

Our Local Pepys.

HIS DIARY.

I to wait on Mr. H. D. Reid and to have discourse with him concerning drivers matters. So to Water Street, and to see about the completion of the first edition of my journal, and to have appended to it, the signatures of those that I have had cause to mention in it at times. And all very pleasant and grant my request. To the Tobacco Factory, where meeting Mr. Hartnett, he to show me how cigarettes are made. But Lord, what a trial to my will, seeing that my vow to forego them is but a week old, nor can I break it for very shame's sake. On going home I find my wife in a great rage, being that the Banque will not honour the cheque I did give her, for there is no money to my credit, which is no strange thing. But my wife does not listen to my excuses, she will anything please her, so that for the sake of peace, I did give her a bill for twenty dollars. Truly did the prophet say that the ways of women passeth all human understanding. Hearing an alarm of fire, I to the scene and find it in a fish and chips shop on Duckworth Street, and a big blaze of it. So to walk with my wife, but her talk always of dress, and I know not how to satisfy her, and yet keep myself free from the Debtor's Prison. For, much as I hear of those that live on what they owe, I have ever found it a thing of the utmost difficulty.

A Legislative Alphabet.

(By Our Staff Poet.)
A is for Archibald, sole independent.
B is for Barnes, ex-school superintendent.
C is for Coaker who does get our goat.
D is "Dick" Hibbs who on him does depend.
E is for the Extras all Governments get.
F is for Foote who cannot be upset.
G is for Guppy who says not a word.
H is for Halfyard who seldom is heard.
I is the Income that's so hard to find.
J is for Jennings who for talk's not inclined.
K is the Knowledge that some members lack.
L is for Lewis who by no means is slack.
M is MacDonnell who does oft efference.
N is the Nerve which so many possess.
O is Ostruction which does often occur.
P is for Penny who makes no demur.
Q is for Quorum, so often absent.
R is the Row which occurs every day.
S is for Scammell who talks quite a lot.
T is for Targett, who unlike him, does not.
U is the Union which put N.F. in a fix.
V is for Vinicombe whom we know best as "Nix".
W is Warren who has never a grouse.
X is Xetement that reigns in the House.
Y is the Yawn which few can suppress.
Z is the Zeal that all members profess.

Carnival Monday Night.

Subject to ice permitting, the first monthly Fancy Dress Carnival for the season will be held at the Prince's Rink on Monday night commencing at 7.30.

Two prizes will be offered for Ladies and two for Gentlemen—a prize of \$5 in each instance for the most handsome costumes and prizes of a book of thirty Rink tickets for the original costumes, lady's and gentlemen's.

General admission will be 25c. Book tickets will not admit but one book ticket will be accepted as good for 15c. on the purchase of a general admission ticket at 25c. A limited number of seats in the gallery (unreserved) will be sold at 25c. extra.

Save a crush at the door both General Admission tickets and Gallery seat tickets may be obtained Monday at Gray & Goodland's, The Royal Stationery Co. and J. P. Calver's and persons buying admission tickets at these places will be admitted by the door on the Curling Club side of the rink. Positively no tickets will be sold at this door, however.

At 9 o'clock general skating will be permitted and at 9 o'clock on book tickets (without a further payment) will be accepted for admission. Bennett's full band will be in attendance.—advtd.

Storekeeper Drowned.

Yesterday afternoon, Magistrate J. W. James, of Greenspond, sent the following message to the Justice Department: "James Dominy, storekeeper at Baird's premises here, fell from the bridge crossing from Ship's Island this morning, and was drowned. The body was recovered."

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Week of Prayer.

CLOSING SERVICE AT COCHRANE ST. CENTENNIAL CHURCH.

LCM. Two services were held last night as a fitting finale to the Week of Prayer. At Wesley Church the speaker was the Rev. E. W. Forbes, and at the Centennial Church the speaker was the Rev. B. T. Holden, the topic, viz.—that of "International relations and world peace" was the same at both churches.

At the Centennial Church the music and staging were of a high order, and like all the previous services the impressions were edifying. Perhaps no other topic of the week had in it more direct interest than that of last night, because international matters and world-peace questions must be acknowledged as worthy our best consideration. Hence the importance of what the speaker said.

In beginning his discourse Mr. Holden said at once at home, and soon showed a good grasp of the subject. Basing his remarks on the writings of the prophet Isaiah, where the latter speaks of the nations coming together, and of warfare being past, the speaker said that the aspect of international relations should be reviewed in the two-fold sense of politics and religion; or of statecraft and morals. The various problems of the day had perplexing problems before them, and there was need of the best leadership. The late war had brought bankruptcy upon Europe; and as a result the European nations were unable to meet their financial obligations; nor could they purchase what they wanted. We should not glory in war. Heathen nations, such as Imperial Rome, did that, and with them war was the rule; but not so with us—it should be the exception.

