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THE DEATHS OF A DAY

The Grim Reaper Has Been
Busy In Chatham And
Vicinity

UNCERTAINTY OF LIFE

MRS. REARDON CALLED.

Mrs. Edward Reardon, for 40 years a resident of this city, passed away at her home on Raleigh street last evening, after an illness extending over two years. Deceased was 63 years of age and has been troubled with a tumor.

Deceased was born in Naperville, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McPaul. She came to Chatham with her parents when she was 23 years of age. A year later she met and married Edward Reardon, a local painter. She was the mother of three sons, now living. They are Joseph, George and Arthur, all of this city. Deceased was a staunch member of the Park street Methodist church, and was greatly respected by all who knew her.

Three brothers and five sisters survive. The brothers are Archie, Robert and William McPaul, of this city, and two of the sisters are Mrs. Wm. Jackson, of Dover Centre, and Mrs. D. C. Shaw, of Thorncliffe. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the family residence, Raleigh street, to the Maple Leaf cemetery. Rev. Mr. Rutledge will conduct the obsequies.

MRS. HAWKINS DEAD.

Mrs. Sarah Francis Hawkins, one of Chatham's oldest residents, passed away yesterday morning at the advanced age of 77 years. Deceased was born in the city of New York and came to Chatham in 1850. She has lived in this city ever since.

She leaves to mourn her loss two sons and two daughters: William and James Hawkins, of Chicago; Mrs. Adelaide Howell at home, and Mrs. D. C. Caine, of Great Falls, Mont.

Five grandchildren also survive. They are John Washington Montgomery, of Toronto; Mrs. John M. Battles, Theodore Grayson, William Hawkins, Sr., all of Chicago, and Miss May Howell, of this city.

Two great grandchildren also survive. They are Mildred Grayson and Julia May Hawkins, of Chicago. The family have many friends who sympathize with them in their affliction. The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

DEATH OF YOUNG GIRL.

The death of Miss Ruth Irene Wicks occurred this morning at her home, Lot 6, Con. 5, Chatham Township, at the early age of 18 years 2 mos., 16 days.

Deceased had been ailing for some time with kidney trouble and suffered a great deal.

She was a staunch Methodist and took a very active part in church matters. Besides her parents, she leaves two sisters, who have the sympathy of a large number of friends.

The funeral arrangements have not yet been completed.

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Leader Graham Visits Kent and Gives Short Address

More About the West Kent Liberal Convention on
Saturday—McCoig, Auld and Graham Address
the Assembled Delegates—Graham's Policy.

The convention in the I. O. O. F. Auditorium Saturday afternoon was an important one to the Liberals of this county. The leader of the Liberal Opposition in the Legislature was present and addressed the gathering, and a candidate was placed in the field to contest the next election against Mr. Geo. W. Sulman. The choice of a candidate was unanimous, as Mr. Hinnegan, of Wallaceburg, was induced to step out of the race and allow the honor to again pass to a Chatham man. It is to his credit that he did so with considerable grace, for while it must have been a sore disappointment to him and his many followers, he was given to realize how small his chances were against the large and influential following which Mr. Stone had in the city. In his speech to the convention he withdrew his name in a manner which little betrayed his feelings.

The convention was a large one, considering the bad condition of the roads, and when the proceedings opened the hall was almost three-quarters full. It was unfortunate, however, that many were forced to leave while Leader Graham was speaking. That gentleman evidently noticed it, but was reassured by one of the party workers, who ventured the remark that they left not through any lack of interest in what he was saying, but because they had to catch trains.

At the conclusion of Mr. R. L. Gosnell's speech, which was reported exclusively in The Planet on Saturday, Mr. McCoig was introduced to the audience by the President, Mr. McCoig was far from being himself as regards health. He was in a very sick man, and it was against his doctor's judgment that he was present at the meeting at all, much less to make a speech. It was impossible for Archie to stay away, however, and before he knew it he was making the speech of the convention. He received the applause of the day when he was announced, and he spoke with a great deal of enthusiasm.

He started out by trying to patch up the evidently wounded feelings of Mr. Hinnegan. He was pleased to hear Mr. Hinnegan speak as he did. He was anxious to speak a good word for him.

"No one is better acquainted with Mr. Hinnegan than I am," said he, "and I know he would have made a good candidate. Upon my arrival here I found him pressing Mr. Stone to take it. I knew Mr. Stone was going to be the candidate, and I was equally well pleased. He will be the future Attorney-General sent to assist Mr. Graham. I was glad to hear Mr. Gosnell and to hear of his offer for assistance. It is our duty to help him as much as we can. We ought to send both Mr. Stone and Mr. Gosnell down to Toronto on the same train. There will no doubt be a great change in the next election. The people have ruled putting Whitely into power, and they will be glad to return the Liberals to build up the province.

"There are scores of important questions to thresh out. I am heartily in accord with the farmers, and I think the Government is not dealing liberally enough with them."

