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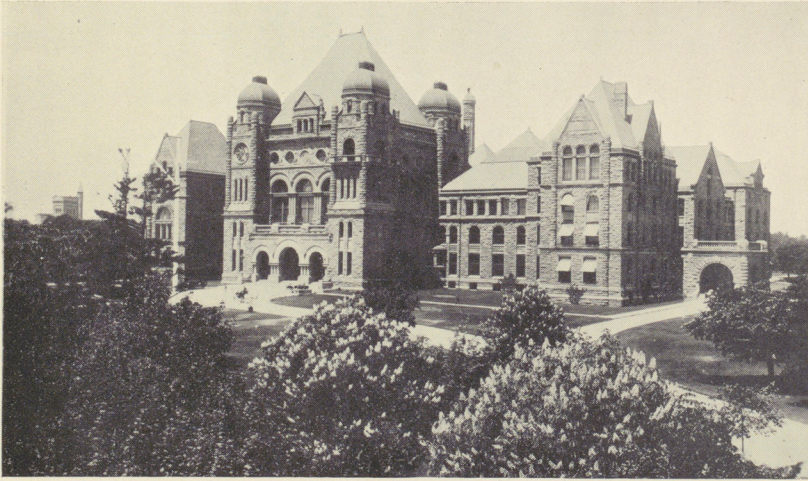
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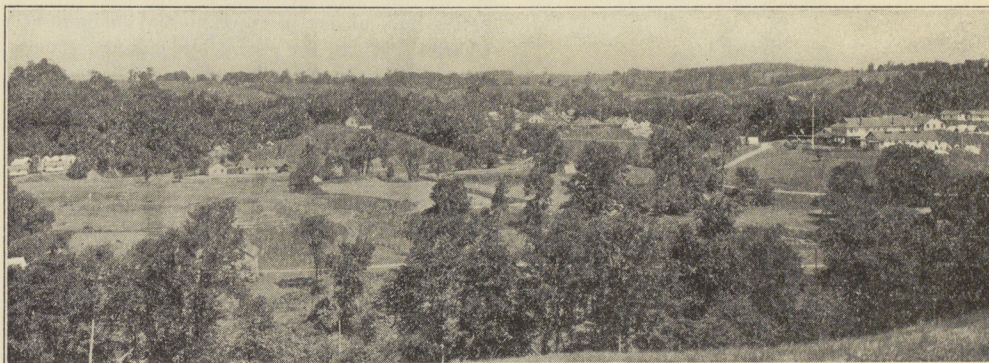
The Charles Dickens Memorial Dining Hall at Bolton Camp

The
Tenth Annual Conference
OF THE
North-American Branches
OF
The Dickens Fellowship



AT
THE PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND
KING EDWARD HOTEL

TORONTO
June 17th, 18th, 19th, 20th
1928



BIRD'S-EYE VIEW OF BOLTON SUMMER CAMP.

The Work of the Toronto Fellowship

FOUNDED in 1905, by the late E. S. Williamson, the Toronto Branch of The Dickens Fellowship has, from its inception, devoted the great bulk of its funds to the assistance of the sick or under-privileged child.

Two cots have been endowed in the Toronto Hospital for Sick Children; two in the Hospital for Incurable Children; one in the Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children, and one in the Orthopaedic Hospital, totalling an expenditure of ten thousand dollars.

For twenty years the Fellowship has provided a special Treat at Christmas for the Hospital for Incurable Children, and the occupants of Fellowship cots are specially remembered.

For the past eight years The Dickens Fellowship Christmas Tree and Treat has brought to many little ones an extra whiff of that "Spirit of Christmas" which Dickens did so much to spread abroad.

Three years ago the Toronto Branch built the Charles Dickens Memorial Dining Hall at the Children's Fresh Air Camp at Bolton. Last year they gave three of the cabins which are replacing tents, naming them for "Little Nell," "Sissy Jupe," and "Little Em'ly." This year an additional gift of two cabins is being made to the Camp — "David Copperfield" and "Oliver Twist."

The Fellowship has made substantial donations to the Great Ormond Street Hospital, in which Dickens was so interested, and to the purchase fund of the Dickens House, Doughty Street. In Western Canada, a school section was named for Dickens, and the Toronto Branch has recognized this by the presentation of his

portrait and a copy of *David Copperfield* to the school.

