AMUSEMENTS

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Company in the city. A short stock season is contemplated for Ottawa. Many of the socially prominent of the Capital City have subscribed for seats. After a short stay in Ottawa, the company goes to Quebec, St. John, Halifax and Prince Edward Island.

The fifty-sixth annual festival of the Orphans will be held in the Grand Opera House on Thursday, April 22, afternoon and evening. It will be somewhat of a diversion this year. The Village Singers, from Boston, Mass., will be one of the principal attractions. This company consists of selected vocalists, singing many of the old songs, and singing them well, and a male quartette and soprano soloist in ensemble work, interspersed with readings, vocal solos, and a delightful musical and literary after-piece, "College Days." Mr. James Trethewey, A. G. S. M., a graduate of London, Eng., and of Leipzig, is a violinist of the highest order. "The Camp of the Guards," a musical military sketch, will be given by local talent.

After an absence of nearly ten years, Hamiltonians are to again have the opportunity of hearing the Kneisel String Quartette, of Boston. For many years the Kneisel Quartette has stood at the head of all musical organizations in respect to seriousness of endeavor and successful achievement. It has had no rival on this side of the Atlantic, and there are many travelled musicians, professional and amateur, who stoutly insist that it is the equal, if not the superior, of the best and most famous of the chamber music organizations of Europe—the Joachim Quartette, of Berlin, and the Brussels and Bohemian Quartettes, for instance. The four men play with a precision and sympathetic understanding that is astonishing, arousing the enthusiasm of the audience by their perfect ensemble, tonal euphony and artistic phrasing, which reveals the very soul of music. All wishing to attend this concert are requested to place their names on the subscription lists in the music stores, as soon as possible, as the house at this early date has been half subscribed. The date for the concert is Monday, April 26.

The Conservatory Children's Choir gave a most entertaining concert in the recital hall of the Conservatory last evening, before a large number of friends. The programme was in charge of Prof. James Johnson, and he was assisted by Miss Mary Johnson. The work of the choir was excellent, and those who had solos acquitted themselves with credit. The programme was:

Chorus, "Picnic Glee."
Solo, "Land of Bohemia," Andrew Kauffman.
Duet, (a) "Our Cheerful Song," (b) "Twinkle, Little Satr," Maude Laing and Elma Darche.
Recitation, Gertrude Cline.
Chorus, "The Minstrel Boy."
Duet, "A Picture No Artist Can Paint," Lillian and Irene Corner.
Dialogue, "Kindness and Cruelty," Ernest Brett and Lloyd Aiken.
Solo, "Boys in Brown," Clyde Webber.
Chorus, 'My Granddad's Song."
Recitation, "Cuddle Doon," Margaret McCall.
Duet, "The Watercress Girl," Earl Simmons and Murray Hall.
Violin solo, Lena Nicholson.
Solo, "The Tardy Scholar," Willie Baxter.
Chorus, "Blow the Bellows, Blow."
Solo, "Which Way Did the Angels Go?" Evelyn Jackson.
Chorus, "Burlesque Band," eight boys.
Piano solo, 'Valse Caprice," Muriel Goff.
Chorus, 'Hear the Tapping."
Dialogue, "Domestic Grammar," Irene Clark, Maggie Nichol and Maude Laing.
Solo, "Come Back to Erin," Harold Rolls.
Duet, "Fairy Moonlight," Lena and James Nicholson.
Chorus, "Beautiful Moonlight."
Trio, "Springtime," Pearl Martin, Lillian Healey and Olive Johnson.
Solo, "The Boys," Roddie Morgan.
Solo, "Nobody's Little Girl," Edna Corner.
Chorus, (a) 'Ye Mariners of England," (b) "Away With Melancholy."

