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Our summary of the conference business will appear in our next issue, together with other matter of peculiar interest to the clergymen and laymen attending.

SOMEbody has wittily remarked that Goderich was this week favored with the law and the gospel in an unusual degree. The justice had the county council and the Methodist conference in his mind's eye.

The county council proceedings will be reported in full next week. There has been very little business done up to Thursday evening, except committees work. The police magistrate question will probably be dealt with to-day.

Bro. Hilliard, championed the cause of the press in fine style on Thursday in the conference. We will have a little to say along that line next week. Meanwhile the able editor from Waterloo will hold the fort, flanked by the quartette of editors who sit with him in the Methodist legislature.

We will have to withdraw that allusion to the editor of the Star as the pious elder. No truly pious elder would publicly call a fellow communicant an "Ananias," and endorse the profanity hurled at his brother in the church by saying it was "a correct diagnosis." Only an impious elder would be so vile. The term pious editor is a misnomer.

St. John A. Macdonald defends his "boy," and says that M. C. Cameron, M.P. is untruthful. People will want some better authority than Macdonald, whose falsehood is proverbial. It was Macdonald who said "These hands are clean," when they were reeking with the Allan bribery fund down to "the last time of calling," of that "another ten thousand." He also "wished to God he could catch Riel," when he had paid him public money to get out of the country. We doubt if even the Tories believe any unsupported statement of their "chieftain."

The temperance question occupies a good deal of our space this week. Mr. Scott's reasons for resigning the position of police magistrate are fully given in this issue, and Inspector Yates' opinion is also given at length in our report of the Scott Act Convention at Clinton. The county council have the question of the recommendation of the appointment of a magistrate with salary before them now. What they will do no one knows at the time of writing. What the temperance people will do in case of a refusal by the council, we know. In any event a thorough organization for the municipal elections is necessary. We should have a majority of Scott Act reeves in a Scott Act county.

WHO ARE THE COWARDS?

The friends of Mr. Cameron are delighted to see that he has done what he said he would do, (and what we knew he would do), and repeated on the floor of the House of Commons, before the peccant members, the charges he made at Brucefield, Wingham and St. Thomas. Mr. Cameron did not spare the Tories. He made his charges in parliament as he said he would do, and not only made them, but reiterated them last week, quoting from the Government blue books to sustain him. So severe was the arraignment, so clear the facts, so well sustained were the charges, that the guilty members were speechless, and no one essayed a defence in his presence. When it was known that Mr. Cameron had left for the west, one of the culprits grew brave, and made a coarse attack upon the able representative from West Huron. The Globe Ottawa correspondent thus alludes to the incident:

Mr. Haggart probably thought he was doing a manly thing today when he made a mean and unpatriotic attack upon Mr. M. C. Cameron while Mr. Cameron was absent. It is safe to say that had Mr. Cameron been in his place the member for Section B would have been judiciously silent. Some days ago Mr. Haggart challenged Mr. Cameron to repeat some statements made by the latter in a speech at Wingham. On Thursday evening in the face of the men he arraigned Mr. Cameron not only repeated his statements, but proved the accuracy of every word he uttered, out of the official returns laid before Parliament, and when he sat down neither Mr. Haggart nor any other Tory dared to deny any one of the charges he made. They waited until he was two or three hundred miles away before venturing to attack him. The people will judge whether Mr. Haggart or Mr. Cameron is the greater "coward."

Since then Hon (I) John Costigan and Sir John Macdonald have mustered sufficient courage to reply to Mr. Cameron, in his absence.

TRUTH WILL PREVAIL.

Sir,—In the main I have favored the course which THE SIGNAL has pursued, and until the present occasion I have never seen the time when I could not conscientiously and consistently defend it. It is, therefore, because of the faith that I have in the integrity of its editors, and that I now take upon me the role of a candid friend, and draw attention to what I consider to be some of the weak points in your utterances of late:—

1. Several times recently you have published the statement of the editor of the "Star" as being at one time and another assisted by outsiders in the preparation of his leading articles, and therefore did not control his journal's utterances. I must confess that I was myself of that opinion, until in issue of April 30th the editor of the "Star" denounced the statement as a falsehood and stigmatized the author as "a wilful liar." In the same issue of the "Star" the editor took it for granted that Mr. Embury was one of the persons alluded to as being an outside editorial contributor, and referred to the subject as follows:—

"We simply state that Mr. Embury has not now, nor has he ever had, anything more to do with the Star and its utterances on any subject than has Mr. Thomas McGillivray. Now, if the editor of the "Star" means anything by that extract, he means that Mr. Embury has not now, or has he ever" written editorially for the "Star" for surely it cannot be intended to mean that Mr. Thomas McGillivray has at any time controlled the editorial utterances of that journal. If that be the proper construction to put upon it, I must confess that I am bound to take it as an explicit and satisfactory denial until you prove by incontestable evidence that the editor of the "Star" has borne false testimony in this instance; and I therefore as an old subscriber, call upon you to set yourself right, if you can, or ever after hold your peace on this particular point.

