

SHYLOCK IN MAINE WOODS.

Pine Knot Debating Society Has Aspirations --- At Last Accounts Shakespeare Was Still Quiet.

Sandy, Bay, Me., Jan. 18.—The Pine Knot Debating society of this clearing will present The Merchant of Venice for the benefit of the Bog Brook Trappers' union.

The idea of giving the performance originated with Miss Susan Tupper, secretary of the debating society, who saw a company present Lady Audley's Secret at Greenville last Spring, when she was there on a visit to her aunt.

At first there was much discussion as to what the society should put on. Some leaned toward the old comedies and were in favor of The School for Scandal.

Others preferred the modern farce and many thought that melodrama would be best, but it was finally decided after several meetings that a Shakespearean production would come the nearest to suiting all tastes.

The first question was where to give the entertainment. There is no hall here and the only available place seemed to be the new carriage house recently built by Hosea Atkins, and this was secured with but little trouble.

The building of the stage was easy but there was no scenic artist in the hamlet, not even a house painter, but at last Peregrine Jones, a woodsman, who in the summer did a little white-washing as a side line, was pressed into the service.

Costumes, too, have proven troublesome. Of course it was found impossible to dress the piece with historical correctness, so several makeshifts were necessary.

Miss Laura Snowball (Fredericton)—Handsome Renaissance lace robe over ivory satin made with a deep girdle of folded satin; showy bouquet of yellow roses and diamonds and pearl ornaments.

Miss Edith Fielding—White embroidered chiffon, trimmed with lace, bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Miss Flossie Fielding—Pale blue ribbon chiffon over pale blue taffeta, white lace bertha over raised chenille, yellow and pink roses and shaded yellow pink and blue girle; bouquet of pink roses.

Miss Roma King—A sweet, gown of pale blue silk trimmed on the skirt with ruffles, the full bodice having a draped fichu of old Limerick lace, trimmed with pink chifon roses and green leaves; bouquet of pink roses and maiden hair.

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Miss Elsie Ritchie—White liberty satin, trimmed with a bertha of lace, and wreath of pink roses.

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Mrs. Toller—Black sequined net over white taffeta, pearl necklace.

Miss Laura Toller—White Limerick lace gown over white silk, trimmed with accordion pleated frills of chifon.

Mrs. F. A. Lawrence (Truro, N. S.)—Handsome black gown, of sequined net, the skirt edged with a ruffle appliqued with motifs of black jet; pearl ornaments.

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trip on wagon sled. Another theatre party of 18 from Danmstown will come in a hayrack filled with straw and robes which has been placed on the running gear of a bob sled.

THE LOWER PROVINCES Well Represented at Earl Grey's First State Drawing Room.

Ottawa papers of Monday last devote many columns of space to the first state drawing-room now under the regime of Earl Grey. It was the largest in the history of Ottawa, over 1300 people greeting their excellencies. The scene was one of unexampled brilliance and beauty.

Lady Grey wore a superb costume of light blue chifon satin, the front panel being richly embroidered with jewels and silver, with some rare old lace on the corsage, which was ablaze with diamonds.

A court train of gun metal moire panne, lined with white satin and chifon, was fastened on the shoulders. On her head she wore a low tiara of large diamonds, from which her necklace and a magnificent rope of pearls twisted two or three times around her throat, and then falling to her waist.

Among those present who are known to maritime province people were the following: Miss Snowball (Fredericton)—Cream Nigon chifon powdered with opalescent spangles, mounted on white chifon and silk; bodice trimmed with a draped bertha caught with white chifon roses, bordered with cream applique; bouquet of pink roses.

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Mrs. Margaret McPherson (Halifax, N. S.)—Dainty gown of white silk trimmed with chifon, Nile green velvet and Duchesse lace; pearl ornaments.

Mrs. E. M. MacDonald (Pictou, N. S.)—Cream brocaded satin, accordion pleated chifon and cream passanterie; pearl ornaments.

In a certain town of Connecticut a denon of the church charred with soliciting subscriptions for a charity recently experienced considerable difficulty in getting the townsmen to contribute.

"Oh, come, Richard, do give something," "Sorry, deacon," answered Richard, "but I don't see how I can."

"Why not? Isn't the cause a good one?" "Oh, yes, the cause is good enough, but I owe too much money."

"That's true, too," drawled Richard, "but God ain't pushin' me."

In Japanese schools a mischievous boy is made to stand and hold a slender stick of lighted punk until it burns out. If he is caught breaking off the lower end of the stick a second punishment is added.

At the present time there are 12,520 boys and over 4,000 girls in the industrial schools of Great Britain.

MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Provincial.

The York county council yesterday afternoon got out of the tangle which had been created over the auditorship by re-appointing J. W. McCready to the position. Victoria hospital will as usual receive its grant from the council and the money will be paid over unconditionally. This was decided on yesterday afternoon. The most serious objection advanced against Mr. Peters was that his political views were not in accord with those of a majority of the council.

General.

W. H. Lash, secretary of the Canada Tag and Label Company, Montreal, died one hour after his marriage to Miss Jean Anderson at Galt yesterday afternoon. He was married at noon, and expired at the wedding dinner at his brother-in-law's residence.

Yesterday was nomination day for the provincial elections to be held in Ottawa, Wednesday. There will be straight party fights in every constituency except Grenville, where two conservatives will run, and Prescott, where the field is confined to two liberals.