The annual concert to be given by the choir of Centenary Church on Good Friday evening promises to be a rich musical treat. In addition to Spohr's grand oratorio, "The Last Judgment," a most striking work, the choir will sing Sir Frederick Bridge's "He Giveth His Beloved Sleep." The words of this composition are by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and its performance at the funeral of Robert Browning in Westminster Abbey in 1889 created a profound impression. The choir will also sing a chorus from Haydn's Passion music, and Sullivan's "Say, Watchman, What of the Night?" (a capella). Mrs. Ida McLean Dilworth, soprano; J. H. Hollingshead, tenor, and Arthur Blight, baritone, will be the assisting soloists.

The James Street Baptist Church choir will render Dudley Buck's cantata, "Christ the Victor," in the church next Wednesday. The choir will be augmented by 50 voices, and will be assisted by S. Swartz, tenor; R. Stevenson, bass; Roy McIntosh, bass; Miss A. Sutherland, contralto; Mrs. C. Lumsden, soprano, and the soloists of the choir. Miss Ella Howard will contribute a violin solo, and the overture to "Wm. Tell" will be played by the organist, F. M. Howard. Proceeds in aid of the organ fund.

A combined band concert is to be held in the new armories on Good Friday evening. This will be the first opportunity the public will have of testing the acoustical properties of the new armories, and no doubt many lovers of the old-time promenade concerts will avail themselves of this opportunity. As both of the bands will appear at this concert, the admission fee will be 25 cents. The regular series of popular ten cent Thursday promenades will be inaugurated on April 15, the Thirteenth Regiment Band taking the first concert, followed the next Thursday by the Ninety-first Regiment Band, the two bands alternating each week.

The entrance to the north gallery is at the northeast corner of the armory, for those who may wish to avail themselves of a seat during the evening.

The sacred cantata, "The Story of the Cross," will be given in Central Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening at 8.20. Miss Eva Mylott, the great Australian contralto, will sing, and Miss Gertrude Stares, Miss Esther Horne, Mr. Vernon Carey, Mr. Simon Swarz and Harold Hamilton will take the solo parts in the cantata. A choir of forty voices will sing the chorus work, and C. Percival Garratt will play several organ numbers.

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Society

Her Excellency Countess Grey, accompanied by Lady Sybil and Lady Evelyn Grey, Lady Dorothy Onslow and Mrs. Clement Leveson-Gower, spent a day or two at the Clifton House early in the week, leaving for Ottawa on Wednesday in the Governor-General's private car, York.

His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor gave a dinner at Government House, Toronto, on Tuesday night, when the following gentlemen were among those invited: Lieut.-Col. J. R. Moodie, Rev. W. H. Sedgewick, Mr. William Southam, Mr. R. K. Hope, Mr. Gordon C. Wilson, Mr. W. C. Hawkins.

Mrs. F. W. Gates gave a supper party on Monday evening, after the first performance of Mr. Bell's new play. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. George F. Glassco, Mr. and Mrs. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Myler, Mrs. De Mille (New York), Miss Agnes Hobson, Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Greening, Miss Greening, Miss Hagan, Mr. H. C. Osborne (Toronto), Mr. Dumbrille, Mr. C. W. Cartwright, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Burrill.

Miss Elizabeth Blackstock (Toronto), is staying with Mrs. C. J. Jones, Bay street south.

Miss Phyllis Hendrie was in Toronto for Madame Eame's concert.

A very jolly dance at the Jockey Club on Tuesday evening was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Marshall. The party included Miss Enid Hendrie, Mrs. Ewart Orborne (Toronto), Miss Dorothy Wilgriss, Miss Constance Turnbull, Miss Strathmore Findlay, Miss Jean Malloch, Miss Alice Hope, Miss Charlotte Balfour, Miss Kirkpatrick (Niagara), Miss Rosalind Osborne, Miss Mona Murray, Miss Dorothy Gates, Miss Alice Macdonald, Miss Elizabeth Blackstock, Mr. Chevalier, Mr. Gordon Glassco, Mr. Wilcox Doolittle, Mr. Price, Mr. Kelley, Mr. Siebert Glassco, Mr. Gordon Southam, Dr. McGregor, Mr. H. C. Osborne (Toronto), Mr. Harlow Lewis, Mr. Morrison, Mr. Alan Young, Mr. T. H. Crerar, Mr. Montizambert (Toronto), Mr. F. R. Martin, Mr. Stanley Robinson.