War could not solve the disputes of the nations. The uncertainty of topics there is about one on the doctrine of Repentance." Rev. R. J. Power Monday night. "The interview asked for by the Greeks, who had come to, or were at Jerusalem, was not granted." The moral and religious sides of it. Rev. R. E. Fairbairn, Wednesday. The peoples spoke of the nations night. "That some one has said that

coming together, and of destroying their implements of war by "beating their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks." This signified the abolition of war; and the abolition of war is the only cure for war; and it is the cure as taught by Christianity.

Some people were ready to say that Christianity had failed. It has not failed. The trouble has been, and still is that the principles of Christianity have not been fully admitted into, nor fully applied to, our international disputes. Nations, yet deny the brotherhood of man. The problems of the Pacific and of the East, as well as of other peoples are all possible of solution if the vision of the prophet be applied. This vision meant the "parliament of nations," and the ushering in of that day of which Tenynson wrote in his well known poem in Memoriam:

"When the war-drum beats no longer, And battle flags are furled; In the parliament of man, The federation of the world."

NOTES ON THE WEEK. The interest in all the meetings and the attendance at them, was greater than for any one year for the past five years.

The topics for prayer and the hymns selected were in keeping, and proved very helpful to all the people. Without doubt the various speakers made the best of their opportunities, and at every meeting there was much to be learned, and good impressions to be carried away.

It was a good week, and both pastors and people will truly be the better of the reunions thus afforded, and of the influences exerted; and further good results should certainly follow.

Among the outstanding statements of the speakers the following three are worthy of note namely: "Current topics" there is about one on the doctrine of Repentance." Rev. R. J. Power Monday night. "The interview asked for by the Greeks, who had come to, or were at Jerusalem, was not granted." The moral and religious sides of it. Rev. R. E. Fairbairn, Wednesday. The peoples spoke of the nations night. "That some one has said that

the Church was being killed by "eloquution." Rev. C. H. Johnson, Wednesday night. There is room for thought on these particular points.

In closing our notes we desire to thank all who helped us by kindly words, and to especially thank the Press for its great courtesy to us, and for the liberal space which has been granted our efforts.

AT WESLEY CHURCH. There was a fine audience considering that those who usually observe the Week of Prayer, residing in the Centre and East End of the City, would naturally gravitate to Cochrane Street Church, where the address was to be delivered by a stranger, Rev. W. B. Rugden, the pastor presided, and after reading of the scripture, and prayer, announced the subject, and Rev. E. W. Forbes as the speaker of the evening. Referring to international relations, in modern times, he pointed out that they were affected by pressing day utilities such as the telegraph and the press despatches, how the markets, exchange, and public opinion were subject to constant change; how this instant contact produced in marvellous quick time immediate and far-reaching results, and how distance was becoming greatly contracted by rapid transit. It was proper that in all these problems, Divine guidance should be given over and over again when the aid of the Almighty had been sought. When the nation got to its knees in the Great War, the tide of battle was turned, and in the great questions of peace and disarmament, prayer was being answered; and as we were seeking more fellowship among the nations, and that governments may be dominated by the principles of truth, justice and service in their international relationships, so we should also pray that in industry, commerce and diplomacy there should be more fellowship, love, and unity, and all should pray both in churches and in the home that the important conferences of statesmen in session at the present time, as shall industry, righteousness and brotherhood throughout the world. Mrs. R. Hor-

wood very ably presided at the organ in the absence of Mr. Pratt, for which Wesley Church Minister and officials felt very much obliged.—A.W.M.

HELP THE NEEDY. — St. Mary's Women's Association will have an Informal Social Afternoon and Evening (4 o'clock to 10 o'clock) on Tuesday, January 10th, in the Parish Hall. Tea 30c. Come with your friends and help the Parish Poor Fund.

Belvidere Orphanage Concert. The concert given yesterday in the Aula Maxima, St. Bonaventure's College, in aid of Belvidere Orphanage, was attended by a large and appreciative audience. The affair was under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and His Grace the Archbishop, the latter being represented by Mons. McDermott, V.G. The programme which included songs and recitations by well known artists was very pleasing. "The Banks of Newfoundland" rendered by an 8-year-old inmate of the Orphanage won much applause. A duet by two tots from the institution was a feature of the programme. The little ones, by request, were presented to the Governor who congratulated them on their performance. A candy table, in charge of Miss Margaret Furlong, helped to considerably augment the funds. The concert which was arranged by the Belvidere Ladies' Auxiliary, closed with the National Anthem.