In these and sundry minor ways the Fellowship has sought to carry out the teachings of the great-hearted man whose love for humanity, interest in children and the under-privileged, and disgust with all forms of hypocrisy and sham, together with his sweetening sense of humour, has helped to right many wrongs, correct many abuses, bring encouragement and cheer to many hearts, and make of "Dickens" a household word.

So much for the tangible accomplishments of the Toronto Branch. Who can estimate the influence of this group of Dickens lovers, on the viewpoint and sympathies of the city at large? Beginning with a small band of devoted students and admirers of the much-loved author, the Branch now numbers 1,200. Toronto has been particularly fortunate in having as its Presidents such men as the late E. S. Williamson, the late F. M. Bell-Smith, Mr. Albert E. S. Smythe, and at present, Mr. Jas. W. McFadden, each of whom has made a distinct contribution to the wonderful growth and development of the Branch. Leaders of thought in many directions have been actively associated with the Fellowship and rendered valuable service, and the Executive Council of the Toronto Branch look forward with hope and confidence to still greater success crowning their efforts to "spread a love and knowledge of Dickens," a greater appreciation of the things he stood for, and a closer feeling of kinship, especially among the English-speaking peoples.

LAURA LOUGHEED

Programme

[DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME]

Sunday, June 17th

- 2.30 P.M. Meet on Mezzanine Floor, King Edward Hotel.
- 2.45 P.M. Gray Line Coach leaves hotel from Leader Lane entrance for West Hill, *passing en route*: Site of the American Hotel, where Charles Dickens stayed in 1842; Site of Custom House (*see Book*); Foot of Yonge Street (*see Book*); Site of Weller's Stage Coach Office (*see Book*); Normal School; Allan Gardens; Jarvis Street Collegiate (place of monthly meetings of the Toronto Branch); Hospital for Incurable Children (where two cots are endowed); Rosedale; Danforth Viaduct; Leaside Viaduct.
- 4.15 P.M. Afternoon Tea at Falcon Inn.
- 5.15 P.M. Leave Falcon Inn.
- 7.00 P.M. Church Services. Special Sermons on Dickens:
- Yorkminster*—
Rev. W. A. Cameron.
- Rosedale United*—
Rev. Donald MacLeod.
- St. Michael's Cathedral*—
Rev. Gerald Kirby.
- Unitarian*—
Rev. James C. Hodgins.
- 9.00 P.M. Reception (Informal) at King Edward Hotel, Pompeian Room.

Monday, June 18th

- 9.30 A.M. Leave King Edward Hotel, *passing en route*: Corner of King and Yonge Streets; City Hall; Osgoode Hall (Ontario Law Courts); University Avenue; Armouries; Toronto General Hospital; Ontario Parliament Buildings; Mining Building, Toronto University.
- 9.45 A.M. Photograph on Toronto Public Library Steps.
- 10.00 A.M. Business Session opens at Toronto Public Library.
- Welcome to guests by Mr. J. W. McFadden, President Toronto Branch, and Dr. George H. Locke, Librarian, City of Toronto.
- Reports from visiting Branches:
- Bethlehem*—
Rev. F. E. Lennox.
- Boston*—
Miss Grace S. Leavitt.
- Chicago*—
Dr. Mary McKibbin-Harper.
- Montreal*—
Mr. Andrew Patterson.
- New York*—
Mr. C. W. Cavanaugh.
- Philadelphia*—
Mr. J. K. Thompson.
- Pittsburg*—
Mrs. D. G. Fowler.
- Toronto*—
Miss Cora Lee Hunt.

Programme

Monday {continued}

1.00 P.M. Coach to Casa Loma, *passing en route*: Knox College; York Club; Eaton Memorial Church.

1.15 P.M. Lunch at Casa Loma.

2.30 P.M. Sightseeing Drive, *passing en route*: Wychwood Library (*stop fifteen minutes*); High Park; Colborne Lodge (*stop fifteen minutes*); Humber River; Sunnyside; Naval League (*stop fifteen minutes*); Exhibition Grounds; Fleet Street; Docks and Shipping.

5.00 P.M. King Edward Hotel.

6.30 P.M. Dinner at King Edward Hotel, Yellow Room.

TOASTS:

*King and President of
United States—*

Mr. J. W. McFadden.