Mr. Justice and Mrs. Teetzel (Toronto), leave in June to spend the summer in England.

Mrs. Charles Murton gave a small luncheon on Monday for Miss Gladys Zimmerman.

Mrs. McGiverin has returned from Atlantic City.

Miss Edna Greening and Miss Marjorie spent the first of the week in Toronto.

Among the Hamiltonians in California this winter are Mr. and Mrs. E. Van Allen, Miss Van Allen, Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Balfour, Mrs. John Moodie, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Lazier, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Gallagher, Mrs. David Graham, Mr. W. J. Waters, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mills.

Miss Violet Crerar has returned from a visit in Bronxville, N. Y.

Mrs. Lyle is staying at Government House, Toronto.

Miss Kirkpatrick, Niagara Falls, N. Y., is staying with Miss Enid Hendrie. Mrs. Ewart Osborne, who has been Miss Hendrie's guest for a fortnight, has returned to her home in Toronto.

Mrs. Percy Montague (Winnipeg), is staying with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher.

Miss Gaviller and Mrs. Amy Gaviller have left for Italy.

Miss Moore, Peterboro, is staying with Miss Reba Kittson, Queen street south.

Miss Phippen, Winnipeg, is the guest of Miss Edna Greening.

Miss Edith Kay, Toronto, is staying with her cousin, Miss Constance Turnbull, Arkledna.

Mrs. R. M Graham, 183 Napier street, will not receive again this season.

Mr. and Mrs. William Barrie Smith, of 86 Wellington street south, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Henrietta Adeline, to Mr. John Bruce Cowan, of Toronto. The marriage will take place the middle of April.

Mrs. Cyrus King will receive the first Monday and Wednesday of this month and not again until next season.

Mrs. (Dr.) Emmett Scarlett will not receive this month.

Mrs. W. R. Harper had a second postnuptial reception day yesterday at her home, 263 Herkimer street. She will not receive again this season.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. B. Elson, of Freeport, Ill., announce the engagement of their daughter, Maud, to Norman C., youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Tuckett, of the same place, formerly of Hamilton.

Mrs. Frank Close, Queen street south, sprained her ankle badly on Wednesday night in stepping from a car, and will be unable to receive for four weeks.

Mrs. C. D. Blachford will not receive again this season.

Toronto Saturday Night: Canadians are lingering in the South until Easter this year, and at St. Augustine many of them plan to remain until after the first of April in order to enjoy the historic pageants of the celebration of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon in 1512, nearly a hundred years before the occupation of Quebec. Mr. D. M. Hamilton, of Hamilton, is at the Hotel Alcazar. At the Ponce de Leon are registered Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Backus, of Hamilton, and Miss Carter and her sister, Mrs. Charles F. Kingdon, still tarry there. They received a visit last week from Mr. George Jay Gould, of New York, who brought his family to Jacksonville to start a cruise on his yacht Atlanta.

Mrs. W. F. McLaren, Ravenscliffe avenue, asked a few friends on Thursday afternoon to meet Miss Townend, of London, England, an ardent worker on behalf of the Girls' Friendly Society, who gave a most interesting address, showing what grand work this society has done in England and the United States, and trying to inspire Canadians to enter its ranks and do more on behalf of its great objects, "Purity and Friendliness."

THE GREATER HAMILTON.

Business Men Are Taking Hold in Enthusiastic Way.

