Board of Education, and his standing with me in educational matters is that of a private citizen—no more, no less. I committed no impropriety in refusing to accede to any demand of the mayor's.

His worship apparently has sought to convey the impression that nearly every school except our own gave him the information he desired. That is not the case. I have letters from the principals of many of the best schools in the province, stating that they had either refused the information, or ignored the requests. The mayor knew this long ago. Has he been fair in this matter?

I refused the mayor's request because I knew that he intended to use the information as the basis of an investigation of our school—a procedure which I do not expect to abet. I doubt Mayor Nickle's qualifications to investigate the standing of a high school. Even if he were so qualified, he has already shown such bias, such animus, against the management of the school as to make it impossible for me to trust him. Our school has no cause to fear the result of any fair comparison with other schools, but Mayor Nickle has so far given no grounds for thinking that he could or would be fair.

There was a stronger reason: The Board of Education has full control of the school; any inquiry into the standing of the school should be carried on by the board, or with its sanction. It appeared to me that Mayor Nickle was, to say the least, guilty of an indiscretion in thus usurping the functions of the board. It was no part of my duty, as an employee of the board, to aid the mayor in any such matter, without the authority of the board; had I done so, I should have laid myself open to grave censure.

The people of Kingston need not be alarmed about their Collegiate Institute. The mayor is only seeking to satisfy a personal grievance; when he has done so, or has given up the attempt, we shall hear no more from a man who, up to the present, has never manifested the slightest interest in education.

To some it may seem a pity that the mayor should take so low a view of the responsibilities of his high office. But, after all, one who does this is injuring himself most of all, so it is chiefly his own affair. Some may also think that a poor example of "boosting Kingston" is set when the chief magistrate of the city publicly assails one of the city's important institutions, and condemns it, untried and unheard, as the mayor some weeks ago did the Collegiate. But we are all to blame, for we all helped to elect the mayor.

—E. O. SLITER.
Miss Anna Haslon, and Miss Vina Young, have returned from Toronto, after spending a few days at the Queen's.

INCIDENTS OF THE DAY

LOCAL NOTES AND ITEMS OF GENERAL INTEREST.

Happenings in the City and Vicinity—What the Merchants Offer to the Readers of the Whig.

Queen's students war memorial fund has now reached \$37,800. W. Swaine, piano tuner, orders at McAuley's, or phone 564w. Kingston presbytery is reported as having raised \$1,357,149 for the Forward Movement.

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Canon Fitzgerald is to be the special speaker at the service to be held in St. George's cathedral tonight. He will speak on St. Patrick.

Prof. L. W. Gill has gone to the lower provinces. St. John's and Prince Edward Island, in connection with his work as director of technical education.

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SPRING RUGBY TRAINING

BEGINS AT QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY NEXT WEEK.

Nick Bawlf to Coach Cornell Lacrosse and Soccer Teams During April and May.

Queen's University Journal says: Spring rugby training is to be started next week, which will include talks on rules and tactics, systems of offensive and defensive playing, duties of players in their respective positions. Individual instruction comprising handling of ball, running and tackling, followed by collective instruction and team play. A list of all men who played football, from first teams to interyear, has been compiled by the scout's system and a large turnout of men who know nothing of rugby but who are willing to take this opportunity of learning the rudiments of the game is expected.

The matter of a rugby coach has not been definitely decided, but executive hope to be able to announce within the next few weeks the services of the best available rugby coach and trainer in Canada have been secured.

Application has been made for the entrance of two teams in the inter-collegiate junior series next fall, one team to be comprised entirely of freshmen, so that a start may be made to develop players for the senior teams as soon as they enter.

Nick Bawlf For Cornell.
On April 1st, Nick Bawlf, who has been coaching Queen's hockey teams, will enter upon his duties as coach of the Cornell University lacrosse and soccer teams. He will be there for two months.

R.M.C. Boxing Bouts.
The results in the boxing bouts at the Royal Military College on Tuesday were as follows:

Novice Light-weights:—Fry from Jones; Ray from Durnford; Ferrabee from Nash; May from Richardson by a knockout; Swaby from Rudolf; Gordon from Smith; McDonald from Morton; Sharp from Wallace.

The boxing events have just commenced and will be continued during the week.

Tension is reported increasing throughout the South of Ireland. The general belief now is that serious outbreaks are imminent. Many families in Dublin are storing large quantities of food against the certain shortage should the expected outbreaks occur.

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A brown little lad with a freckled nose,
And a wee bonnie lass like a sweet wild rose,
Over the hill-top and thro' the dale,
Threading the winding barefoot trail.

2nd VERSE.

'Tis a long, long way thro' the years, I know,
Back there to the barefoot days,
For your golden tresses have turned to snow,
And dim is an old man's gaze.
But, still, still you are like a sweet wild rose,
And a liddle am I with a freckled nose,
When o'er the hill-top and thro' the dale
Memory takes the barefoot trail.

(REFRAIN)

Oh, the barefoot trail goes winding
Thro' the years of memory,
The past and the present binding,
In a wonderful dream for me,
And I seem to be back in my child-hood days,
A lad with a freckled nose,
Who is threading the barefoot wild-wood ways,
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The Dominion Parole Officer Visits the Penitentiary.

W. P. Archibald, dominion parole officer, is in the city and visited Portsmouth penitentiary to investigate cases for clemency. He states that the parole system as at present carried out is eminently satisfactory. His duties consist of investigating the representations of prisoners, communicating with responsible persons willing and able to render assistance to any man in the event of release being granted, and reporting to the clemency branch of the Department of Justice where the decision is rendered and approved for submission to the Governor-General.

Mr. Archibald had nothing to say regarding the changes proposed by the superintendent of penitentiaries, in his last annual report, or whether amendments in the present act were needed to secure better results. The superintendent proposed that paroled men should report to the penitentiary instead of to local police authorities.

AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL.

St. Patrick's Day Specially Observed at Wednesday Service.

St. Patrick's Day was observed by a solemn high mass in St. Mary's cathedral on Wednesday morning. The celebrant was Rev. Father Hanley, rector, assisted by Rev. Father Keeney as sub-deacon and Rev. Father Coyle as deacon. The sermon, preached by Rev. Father Lacey, was an inspiring oration on the life of Saint Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. The result of his mission in Ireland, and the significance of the day.

Special music was rendered by the combined male and children's choirs, under the direction of Prof. Nourry, organist and choir director. Two English hymns were beautifully rendered by the sanctuary choir, "Hibernia's Champion Saint, All Hall's" was sung at the offertory, and "When Saint Patrick Planted His Cross on Erin's Isle," at the conclusion of the mass.

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