Immortal Memory—

Proposed by Rev. F. E. Lennox.

Reply—J. Hunt Stanford.

Home Branch—

Proposed by Mr. J. K. Thompson.

Reply—Letters from Sir Henry F. Dickens, K.C., and Col. and Ald. Sir Charles C. Wakefield, C.B.E.

Sister Branches and Guests—

Proposed by Miss Gertrude Lawler, M.A., LL.D.

Reply—Mr. A. Patterson.

Reply—Mrs. D. G. Fowler.

Monday {continued}

8.30 P.M. Open Meeting, King Edward Hotel, Pompeian Room.

SPEAKERS:

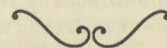
The Hon. Justice Riddell,
LL.D., D.LITT., Toronto.

"Dickens and To-day"

Miss Alice M. Gardner, Boston.
"Children of Charles Dickens"

Mr. Cortes W. Cavanaugh, New York
"First Editions of Dickens"

Dr. Paul De Schweinitz, Bethlehem.
Subject to be announced



Tuesday, June 19th

9.30 A.M. Leave King Edward Hotel, *passing en route*: Site of the American Hotel; King and Yonge Streets; Downtown business district; Department Stores; Y.M.C.A.; Sick Children's Hospital (where two cots are endowed); Toronto General Hospital.

10.00 A.M. Business Session, Public Library (continued).

1.00 P.M. Leave for Granite Club, *passing en route*: Queen's Park (east side); Parliament Buildings; Victoria College and Women's Residences; Deer Park United Church.

1.15 P.M. Lunch at Granite Club.

Programme

Tuesday {continued}

- 2.30 P.M. Sightseeing Drive, *passing en route*: University Buildings; Parliament Buildings.
- 3.00 P.M. Sail around Harbour.
- 4.25 P.M. Afternoon Tea at Royal Canadian Yacht Club.
- 6.15 P.M. Coach from Wharf to Hotel.
- 7.45 P.M. Coach from King Edward Hotel to Margaret Eaton Theatre, *passing en route*: Site of former Parliament Buildings; Site of former Upper Canada College (*see Book*); Site of former Theatre where Charles Dickens gave his reading (*see Book*); Downtown business district.
- 8.15 P.M. Dramatic Presentation at Margaret Eaton Theatre.
- 10.30 P.M. Refreshments — Guests, Players and Local Executive Council.
- 11.00 P.M. Coach to King Edward Hotel.

Wednesday, June 20th

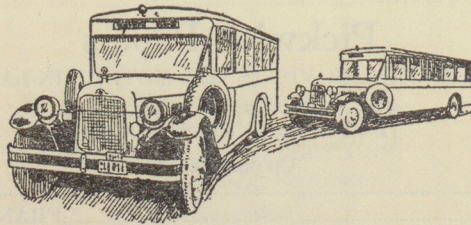
- 9.30 A.M. Leave King Edward Hotel for Bolton, *passing en route*: Fleet Street; Exhibition Grounds; Sunnyside; High Park; Mount Dennis; Weston; Woodbridge; Kleinburg; Nobleton.
- 11.00 A.M. Arrive at Bolton Summer Camp, where 3500 Mothers, small children, boys and girls will each be given twelve days' holidays this summer.

Here are located—

In the Boys' Camp: The Charles Dickens Memorial Dining Hall; Oliver Twist Cottage; David Copperfield Cottage.

In the Girls' Camp: Sissy Jupe Cottage; Little Em'ly Cottage; Little Nell Cottage.

- 1.00 P.M. Lunch in staff room, Hastings Camp.
- 2.00 P.M. Leave Bolton Camp.
- 3.30 P.M. Arrive at King Edward Hotel.



Dramatic Presentation

FOR THE TENTH CONFERENCE OF THE
NORTH AMERICAN BRANCHES OF THE
DICKENS FELLOWSHIP

By the Players of the Toronto Branch

DORA McMILLAN, *Dramatic Directress*, 1928-1929

At the Margaret Eaton Theatre, Tuesday, June 19th, 1928.
The first Meeting of the Toronto Branch
was held in this building,
May 9th, 1905

Music under direction of CORDA WARD BUCHNER

Scene 1.