2. I noticed also that you have challenged to give the names of any one who have assisted the present editor in his work, and thus far you have failed to respond. This action seems to me and many other friends as well as opponents of yours to look as if the "Star" editor had the better of the position unless you prove your previous contention by furnishing names which cannot be disputed. Mark you, sir, I am actuated in this matter simply in the interest of truth. It is not sufficient for me to be told that because you have caught the editor of the "Star" in falsehood on previous questions that of necessity he is a liar. By British law a man is innocent until he is proved guilty, and in this case the burden of proof lies with you. If you are in a position to give one or two names to back up your assertions on this point, it is your bounden duty to do so.

3. Hoping that you will act upon these suggestions, and if possible give the desired information in the spirit in which it is asked for, I enclose my name and subscribe myself A CANDID FRIEND. We have no doubt "A Candid Friend" is, as he professes to be, a seeker after truth, and for that reason we will proceed to satisfy the enquiries which he has raised, at once and forever. It is no pleasure for us to be overlastingly nailing the falsehoods put in circulation by our contemporary, but on many occasions lately we have been constrained to do so. Repeatedly during the past months and years we have driven the Star from corner to corner, and from contention to prevarication. "A Candid Friend" should have taken for granted that we have not changed places with the Star on the points he enumerates simply because the editor of that journal seeks to deny, like Peter of old, a self-evident fact, and almost with oaths and curses, in his journal. We do not profess to be adepts in referring to our opponent as a "wilful liar," "a public liar," "a pitiable and loathsome spectacle, combining the courage of a midnight assassin with the venom of a snake," &c., but we aim to set crooked things straight occasionally, and we do it in our own way and in a right spirit. On "A Candid Friend" raised for us, as "A Candid Friend" asks for, answers that can in no way be misconstrued, and we will not copy the billingsgate or sinuous ways of our contemporary."

(1) Mr. Embury has written editorially for the Star.

(2) Rev. Mr. Steele, of St. Stephens, and Mr. Allan Embury are two gentlemen who have acknowledged that they contributed to the Star editorially on various occasions.

If "A Candid Friend" is not fully satisfied with this reply, we refer him to the two gentlemen mentioned. They are both more truthful and upright men than he of the Star, and will not state that they never wrote editorially for that journal.

TOWN TOPICS.

A child's errand, pe, taking' notes, An' faith he'll print it.

George Stewart takes groups in splendid style. Clerical visitors should give his photo studio a call.

Clergymen visiting Goderich at the Conference meeting should get their photos at Salloway's. He does excellent work. Call and see samples at his gallery.

FINE TAILORING.—Just arrived, Royal Ride driven Irish Suits. The newest goods in the market. Take a look at them. Nobby and cheap. B. MacCormac.

F. & A. Prichard, the fashionable tailor, have been very busy, but like "Oliver Twist" they ask for more. Visitors, call and see their stock of broadcloths and worsted coatings.

At the Cash Store you can buy a nice lot of confectionery at each per box. A nice lot of fresh lot of tomatoes in cans cheap, warranted, good sugars and teas a specialty. G. H. Old, the grocer, features.

Why will you roast yourself during the coming summer when you can go to B. N. Davis and get a coal oil stove with patent extension top, oven, and iron heater and patent boiler, for \$40.00; last year's price, \$15.00.

Members of conference and county council before you go home call at Saunders' variety store and get something for the little folks or for your life. The largest stock in town of notions, fancy goods, toys, jewelry, etc., and they are acted as the cheapest house under the sun.

Capt. McArthur was in town on Monday. Rev. F. Watters officiated at Hullett on Sunday last.

Chas. Seager is building an addition to his private residence. A number of summer visitors have already arrived in town.