Greater Hamilton is a go, sure. The success of the association organized recently for the purpose of promoting the movement is assured, although complete organization has not yet been accomplished. The committee appointed to nominate officers and committees met recently and selected names. Yesterday, by the first mail, Secretary C. A. Murton sent out circulars notifying those whose names had been selected, and before night came he had twenty-five replies—all acceptances. In every case the person writing was most enthusiastic and promised to turn in and do everything in his power. Favorable replies have continued to come in to-day.

The association realizes that there are lots of other good workers whose names it has not hit upon, and it wants every one of them. It is particularly desired that all who have not been placed on any committee should send in their names, but who can in any way help, will notify Mr. Murton at once, for every effort counts.

The circular sent out by Mr. Murton is in the short, terse, pointed style which made his letters so effective when he was general secretary of the greatest of all carnivals—the Hamilton reunion of 1903. It reads as follows:

Hamilton, April 2, 1909.

Dear Sir:

At a large meeting of representative men, recently called for the purpose of promoting the Greater Hamilton movement, a special committee was appointed to select suitable men for the officers and various committees.

The committee has met, and, believing that you are ready to take a share in the work of making our city what it ought to be, has nominated you as a member of the ..... committee.

We earnestly hope that everyone nominated will join heartily in the good work and that we will have your assistance and co-operation, and that by all working together as loyal Hamiltonians we may achieve something that will be a permanent benefit and assist in reaching the Greater Hamilton goal.

The possibilities and opportunities are great, and YOUR assistance is needed.

An early reply, in the affirmative, on the enclosed card, will be appreciated by the committee. Yours very truly,

C. A. Murton,
Actg. Secretary.

The Association is in communication with some of the most prominent publicity men of the United States, and is arranging to have one of the best come here to give an address at an early date.

AT MAPLE LEAF PARK.

Notwithstanding the most inclement weather, work is progressing on the Hamilton Exposition grounds. By next week it is quite likely the roof will be on the colonade—300 feet long—and the main entrance.

At the main office in the Bank of Hamilton Chambers applications for concessions and privileges are being received by almost every mail, from the Northwest Territories, California, Los Angeles, Mexico; in fact, from all parts of the country. All concessions are selected with great care. In this way objectionable features are eliminated. This is a move in the right direction. The intention is to make this the most refined and wholesome amusement park in America.

In Zion Tabernacle Rev. W. F. Wilson, D. D., of Toronto, will preach church anniversary sermons morning and evening. His many friends in the city will be delighted to have the opportunity of hearing him once again. Mr. Robert Symmers and Mrs. Faskin McDonald have been engaged to assist the choir in the service of music.

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16TH SEMI ANNUAL MANAGERS' SALE APRIL 1909

Managers' Sale

Will continue on Monday and all next week and combined with it will be our great annual Easter Sale, making a tremendous double selling event entirely unequalled in the annals of retailing in this country.

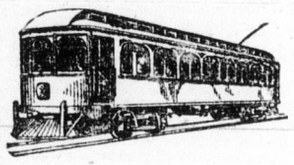
15c Wall Paper for 12½c

On Monday we will make the following splendid offering in Wall Papers. Those intent upon spring decorating should take advantage of this offering.

1,000 rolls of Wall Paper, suitable for parlors, halls and dining rooms, in rich embossed gilts, floral and conventional designs, grounds of cream, green and brown, good value regularly at 15c roll, choice on Monday at 12½c

10C EXCURSION FROM GRIMSBY

In order that customers living along the line of the H., G. & B. electric railway may have an opportunity of attending the great sale we have arranged to run an excursion over that line from Grimsby and all stations west of Grimsby to Hamilton.



ON MONDAY APRIL 5th.

Everyone is invited. Fare for return trip 10c.

Note— Beamsville Excursion will be held on Tuesday, April 6th.

