

The Planet

DAILY AND WEEKLY

Chatham, Ont.

AN OVERSIGHT.

Of course it was quite accidental, but our esteemed local contemporary, the Banner, seems to have altogether overlooked the sacred concert in the First Presbyterian church on Tuesday night last. We can assure the Banner it was one of the finest musical events Chatham has ever seen. The city's best local talent took part, one of Detroit's most famous vocalists was present, and the audience was large, cultured and highly capable of judging good music. The only thing lacking therefore, to make the whole affair a pronounced success, was a write-up in the Banner. We know that both performers and audience will keenly feel this oversight and we hasten to mention the matter as it is too late for that leading molder of public opinion to remedy the mistake and to pour the balm of its condescending approval, as it were, on this really high class affair.

We fear if the Banner really imagines it is too late to remedy the oversight, the First Presbyterians and their friends may imagine they have nothing left to live for as a congregation. Later—Reliable reports from good sources go to indicate that in spite of this terrible blow, services will again be held in the First Presbyterian church on Sunday. The choir, it is also rumored, will have the audacity to sing. But we do not suppose Mr. Warington will ever have the temerity to return to Chatham again.

THE RUIN OF THE TEACHING PROFESSION.

The other day the Leamington "public" school board advertised for a teacher holding a second-class certificate and received over thirty applications in short order. The salaries ranged from \$200 up to \$500. Quite a number of the applications were made at the \$200 figure. In the case of these it certainly may be said that salary was no object. In the light of this the earlier the teachers of Ontario form a union with a scale of prices the better. If a second-class teacher is not worth more than \$200 he or she ought to be in some other business than rearing the tender thought and teaching the young idea how to shoot.—Leamington Post.

When G. W. Ross' new teaching factory in London gets going \$200 will be the maximum instead of the minimum salary. The Hardy Government's policy has killed the teaching profession. There is not a teacher in Kent county that is not earning at least twice what he or she is being paid. But after all we haven't much sympathy with the teachers. Nine-tenths of them are hide-bound Liberals and have supported a Government through thick and thin whose policy has been robbing them of their just earnings. If they are satisfied to be thus robbed we do not know that the rest of the community is particularly interested in making a kick on their behalf.

The school teachers of Ontario are an intelligent and educated class of people who ought to know their own business best. If they are satisfied to see their profession, as a profession, ruined, they are the ones who will suffer. But \$500 from a competitive standpoint is a high figure, even for a male teacher, now. Nothing is more to the credit of the school boards of the province than the fact that they are not taking advantage of the glut of school teachers to cut salaries. We venture the opinion that there is not a common school teacher or principal's position in the province that could not be satisfactorily filled to-morrow for \$400 a year, and perhaps less. As far, the high schools if salaries were made the test, about \$700 would be the outside limit, and the men drawing that would be looked upon with envious eyes by the rest of the profession.

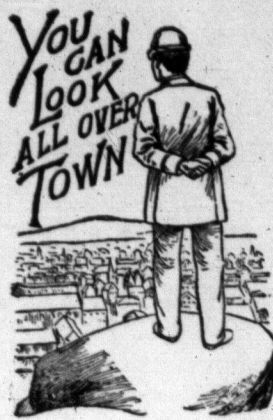
Yet teaching is as important a pro-

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fession as any of the others. In fact, it is more so. And teachers ought to be as well paid. It is their own fault if they are not getting fairly treated.

KITCHENER'S EXPLANATION.

It is doubtful if any amount of explanation can be made to justify an inhuman act. However, Lord Kitchener has explained his position with regard to the killing of the wounded Derivahs as well as he can. He says that the unpleasant task was only undertaken in the case of those who feigned death in order to obtain opportunities of murdering those of our officers and men, or friendly natives, who might come within their reach, and what ever was done, was done with all possible considerations of humanity. With regard to the Mahdi's tomb, Lord Kitchener vindicates the steps taken in this connection, which were rendered necessary by the fanatical character of the populace. Had the Mahdi's tomb been left intact it would have become the objective of fanatical pilgrimages, which would have caused endless mischief to the good government of the Sudan. Lord Cromer supports the action taken by the Siridar in all respects.

Premier Laurier, in reply to a question in the house, announced that the fake plebiscite cost the country \$180,000.

Our good friend, "the Banner," once said it had a very high regard for the opinions of the independent Toronto Telegram. It will no doubt, therefore, agree with the following: "Canada's worst Conservative government was never backed by an outfit of organs which could do its work cheerfully and continuously than the free and enlightened Liberal press of Ontario."

THE WAY THEY DO THINGS.

Hamilton Spectator. The Hardy Government isn't much of a stickler for the fitness of things. It makes a game warden out of an engine driver, a stamp flicker out of a plowman, a stamp flicker out of a doctor, and so on. And now it has capped the climax by making a boss printer out of a washerwoman.

THE LOVE OF GOD.

Written by Bernard Rancas, a Provincial poet, in the 14th century, and translated into English by William Cullen Bryant.

All things that are on earth shall, wholly pass away. Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye. The forms of men shall be as they had never been: The blasted groves shall lose their fresh and tender green: The birds of the thicket shall end their pleasant song. And the nightingale shall cease to chant the evening song. The king of the pasture shall feel the dart that kills. And all the fair white flocks shall perish from the hills. The goat and antlered stag, the wolf and the fox, The wild-tear of the wood, and the chamois of the rocks, And the strong and fearless bear, in the mighty wilderness, And the mighty whale shall die. And the realm shall be dissolved, and the empire be no more. And they shall bow to death, who ruled from shore to shore, And the great globe itself, so the Holy Writings say. With the rolling firmament, where the starry armies dwell, Shall melt with fervent heat — they shall all pass away. Except the love of God, which shall live and last for aye!