Mr. H. Meyer, ex-mayor of Wingham, was in town last week. Mrs. Meyer and children, of Wingham, left for home last week.

The June Seniors open next Tuesday before the Hon. J. P. Judge. Highest market price paid for potatoes by H. Space, Hamilton street.

Mrs. Fletcher and Miss Anna Fletcher have gone on a voyage to Scotland. Abraham Smith, merchant tailor, makes a new announcement this week.

Mrs. Hawley arrived at her summer residence, Goderich township, last week. Last Thursday, being Ascension Day, it was observed as a holiday in St. Peter's.

The regular monthly meeting of the School Board will be held on Monday evening.

The Hon. Garibaldi, Captain John McPherson, in leading salt for the Georgian Bay.

The Church of England Band of Hope picked up "Bellevue" on Saturday afternoon.

The propeller Ontario, of the Beatty line, called in on her upward trip last Wednesday.

The life boat under the command of Capt. Babo was out for its first practice in 1886.

Miss Lizzie Brophy, was the guest of her cousin, the Misses Sallows, of Colborne, during the week.

Rev. T. E. Calver, who has been assistant pastor of Knox church for some time past, has left town.

Stratford firemen and band will hold a tournament on Thursday, June 17th, and offer big attractions.

The Government is about erecting a house for the safe keeping of the Goderich life boat.

Another interesting letter on the oil fields of Petrolia, from the pen of G. B. Robson, will appear next week.

The band will play on the square every Friday evening during the summer instead of Saturday as heretofore.

The drug stores now close at eight o'clock every evening but Saturday, to the joy of the clerks of the mortar and pestle.

The J. G. Kolve, Capt. James McDonald, arrived in port last Friday with a cargo of coal for her owner, Mr. Peter McKewen.

St. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Subjects for Sunday May 6th—"The Ascension of Christ," and "A Personal Saviour and a Personal Salvation."

A man named Hall, of Seaford, was committed to jail last week for being insane. He had been a resident of Seaford for several years.

Rev. T. E. Calver opened his lecture on Thursday evening of last week on the subject "The Air We Breathe." He treated the subject in a lucid manner, and illustrated his lecture with a few experiments.

Our usual grit of short local items, personal mention, etc., have been crowded out by other matter. Our story has also had to jump a week, on account of the pressure upon our columns of matter of more immediate importance.

On the 3rd of June, at the residence of William Watson, Bruce st., by the Rev. Dr. Ure, Peter McFarlane, of the G. T. R., was married to Miss Jane Watson, second daughter of James Watson, of the Huron hotel. The wedding was a happy one and will spend the honeymoon at Detroit.

A dog fight on West street near the square on Tuesday evening about half past seven, delighted a lot of our town sports. The animals were very evenly matched, and were bound not to part. The fight was a long one, the result was a draw, and no constable could be found among the big crowd.

The Ingersoll Chronicle says:—"Mr. Edward Brown, of Goderich, has accepted the proctorship of St. Andrew's church. We congratulate the congregation upon securing the services of one so competent to fill the position. Mr. Brown is a good citizen, and will lend his enthusiasm and experience to his work of choir training. He takes with him the best wishes of a large circle of friends."

John D. Swanson, son of our townsman George Swanson, who has recently returned from college, where unfortunately he was expelled, will leave on Monday next, via Quebec, to visit the old country, in company with his uncle and cousin. We hope the trip will do him good, and bring him back to his old time vigor. He will visit Wick and Thurso, the former home of his parents, while on the trip. Bon voyage, John.

At the regular meeting of the High School Literary society last Friday evening the following program was presented:—Reading, Mr. Cameron; recitation, Miss Wiggins; chorus, the members; recitation, Miss Rank; chorus, the members; a debate on the question, "Was Elizabeth justified in executing Mary, Queen of Scots?" followed, Mr. Strang, B.A., in the chair. Messrs Taylor and Wilson and Heddle the negative. At the close of the discussion Mr. Strang, in a very able manner, addressed the speakers and declared the weight of argument in favor of the affirmative.

THE DUTY OF THE PRESS.—A contemporary says the newspaper press exists to subserve three purposes. The first is to give a readable summary of news, local, general and political. The second is to act as teacher, and the third is to act as public censor. The last is just as important as either of the others, but more trying to the man who owns the paper. Many people are prone to forget the value of even a local paper in this respect, if fearlessly conducted. They think it ought to reflect their views in every particular concerning them, and they simply justify in refusing their custom.

