

for nine little orphans, and during Lent she fed and cared for them herself. That she had some idea of hygiene is shown by the fact that she gave considerable attention to the windows of her Palaces, and it is curious to note that, when the Court moved from Dunfermline to Edinburgh, to Malcolm's tower in Forfarshire or elsewhere, the glass of the windows was taken also.

Several healing wells are named from St. Margaret, but unfortunately space prevents us from recounting the miracles relating to these and to events connected with her life and also her canonization in 1250.

In closing we might repeat the words of the ancient Douay "Chronicle" with reference to the Queen:—

"She has been the *Idaea* (*sic.*) of a Perfect Queen, one of those wise ones who by the sweetness of her conversation, the innocency of her deportment and the force of her spirit reformed the disorders that had crept into her kingdom."

In Scotland Queen Margaret's memory is loved and revered, and in the town of Dunfermline especially there are beautiful reminders of this great and gracious lady of the early Middle Ages. In the Abbey is a fine stained-glass window, and in the Town House hangs Sir Noel Paton's picture in which Margaret is portrayed reading to Malcolm from her famous Book of the Gospels.

In connection with this beautiful book, one of her most holy, artistic and treasured possessions, and which is supposed to be identical with the copy in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, there is related one of the miracles that "proved" her a saint. In early ages it was supposed that a saint's book could not be injured by water, and, like St. Columba's, St. Margaret's copy of the Gospels after accidental immersion under the water of a ford for a considerable period, was recovered practically uninjured. On the fly-leaf of the book in the famous library is a Latin poem telling that the book belonged to a King and a holy Queen; on the margin of two leaves are slight traces of marks left by water.

Below the high ruins of Malcolm's tower, and those of the Palace which he built after his marriage, spread the extensive grounds and gardens of Pittencrief Glen, gifted to the town by Andrew Carnegie, and through parts of the glen there still ripples the "crooked stream" from which

Dunfermline took its name in the early days of Malcolm and Margaret; her cave oratory is still shown in the glen, and although Queen Margaret's Church is no longer the National Church of Scotland, Protestant and Catholic alike are ready to agree on the perfections of the last Saint on the Scottish Calendar, and in the words of an old historian "to revere her more for the works which made her a Saint than for the miracles which proved her one."

INVITATION.

The General Council "At Home."

On Thursday, May 31st, Members of the Council will be "At Home" to Members of the Association from 4 to 6 p.m. They ask that this notice shall be taken as an invitation to be present.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

Concert.

Just as our last issue went to press, Miss Cattell's concert took place on March 30th; it proved a complete success, and resulted in a nice sum to add to the Memorial Fund. Those who had taken tickets expressed the greatest admiration and appreciation of Miss Gwladys Naish's beautiful singing and of the other artistes' contributions to the evening's entertainment. It was indeed difficult to say who, among them all, gave to the audience the greatest enjoyment, and they were so very good in responding to the repeated encores. The coster sketches by Miss Croke and Mr. Canham, and the recitations by



Margaret reading to Malcolm Canmore from her Book of the Gospels.
(From a Painting by Sir Noel Paton in the Town Hall of Dunfermline.)

Miss Morrison, made quite a pleasant variety between the songs, and caused much amusement.

Whist Drive.

On April 12th Miss Jessie Holmes organised a whist drive in aid of the Princess Christian Memorial Fund. This proved quite the most successful drive we have had at the club, both as regards the number present and the apparent enjoyment which the evening's entertainment gave. We congratulate Miss Holmes on her organisation of the entertainment, for we believe that seldom have so many games been played through in such a short time. Even the winner of the "Booby prize" insisted that it was just what she would have selected.

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