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God's in his heaven, All's right with the world. - [BROWNING.

ondon, Saturday, October 6.

R. HOEBS SHOULD BE RETURNED WITHOUT OPPOSITION. The resignation of Mr. W. R. Meredith

M. P. P. for London necessitates a new ection for the Legislature in this city. t the general election a few months since e contest lay between Mr. Meredith and r. T. S. Hobbs. Mr. Meredith came fore the electors as leader of the Oppotion, as the coming premier in the event the defeat of the Government, as a skillil and successful local campaigner. Mr. obbs, though a respected merchant and anufacturer, until last campaign was omparatively unknown to many of the ively few votes of defeating the chosen a little more care had een exercised by his friends in the evision of the voters' lists. Even the poitical opponents of Mr. Hobbs admit that o other member of the Conservative party out its leader could have achieved victory in the recent contest in this city; certainly a high compliment to pay to any candi-

We do not know that Mr. Hobbs is greeable to enter the field for the service of his fellow-citizens at the present time, but if he is, it would only be a fair and graceful thing for the community at large to acquiesce in his election without opposition. The concessions which have been made regarding his strength as a public man should influence his political opponents to agree to this course. But there are other and equally strong reasons that will commend themselves to every section of the electorate at the present pression in recent years, and they are ill-disposed to have the prospective business revival interfered with by unnecessary political excitement. They know, as we all do, that within the next twelvemonths we will have to undergo the turmoil of a Dominion election, and are not likely to look with favor upon an unnecessary campaign at the present time. Then there is the further fact to be considered, that whereas when Mr. Meredith was elected by a small majority in June last there was some prospect of his becoming head of the Government of Ontario, his resignation now betokens that he despaired of reaching the coveted position of premier; in other words, it is an acknowledgment that Sir Oliver Mowat's Government is in power to stay for four years to come. "We have been sending an Opposition member to Toronto for a long period; it will do us good to have a change," many citizens have been saying within the last day or two. "Let us elect Mr. Hobbs, whose strong run against the Opposition leader proves his general acceptability to the citizens of London."

If, however, a contest is forced upon the city, we trust it will not be prolonged to a greater extent than the public interests demand. It is unfortunate that a vacancy is caused while citizens are wrestling with the iniquitous Dominion Franshise Act. But if a battle must be fought, we trust that both sides will see to it that it is conducted with decency, and free from those personalities that have been too Icequent in public contests in the past. Personalities and vulgar abuse, whether indulged in on the platform or through the press, are neither good morals, good journalism nor good politics.

-Sol. White, of Windsor, erstwhile Mr. Meredith's lieutenant in the Legislature, referring to the vacancy in the Conservative leadership, says: "I do not know of a member of the Opposition that will prove acceptable as leader." Too bad that Sol. was himself discharged from further attendance in the Legislature!

-Savings banks deposits are not always an indication of working-class prosperity. If they were so, then would the staid old State of Massachusetts be one of the most prosperous commonwealths on the continent. In its 85 saving banks today, there is no less than \$399,995,000 on deposit.

-The London bar has now given four of Mr. Justice Richard Meredith. This is | He will probably raise the number to at an enviable secord

LAW AS TO BYE-ELECTIONS.

By the acceptance of an office of emolument in the gift of the Dominion Government Mr. Meredith vacates his seat in the Legislature. There has been some question in the minds of various electors as to the procedure necessary to fill the vacancy in the representation of this city thus caused. The law is clear upon the subject. Section 28, sub-sec. 1, chap. 11, of the Revised Statutes of Ontarlo provides:

"A warrant may issue under the hands and seals of two members-elect of the Legin Chancery for the issue of a new writ for the election of a new member of the Legislative Assembly to fill any vacancy arising subsequently to a general election and before the first meeting of said Assembly thereafter, by reason of the death or other of the causes aforesaid, and the writ may issue at any time after such vacancy."

-Lord Rosebery, the Liberal Prime Minister of Great Britain, made a noteworty speech when he received the freedom of Inverness a couple of weeks ago. He affirmed that British statesmen were invariably honest. Some of them may have been dull, he said, some incapable, some aggravating, but there was no one whose honor and honesty could be questioned in the slightest degree. Then he took up the fact that 150 years have elapsed since the battle of Culloden was fought, and spoke of the devotion of the Highlanders to the cause for which they had taken up arms -a devotion which enabled an impoverished and persecuted people and chiefs to resist the temptation of a reward of £30,-000. They in the north had no reason to be ashamed of that time. They might ask him why? He had, he said an element of encouragement from this historical episode. It was this: If a people whose rebellion was so much founded upon conviction had by patient statesmanship been won over to logalty to the Crown and to the Government, there was an encouragement to think that the Celtle population in Ireland by patient and sympathetic methods-methods which to define would lead him on to troubled ground-might be won back from disaffection and discontent to being a prosperous sister in the federation of these islands. This reference to the efforts of the Liberals of Great Britain to make the union of Britain and Ireland a union of hearts was loudly cheered by the assem-

