

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

Mrs. Hill, wife of Brigadier General F. W. Hill, was hostess to the Hospital Aid Bridge Club yesterday afternoon at her home on Waterloo Row.

Mrs. W. S. Thomas is entertaining at Bridge this afternoon at her home at a three-table Bridge in honor of Mrs. Jas. J. Taylor of Quebec, who is visiting her daughter Mrs. Holden and Dr. C. P. Holden.

The many friends of Mrs. William Poulton will be pleased to hear that her condition is much improved after an illness of several weeks.

The engagement has been announced in Toronto by Mrs. George C. Biggar of her younger daughter, Margaret Isabel, to Francis Andrew Brewin, son of Rev. F. H. Brewin and Mrs. Brewin, of Toronto, formerly of Ottawa. The groom-elect is a grandson of the late Hon. A. G. Blair, and a nephew of Mrs. R. FitzRandolph of this city.

The May meeting of Sir Howard Douglas Chapter took place on Wednesday in the committee room of the Parliament Building. The treasurer reported that the recent rummage sale had brought in the sum of \$40.32. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Burchill for the use of his store for the sale. Members of the Chapter collected the sum of \$58 on the Dime Day collection for the King's Jubilee Cancer Fund. This sum was forwarded to the Provincial Treasurer. Plans were discussed for our Empire Day work in the schools. The sum of \$35 was voted for the Educational Secretary, Mrs. Black, for this work. The members regretted that Mrs. Black's continued illness kept her away from the meeting. Mrs. Geo. Brown who represents the Chapter on the committee preparing the I.O.D.E. float for the Jubilee parade, reported progress. She also reported from the Home and School Association of which she is a member. Mrs. Mersereau, Mrs. Geo. Brown and Mrs. A. P. Crockett were re-elected to represent the Chapter on the Advisory Board. A resolution of sympathy was passed to Mrs. E. A. Harris, one of the Chapter members who has lost her sister, Mrs. Cowperthwaite. During the past winter Mrs. Cowperthwaite, though almost blind, had knitted a warm bedspread which she gave to the Chapter to be used in its welfare work. This gift

was much appreciated. The sympathy of the Chapter was also expressed to Mrs. Stanley Douglass whose daughter, Miss Claire Douglass, a valued member of the teaching staff of our High School, passed away a few days ago. One of the absent members, Miss Bessie Babbitt, has sent in a very fine historical book to be used as a school prize. For several years Miss Babbitt has made a similar donation to the educational work of the Chapter, and a vote of thanks was passed and the secretary asked to forward it to her. The report of the provincial annual meeting was considered and items of interest discussed.

The Picardy Chapter I.O.D.E. met last evening at the home of the Regent, Mrs. Martin Horncastle. The report of the annual meeting was read and recommendations were adopted. Reports from the various committees were given, including those of the solicitors for the Welfare Bureau Relief. Plans were made for the Chapter's activities on Empire Day in the district schools. One new member was welcomed to the Chapter. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which a social hour was enjoyed and refreshments were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Blaine Pugh, Miss Helen Robinson, Miss Cecil Gallagher, Miss Kathleen Brewer and Mrs. Horncastle.

The Victor Hatheway Chapter of the I.O.D.E. held its May meeting last evening at the home of Miss Mary Henry with a large attendance of members present and the regent, Miss Harriett VanWart, in the chair. It was decided to assist the other Chapters in decorating a float to be entered in the parade on Jubilee Day. Plans were made to bring a blind boy, who the Chapter had previously assisted, to Fredericton for further treatment for his eyes. A report concerning the sale of tickets for a movie shown under the auspices of the Chapter was read, and a report regarding the very successful oratorical contest held for the girls of the High School on the evening of April 25th was also read. Completed plans were made for the Empire Day program at the Model School. It was announced that Mrs. George Howie, Honorary Regent of the Chapter, had presented a bronze name-plate for the Chapter's flag. Three new members were nominated. It was decided that the Chapter's June meeting would take the

A MAY WELCOME

Come up, May, through the valley,
In your robes of beauty dressed,
Come and wake your flowery children
From their wintry beds of rest.
Come and overflow them softly
With the sweet breath of the South,
Drop upon them, warm and loving
Tenderest kisses of your mouth.

