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Sunday Feb. 25th, at 11 and 7 o'clock, by Rev. Joseph Odery, Pastor of the Broadway Tabernacle, Toronto.
Special offerings for the trust fund.
Monday Evening, Feb. 26th
there will be an
OLD FASHIONED TEA-MEETING

Addresses by Revs. R. J. M. Glassford, F. A. Cassidy, M. A. and Dr. Griffin, of Toronto, a former pastor.
Music by the choir of 1875 and 1900, and vocal solos by Mrs. Harrington and Miss Stevenson. Admission to tea and programme 15 cents. All old friends of Dublin Street Church specially invited to be with us Sunday and Monday.

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We will at the same time offer a snap in 5 lb tin pails of Orange Marmalade at 45c per pail.
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LOCAL EVENTS OF THE DAY
Skating, Orchestra
Friday night, Feb. 23rd.
Petrie Rink. Good Ice.
Baby Sleighs, Clippers, and other sleighs, at cost to clear them, at Day's Bookstore.
Dinner Sets. Special bargains in dinner sets to-morrow. No trouble to show goods. The Noted Tea Store & China Palace, J. A. McCross.
The Guelph Cartage Co. do teaming and carting of every kind. Prices and furniture moving a specialty. Robt. Dougherty, manager. Office at G. B. Morris' hardware store.
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Conflicting Reports About Him.
Official Despatch of the Killed
Eighteen Canadians and Sixty-three Highlanders Perish.

London, Feb. 23.—The official report gives 146 men killed at Paardeberg Drift Tuesday, including 63 Highlanders and 18 Canadians.
London, Feb. 23.—No news had been received from Gen. Roberts up to 3 p. m. Reports that Gen. Cronje had surrendered were current this morning, but there is nothing to confirm them as yet.

London, Feb. 23.—(4 a. m.)—Gen. Cronje is seemingly making his last stand. He is dying hard, hemmed in by British infantry, with shells from 50 guns falling into his camp.
On the third day of the fight the Boer chief asked for an armistice to bury his dead. "Fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally," was Lord Kitchener's reply.
Gen. Cronje immediately sent back word that his request for a truce had been misunderstood, and that his determination then, as before, was to fight to the death.
The battle went on. This was the situation of Gen. Cronje on Tuesday evening, as sketched in the scanty telegrams that have emerged from the semi-silence of South Africa.
The reinforcements scattered.
Officially, Lord Roberts wires that he has scattered the advance commandos of the reinforcements that were striving to reach Gen. Cronje. It is regarded as singular that Lord Roberts' wiring Wednesday, should not mention the appeal for an armistice on the previous day, and also that the War Office should withhold good news, if it had any.
Cronje's Position Desperate.
Without trying to reconcile even the scanty materials at hand, it seems plain that Gen. Cronje is in a bad and even a desperate situation, and that the British are pressing their advantage.

Scored a Triumph.
"Miss McCullum was the elocutionist of the evening and scored a triumph."—World, Toronto.
Miss McCullum gives a recital in Knox church on March 1 in aid of the organ fund.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS
Can Cronje Hold Out?
Will Gen. Cronje be able to hold out until the Boer masses appear, or if he does, will they then be able to succor him? The British are facing the Boers' grounds where the arms, tactics and training of the British are expected to give them the advantage.
Strange News From Buller.
Gen. Buller, according to a despatch from Chieveley, dated Wednesday, finds the Boers in positions north of the Tugela, largely reinforced. This seems strange.
British Losses 11,208 to Feb. 17.
The War Office, for the first time, has disclosed an official compilation of the British losses. The total includes, therefore, Lord Roberts' recent losses, not the Witwatersrand prisoners. The Press Association learns that the British losses at Koodoosrand were 700.

POLICE PICKINGS
The youth charged with stealing pigeons this morning fled \$2 and costs. The boy has secured a situation and promises to do better in the future.
Turning Colder.
Cloudy with light local snowfalls Saturday, weather turning colder with strong northwest winds.
WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT.
Congregational Church—Lecture by Rev. F. A. Cassidy.
Meeting of Young Liberal Club.