THE SENECAWARRS.—This colored troupe of minstrels appeared here on Saturday and Monday. They have a good brass band, and conducted themselves while in town like gentlemen.

The performance on Saturday gave such satisfaction, that fully half of the audience who were present on Saturday, offered had little or nothing to offend, and a good house should greet the Senegambians if they return during the winter. McQuinn was provokingly funny with his tambourine playing. Truss was true to life in his old man business, and Ed. Gorman in his Irish eccentricities was very comical. The orchestra was good, and in fact the whole performance each night was well worthy of patronage.

PRESS MEN AT THE CONFERENCE.—Messrs. Hilliard, Waterloo Chronicle; T. McGivern, Salt Reformer; R. L. McPherson, Free Press; J. J. Crabbe, of the St. Mary's Argus, and C. W. Rutledge, of the Methodist Conference, are in town, and grasped the hand editorial during the week. Hilliard is a sort of lay bishop among the Methodists, and is very wise here; McGivern is one of the staidest attendants at the various exercises; Moore is smiling all day in and out of church; Crabbe is as fine looking as ever, notwithstanding that he has sacrificed his luxuriant side whiskers and is now a close cropped man; and Rutledge is getting as getting as much satisfaction from his visit as any of them.

St. JOHN'S, S. F.—The installation of Rev. A. B. Meldrum, late of Goderich, occurred on Sabbath afternoon, April 25th, at San Francisco. It being Easter, the floral decorations of the church, were of surpassing excellence. The installation services were attended by many members of the other churches, and all present seemed to share in the happiness of the fortunate congregation. Rev. F. E. Shearer presided. Dr. Spingie preached an appropriate sermon. Mr. Adams delivered the charge to the pastor, and Dr. Sprecher the charge to the people. Grateful tributes were paid to the memory of Dr. Scott, and it was evident that to be the pastor of a people who so long enjoyed the pastoral care of such an eminent and godly man was no small honor. We believe that Mr. Meldrum will prove to be a worthy successor of this prince of Israel.—(The Occident, May 12.)

BASE BALL TALK.—The Wingham Times speaking of the game played on the 24th of May, says:—"The Goderich boys took their defeat gracefully, and by the manner in which they treated their visitors they proved themselves thorough gentlemen, every one of them. Our boys are loud in their praise of the Actives, individually and collectively, and when they again visit Wingham they may rest assured that nothing in town will be too good for them; in fact we shouldn't wonder if our boys would let them beat next time, just as an act of courtesy, you know. The Wingham team started for home on Tuesday morning, and when near Belfast and one of the horses broke down and the boys had to go to Lucknow, a distance of about seven miles. They telegraphed

from Lucknow for a fresh team to go out and take them home, and they arrived here safe and sound, but pretty well played out, about midnight Tuesday. While waiting for the team they had a game of three innings with the Lucknow club, and succeeded in defeating them by a score of 22 to 9, and this too, after they had gone without food for nine hours, drove 15 miles and walked seven.

GODERICH CALEDONIAN GAMES.—A meeting of the citizens' committee in connection with the Goderich Caledonian and Caledonian games, was held in the Huron hotel Wednesday evening. There was a good attendance. On motion M. Hutchison was called to the chair. The question of making application for special railway fares to Goderich along the line from Stratford was taken up, and after some discussion it was decided that the matter of communicating with the railway authorities be left to the mayor. Other questions in connection with the celebration were then taken up, and disposed of satisfactorily. It looks as if already the success of the celebration is assured. Some \$250 have been secured with a prospect of future success on the part of the collectors; a first-class prize list has been prepared; a fine ground has been selected; a large number of the best Canadian and American athletes have signified their intention of being present; and, with the addition of the fine weather, the greatest day for athletic sports ever held in Canada may be confidently anticipated. The large bills and programs are in the hands of the printers, and will shortly be distributed amongst the public.

RURAL DEANERY MEETING.—The half yearly meeting of the clergy, churchwardens and lay delegates, who compose the rural deanery chapter, was held in Clinton on Thursday, May 27th, in St. Paul's school house. The rural dean, Rev. W. Craig, B. D., took the chair and opened the meeting with prayer. The attendance was not as large as might have been expected. After roll call the statistics were collected and tabulated. The deferred question of how best to deal with the synodical collections without interfering with usual Sunday collections for local purposes, was discussed at much length. The rural dean explained a plan they were adopting in St. Paul's, viz: to group them, and appeal to the congregation by envelopes at stated times to make up the amount. In preparation for the January meeting it was decided to hold it in Clinton on the 15th inst. The rural dean explained a plan they were adopting in St. Paul's, viz: to group them, and appeal to the congregation by envelopes at stated times to make up the amount. In preparation for the January meeting it was decided to hold it in Clinton on the 15th inst.

