Mrs. George Rennie is giving a musicale at her residence on Tuesday, Jan. 14th, for the Paardeburg Chapter of the Daughters of the Empire.

Word has been received at Government House, Ottawa, of the forthcoming marriage of Lady Ruby Elliott, second daughter of the present Viceroy of India, Earl Minto, and Viscount Errington, son and heir of Lord Cromer, late Administrator of Egypt.—Mail and Empire.

Mrs. John Morison Eastwood has cards out for an "at home" on Tuesday afternoon, Jan. 14th, from 4.30 till 6.30 o'clock.

Mrs. H. H. Champ and Miss Gillard are staying in New York with Mrs. Wm. Champ.

The Misses Roach gave a small bridge party on Wednesday evening, when the prizes were won by Miss Leggat and Mr. George Hope.

Mrs. Torrance, Montreal, is staying with her sister, Mrs. Morrison, at the Bank House of the Bank of British North American.

Miss Frances DuMoulin gave an informal tea on Thursday afternoon for Mrs. Dudley Dawson, of Winnipeg, who is spending a few days in town.

Mrs. Turnbull is giving a dance at her residence, "Arkledun," on Wednesday, Jan. 22nd.

Mrs. Herring, Main street west, entertained at six-hand euchre on Wednesday evening for Mr. and Mrs. Jack Herring, who have spent the holidays with her, and leave to-morrow for their home in New Bedford, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Douglas Braithwaite, Toronto, left to-day for New York, from where they will take the Mediterranean trip and spend the winter abroad.

The Misses Ridley have returned from a short visit in Toronto.

Miss Walker, St. Catharines, is staying with Mrs. Gillard, "Undercliff."

Mrs. Hoodless, "Eastcourt," gave a luncheon on Thursday for the season's debutantes, among whom were Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Rosalinde Osborne, Miss Strathmore Findlay, Miss Marjorie McPherson, Miss Edna Greening, Miss Dorothy Wilgress, Miss Meta Bankier, Miss Joan Malloch, Miss Muriel Beckett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Crookston, who were staying with Mrs. Gartshore, have left for their home in Glasgow, Scotland.

Mrs. Thomas W. Watkins, of "Heidelbank," gave a very enjoyable bridge party on Wednesday evening last. Eight tables were laid, and a very pleasant evening spent. The ladies' prizes were won by Miss Carrie Crerar and Mrs. Harry Greening. The gentlemen's prizes were won by Mr. Pennefather and Mr. Bradley. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Murton, Mr. and Mrs. Pennefather, Mr. and Mrs. (Dr.) Mullin, Mr. and Mrs. Bostwick, Mr. and Mrs. James Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lazier, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greening, Mr. and Msr. Innis, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mr. and Mrs. Laidlaw, Miss Carrie Crerar, Miss Jean Haslett, Miss Mary Payne, Miss Muriel Hoodless, Dr. Park, Mr. Tom. Crerar, Mr. Walter Harvey and Mr. Price.

Heidelbank, the beautiful home of Mrs. Thomas W. Watkins, was the scene of one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season on Thursday afternoon last. The gathering was held under the auspices of the Women's Wentworth Historical Society. The guests were received by Mrs. Watkins and Mrs. Calder, the President of the society. Over two hundred were in attendance.

Mrs. Calder introduced the programme for the afternoon. This was opened by C. P. Garratt with a piano solo, and was followed by a violin solo by Miss Barnard. The feature of the musical portion of the programme was the vocal numbers contributed by Mrs. MacKelcan, who was in excellent voice.

The speaker of the afternoon was C. R. McCullough, whose remarks are always listened to with the keenest interest, and who took as his subject "National Monuments." His address was both interesting and instructive.

Following the address, Mrs. MacKelcan again delighted the assembly, as did also Miss Barnard, with her violin. Miss Jeanette Lewis contributed in a most acceptable manner a couple of elocutionary numbers.

After the programme afternoon tea was served in the dining room and den opening off the conservatory. Mrs. S. Parker, Mrs. William Hendrie, Mrs. Ernest Watkins and Mrs. A. F. Zimmerman presided over the tea rooms, and were assisted by Miss Carrie Crerar, Mrs. Ernest Watkins and the season's debutantes.