DETAILS OF THE FIGHTING.
Cronje Said He Would Surrender But Refused to Come Into Camp.
London, Feb. 23.—The Daily News has the following despatch from Middelburg, dated Wednesday afternoon Feb. 21:
"The Boer forces under Gen. Cronje are estimated at 8,000 men. At 12 o'clock he asked an armistice of 24 hours, which was refused. Later he sent a messenger to say that he would surrender."
"The British general sent a reply telling him to come into camp. Cronje refused, saying there had been a misunderstanding and that he would fight to the death."
"The bombardment was then reopened and our lyddite shells set fire to the Boer wagons. We continued

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shelling the laager through the night, and in the morning we resumed with Maxim and rifles, principally from the north side.
Waste of Life on Sunday.
"On Sunday there was much waste of life in attacking, and the same result will be achieved without it. During Monday night seven Boers made an attempt to break through our lines, but they were captured and their leader killed. Four were carrying letters. It is believed that there was one other who got through.
"Other prisoners say that Gen. Cronje surrendered from Magerfontein here without outsparring, a distance of 33 miles. Had he succeeded in escaping, it would have been one of the finest performances in the annals of warfare.
Canadians Made Gallant Charge.
"The Canadians made a gallant charge at the laager, but were driven back with loss. Gen. Macdonald and Gen. Knox are slightly wounded."
Cronje Must Fight to a Finish.
Cape Town, Thursday morning, Feb. 23.—In reply to Gen. Cronje's request for an armistice for 24 hours to allow him to bury his dead, Lord Kitchener told the Boer commander that he must fight to a finish or surrender unconditionally. Gen. Cronje's position is reported hopeless. The British have occupied Barkley West.
500 Boers Expelled.
London, Feb. 23.—The Times has the following from Paardeberg, dated Feb. 21:
"We have expelled 500 Boers from an isolated kopje, about a mile southeast of Gen. Cronje's laager."
News of Reinforcements.
London, Feb. 23.—The War Office has received from Lord Roberts the following message, which was delayed in transmission, dated Paardeberg, Wednesday, Feb. 21:
"Yesterday afternoon I was satisfied by a careful reconnaissance in force of the enemy's position that I could not assault it without very heavy loss which I was most anxious to avoid. Accordingly I decided to bombard him with artillery and turn my attention to the enemy's reinforcements."
"The results was most satisfactory. The Boers were driven off in all directions, losing a good many killed and wounded, and about 50 prisoners, who say they arrived from Ladysmith—two days ago by rail."
"They also say it was our artillery fire which caused them to abandon the kopje they were occupying."
"Our loss was two officers, Capt. Campbell of the Ninth Lancers, and Lieut. Houston of the artillery, and four men all slightly wounded."

CANADIANS' CHARGE AT CRONJE.
Some Particulars of the Disastrous Night on Sunday, 18th Feb.
Paardeberg Drift, Orange Free State.
Cronje's magnificent night march from Magerfontein now appears likely to end in disaster. The main body of the Boers is enclosed in a terrible death trap. The enemy are hiding in the bed of the Modder, commanded by the British artillery, and enclosed on the east and west by the British infantry.
Sunday witnessed a gallant stand on the part of the retreating foe. Though tired and harassed, they still maintained a bold front.
Boers Were Entrapped.
It is somewhat difficult to explain the Sunday action, in which all the British force was engaged, and in which Gen. Cronje, under difficult conditions, managed to hold his own. On Saturday night the British Mounted Infantry came into touch with Cronje's rear guard, driving them back upon the main body. On Sunday morning the action was renewed, but the Boers, who had entrenched the river bed during the night, prevented a further advance of the mounted infantry in this direction.