ELECTRICITY AS AN AID TO

FARMERS. Probably at an earlier day than many people believe, electricity will be made to serve the farmers of Ontario. So far the cost has been the one reason why the trolley or its equivalent has not been generally turned to account for rapid transit to thousands when only hundreds were due. and from centers of population, but electricity is coming or the signs of the times mean nothing. We are accustomed to regard the people of the Southern States as slow and backward in adopting time and labor saving devices, but a correspondent of the Country Gentleman, writing from Southeastern time. Our merchants and manufacturers Virginia, tells of a development of trolley have passed through a period of de- lines and of the adaptation of telephones to the daily wants of the fruit farmers in that district, which is truly remarkable. One line of electric road on Hampton Roads is Important Recommendations carrying the farmers' produce from truck farm to steamers for the great northern markets. Other lines now building will in a very short time penetrate the trucking belt around the city of Norfolk in each and every direction. Already 50 or more thrifty farmers and truckers in the trucking field around Norfolk are connected by telephone with the telephone system of the city. This system embraces Old Point, Hampton, Newport News, Smithfield, Churchland, Suffolk, and other minor points in its circuit, and where five years ago not a man outside the city of Norfolk had telephone connection with the world, now the wires are run between all the little country villages and the cities of Norfolk and Portsmouth, and the lines extend out in various directions in the region around. During such portions of the year as heavier shipments of farm produce are going forward, telegrams from New York, Boston, Providence, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago, and other points are sent to Norfolk, the center of this great market-garden industry, during the early morning hours, showing the condition and demands of every important market center in the United States. These early morning telegrams are telephoned out to farmers and truckers before 9 o'clock in the morning, and each man knows what, when and where to ship his produce that may be ready for market. Uncle Sam has also been very liberal with the truck farmer, and delivers the mail to him two or three miles out of the city twice or thrice daily. In a few short years

> trating the trucking belt around Norfolk in every direction. Shall the fruit growers and progressive farmers of the Niagara Peninsula and of the Western Ontario belt be less progressive than these "sleepy" Southerners? The time will come when, by the agency of electricity, all the thickly-settled portions of the country will be connected by telephones and electric railway systems, provided cheaply because constantly in use, and the people in the country will be brought into the closest contact with those in the centers of population. Perhaps we shall find in this peaceful revolution the solution of the difficulty of keeping boys and girls on the farm.

they will have electric lines of road pene-

-The gross debt of the Dominion is now \$310,190,722, and the assets, not a little of which are unproductive and could not be

realized on, \$65,467,167. -Dr. Garnier, of Lucknow, has dis-Its members to the bench of the superior covered 33 different varieties of snakes in courts-Chief Justice Meredith, Mr. Ontario, three of them with rattles. The Justice MacMahon, Mr. Justice Street and man with the d. t.s is yet to be heard from. s east one hundred.

CITY TREE TRIMMING.

In various parts of the city it may be observed that the shade trees are being trimmed. No one can fail to see the extraordinary improvement in the appearance of both the trees and the streets through this operation. The foliage of the maples is generally too low, and in all cases where they are large enough for the purpose it would add not only to the healthfulness of the surrounding houses, but to the beauty of the trees and streets, were they properly trimmed. Examples may be seen in different sections of the city where islative Assembly to the clerk of the Crown this has been done, and it is curious how the effect of an avenue of elms is created by this pruning of the maples. The trees are in reality the property of the city; at the same time, anything like reasonable private treatment of them will probably not be disallowed by the authorities. It might be well for the city engineer or the proper official to look into the whole matter of the trimming and oversight of the street trees so as to get the best possible results both from the standpoint of hygiene and scenic effect.

-In consequence of the receipt of a bullish" circular from an old country dealer, Western Ontario holders have been demanding higher prices for their apples. The Bulletin questions if anything could be bought under \$1 75 f.o.b. west; 5,000 barrels of fine winter varieties have changed hands at that figure. Some holders are asking \$1 85, and as high as \$2 and \$2 10 is asked by others, but at these latter figures there is no business. In Montreal round lots of green fall varieties were sold for \$1 50 to \$1 80, and fancy red stock at \$2 to \$2 50. There have been large receipts and

SADDLED ON DR. GARDINER. [Brockville Recorder.]

shalt not kiss," says Dr. This will be a much harder prescription for some people to take than a teaspooful of cure-all after each meal. A man will have to be made of pretty stern stuff to ward off those who wil tempt him to break this cruel mandate of Dr. Gardiner's. The Recorder is inclined to take chances till further light is received on the subject.

GOOD WIFE FOR A MILLIONAIRE.