Among those present were: Mrs. J. J. Grafton, Mrs. William Southam, Mrs. Woolverton, Mrs. F. W. and Miss Gates, Mrs. Sanford, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. J. W. Nesbitt, Mrs. Lazier, Mrs. E. Lazier, Mrs. Murray Pettit, Mrs. Ambrose Pettit, Mrs. John Crerar, Mrs. O'Connor, Mrs. S. O. Greening, Mrs. J. M. Eastwood, Mrs. Tovell, Mrs. Gayfer, Mrs. Fred Gayfer, Miss Lewis, Mrs. and Miss Bertram, Miss McKay, Miss Phyllis McKay, Mrs. J. M. Gibson, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. Moodie, Misses Sutherland, Miss Lynch-Staunton, Miss Ethel Calder, Miss Ghent, Mrs. J. W. Bell.

Mrs. William A. Gilmour gave a bridge party on Thursday evening at her charming home on Hughson street, when amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Gartshore, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Greening, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Glassco, Mr. and Mrs. McBrayne, Miss Flossie Harvey, Miss Elsie Doolittle, Miss Madge Turner, Miss Lindsey, Miss Marjorie Stinson, Miss Aileen Tandy, Miss Douglas Young, Miss Mary Glassco, Mr. John Turner, Mr. Walter Champ, Mr. Strathearne Thompson, Mr. H. H. Patterson, Mr. F. R. Martin, Mr. John Gartshore, Mr. H. S. Alexander, Mr. George Harvey.

Miss Mary Payne gave a small tea and bridge party on Thursday afternoon, some of those present being Miss Violet Grant, Miss Alice Hope, Miss Margaret Scott, Mrs. Jack Glassco, Miss Agnes Climie, Miss Marjorie McPherson, Miss Reba Kittson, Miss Dorothy Willgress, Miss Marjorie Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Beasley were host and hostess of a bridge evening on Friday at their home, Main street east. Mrs. Alex. Murray, Mrs. Scott, Dr. Olmsted and Dr. Laidlaw won the prizes. Among others present were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Young, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Morrison, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gates, Mr. Torrance, Mrs. Olmsted, Mrs. Scott, Mrs. Turnbull, Mr. and Mrs. Myler, Mrs. Baldwin, Mrs. Simonds, Mrs. W. A. Wood, Mr. H. H. Patterson, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, Dr. and Mrs. Glassco, Dr. Malloch, Dr. Pryse Park.

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CHURCHES TO-MORROW

SPECIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO-MORROW.

In the First Methodist Church the pastor, Rev. R. J. Treleaven, will preach, morning and evening.

Rev. Dr. Williamson will preach at both services in Emerald Street Methodist Church to-morrow.

Rev. Edward Hamilton, of Grimsby, preaches at both services in the First Congregational Church to-morrow.

In Central Church in the morning service will be conducted by Dr. Lyle, and in the evening by Mr. Sedgewick.

A meeting for men will be conducted by Pastor Philpott in the Gospel Tabernacle to-morrow at 3.30. All men invited.

In Herkimer Baptist Church Rev. A. L. Huddleston, of Wentworth Church, will preach in the morning, and the pastor in the evening.

In Victoria Avenue Babtist Church the pastor will speak in the morning on "The Tragedy of Incompleteness," and at 7 p. m. on "Man's Greatest Duty."

Special missionary sermons will be preached at Gore Street Methodist Church by the pastor, in the morning, and Rev. F. W. Hollinrake at night.

Rev. Mr. Menancon, a graduate from Pointe Aux Trembles School, Quebec, will speak on French Evangelization tomorrow evening in St. John's Church.

The Lord Bishop of Niagara will preach at Christ's Church Cathedral tomorrow at the morning service, and Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., at the evening service.

At Charlton Avenue Methodist Church to-morrow Evangelist McHardy will conduct the services both morning and evening. The union services are continued, and the pastors will assist.

At MacNab Street Presbyterian Church to-morrow, the pastor, Rev. Beverly Ketchen will preach. Morning subject, "Ideals and Energy." Evening subject, "The Object of Life."

Communion of the Lord's supper will be celebrated in Knox Church Mission, James street north, at the evening service to-morrow for the first time. Rev. D. H. Fletcher, D. D., will preside.

Both services will be conducted by Rev. S. B. Russell. In the morning the subject will be "Prophetic Optimism." In the evening, "Life's Unknown Quantities." Organ recital 6.45. Strangers welcome.

Rev. Roy VanWyck will preach in Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Mrs. Le Roy Grimes will sing a song at each service. The pastor will address the young men's Bible class at 3 p. m.

Rev. J. A. Wilson, of St. Andrew's Church, will preach in the evening in his own church on the Ninth Commandment. The morning sermon will be given by Rev. J. E. Menancon, who represents the Pointe-aux-Trembles mission schools.

At Wesley Church to-morrow the choir will sing an anthem at each service. Messrs. Pettie and Garthwaite also sing in the morning and Miss Sutherland and a male quartette, Messrs. Clark, Pettie, Howell and Garthwaite, in the evening.