Nicholas Nickleby

"THE MANTALINI DRESSMAKING ESTABLISHMENT"

(Direction of EDGAR STONE)

CHARACTERS:

Mantalini.....	EDGAR STONE
Mme. Mantalini.....	DAGMAR HINCH
Miss Knags.....	OLIVE TELMAN
Kate Nickleby.....	GWEN KNIGHT

Young Ladies: Janie Smythe, Lillian Cookes, Grace Nichols

Scene 2.

Pickwick Papers

"SAM WELLER VISITS HIS MOTHER-IN-LAW"

The Stiggins Scene

(Direction of J. HUNT STANFORD)

CHARACTERS:

Tony Weller.....	H. B. COLES
Sam Weller.....	FRANK ROSTANCE
Mrs. Weller.....	DOROTHY KEENE
Stiggins.....	J. HUNT STANFORD

Scene 3.

Barnaby Rudge

(a) "THE STRANGER IN THE WOOD"

(b) "MRS. RUDGE'S COTTAGE"

(c) "MIGGS COURTS SIM"

(Direction of DORA McMILLAN)

CHARACTERS:

Rudge (<i>the Stranger</i>).....	ELLWOOD GENOA
Varden.....	PERCY SCHUTTE
Barnaby Rudge.....	WILLIAM A. ATKINSON
Chester.....	DAN JUDGE
Mrs. Rudge.....	DORA McMILLAN
Miggs.....	GRACE WEBSTER
Sim Tappertit.....	LESLIE FLOYD
Stagg.....	H. M. NEWTON

Scene 4.

The Old Curiosity Shop

"DICK SWIVELLER AND THE MARCHIONESS"

(Direction of W. A. ATKINSON)

CHARACTERS:

Dick Swiveller.....	E. ELLISON WEST
The Marchioness.....	CHARLOTTE COTTER

Scene 5.

David Copperfield

"DAVID REMONSTRATES WITH DORA"

(Direction of DORA McMILLAN)

CHARACTERS:

David Copperfield.....	WALLACE HOUSE
Dora.....	DILYS WYNNE-JONES

Scene 6.

Martin Chuzzlewit

"SAIREY GAMP ENTERTAINS"

(Direction of A. J. ROSTANCE)

CHARACTERS:

Sairey Gamp.....	A. J. ROSTANCE
Betsey Prig (<i>her bosom friend</i>).....	FRANCES ROSTANCE

Delegates and Guests

- BETHLEHEM, PA. — Rev. F. E. Lennox, *Delegate*
Mrs. F. E. Lennox
Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Meschter
Dr. and Mrs. Paul DeSchweinitz
- BOSTON, MASS. — Miss Grace S. Leavitt, *Delegate*
Mrs. Samuel H. Ruggles
Miss Marion Price
Miss Carrie E. Sherrill
Miss Alice M. Gardner
- CHICAGO, ILL. — Dr. Mary McKibbin-Harper, *Delegate*
Mrs. O. E. Barr
- MONTREAL, QUE. — Mr. Andrew Patterson, *Delegate*
Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Armitage
Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce Jordan
Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Mainer
Mr. and Mrs. Whitfield Aston
Mr. A. T. Price
Mrs. Blackbird
- NEW YORK, N.Y. — Mr. Cortes W. Cavanaugh, *Delegate*
- PITTSBURG, PA. — Mrs. D. G. Fowler, *Delegate*
Mrs. Jas. G. Hays
Miss Elizabeth C. Gelston
Miss Florence W. Fairman
- PHILADELPHIA, PA. — Mr. J. K. Thompson, *Delegate*
Miss Laura Ashmore
Miss Lu. Dorothy Kieffer
Mrs. Ella F. Supplee
Miss Margaret Supplee
Miss Gertrude Bright
Miss Anne E. Grimes
- TORONTO, ONT. — Miss Cora Lee Hunt, *Delegate*

Committee of Arrangements

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Dora McKillan

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Gertrude Lawler

Laura Langbeek

Albert E. Smytho

"Mr. Pickwick and his friends,
Winkle, Tupman, and Snodgrass
were there, of course, as also—

"I don't believe there's
no sich a person."



The Little Em'ly Cabin at Bolton Camp



The Little Nell Cabin at Bolton Camp



Toronto Dickens Fellowship Cot in the Queen Mary Hospital for Consumptive Children

