

Y.M.C.A. Says "Thank You"

On behalf of the Board of Directors, Associate Clubs and Auxiliaries of the Charlottetown Young Men's Christian Association, sincere thanks is tendered the following:

The Chairman of Special Names and all associated with him for a splendid performance.

The Divisional Commanders, Captains and Team Members.

The Guardian, the Patriot and Radio Station C. F. C. Y

The Ladies Auxiliary, Trinity and Zion Churches, and all others who in various ways contributed to the success of the Maintenance Campaign in raising \$12,000.00.

To the Business Firms, Professional Men, and the General Public for their loyal support and tangible expression of confidence in the furtherance of the Y. M. C. A. program.

The Board of Directors, having received a renewed mandate shall, to the best of their ability, endeavour to carry on and expand the work entrusted to them. To this end the public may rest assured that the Directors will vigorously advance the new building program in order that the "Y" may be occupied and enjoyed at the earliest possible moment.

Yours sincerely,

T. ROY CUDMORE,
Chairman Campaign Committee.

Brereton Understands Women

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day, Brereton meant to paint Sonia Petanel. He saw her in a soft brown velvet frock, with head averted, showing that exquisite line of her neck and face.

When the rehearsal was over he walked through the town with Murray.

"What do you think of Sonia?" Murray asked.

"Wherever did she get the idea that she was an actress?"

"You don't like her, then?"

"On the contrary, she is most attractive. She'll want careful coaching, though."

Murray nodded: "She'll be okay on the night. There's really very little in the part and she's so easy to look at. She's had rather a thin time lately. Sick mother, I believe. By the way, the renovations are not going to cost such an awful lot after all."

Brereton watched the dress re-

hearsal from the front of the house. There were one or two hitches—with the exception of Haslett none of them was word perfect—but, on the whole, the play went with a swing. Sonia Petanel was a pert, silk maid, with one rather good scene with Haslett. She was, Brereton had already decided, an actress of ordinary ability but, as Murray had said, she was extremely easy on the eye.

It was not that she was pretty—there was far more than mere prettiness in her face—but there was a wistful quality in her expression which left one wondering. Brereton noticed that Murray's friend, Jevons—the boy in the R. A. F.—who was sitting near to him, was watching her the whole time she was on the stage.

He had been invited to the tea which was served in Murray's dressing room after the rehearsal but he slipped away. He fell to thinking of Sonia Petanel again as he walked up the shadowy lane to the Common. She had struck some queer, insistent chord in his memory. She was quite young. Eighteen? Perhaps nineteen. Little more than a child, judging by that

touch of wistfulness he had noticed in her face.

One of the maids brought in the small pot of china tea which constituted his afternoon meal and this was so contrary to the usual practice that he asked where Miss McKechnie was.

"She's in the housekeeper's room, sir. She doesn't look too good, sir, begging your pardon."

"You mean she's ill?"

"Yes, sir. But don't say I said so, sir, please. She wouldn't like it."

"All right, Mary," he said. Afterwards he went to investigate. He found his housekeeper sitting huddled in a low chair with a shawl round her shoulders.

"I'll ask Dr. Barnwell to come up," he remarked after some preliminary questions which drew singularly little information. "She's a very pleasant woman."

"You'd be better in bed," he advised.

"I would not," she assured him. "Your dinner will be ready at the usual time, in any case, Mr. Brereton."

(To be continued)

W. C. T. U. NOTES

OUR CALL

Arise dear Union Members,
The need is very clear:
For the liquor trade is claiming
So many we hold dear.

Help all those bound by alcohol,
A straighter path to tread,
That happier homes may come
again,
Our children rightly led.

The young feet we must safeguard
By giving them clean paths,
And if we bring them to our Christ
They'll be no afterthought.

L. M. McClelland, Saskatoon.

WORLD W. C. T. U. CONVENTION 1947

The Seventeenth Convention of the World's Christian Temperance Union will be held June 5th to 10th, 1947, in Convention Hall, Asbury Park, New Jersey, U.S.A. The Sixteenth Convention was held in Washington, D. C., in 1937 but on account of war conditions no convention could be held since. It is marvellous the way the W.C.T.U. has carried on in the midst of the tragedies of war, and during these years correspondence has been maintained with thirty-one countries.