In Zion Tabernacle to-morrow morning the Rev. F. W. Hollinrake will preach a missionary sermon, "Seeking the Spread of the Kingdom," and in the evening the Rev. I. Couch, M. A., B. D., of Gore Street Church, will also preach on "Missions."

The pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church will occupy his own pulpit tomorrow, preaching in the morning on "The Gospel Furthered Through Hindrances." In the evening on "The Accepted Time." Song service before the evening service. Seats free. All welcome.

In James Street Baptist Church the pastor will commence a series of evening sermons on fundamental questions, the first being "What is Sin?" Morning: Anthem, "There's a Friend in the Homeland"; solo, "There is a Green Hill Far Away," Miss G. Stafford. Evening: Anthem, "Softly Now the Light of Day"; quartette, "Peace, Perfect Peace."

Rev. Richard Whiting will occupy the pulpit of Centenary Church to-morrow, his morning subject being "The Instinct of Prayer," and the evening "Certainties of the Faith." Appropriate musical services by the choir, the soloists for the day being Mrs. Allan and Mr. Peacock. Organ recital after evening service.

DR. M'CONVILLE INSANE.

Will Likely be Removed to Hamilton Asylum.

Kingston, Jan. 10.—Dr. Andrew McConville, who was sentenced to sixteen months in the Central for assaulting an aged woman, and who later attempted to hang himself in the county jail, was today pronounced insane by Drs. Edwards and McCarthy, and upon their report will be removed to an insane asylum, likely to Hamilton.

Pulp From Bamboo Grass.

The Agricultural College, Tokio, recently announced that it had discovered a method of making pulp from bamboo grass, sasa, for which the highest results are claimed. The bamboo grass is very common in Japan, and has been put to little use. It is proposed to teach the method to the Japanese farmers, and it is hoped that pulp will be produced cheaply by it both the farmer and the consumer should benefit. The matter is still under investigation and no details are obtainable.—Scientific American.

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At 103 Years He Says "Don't Worry" is Secret

(N. Y. Herald.)

There is a great deal of truth in the statement recently issued by the Bureau of Vital Statistics that worry is increasing the death rate from heart disease in New York," said the Rev. Abraham Isaac Trager, 103 years old, as he flicked the ashes from a cigar yesterday. "I have never worried in my life, and to that I attribute in great measure my long life and excellent health."

Rabbi Trager laid aside a copy of the Talmud he had been reading, without glasses, while he reviewed in an hour's conversation some of the interesting events of his long life. He lives with his daughter, Mrs. Rachel Visanska, at No. 488 St. Nicholas avenue, and, while he has retired from active business, this centenarian has not by any means given up an active interest in all that goes on in the world outside, nor in the pastimes and enjoyments that younger persons indulge in.

He smokes incessantly, reads many newspapers in both English and Hebrew, continues his Talmudic studies with as much energy as when he was studying for the rabbinate in Russia, more than three-quarters of a century ago, and only recently at Yom Kippur he delivered a sermon lasting an hour.

Although he probably is the oldest person in New York he keeps up correspondence with friends in America and Europe, and at wedding ceremonies, which he likes to perform, he is said to be a witty and delightful after dinner speaker.

Rabbi Trager is no mollycoddle. He is a great admirer of President Roosevelt and believes in most of the things the President advocates. In his youth he was an athlete and famous swimmer, with a record of having dived under the ice of the Volga River and saved the lives of two peasant women who had gone under. In his increasing years he has kept himself in perfect physical trim by much walking. At the age of one hundred he made daily visits to the Montefiore Home, although the trip involved walking up more than one hundred steps leading to Washington Heights.

Throughout his life he has indulged himself with tobacco, alcoholic drinks and coffee. He says, however, that he is as temperate in their use as his system demands. Now three years past the century mark, he smokes several pipes and many black cigars every day and often arises at midnight to soothe himself with a smoke. In former years he smoked cigarettes, but he has given those up because they do not satisfy him now.

Old residents of New York remember Rabbi Trager as the man who founded the first Polish orthodox congregation in the city. This was the congregation Hamedrash Hagodol, in Chambers street. He founded this synagogue after his arrival in this country from Russia, about 1855. Trager's memory for dates is a little hazy.

"King David said man was meant to live seventy or eighty years," Rabbi Trager told a visitor who asked him his age, "nemfw shrd cmfw cmfwypp his age, "and it is well for one to count his years up to three score and ten, but after that the years are gifts of God, and the recipient should not count them.