Mr. McCoig then, like the most of the speakers of the day, referred to the time of the Planet. He thought that it was not necessary for anyone to give The Planet any more notoriety. They had enough now. He would say one thing, however, and that was, that it was to the credit of the proprietor and the editor of that journal that no editorials had been published about him since he was taken ill. There were one or two things he wanted to contradict. He welcomed criticism, but he claimed The Planet had misquoted him. When a paper, that claims to be the Great Home Journal, he said, writes editorials on a man who is doing his best, it was only right that the man should have the privilege of explaining his position to his convention. He complained of an editorial which appeared in The Planet, saying that the Premier called attention to the fact that he had not been in the House to receive the answer to a question asked by himself. He said that this was not the case. He thought that The Planet must have been misinformed, for he did not think that paper would undertake such a statement unless they had something to work on. He wanted the actual facts from that journal. He thought The Planet should retract it, if they had been wrongly informed.

He also wanted to say that The Planet had misquoted him in reference to small-pox. He had asked a question in the House and that was all. He had not asked assistance for Chatham.

There were many other things, he said, but it would take too much time to rehearse them all. Mr. McCoig then stated that the Bannockburns had been fair in reporting his speeches. He thanked them. He had done all in his power to assist Kent. He had fallen short in some things. He was not perfect. He had tried to improve the mail service and was trying to secure daily mail services for the rural districts. Mr. George Stephens had given him all the help that he could. He then spoke of his Canada Company Bill. He thought that the farmers of this county would be driven from their homes if the Canada Company charter was not amended. He complimented the association on the officers elected. As he resumed his seat he was given great applause.

John Piggott then read a resolution of confidence in the Laurier Government, and J. W. Humphrey read one of confidence in the Liberal Opposition at Toronto. These were passed amid great applause.

Mr. Graham was then introduced to the audience. As he stepped to the platform he was given round upon round of applause.

Mr. Graham's speech, in a great many respects, was a disappointment to many. He has a keen sense of humor, but he lacks the oratorical ability of a really big man or a born leader. He is primarily a funny man, with many witty sayings and good jokes, but when it comes the time for the fluent flow of language, which thrills, he is not there. People who hear him cannot help but feel that they have had a good laugh and—well, that's about all. His comedy is a little overdone and, as a result, his serious passages are considerably weakened, as they have to be digested while the men in the audience are straightening up their faces and wiping tears of laughter from their eyes.

He thanked them first for their vote of confidence in the Opposition. He was glad to be present. He had come because he wanted to come. He had been in Chatham before and the people had used him well. He complimented the convention on their choice. Evidently Mr. Graham thinks for the people here have changed, for he thought the choice a wise one. He evidently forgot that upon his last visit he made a misstatement in the Opera House, and when it was called to his attention, he said it wouldn't make any difference, because the people here wouldn't know the difference anyway.

He came here because McCoig was here. He was glad to see his friend from East Kent. He had never seen him before. Some one should have told him that it was his own fault, because he had refused an invitation to attend the nomination when Mr. Gosnell was nominated. He had heard of Hinnegan. He was delighted to hear him speak as he did. He looked like a good fighter. He, no doubt, would be a candidate at some future time. Mr. Stone struck him as being modest and retiring, but he imagined he would change if anyone should tread on his coat-tails. The Premier of the Dominion, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, had spoken to him (Graham) about Stone, in glowing terms. He was glad to see Auld there. He is a journalist, too, as well as himself (Graham), and knows what it is to be misquoted. He does not find fault, however. He merely says twice as much about the other fellow.

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MR. FRED STONE.
The Liberal Nominee for the Legis-
lature.

SERMON ON MARRIAGE

Bible Does Not Sanction
Divorce Says Rev. Dr.
Battisby

THE TIE THAT BINDS

Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby preached a powerful and interesting sermon on "Marriage" in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last evening, to a large and attentive congregation.

The reverend gentleman took his text from the second chapter of Genesis, verse 18: And the Lord God said: It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him. The sermon took the form of sound sensible advice to married folks and those contemplating marriage. Referring to his text, the preacher pointed out that it was intended that man should have "an help meet" for it was not good that he should be alone. Happily married persons were the only persons who knew the truly ideal life, but it was extremely necessary each of the contracting parties should consider their fitness for each. There were too many marriages where the husband and wife had nothing in common between them, and this led to the domestic troubles which all too often follow. A Christian should never marry an infidel, because harmony could not follow in the wake of such an union.

He advised husbands to always treat their wives as they did in their courting days, and to share their business cares and worries with her. Referring to divorce, Rev. Dr. Battisby said:

"Divorce was never intended for humanity, and the Roman church is right when it will not tolerate divorce among its followers. If the Christian law were properly carried out, there would be no such thing as divorce. Most divorces are brought about merely that the man or the woman can marry again. "God does not sanction bigamy; neither does he sanction polygamy. True the Bible speaks of it, but it was merely tolerated by the Almighty, and in no place will you find that He sanctions it. In fact you will find that the men who indulged in it were invariably punished afterwards."

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VISITED GREEN HOUSE

The pupils of the afternoon Kindergarten of the Central School visited Baxter's Green House on Friday afternoon, and were courteously shown through the whole establishment by Mr. Baxter. They were delighted with the visit, which proved a very interesting one, especially at this season of the year, when all of the flowers are looking their best. They purchased some fine Easter lilies and were each given a flower to wear. They made the visit under guidance of their directress, Miss Millie Turner.

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