Dainty Waists at $2.00

On Monday we will offer a large variety of new Waists in fancy or plain tailored style, in white lawn or fancy vesting, some with dainty embroidery insertion, others with all-over tucking, some plain tailored, mostly all have long sleeves, a few ⅞ length, open back or front, all sizes in the lot, styles worth up to $3.00, choice of the entire lot on Monday at $2.00

Several Thousand Yards of Dress Goods

At Prices Decidedly Lower Than Usual

It's unusual we know right in the heart of the Easter dressmaking season to offer such sensational values as these. But Managers' Sales at this store demand unusual things.

Monday is strictly Dressmakers' Day at this big sale and not only in the Dress Goods Department, but in the Findings, the Notions, the Trimmings, etc., you'll find here offerings that will establish this day as one of the greatest value-giving days ever held in Hamilton.

Thousands of yards of the newest, the most popular and most desirable weaves for costumes, dresses, skirts and children's wear, are here at prices away below regular.

$1.00 Suitings 85c

44-inch Worsted Suitings, soap shrunk, for tailored suits, separate skirts, etc., in shades of grey, fawn, brown, peon and bronze, green. Worth regularly $1.00 yard. On sale Monday 85c

18c Sateens 12½c

1,200 yards of sateen in black, navy, brown, green, cream, pink, sky, full 32 inches wide, suitable for cushion tops, dress linings, etc. Worth regularly 18c yard. On sale Monday 12½c

Satin Cloths 50c

42-inch plain and fancy striped Satin Cloths, Venetians, Panamas, Lustres, Voiles, etc., in shades of brown, black, blue, green, for shirtwaist suits, dresses and separate skirts. On sale Monday ..... 50c yard

Cravenette Cloth

60-inch Cravenette Cloth, for raincoats, in greys, fawn, olives, etc. An extra special for Managers' Sale, Regular $1.25 quality, Monday for $1.00
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Wool Suitings 85c

54-inch all wool Suitings, two-tone effects, in stripes and checks, in grey and black, black and red, brown and blue purple and brown. Suitable for suits or separate skirts. Worth regularly $1.25. On sale Monday at 85c

Black Voile 85c

44-inch Black Voile, a fine even mesh, suitable for separate skirts, shirtwaist suits. Worth regularly $1.00 per yard. On sale Monday at 85c

Black Resilda

44-inch Black Resilda in plain and stripe effects, for Princess kirts, dresses, etc., a pure mohair weave, highly finished. Managers' Sale price $1.50

Chiffon Broadcloth 75c

44-inch plain Chiffon Broadcloth in shades of greens, blues, browns, greys, etc. A graceful fabric for tailored costumes, Princess suits, etc. Managers' Sale price .... 75c yard

Satin Cloths 65c

Shadow stripe Satin Cloths, in reds, brown, black, old rose and green. Beautiful finish. Very special value for Managers' Sale 65c yard

Striped Suitings

56-inch striped Wool Suitings, in brown, green, navy, taupe and grey, at ... $1.50 yard

Special Sale in Staples

We open the second week of Managers' Sale in our Staples Section with offerings that deserve prompt attention. The sale lines include the most desirable and dependable lines of Wash Goods and Staples—just such materials as women are making every day. Shop in the morning.

LINEN SUITINGS — 27-inch Belfast Linen Suitings, in plain grounds, with silk embroidered designs, in shades of green, pink, blue and black, suitable for tailored suits, worth regularly 50c yard, clearing Monday at half price 25c

TABLE LINEN—60-inch Cream Table Linen, in pretty clover, check and fleur de lis, a heavy, even weave, well finished. Worth regularly 40c yard, Monday 25c

PILLOW COTTON—Plain Pillow Cotton, 40, 42 and 44 inch, good, heavy, even weave. Worth regularly 20c yard, Monday 17c

TABLE NAPKINS—50 dozen Table Napkins, 17 x 17 inch, hemmed ready for use, in good damask designs, small floral and dot effects. Worth regularly 85c a dozen, Monday 69c

LONG CLOTH—36-inch English Long Cloth, soft finish, absolutely free from dressing. Worth regularly 10c yard, on sale Monday at ..... 11 yards for $1.00

DRESS GINGHAMS — In stripes, large, small and medium checks, a firm weave, reliable in the wash, suitable for waist suits, children's tub frocks, worth regularly 15c yard, Monday .. 10c

Remarkable Sale of Notions

We open the second week of Managers' Sale in the Notion Department with a remarkable sale of sewing supplies and household notions. No dressmaker or housekeeper can afford to miss Monday's values and get in a reserve stock. Shop in morning.