Sixty-five years ago this venerable father in Israel was living in Palestine, near the city of Jerusalem, where he had gone with his first wife and their children from Wilna, Russia. He was born in Wilna and was educated there for the ministry.

Like many other rabbis in Russia, he took up business, along with his priestly duties, and became a contractor and tavern keeper. He left Russia because of the persecutions visited on his race. During a residence of two years in Palestine he was engaged in missions of charity. At one time he fell a victim to Turkish robbers and was robbed and almost killed. His first wife and her children died in Palestine.

Rabbi Trager then returned to Russia, where he married a second time. Meanwhile he had travelled in Turkey, Austria and Germany, learning the languages of those countries. To-day he speaks Russian, Polish, German, Turkish, Arabic and English, and, of course, reads Hebrew. His English, which he learned when more than fifty years old, is excellent.

When Rabbi Trager first came to America he lived in New York and engaged in business. The decline of the hoopskirt and crinoline fashions ruined him financially, for he manufactured wire hoops, but he faced ruin with the same freedom from worry that characterized him and set about finding new employment. He moved to South Carolina and became a cotton planter shortly before the civil war. He lived near Columbia on his plantation until seven years ago.

One of his most precious possessions is an army rifle presented to him in person by General Sherman when the victorious Union army captured Columbia. Rabbi Trager's son, Louis was an officer in the federal army under General Grant and on that account, although he was a slave owner, the father's plantation was spared the devastation visited on some of his neighbors. Trager was Consul at Boulogne, France, under President Grant.

While living in Columbia Rabbi Trager organized the communities of Charleston and Columbia, and as the inly shochet in the district provided them with kosher meat. At the age of ninety he travelled about the South collecting funds for a synagogue at Columbia. Nearly the entire community of his people in South Carolina can point to him as their Mohel and Mesader-Kedushin.

"Having tasted the sweets of freedom in this country," Rabbi Trager said, "I sent for all my relatives and brought them here. I have taught them to honor and love this country and respect the great men who have made it and preserved it."

This patriotic reference reminded the ancient rabbi of the cruise of the battle ship fleet to the Pacific. He said he had read every line printed in the Herald about the cruise and was greatly interested in its mission.

"I am a man of peace," he said. "War is abhorrent to me, but as long as there must be wars I believe America should be better prepared than any other nation. I am glad Rear Admiral Evans' fleet is going to the Pacific. I believe it will do good for it to go to Japan. That country interests me very much, for I think the Japanese are the lost tribe of Israel. This belief is based on philologic grounds. The name of the Japanese ruler, Mikado, I have found in my Talmudic studies to be an Iranic word meaning "Who is like that?" Japan is also derived from an Iranic word meaning 'hidden.'"

Early marriages and large families are advocated strongly by Rabbi Trager. Through his second marriage he had four children, three of whom are living. They are Mrs. Visanska, with whom he lives; Mrs. M. Garfunkel, of No. 8 West 119th street, and Isidor Trager, a distiller, of Cincinnati. He has twenty-five grand-children, and thirty-three children call him great-grandfather.

SEA BATHING ON NEW YEAR'S.

Annual Dip in San Diego Bay Astonishing to Easterners.

While the waters of the East, where, during the summer months, youth and old age delight to swim or row, are frozen over and provide only a field for the invigorating winter sports of skating and curling, the bays and ocean beaches of the Southwest are the scenes of all sorts of acquatic pastimes. Little does it matter if the calendar does say the day is New Year's or Christmas. Memorial day or the glorious Fourth. It is all the same to the swimmer, the oarsman, the owner of a yacht or the fisherman of California. This is particularly true in the great bay of San Diego, at the extreme southern end of California, where headland and peninsula afford a vast space of still water.

One of the regular annual features of a rowing club, says The Travel Magazine, is the New Year's day dip in the bay, when scores of the members get into the water at the same time, making a picture which is a source of astonishment to the "easterners" who may be down on the water-front. But this is not the only day in the winter when the boys have their swim in the open water. Indeed, the members may be seen any day in the year taking an invigorating plunge.

Pennsylvania Teacher's Record

John M. Wolf, who began teaching in the public schools of Adams and York counties at the age of 15 and is now 75, has been absent from school on account of sickness but four and a half days in his service of sixty years. He says that besides teaching fifty-six common school term he has taught twenty seven local normal school terms of twelve weeks each, making in all eighty three terms. He also claims that he has during his school work prepared more young ladies and men for teachers than any man in southern Pennsylvania.—From the Philadelphia Record.

In counting up his expenses the proprietor of the printing establishment realizes that there's the devil to pay.