HERE MENTION OF THE SERMONS BY VISITORS ON LAST LORD'S DAY.

St. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Morning.—Bishop Baldwin preached on the case of Naaman the Leper. He described the greatness and the wretchedness of the Syrian, and the faith and faithfulness of the girl captive, the journey of Naaman to Samaria, his interview with the king of Israel, his meeting with the prophet, and his fury at the simplicity of the cure recommended, in a manner that made the hearers feel as if they were present at the scene. He dwelt in a powerful manner upon the blessing resulting from the final acquiescence with the command of the prophet, and showed in a clear and simple way salvation by faith in Christ. The sermon like all Bishop Baldwin's discourses, was delivered with an earnestness that arrested and held attention.

St. GEORGE'S CHURCH.—Evening.—A very large audience greeted His Lordship at the evening service. His text was from the 1st verse of the 3rd chap. of Col., and for nearly an hour he kept the closest attention of his auditors, while he spoke of the blessing of the resurrection of Christ. No synopsis was made, and we will not attempt it. The collection for the day about \$100.

VICTORIA STREET.—Morning.—Rev. J. McAllister preached upon Pilot's question "What shall I do with Jesus, which is called the Christ?" He condemned indecision of character, and urged a prompt acceptance of Christ, and faithful adherence to his cause. There was power in his preaching.

Evening.—Rev. Josias Green, of Port Elgin, based his sermon upon the desire for a higher life, and urged young converts more especially to press toward the goal of their higher calling in Christ Jesus. His sermon was illustrative, and very impressive.

KNOX CHURCH.—Morning.—Rev. J. W. Holmes, of Guelph, preached upon the importance of being filled with the Spirit. He described some of the functions of the Holy Ghost, and showed a thorough familiarity with the scriptures in his treatment of his subject. He pointed out the blessing of those who were filled with the Spirit, and those who listened were much edified by the discourse.

KNOX CHURCH.—Evening.—Rev. C. E. Stanford, of Palmerston, preached an able sermon from the words: "And the cup was put in Benjamin's sack." He described in graphic language the peculiar relations of Joseph and his brethren in Egypt previous to his revelation of himself unto them, and then drew an analogy between the cup in the sack and the cup of sorrow so often given to those who are beloved of God. He showed also that sorrow is often sent to correct the evil as well as to further refine the good. The sermon was well conceived, beautifully worded and earnestly delivered.

NORTH STREET METHODIST.—Morning.—The pulpit was occupied at 11 a.m. service by Rev. A. Cunningham, of Mitchell, who preached a well-digested discourse on the miracles of Christ, the causes that led to them, and their glorious results. The text was Matt. ix: 2: "Sun be of good cheer; thy sin is forgiven thee." The preacher showed that bodily pain was caused by sin, and

that Christ got to the root of the matter and relieved the pain when he forgave the sin.

NORTH STREET METHODIST.—Evening.—In the evening Rev. John Scott, M. A., of Walkerton, preached an excellent discourse on the transfiguration of Christ, taking for his text Luke ix, 33: "It is good to be here." The rev. speaker traced the difference between law, the prophets and the perfection of Christ. The sermon gave evidence of deep thought and careful preparation, and was delivered in a most impressive manner. At the close of the regular service a prayer meeting was held.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON.—A temperance mass meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in Knox church. There was a large attendance of young and old. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Messrs. German and Aylesworth. The former was too long in his remarks, and spoilt what would otherwise have been a good speech. Dr. Aylesworth spoke to the point. Ministers and others who address gatherings of children should be very simple in their mode of address, have plenty of illustrations, and be just as brief as coherency will permit.

PRESENTATION AND ADDRESS.—On Wednesday evening the members of Knox church, choir in full number, gave Mr. E. L. Brown, their late leader, a pleasant surprise. Dr. Ure opened the proceedings by prayer. Misses McGillivray read the address and Miss Tennant presented the gift, a solid silver cake basket and table napkin ring. Mr. Brown, smiling very happily, the following is the address:

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