Call the crowfoot and the crocus,
Call the pale anemone,
Call the violet and the daisy,
Clothed with careful modesty.
Seek the low and beauties unaware,
Let the dandelion and fennel
Show their shiny, yellow hair.
—Phoebe Cary.

form of a picnic to be held at the home of Mrs. McLeod at the Experimental Station. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, after which refreshments were served by Miss Mary Henry, Mrs. Kenneth McAdam, Mrs. Stanley Douglass, Mrs. Hedley Wilson, Mrs. Emmerson Skene, Mrs. Roly Loughlin and Miss Florence Branscombe.

The regular monthly meeting of the W.C.T.U. was held at the home of Mrs. D. Ferguson, George street. The president Mrs. W. B. Wiggins, was in the chair. The devotions were led by Mrs. C. H. MacQuarrie, with prayers by several of the members. Roll call of officers was followed by reading the minutes of the April meeting, which were adopted as read. Mrs. F. A. Watson gave her report on visiting the hospital. The jail report was given by Mrs. MacQuarrie, showing an Easter Sunday afternoon service given for the inmates by Rev. F. A. Watson, who also sang a solo "When Mother Prayed." This service was much enjoyed by all. Correspondence was read by the secretary, Mrs. H. W. Leslie. A committee was appointed for the nomination of officers for the coming year, namely Mrs. Colpitts, Mrs. Hartley Smith and Mrs. F. Close. A very interesting discussion was held on "Amusements." Mrs. Lillian Bailey gave a very pleasant solo. Mrs. D. Ferguson gave a reading. Various business matters were attended to. The meeting closed with the Aaronic benediction. The June meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hayward, Charlotte street.

C. M. Glendon Arthurs, Woodstock, spent a few days recently in Gagetown with Mrs. Arthurs and her father, Very Rev. Dean Scvil Neales.

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Mrs. W. Turney Whitehead has returned from California, where she spent the past winter, and is now occupying her residence, 2162 Sherbrooke street west.—Montreal.

Mrs. Whitehead formerly lived in Fredericton.

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THE USE OF SIMPLE WORDS

The book, "Crumbs Are Also Bread" written by Hon. Martin Burrell, Librarian, Ottawa, was reviewed some time ago. A recent article by the same writer in The Ottawa Journal has attracted attention, because therein with the most simple words of the language, some of the most moving passages of English language were quoted.

Most writers are guilty of seeking for the highlights in words, the sport writers these days resort to slang—terrible to relate—letter writers to the newspapers do not hesitate to use grandiose verbiage when they have it, and the reader would be just as well satisfied at all times if the meaning were made plain in simple language easily grasped. In fact, the more simple the language, the plainer the meaning.

Alex Murray As Secretary Pro Tem of Tourist Bureau

The executive of the Board of Trade held a meeting last evening and engaged Alexander Murray, as secretary of the Fredericton Tourist Bureau for a period of four months. The bureau will open on June 15. They have leased the upper portion of the Edgcombe building for their offices. Reports were presented showing that preparations for the May 6 celebration were going ahead rapidly. Several nice floats will be put in the celebration. Mr. Murray's appointment as secretary pro tem will be recommended to the Board of Trade at its next meeting on May 8. The committee also will recommend that R. P. Allen be authorized to prepare literature and arrange for the board's publicity work, also that the president and vice-president be authorized to arrange for the opening of the board's tourist bureau, obtaining exhibits of manufactured goods and hiring such additional help as may be required, also, that the lease of the Edgcombe store on Queen Street, as arranged by the president and vice-president, be approved.

Chief Justice Baxter Opens R.C.M.P. Probe

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en a written statement from Williamson in the evening. Witness declared that no threats had been used by Sgt. Peters. Witness had taken the statement, witnessed by Constable H. B. Gough and himself.

Q.—How was statement obtained?
A.—Voluntarily.

Q.—Did you warn him?
A.—Yes.

Q.—What did he say?
A.—He fully understood and said that anything he said was entirely voluntary.