Oh, But Did You See the Game?
The two hockey teams, under the leadership of President Bob Dowler and Vice President Greg. Franks, of the Young Conservative Association, came together last night at the Petrie rink with a crash, resulting in favor of the Vice President by the best score of 3-2. Neither team scored the first half, and it required ten minutes overtime to

decide the matter. Billy Mowbray carried off the honors of the evening, with Johnny Franks a close second. It was rumored that Mr. Dowler gave the game to his opponent out of pure sympathy for the latter's face, which was badly battered and required a half pound of beef to take down the swelling. Greg. Franks and Will Conway's rushes were marvellous, and it required the full strength of the end of the rink to stop them. Johnny Franks was ruled off twice for injuring the ice. He kicked up his feet at intervals of two minutes.
In goal the work of both Bob Dowler and Bill Readwin was really splendid. Knowles, Palmer, Hower and Thompson, played a steady offensive game.
The referee was obliged to rule no less than 15 off the ice during the game.
After the game both teams lunched to the Wellington and enjoyed a sumptuous oyster supper, after which they were entertained in the parlor by a couple of the boarders.
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GENEROUS OFFER.
A. J. Small Offers Guelph Branch Red Cross Society the Free Use of the Royal Opera House
For Their Patriotic Concerts.
This afternoon Mayor R. E. Nelson received the following telegram from A. J. Small, manager of the Royal Opera House:
R. E. Nelson, Mayor:
"I will give the Guelph Branch of the Red Cross Society the use of the Royal Opera House, free, gratis for nothing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, of next week, if they will arrange three monster benefit concerts in aid of the Canadian Patriotic Fund."
A. J. Small.
The Guelph Branch of the Red Cross Society are meeting this afternoon to wind up the affairs of the recent concert, and will give the matter their consideration.

BIG FIRE IN LONDON
Started in the Opera House at 4.30 This Morning

LOSS AMOUNTS TO \$100,000.00
London, Ont., Feb. 23.—Fire was discovered about 4.30 o'clock this morning in the bill posting room of the Grand Opera House located in the Masonic Temple, within an hour the magnificent building was a complete ruin, absolutely nothing from the various offices was saved. The offices burnt are: Dominion Savings Society, R. C. Dun & Co., Park & Purdon, Northern Ass. Co., D. Nolan, Tobacconist; D. Shea, wholesale and retail liquor; Reith & Co., commission merchants; Camp & Co., commission merchants; Speltzinger & Co., commission merchants; Commercial Traveller's Ins. Co., "Fidelity" Ins. Co., all the Masonic rooms, G. N. W. Tel. Co., and the C. P. R. Tel. Co., and a number of others. The C. P. R. Tel. saved most of their instruments. G. N. W. Tel. Co. plant was a total loss. Total loss \$100,000, amount of insurance unknown.

In the First Baptist Church.
There was a large attendance at the special meeting in the First Baptist church last evening. The pastor was assisted by Rev. Mr. McAlpine, of Georgetown. In addition to being an excellent speaker, Mr. McAlpine is a good singer and guitarist. While at university he was leader of the glee club, and his selections last evening pleased immensely. He will be here for the remainder of the week.

Entertainment by the S. O. E.
Thursday evening the Sons of England held a very enjoyable entertainment in their rooms, Tovell's Block. There was a good attendance of members and friends and the evening passed most pleasantly. An excellent programme was presented, consisting of readings by Miss L. Bolton and Miss Clay, and vocal solos by Master S. Stewart, Master Harry Clay, Mr. C. R. Edwards, Bro. W. P. Howard and Bro. Bridgman. At the close of the programme a short time was spent in games and social amusements.

Nicholson vs. Shield.
These were quo warranto proceedings taken by Joseph Nicholson, relator, against Robert Shields, respondent, to unseat the respondent from the office of Mayor of the town of Palmerston. Proceedings were taken upon the ground that the respondent had not the necessary qualification for the office. The application was returnable before his Honor Judge Chadwick Thursday morning. The respondent, however, has resigned his position, and the office has thus become vacant, and a new election will have to be held. Mr. W. E. Buckingham, of Guelph, acted for the relator in the proceedings and Mr. G. F. Down, of Palmerston, for the respondent.

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