DOME FASTENERS—2 gross Dome Fasteners, in black or white, small, medium or large. Good strong clasp, worth regularly 10c dozen, on sale Monday at 5c

COLLAR SUPPORTS—10 dozen cards of transparent collar supports, made in dull finish and will not show through, sizes 1⅞ to 3 inches, Monday at ..... 5c set

SEWING SILK—5 gross of Sewing Silk, in fawn, cream, red, pink, sky, navy, myrtle, grey, Alice, purple, rose, black and white, 50 yards to a spool, Monday 2 spools for 5c

DRESSMAKERS' PINS — 2 gross papers of good quality Pins, for dressmaking purposes, in different sizes. Regular 2c paper, Monday, 4 papers for 5c

PEARL BUTTONS—3 gross of Pearl Buttons, in either two or four holes, in small medium and large size, worth up to 10c dozen, 2 dozen on a card, Monday ..... 5c card

HOOKS AND EYES—3 gross of either black or white, (nickle plated brass) Safety Hooks and Eyes, sizes 00 to 3. Regular 4c card, clearing on Monday at 2 cards for 5c

Savings in Spring Shoes

We open the second week of our Managers' Sale in the Shoe Section, with the following bargains in the very footwear that people want most at this season of the year. It will pay you to buy on Monday. Shop in the morning.

$3.00 BOOTS FOR $2.48—Women's smart spring styles in patent colt Laced Boots, Blucher cut, with dull mat calf tops, extension soles, Cuban heels, sizes 2½ to 7. Splendid value regularly at $3.00 pair, on sale Monday at only $2.48

SMALL WOMEN'S SPECIAL—75 pairs of Small Women's Laced Boots, in flexible sewn soles, military heels, patent tips, sizes 13 to 2; worth regularly $2.25 pair, on sale Monday at $1.48

MEN'S SPECIAL— Men's fine Box Calf Laced Boots, leather lined, double soles and shanks, with extension soles and backstraps, sizes 6 to 11, Monday at $2.48 pair

YOUTH'S SPECIAL— Youths' fine Dongola Kid Laced Boots, Blucher cut style with extension soles, college backstraps, sizes 11 to 2; regular $1.35 pair, Monday $1.19

Specials in Spring Hosiery

We open the second week of our Managers' Sale in the Hosiery and Underwear Section with a list of bargains that represent the best values of the season. It will pay you to buy liberally. Shop in the morning.

3 PAIRS FOR $1.00—Women's Plain Lisle Thread Hose, fashioned throughout, extra fine gauze, spliced heels and toes, elastic welt tops, in all the leading shades, fast colors, special, 35c pair, 3 pairs for .. $1.00

WOMEN'S HOSE—Women's Plain Cotton Hose, best combed Maco yarn, fashioned throughout, extra double heels and toe and double soles, in sky, white, pink, tan and black, fast colors, very special ..... 25c pair

LISLE HOSE—Women's Plain Lisle Thread Hose, in all the leading shades for spring, new greens, sky, pink, tan and black, fast colors, extra high spliced heels and toes, fashioned, very special ..... 25c pair

HERCULES HOSE—Boys' heavy Hercules brand, two-thread Hose, two and one ribbed, made of long staple cotton, fast black, shaped ankle, spliced heels and toes, one of the best stockings for boys made, sizes 6 to 10, at .. 25c pair

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ON BRIDGES.

Prof. Young Before Hamilton Association Last Evening.