The Loss of the Lila Boutillier. A recent issue of Lloyd's Weekly Summary contains the following item in reference to the Lila Boutillier abandoned last month whilst bound from St. Mary's to Oporto. The crew were rescued by the French steamer Ariadne and landed at Dakar on the West Coast of Africa: "London, Dec. 14.—H.M.S. Thunderer reports that at 4 p.m. on December 3rd her course was altered to close and sink a schooner reported abandoned and on fire in lat. 49.07 N. long. 19.40 W. At 6.30 p.m. the schooner was sighted, still burning but at 7 p.m. when about 5 miles off the fire suddenly extinguished, and on reaching the vicinity the war vessel's searchlights failed to reveal any signs of wreckage and there is no doubt that she sank." The above vessel was the Lila Boutillier.

Two Excellent Suggestions. It has been suggested as a result of the confusion caused by the many fire alarms which were rung in last night, that red lights should be hung over every box to enable them to be found easily at night time. This suggestion might be carried a bit further in connection with the street car service. In the night it is very difficult to locate the various "stops" and lights suspended on the poles at the stopping points would be greatly appreciated by the public.

The Latest Fad in Paris. A chrysanthemum dog is the latest Parisian novelty, shown last week at the International Exposition of Dogs de Luxe which each year at this time claims the attention of the Capital. There are, however, only two specimens of this new pet in France, and no others are known to be nearer than Tibet, its native habitat.

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Two Buildings Gutted By Fire.

Father Rescues Child From Burning House—Fireman Overcome By Smoke.

Fire last night partially destroyed the house and shop on Duckworth Street, owned by Mr. A. J. Stacey. The building was completely gutted. Two adjoining houses were badly damaged by fire, water and smoke. These are the laundry of Yuen Lee and the residence of Mr. M. Walsh. The total loss cannot be estimated as yet but will run into many thousands of dollars, very little of which is covered by insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

ALARMS CAUSE CONFUSION.

The fire was first discovered by Mr. Stacey, who keeps a "fish and chips" shop. He noticed smoke issuing through partitions in the hallway and had an alarm sent. This was shortly after 8.50 p.m. Four customers who were in the shop at the time hurriedly departed when they saw the smoke. Mr. N. J. Vinicombe, M.H.A., who was passing, with a police constable ran to the nearest box, and rang in an alarm from Box 15, and the Central and Eastern Fire Companies immediately responded.

FATHER RESCUES CHILD.

In the meantime, flames had broken out all over the shop, which was burning fiercely. In a room upstairs Stacey's five month's old child was sleeping and the father immediately made his way to it. Mrs. Stacey was not home at the time. Entering the room, Stacey snatched the child up in his arms, but found he was unable to reach the street by way of the door as the fire had cut off the sole alternative. Rushing to a window in the rear of the building, he smashed the glass with his hands, heedless of the cuts he received, and jumping through the opening, he landed on the ground on a ladder, bearing his precious burden in his arms. Stacey was badly cut and had his hair singed.

FIGHTING THE BLAZE.

When the firemen arrived the blaze had assumed serious proportions. The whole Stacey residence was a mass of flames, and the fire was eating its

way into the adjoining laundry of Yuen Lee. The upper part of this building is occupied by Mr. R. Thorne and family, several of whom were in bed when the fire was first discovered. Through the splendid efforts of Mr. N. Vinicombe, Stoker Woodward of the Marconi Station, and others, the Thornes were removed to a place of safety.

Five streams of water were quickly brought to bear on the blazing houses by the firemen. Three streams were applied to the front and two to the rear. The firemen worked like Trojans, under the supervision of Inspector General Hutchings and the fire chiefs, to confine the flames to the one building. In this they were successful and within 15 minutes of the application of the first streams, the fire was under control. Although the adjoining buildings were saved they were badly gutted and damaged by smoke.

FIREMAN OVERCOME BY SMOKE.

As soon as it was humanly possible, firemen entered the top floor of Stacey's house and attacked the flames from the inside. While engaged in this work, Fire Constable Baker of the Central Station was overcome by smoke fumes and had to be carried to the neighbouring surgery of Dr. G. N. Murphy, for treatment. He did not fully recover consciousness for a considerable time.

DAMAGE CAUSED BY FIRE.

Only the walls of Stacey's residence remain standing, and besides losing his shop, he and his family are left homeless. Yuen Lee's laundry was badly damaged by smoke and water. All the laundry which was there ready for delivery has been ruined. The furniture and other belongings of the Thorne's have also suffered a great deal of injury. Four cats were found suffocated in the rooms, but a dog survived the blaze. The unoccupied building to the West of Stacey's was damaged by the fire, as was also the house and shop of the Misses McCourt, next door. Yuen Lee has no insurance on his property. The other fire sufferers are only partly insured.

Claim for Damages.

Lloyd's Weekly Summary of Dec. 16th, states that the British auxiliary vessel Harmony has taken legal action against the British schooner Little Princess for \$5000 damage sustained. It will be remembered that during a recent storm the vessel's mast then in the Harbor of St. John's were driven from their moorings when the damages were supposed to have been sustained. The Little Princess is owned by Capt. A. Keen.

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