

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE IS TOLD BY HILLS

American Judge Addresses a Large Audience in Patricia Theatre.

EDDY DISCOVERY

Judge Frederick Hills, C.S., of Clinton, Illinois, speaking to a large audience yesterday afternoon in the Patricia theatre, gave an interesting exposition of the Christian Science faith and creed.

"Christian Science, as it is presented to you and me, comes through the discovery by Mary Baker Eddy of the operation of an absolute fixed spiritual law," he said.

"After her discovery, Mrs. Eddy founded a church, designed to commemorate the word and works of our Master, which should reinstate primitive Christianity and its lost element of healing."

"It will early be discovered that Christian Science emphasizes the final destruction of sin and the healing of bodily infirmity. Some of our religious friends have often said that the Christian Scientists make too much of the healing element. At no time does the human mind part with cherished beliefs or religious traditional chains until proof, clear and positive, has been presented showing that there is a better way. It is not surprising, therefore, that after material methods have failed and Christian Science treatment has restored health and happiness to the individual, very much should be thought and made of the healing element. In fact, all Christian Science practice is healing in character, whether it is applied to bodily afflictions or to other forms of discord. The healing of bodily ailments by prayer is the 'eye-opening' to the soul and the positive and indisputable proof that matter is submitting to spiritual law."

"It is a presumption of law," said Judge Hills, "that everyone is honest, truthful and law-abiding until the contrary is shown. Also the presumption of normality in mind and body prevails, and our courts guard very jealously these wise and humane presumptions. Notwithstanding, human observation and experience present evidences of crime unchecked. Moral delinquency is rampant, and the law is unable to cope with the evil. In the Christian Science view, the law is not a person, but a principle, and it is the duty of the individual to the real cause, and are doing the only thing that can be done to destroy these false beliefs and to maintain these humane presumptions, not merely in theory, but by making them real, enduring, basic laws in fact."

"Christian Science declares in no uncertain manner that God is the source of all good, and that the human mind is the procuring cause of all evil. It presents logical, irrefutable proofs that man lives by divine decree, and that the spiritual text, 'In him we live, and move, and have our being,' declares real status of man, and not merely an emotional theory. It declares emphatically that evil is not a person, place or thing, but that it is not a cause or creator, and that there is no realm or dominion over which evil is the sovereign power. In fact, it denies that evil has any power except such as it assumes in human belief, and it then destroys this assumed power by overcoming the human mind with the divine mind."

WINTER RIFLE MEETS DRAW LARGE ENTRIES

An unprecedented number of entries are being received from cadet units competing in the winter rifle meets. The Dominion of Canada Rifle Association matches take place during the next four months. Col. G. H. Gillespie, cadet officer of Military District No. 1, said today that last year was considered good, but the large volume of entries received to date assures a bigger meet for 1925.

The entries are sent to headquarters here and then sent on to the D. C. R. A., Ottawa. The officials there give out the targets and the approximate dates for shooting. Disinterested persons supervise the matches, and the targets are sent back to Ottawa.

Forty teams in the Dominion competed last year, winning high school teams won the senior and junior championships. It is expected that 75 teams will try for honors this year, and local military men hope to see that the championship awards go to teams in this district.

COAT STOLEN.—Winifred Grant of 2 Waverly place reported to the police today that a brown-colored overcoat owned by her had been stolen from a local dance hall on Saturday night. Collar and cuffs of the coat were trimmed with fur.