The National W.C.T.U. of the United States will be the hostess for the convention, with Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin as chairwoman.

Notwithstanding the difficulties in securing transportation at the present time, we have already heard from many countries that they will be represented by delegates. Canada, much disappointed that the housing situation made it impossible for Toronto to care for the convention is planning to send a delegation. England, Scotland, Ulster, Sweden, Egypt, Palestine, Iraq, India, Malaya, China, Australia, and New Zealand have been notified that delegates have been appointed. The same is true of South Africa, Cuba, Guatemala, Bermuda, and Jamaica. It is expected that several countries in South America will send delegates, and some countries are still undecided, but many of them will be represented. There will be a large attendance from the United States, including Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and Alaska.

The convention will open with an Evangelistic Meeting on the afternoon of June 5th, and in the evening a Get-Acquainted Meeting will give all an opportunity to meet the delegates from many lands. The convention will close on Tuesday night. Executive Committee Meetings will be held on June 4th and 11th. Details of the programme will be announced later.

While the W.C.T.U. Convention is a delegated body, visitors are welcome, and all sessions are open to the public.—Ella A. Boole.

SUIT INVOLVING 33 MILLION DOLLARS

A suit involving thirty-three million dollars (\$33,000,000) for the purpose of freeing the airwaves from monopoly and strangling liquor men and other commercial interests, was filed Wednesday, October 30, in the Federal Court for the Western District of Kentucky at Louisville, against the Columbia Broadcasting System, the Schenley Distillers Corporation and certain individuals alleged to control Columbia.

The suit was instituted by Sam Morris, widely-known radio preacher and Temperance commentator, and Henry M. Johnson, attorney, York, Pa., representatives of the National Temperance and Prohibition Council, made up of leading Protestant Church and abstemious organizations throughout the United States.

Plaintiffs allege that Columbia Broadcasting System has ignored and defied, alike, constitutional safeguards of free speech and recent decisions of the Federal Communications Commission; they also, allege that the liquor interests named have paid Columbia, during the last three years, more than \$5,000,000 for their broadcasts.

The suit, which is asserted to be one of the most important ever brought in a Federal Court, was filed by Messrs. Morris and Johnson, in their own words, "on behalf of the boys and girls of Kentucky and the nation," as well as of millions of citizens in America.

The suit seeks relief from alleged unjust discrimination in Columbia's selling the choicest radio time for Schenley's pro-wine drinking broadcasts, and to brewers for pro-drinking broadcasts, while refusing to sell any time whatever to the church, temperance, and welfare organizations for the purpose of counselling against the drinking of beer, wine and alcoholic beverages.

Conspicuous is the charge that the Columbia Broadcasting System maintains a "close intimate and illegal relationship" with the Schenley Distillers Corporation and that Herbert Bayard Swope, of New York, said to be "public consultant and advisor for the Schenley Corporation at a compensation of \$36,000 per year," is and has been on the executive committee of Columbia with "large and influential authority over Columbia's policies and programs."

Messrs. Morris and Johnson, in their complaint, present verbatim



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Drunks Up 50 Per Cent

Increased supplies of liquor and beer in Toronto have increased the numbers of drunks arrested by almost 50 per cent, a summary of arrests reveals.

The statistics with the figures for 1945 in brackets show: Males arrested for drunkenness, 4,179 (5,065); females arrested for drunkenness, 874 (778); total arrests, 5,053 (5,843); increase, 2,508.

On charges of having liquor illegally, keeping it for sale, possessing fictitious permits and other infractions of the liquor laws, the figures, with 1945 in brackets are: Males arrested, 2,982 (3,246); females, 472 (510); total, 3,454 (4,156); decrease, 751.

Not only are more persons being arrested for drunkenness but it is costing more money, police said, now that first offenders are being fined the police magistrate. Until a few weeks ago drunks were re-

manded. The change, a policy adopted at a meeting of Toronto magistrates, has already had considerable influence in riding streets of drunks police said. Many regu-

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