(New York Recorder.) It would appear that the gossips will never cease trying to marry off George Vanderbilt as long as he remains a bache-

The last story in this direction is that George has been paying very noticeable attentions to the great-granddaughter of William B. Astor, a young lady of considerable beauty and marked aesthetic accomplishments, but above the pretty details of

It is told of her that, in settling a mil liner's bill, which had been sent in a number of times during her absence from home, she added up all the duplicate bills and sent a check for the total, Of course, nobody but a Vanderbilt could afford to have a wife whose business methods are of that kind.

Of the W. M. M. S. Western Branch at Strathroy.

Several Committees.

Election of Officers, Delegates to the General Board, Representatives to Conference, E;c.

STRATHROY, Ont., Oct. 5.-The Women's Methodist Missionary Society, western branch, resumed its sessions on Thurday morning. After routine the reports of committees were continued. The organizer's committee report says:

1. Your committee recommend that correspondence be kept up quarterly or halfyearly between district organizers and the corresponding secretary of each auxiliary. 2. That new auxiliaries report to the branch corresponding secretary through their own corresponding secretary immediately upon the organization of an auxiliary, and thus open up communication with headquarters. That the duty of district organizers to hold district conventions be emphasized. 4. That district organizers be responsible when possible for the observance of woman's missionary Sunday of their distsicts. 5. That district organizers be nominated at the branch meeting. 6. That the report of this committee be inserted in the printed report of the branch. Continuation of the report of memorial court: Re National Council of Women-Resolved that we do not affiliate with the National Council. In view of the fact that through overwork or change of climate our lady missionaries are liable to become permanently laid aside, it is thought well that a superannuation fund be formed for their benefit, the plan suggested being that I cent per month be contributed by members of auxiliaries, and that this be forwarded to the general board as a memorial.

The report of the mission band committee, recommending that in each band and circle a member be appointed to present the claims of the Palm Branch, believing that the urgent appeal of the editor should be brought before each circle and band, and where there is no delegate from the bands and circles that the delegate from the auxiliary be asked to see that an appointment be made. 2. Your committee, recognizing the need for the personal consecration for service, recommended that bands organize for the devotional as well as for the business and literary departments of the work. Also as a branch we discourage the charging of admission fees and also of giving entertainments which are not of a missionary character, and of all costuming at entertainments. 3. That the branch give notice f motion that article 9 of the constitution of the mission bands be changed to read: "Any mission band sending the sum of \$10 annually to the auxiliarly treasurer or to the branch in whose bounds it is, shall be entitled to send one delegate to the branch annual meeting, but she shall not be eligible to any office in the branch or election to the board of management, except she be a member of an auxiliary."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON After routine the balloting for delegates to the general board took place, resulting as follows: Mrs Daly, London; Mrs T W Jackson, Caledonia; Mrs Wright, Mrs Williams, Galt; Mrs Dickson, London; Mrs Phelps. Mount Pleasant; Mrs Fowler.

London; Mrs Hardey, Hamilton; Mrs Mc-Mechan, London; Mrs Scarff, Guelph; Mrs Sharp, Brantford. Alternates—Mrs Gayler, Hamilton; Mrs Mason, Muncey.
The election of officers for the two

branches resulted as follows: London branch-President, Mrs (Dr) Burns, St Thomast first vice-president, Mrs Fowler, London; second vice-president, Mrs Dickinson, London; third vicepresident, Mrs Hadley, Chatham; recording secretary, Mrs McMechan, London; corresponding secretary, Mrs Cunningham, St Marys; treasurer, Mrs Wright, South London; Mission Band corresponding secretary, Mrs F W Daly, London; confer-

ence organizer, Mrs Bond, Petrolea. An invitation from St. Thomas to hold the next branch meeting was accepted.

Representative to the annual conference -Mrs. McMechan, London. The Hamilton branch elected the following officers: President, Mrs T W Jackson, Caledonia; first vice-president, Mrs W Phelps, Mt Pleasant; second vice-president, Mrs Hardy, Hamilton; third vicepresident, Mrs Sharpe, Brantford; corresponding secretary, Mrs Smith, corresponding secretary, Mrs Smith, corresponding secretary, Mrs Williams, Galt; Guelph; treasurer, Mrs Williams, Galt; mission band corresponding secretary, Mrs G N Jackson, Hamilton; auditor, Mr Cober, Galt; conference organizer, Mrs

Scarff, Guelph; district organizer, Hamilton district, Mrs Crawford, Hamilton; St Catharines district, Mrs E P Lewis, Niagara Falls South; Milton district, Mrs Deacon, Milton; Brantford district, Mrs Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Woodstock district, Mrs Fletcher, Woodstock; Guelph district, Mrs Barker, Guelph; Galt district, Mrs Chysler, Galt; Palmerston district, Mrs Hamilton, Palmerston; Mount Forest district, Mrs Carraway, Mount Forest; Walkerton district, Mrs Charlton, Walkerton; Norwich district, Mrs Phelps, Mount Pleasant; Welland, Mrs Kitchen, Cayuga; Simcoe, Mrs Kitchen, Cayuga, Wiarton district, Mrs Walker, Wiarton; conference representative, Mrs Ryan, Guelph. Invitations for next annual meeting were

received from St. Catharines and Mount Forest. The former was accepted. The usual votes of thanks were tendered to those who had contributed to the success

of the convention. Thanks were also tendered to Judge Chesley, of Nova Scotia, for his notice and liberal advance of the cause of womanhood in moving at the late General Conference that lay delegates should be understood to nclude women as well as men.