WILLMOT'S JEWELRY STORE

217 DUNDAS STREET.

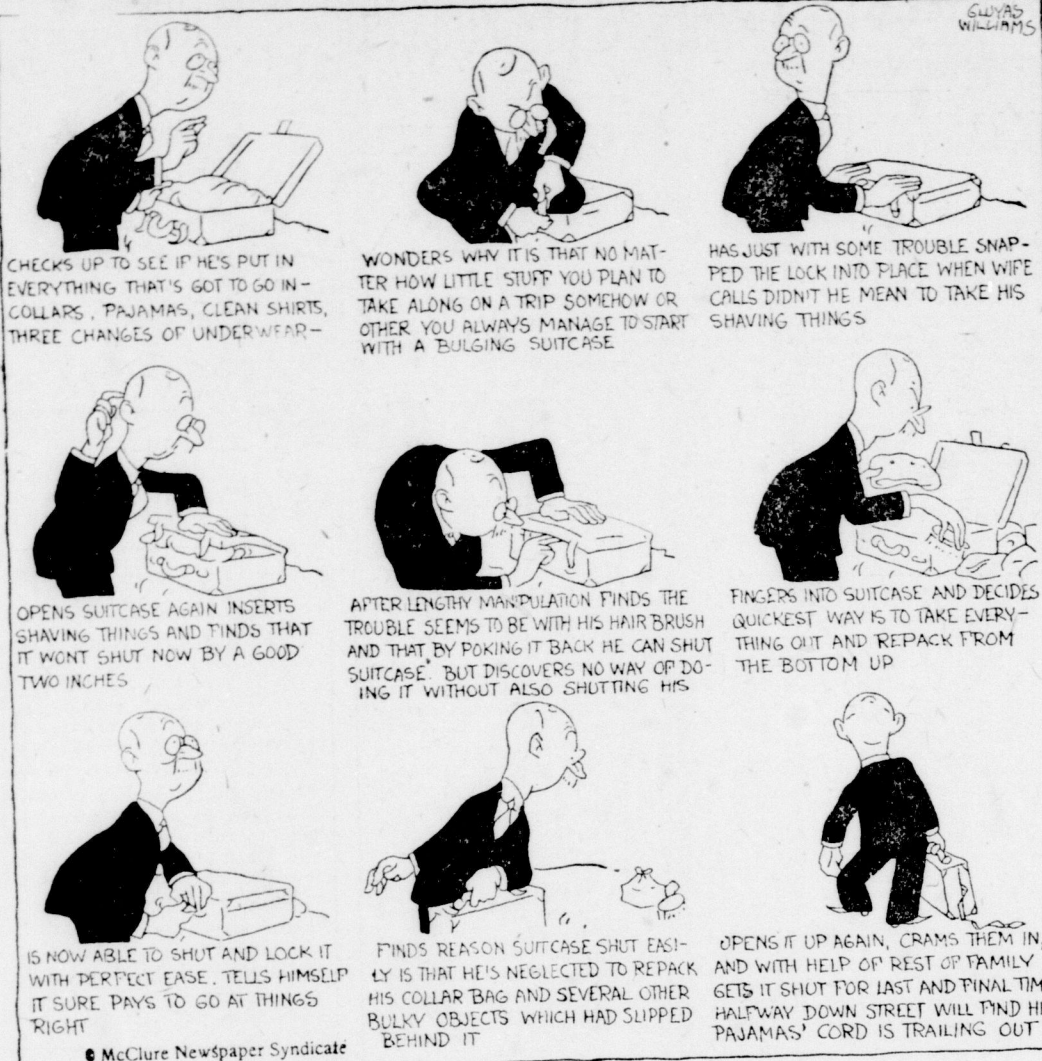
We will be open for business today at 2 o'clock.

Goods damaged by water will be sold at a reduction.

WILLMOT'S

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THE WORLD AT ITS WORST SHUTTING A SUITCASE



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THERMOMETER CHECKS ITS DOWNWARD JAUNT

Seven Above Is Lowest Mark Recorded Here Over the Week-End.

With the mercury at seven degrees above zero on Sunday morning and eight above this morning, the weather man is curbing his natural and seasonal appetite for cold snaps before Christmas. He is re-orienting himself from his attitude of Saturday when he told us that the weather was above and on the outskirts of the city to zero.

Thanks to the sand spread by the city engineer's department, accidents due to slippage have been very few and not serious. Rubbers are in evidence everywhere, and in one of two cases creepers have been seen at large.

No stoppages in any of the public services have yet occurred. The Bell Telephone company, with the exception of 40 poles down at Harrow on Saturday, and about sixteen down at Amherstburg on Friday night, has had no storm trouble. The city street cars have not been held up in any way, and transportation has not been hindered. Both on the C. N. R. and the C. P. R. trains are running on schedule time, and no accidents have been reported.

CAROL SERVICE SUPPORT IS URGED BY MINISTER

Rev. W. Leslie Armitage, M.A., rector of St. James' Anglican church, South London, prefaced his Christmas message yesterday morning by an appeal to his congregation to lend its loyal support to the community Christmas carol service to be held in Victoria Park on Christmas eve.

Mr. Armitage urged the necessity of all church people supporting everything having a distinctly Christian flavor as the community carol service.

The service is being held under the joint auspices of the Kiwanis and Rotary clubs of the city. Church choirs and the school children are combining to make the service a genuinely hearty one.

SKATING AT BARRACKS.—The skating season has opened at Waverley barracks. There is a good sheet of ice at the military rink on the barracks square. Some of the soldiers were skating yesterday. As yet the band has not made an appearance. It is expected that there will be music two nights each week provided by the Royal Canadian regiment.

GOES TO INGERSOLL.