This statement had been attacked in Hansard at Ottawa.

The hearing was adjourned until 2.30 o'clock.

BIRTH OF SON

Congratulations are being extended to Mr. and Mrs. McPadgen on the birth of a son, who has been named Richard Alges.

ARRIVES HERE

Rev. Robert A. Watson, well known Boston clergyman, arrived at noon to attend the funeral of his sister, Mrs. George E. Jamer.

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(By Mrs. Susan K. Squires)

The Indians also hauled some of their fuel on their sleds, one man pulling and one pushing, but they caught the most of it in the river. There were numerous stacks of driftwood piled on the shore and hauled up the hill in the fall and laid close to the houses. For years and years a great deal of refuse lumber floated down the river. The lumbermen and millmen thought the woods would last forever or did not care whether they did or not and so they cut down and threw away. Anyone with time and a boat could easily lay in a supply of wood for winter or have it to sell to some one else. One would often see an Indian in a canoe dart out on the river after some desirable piece of drift wood and they were not always so very particular whether it was refuse or not. One kind of drift wood that was always bobbing along was the refuse from the shingle mills, shingle butts and bolts and the outside slabs with the cedar bark on them. The cedar logs were sawed into shingle lengths. The butts were the ends cut off to square the ends of the logs. The slabs with the bark on them were cut from the outside and the shingles cut from as many sides as the logs were large. The shingle bolts were inside of the logs not sound enough for shingles. They were usually four sided with a hollow through the middle. The Indians and many other people gathered piles of these cedar chunks for they made wonderful kindling. The boys used to split them up for arrows. The Indians made toy arrows of cedar but their good arrows were made of hardwood as were their bows.

The ash splints were manufactured into baskets of every shape and size, colour and finish, some of them showing wonderful workmanship. With some of the women it was a regular art. They ranged in size from the hamper for soiled clothes, the shape and size of a barrel, with a cover fitting over the outside, down to one too small to be called a basket. Bushel, half-bushel and peck baskets were the most common. The finer ones were much the same as they are now, oblong picnic baskets with hinged covers, work baskets of every variety, some were made into stands with four legs and two baskets one above the other, knitting baskets, the shape but larger than any ball of yarn, the two halves with a hinge on one side and a catch on the other, with a hole for the yarn to run through and a handle to hang on the arm. Of a fancier variety were handkerchief, glove and collar boxes; bonnet boxes made with a great deal of sweet hay, large hand baskets and sock baskets, as well as an infinite variety that were merely

toys or curiosities, such as, cups and saucers and covered flasks.

I imagine that they made their own dyes for the splints at first for the early settlers learned about dyes somewhere; butternut, sumach, yellow top, and such like; but the stores soon imported redwood, logwood, fustic, and indigo. These were soon superseded by aniline dyes and then Diamond dyes. The dyes made the baskets more showy for a time but the most of them faded, probably because they did not set the colour.

I have very vivid recollections of two baskets in particular. I suppose I should have forgotten them long ago but I was called upon to give them both away. One was a bonnet basket about the size of a medium pumpkin but smaller at the bottom than at the top. It was white with fine splints knotted or looped all over the basket and cover. My mother had bought it for me to keep my patchwork in. Not long afterwards an old lady came visiting and she had no nice basket to keep her caps in. The one she had was old and had no cover so she had pasted paper together to make a cover. Of course mother wanted my basket for her and of course I could not refuse. The other basket was really not a basket at all but a pint flask covered with very fine green splints and sweet hay and with a little hinged cover for the cork. A gentleman from St. John with whom father had business transactions was in the store and he was interested in Indian work. Father wanted my flask to give him as it was so finely finished, and he got it.

(To be continued)

Miss M. King

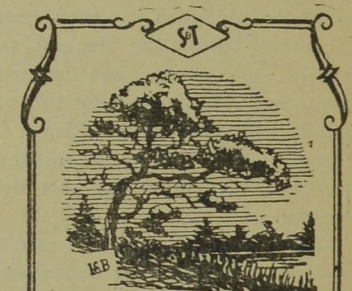
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