A memorial for a change of time of the annual meeting of the branches was not

THURSDAY EVENING The session opened with a consecration meeting lasting for an hour, being led by Mrs. Ryan, of Guelph. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the branch separated after a most harmonious session-the last gathering as a western branch.

The following are to be district organizers: London Branch-London district, Mrs McMechan, London; St Thomas district, Mrs Resdon, St Thomas; Aylmer district, Mrs Kelevan, Aylmer; Chatham district, Mrs McIntyre, Chatham; Ridgetown district, Mrs Scatcherd, Newbury; Exeter district, Mrs Paisley, Ilderton; St Marys district, Mrs Chown, Lucan; Stratford district, Mrs Flagg, Mitchell; Goderich district, Mrs Leech, Goderich; Kincardine district, Mrs Cuyler, White-Wingham district, Mrs (Dr) Fowler, Wingham; Listowel district, Mrs Hampton, Listowel; Strathroy district, Mrs Jasper Wilson, Strathroy; Sarnia district, Mrs Edwards, Sarnia.

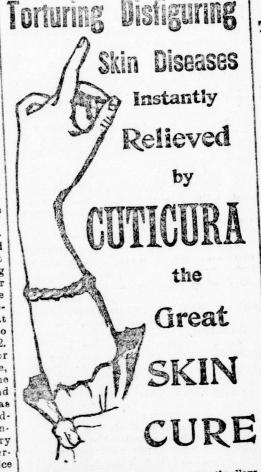
Gen. Booth in Quebec. QUEBEC, Oct. 5 .- Gen. Booth arrived at Quebec today and was received with great honor. The Salvation Army people gave him a grand reception. Y. M. C. A. Burned Out.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 5 .- Fire early this morning destroyed the Y. M. C. A. building. The Banner editorial rooms were temporarily located in the fourth story of the building. Loss, \$100,000; partially insured. Dominion Fire Underwriters,

TORONTO, Oct. 5 .- The Fire Underwriters' Association of the Dominion today elected the following officers: President, T. R. Wood, Toronto; first vice, W. F. Evans, Montreal; second vice, P. H. Sims, Toronto; secretarys, Robert Mc-Lean, Toronto, and A. W. Hadrill, Montreal.

Sanguinary Punishment Suggested TORONTO, Oct. 5 .- The grand jury, in the Sessions Court, in their presentment this afternoon, recommended that the lash should be used on men found guilty of indecent assault, and that there should be performed a surgical operation which would render the offender incapable of committing the crime again.

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LADIES - All-Wool Hose, heavy make, seamless, double heel and toe, worth 35c, Tonight 25c.

HANDKERCHIEFS - Cream Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, worth 6oc, Tonight 45c.

CAMBRIC HANDKERCHIEFS-Colored border, hemstitched, regular price 5c each,

Tonight 7 for 25c. COLLARS-Ladies' Linen Collars, worth 12 1/2C,

Tonight 10c. GLOVES - Ladies' Colored Lisle

Thread Gloves, worth 20C. Tonight 2 pairs for 25c. INFANTS-Wool Boots or Bootees,

something new (that is the style), Tonight 40c.

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Tonight 35c. BROKEN PLAID DRESS GOODS -5 pieces, worth 38c,

TARTAN PLAIDS - All-Wool, Tonight 44c.

Tonight 30c.

PLAIDS-5 pieces Fine All-Wool MOLLETON FLANNEL-German Plaids, regular price 75c, Tonight 64c.

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TO-NIGHT.

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Tonight 18c | LADIES' KID GLOVES - Tan and gray shades, with colored trimmings, worth \$1 25, Tonight 78c.

> KID GLOVES-Laced Kid Gloves, tan shades.

Tonight 75c. SILK GLOVES - Ladies' Silk Gauntlet Gloves, colored, worth

Tonight 45c.

VESTS - Ladies' Scotch Ribbed Lambswool Vests, worth 90c, Tonight 60c.

SUITS-Ladies' Ribbed Vests and Drawers, wool, worth 6oc each, Tonight 44c.

VESTS-Ladies' Wool Vests, worth Tonight 21c

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Tonight 20c.

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