Hamilton Scientific Association held its regular monthly meeting last evening in the Public Library. There was a good attendance of the members, and the speaker of the evening, Prof. C. R. Young, B. A. Sc., of Toronto University, was accorded a good reception. The subject of his lecture was "Great Achievements in Bridge Building." The speaker gave a splendid description of some of the difficulties that were met by the engineers. Among some of the numerous bridges mentioned were the Britannia and Conway, in Wales, built in 1850; the Eads bridge, in St. Louis, in 1874; the Brooklyn Bridge, in 1183; the Niagara arches, in 1897 and 1898; the Forth Bridge, 1890, which is the greatest of the cantilever bridges in the world. Prof. Young went on to describe the new long span concrete arches constructed of late years, such as the Walnut Lane arch in Philadelphia and the Rock River arch in Cleveland, which has a single span of 280 feet. He spoke of some of the proposed structures such as the Hudson Memorial arch in New York, which will have a span of 703 feet. In referring to the Quebec bridge disaster, Prof. Young said that it was due to a mistake in design. At the time the engineers were not in possession of the necessary knowledge to design such a bridge safely and economically. Prof. Young referred to some of the chief engineers whose feats have gone down in history—such men as Robert Stevenson, the inventor of the locomotive; James B. Eads, of St. Louis; John A. Roebling, who built the Brooklyn bridge; Sir John Fowler and Sir Benjamin Baker, who jointly built the Forth bridge. Prof. Young had about 60 slides of different bridges and also engineers. Mr. A. Alexander, F. S. Sc., president of the Association, was in the chair.

TO AID THE EMPIRE.

Why New Zealand is Giving a Dreadnought.

Wellington, N. Z., April 2.—Sir Joseph Ward said to-day that New Zealand had not offered a Dreadnought in the interests of preference or for commercial reasons, but simply to strengthen the Empire on the seas. He regretted that the offer had been used for party purposes in England. New Zealand would not be so foolish as to build submarines and destroyers. They were no use without an auxiliary fleet, which would be too great a financial strain. He foreshadowed a system of compulsory training to the age of 21.

Sydney, N. S. W., April 1. — After a protracted Cabinet meeting to-day, Premier Wade agreed to join the Premier of Victoria in offering a Dreadnought jointly to Britain. The other States hold aloof. The offer will be suspended until the Federal Parliament meets, and will only be made if Parliament decides to make no offer.

FOOLISH GIRL

Tried to Kill Herself Because She Was Despondent.

Toronto, April 3.—Grace Darling Moore, a young woman, aged about 22, rooming at 158 Wilton avenue, made a determined attempt to commit suicide yesterday. She first took laudanum, but this failing to render her unconscious she buried herself in her bed clothes with a rubber gas tube turned full on. She was almost suffocated when the mistress of the house, smelling the escaping gas, investigated and found the unconscious girl. Dr. Robinson was called, and he had Miss Moore removed at once in the ambulance to the General Hospital, where she is now recovering. The girl was formerly employed at Nasmith's. No cause is known of her attempted suicide except despondency.

PHONED THE DOG.

How a German Grocer Established Ownership.

The ownership of a lost dog was established in a remarkable manner by the police at Frankfort, Germany, recently, the dog having recognized its master's voice over the telephone.

Conrad Maier, a grocer, living in a suburban town, informed the police that his pet terrier, "Ami," had been stolen. The police telephoned to Maier that a dog answering "Ami's" description had been found in the possession of a suspicious-looking stranger, who claimed that he had owned the animal for a long time.

The telephone receiver was then placed to the dog's ear, and Maier was instructed to talk to the animal in familiar language. The dog immediately gave every sign of recognition, and barked with joy.

The pseudo-owner was so terrified by the animal's sagacity that he immediately confessed that he had stolen the dog.

"If you are going to pin your faith to a woman," says the Cynical Bachelor, "use a diamond pin."