Edward Kidd, M. P., got the consent of his constituents at Richmond yesterday, to resign his seat. Mr. Kidd said that Sir Wilfrid told him that there would be no opposition to Mr. Borden.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has decided to sit for Quebec East. The writ for election in Wright county has been issued. It will take place February 3. E. B. Devlin will likely be the liberal candidate.

Sir Charles Wyndham, the English actor, was badly injured last evening at New York, by a trolley car. His right shoulder was dislocated.

The annual statement of receipts of the Toronto street railway show a big increase. The city's share is nearly \$850,000.

The strike situation is becoming very grave in Russia. Last night there were 58,000 men out on strike, and the movement is spreading to the big cotton mills, which employ over 50,000 operatives. Meetings have been called for tomorrow at which the Socialistic Democratic leaders will use their utmost efforts to convert the strike into a vast political demonstration which, at the present crisis, might have most serious developments.

SAID "GOOD-BYE" TO HIS FAMILY

Dying of Weakness—Given Up by Doctors as an Incurable and Hopeless Wreck.

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THE PATIENT PEOPLE. (A Song of London's Horses.)

"From hush-time of the dawning 'Till another dawn is here, 'Through summer sun and winter snow, 'Be weather dark or clear, 'With wheels upon the roads, and wheels 'On all this London ground, 'I hear the patient people go their long, long round."

"There's all the burden of the day 'To bear for you and men, 'We arrive and dare not speak and spare, 'And curse at injury, 'But silent on the roadway, 'Through sorrow and through song, 'The patient people pass and pass, the whole day long."

"We urge and press, in shifting seas, 'That none may stay nor stem, 'We goad the patient people on, 'And take no thought for them; 'But sometimes, when the way is hard, 'And they go painfully, 'I wonder what the patient people think of me."

"And when heart fails for weariness 'And all the future fades, 'And all the past's a dreary waste, 'Of dead and gone decades, 'When grey routine has entered in 'And sunk the soul of me, 'The patient people's milder eyes speak sympathy."

"But if a day's to dawn when work 'Shall have its own reward, 'I'll see the patient people, 'At the coming of the Lord; 'For ought I know, He loves His silent folk."

Among the best, 'And for all the patient people there's a Heaven of rest.' Ethel Ashton in T. P.'s Weekly.

Wills—Pa, what is the difference between buying and paying for? Pa—When people buy things they pay for them; when they don't pay for them they purchase the goods."

DECLINING METHODISM.

Rev. Dr. Hincks Says it is Only Apparent --- Sunday Schools Keep Up Balance.

(Toronto World.) "A declining belief in the supernatural as it was understood and taught thirty years ago in colleges and from pulpits," was the first and chief reason advanced by Rev. W. H. Hincks, in Trinity Methodist Church yesterday, for the decline in Methodism: alleged to be going on by a writer in The Christian Guardian.

The declining belief was due to two forces, of which one was the evolutionary hypothesis and the other the higher criticism. During 30 years not the Methodist public only, for all the Churches were under the same influences, but the general public, had been reading magazines, books, sermons and college lectures on the methods of interpretation. The result had been a steady honing-combing of belief in the Bible as their fathers had understood it. People believed that the laws and literature of other nations had done, and applied the same canons of criticism to them. He wondered if the new method would awaken the old enthusiasm for evangelism. In that respect, it had not justified itself.

Mr. Hincks recounted some of the results of the higher criticism. Thirty years ago they believed in a literal garden of Eden, that Methuselah lived 969 years, that God told Abraham to offer Isaac, that God wrote at Sinai with His finger on one that the walls of Jericho fell by miracle, that Elijah ascended in a chariot of fire, that a whale swallowed Jonah. The statements their fathers took literally were now styled figurative Orientalisms. How could revivals be expected when such changes as these were being made? as asked. He had to deal with a public which read extreme statements, and even the moderate school of criticism was making it difficult to see the divinely inspirational character of the Scriptures, while the Encyclopedia Biblica recognized no miracles.

Speaking out of a full, sad heart, he thought they were drifting back into the first part of the last century, when Channing and similar men were apostles of the Unitarian Church. The Church was not now assailed from the outside, but by extremists from within. The net result of the higher criticism had been agreed to be that revivals were not so frequent, religious excitement was looked upon with suspicion, religious activity was less intense, prayer meetings were smaller and fewer and the religious life was less emotional. It was argued, however, that a higher type of quiet, practical efficiency had been gained. He was prepared to take any revival that God might send, but prayed to be preserved from the old reaction. He believed that the higher criticism would be accepted by the Methodist Church in proportion as it promoted evangelism.

The second reason for the decline of the Church was the viewing of the nature of God and of sin from the evolutionary standpoint. To would be suicidal not to recognize these changed conceptions. The starting point of the old evangelism was the fall of man. Now they were told that man began low down and had been climbing upwards for thousands of years. They must study how to meet the un-Christian with a Christian view of evolution and how to bring home the sense of the penalty and guilt of sin. The third reason was the emphasis laid by the Church on collective or social righteousness, and the danger of forgetting the units. The fourth reason of the smaller rate of increase in the Church was the fact that man gradually limited the amount of raw material out of which the explosive revivals of the past had grown. Whole classes passed into the church from the evangelism of the Sunday schools, but were not included in congregational returns. Methodism had increased 147 per cent. since 1870, and 75 per cent. in Canada since 1888. But he had no doubt that the lost power in evangelizing the masses. The colleges would do a blessed work in teaching young men how to reach them. If men were to be reached it was through their recognized wants, and there was not a want of humanity which was not an avenue for evangelization.

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SHE KNEW HIM.

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