The bones of an average man's skeleton weigh twenty pounds. Those of a woman are probably six pounds lighter.

REMORSE.

Red lips that dumbly quaver for his kiss And bow, but fondly touch his graveyard stone. Ah, lips he loved of old, remember this. He had not died if he had only known. —Arthur J. Stringer in Harper's Magazine.

A STROKE OF GENIUS.

It Elicited the Unbounded Admiration of the Farmer.

Only a few summers ago, among the many stores that visited the wild region adorned by one of Michigan's inland lakes, was an artist. He had a wealth of scenery from which to select and chose a picturesque view with a hill of rocks and jack pines as a background. The owner of the property, however, did not think much of the enterprise or of the man who would dawdle away his time in such an undertaking but the artist paid the summer rates without a murmur and never entered any complaints against the accommodations. The next season the painter was again among the guests.

"How did that picture of yours come out, anyhow?" asked the curious landlord.

"Oh, fairly well. You know that I have my name to make yet. I sold it for \$1,000."

"No," exclaimed the farmer excitedly, "not \$1,000. You're chaffin' me."

"Not a bit of it," laughed the artist. "I got \$1,000 for that little view before there was a frame on it."

"Shake, stranger. I allus thought I was pretty slick on a dicker, but I'll be doggone if you don't take the prize. You skinned that fellow slick and clean."

"How so?" indignantly, for his pride was touched.

"Oh, don't play innocent with me. It won't go no further. But you know where you used to be a paper where you couldn't raise a bean to the acre? If the critter that bought that picture had seen me, I'd a sold him the bull-dog farm for \$275." —Detroit Free Press.

In the Tap Root of an Oak.

I remember a curious incident connected with the tap root of an oak. This oak, a good tree of perhaps 300 years' growth, was being felled at Bradenham wood when the woodmen called attention to something peculiar on the tap root. On clearing this of soil we found that the object was a horse shoe of ancient make. Obviously in the beginning an acorn must have fallen into the hollow of this oak shoe and as it grew through the slow generations the root filled up the circle, carrying it down into the earth in the process of its increase till at length we found wood and iron thus strangely wedded. That tap root with the shoe about it was to be a paper weight in the restrooms of Bradenham Hall—Rider Haggard in Longman's Magazine.

Pure Water a Poison.

By "chemically pure water" we usually understand perfectly fresh, distilled water. Distilled water is a dangerous protoplasmic poison. The same poisonous effects must occur whenever distilled water is drunk. The sense of taste is the first to protest against the use of this substance. A mouthful of distilled water taken by inadvertence will be spit out regularly. The local poisonous effect of distilled water makes itself known by all the symptoms of a catch of the stomach on a small scale. The harmfulness of the process, so much resorted to today, of washing out the stomach with distilled water is acknowledged.—National Druggist.

Official Lampposts.

The placing of lampposts in front of the houses of the chief magistrates of towns is an ancient custom. We find in Heywood's "English Traveler" that posts were so placed in front of sheriffs' houses. Reginald says:

"What brave carved posts! Who knows but in time, sir, you may keep your shirewaite And be one of 'em, her gentle!"

From sheriffs, the practice extended to the houses of mayors and provosts. It has been suggested, with some probability, that the posts were at first intended for the affixing of proclamations which it was the duty of the sheriffs to publish.

A Forgetful Spouse.

Mrs. Bilkins—I never saw such a forgetful man in my life as you are. The clock has stopped again.

Mr. Bilkins—That's because you forgot to wind it.

Mrs. Bilkins—You know very well, Mr. Bilkins, that I told you to remind me to wind it, and you forgot about it. —New York Weekly.

Her Mistake.

"How did it happen that Miss Singleton refused to marry the young clergyman?"

"Why, when he proposed to her she, being a little deaf, thought he was asking her to subscribe to the organ fund. So she told him she had promised her money to some other mission." —Harper's Bazar.

Proud of His Descent.

O'Brien—And so Phelim is proud as his decent, is he?

McTurk—Yes, he is terribly stuck up about it.

O'Brien—Well, begorra, O'Brien's a bit of a decent himself to boast about. O'Brien decided four stories went when the ladder broke and never shipped a brick.

Not Yet.

"Are you related to each other?" inquired the probate judge at Oklahoma City of a German-United couple hearing the same name. And the groom replied: "No, Das is vat's de matter. Ve wants to be abroty." —Kansas City Journal.

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SIDE-SPLITTING CARTOONS.

The Montreal Daily Star is issuing a set of cartoons entitled "The By-Town Coons," that are making the whole Dominion laugh. There is not a Brit who can look at them without relaxing even a long face, and gradually broadening down to a smile, a laugh and a ha, ha, ha. The Tories are looking in their seats and roar. The By-Town Coons are skits on the Leaslie Ministry and even the ministers themselves admit the cartoons are immense. The drawing of the By-Town Coons is worthy of Punch in its greatest days. For the publisher of the Montreal Star with the By-Town Coons has been such that the publishers have been powerless to meet it. There is a great demand for the publication in special form on high class paper, under special covers, of the By-Town Coons, and the publishers of the Montreal Star, are issuing an edition to meet this demand, and letting the public have them as far as they last for ten cents complete. The circulation of the By-Town Coons has already passed a million, in fact over eleven hundred thousand. A set can be had by forwarding ten cents to the Planet, accompanied by the attached coupon:

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