Ad. Stender, young people's secretary of the Salvation Army, goes to Ingersoll tonight to take charge of the annual meeting of the young people's division of that corps. The program includes a Christmas tree and the awarding of prizes for proficiency in juvenile activities.

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Christmas carols played by the band, accompanied by the sonnetter brigade, made an attractive program at Salvation Army Citadel No. 3 at Rectory street last night. Brigadier and Mrs. McAmmond conducted the meeting. Brigadier McAmmond took as his subject "They Shall Call His Name Jesus." Captain Hawkes spoke also. There was a special meeting for children at Pottersburg in the afternoon.

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City Churches

ST. ANDREW'S FEDERATION.

The Young People's Federation of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church met for their social hour at the close of the evening service. The vice-president, Gordon Silverwood, presided over the meeting. The devotional period was in charge of the B. S. C., led by Miss Sinkler. Harold Newell led the discussion on "Christmas Customs and the Christmas Spirit," and the social hour was in charge of the Olympians. During the evening Miss Phyllis Gray sang a delightful solo, and Rev. George Harris, a missionary on furlough from China, who was in the audience, spoke a few words to the young people.

Jan. 2 has been set for the next inter-church debate when the members of the King Street Young People's Society will debate against the young people of St. Andrew's in St. Andrew's church.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

A congregational meeting is being held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church tonight, to make plans for the coming year on church union. The meeting will be held in St. Andrew's church at 8 o'clock, and will be taken from those who are present. It will also be decided how long the polls are to be open and at what hour the boxes will be cast.

The Senior Pathfinders of the church met this morning to pack their baskets for a needy family. The gifts are being packed by the work of Miss Bailey, and any donations will be gratefully received by her at this time of the year.

ST. MARY'S CONCERT.

A delightful Christmas concert was put on at St. Mary's church last Friday evening by the members of St. Mary's mothers' unit. A lovely Christmas tree was placed amid the gay decorations of the Christmas season. The twinkling lights attracting the eyes of the small children, who waited expectantly for the fulfillment of Santa Claus's promise to bring them a long program took place first, when a drill, "The Little Coons," put on by some of the small boys, was quite original and entertaining.

Then the dear old gentleman of the season arrived to distribute the many gifts among the little folk, and with each gift a lovely candy cane was also received. The music of the evening played by some of the pupils from St. Joseph's convent, and was greatly enjoyed. The occasion was a most successful one, and was most successful.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The Sunday school of the Church of Christ, disciples, is having a Christmas tree and entertainment in the church on Tuesday evening, Dec. 23, at 8 o'clock. A good program of drills, songs, tableaux, pantomimes and recitations has been arranged for the occasion, with Mrs. F. Manning as general convener, assisted by Mrs. J. McKinley, and Miss Marion Johnson will be at the piano.

REEVE HUGH JONES NOT EXPECTED TO RUN

The latest information to be broadcast via county election radio is to the effect that Reeve Hugh Jones of Nissouri Township will not be a candidate in the coming Middlesex election. In this event, William Lee, a prominent member of the Nissouri council will likely sit in the county council chamber next year.

R. T. Reycecraft of Biddulph will probably be returned by acclamation, while George Watcher, deputy reeve of Dorchester, will have a contest on his hands, brought about by Councilor Ed Rogers.

Duncan Gordon, reeve of Delaware township, will be opposed by Councilor Thibien.

In Carleton township, Deputy Reeve McCallum will be faced on election day by Alf Comfort of the Longwood road.

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MRS. R. JOHNSTON PASSES SATURDAY

Prominent Church Worker Succumbs to Year's Illness.

Mrs. Mary Grace Johnston, wife of Richard Johnston of the local customs staff, passed away on Saturday morning, Dec. 20, at the family residence, 526 King street, after an illness of one year.

She was a daughter of the late Inspector Joseph Sanders of the Children's Aid Society, and was born in Bohemia, England, but has been a resident of this city practically all her life. She was an ardent worker and highly-respected member of the First Congregational church, and the oldest in membership of May Queen Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

Besides her husband, Mrs. Johnston is survived by one daughter, Mrs. J. F. Rutland, Cleveland, Ohio; one son, William, at home; two brothers, Richard Sanders, reeve of the city, and Edgar Sanders, and two sisters, Mrs. J. Arthur and Mrs. E. W. Harrison, all of this city.

The funeral services will be held at the family residence on Tuesday, Dec. 23 at 2:30 p.m., and will be conducted by the Rev. F. A. Stevens. Burial will take place at Mount Pleasant cemetery.

DENTAL OPERATIONS ON CHILDREN 1,197

School Officer Submits December Report—60 Per Cent Defective.

Dental operations performed on the pupils of four public schools during the month of December totalled 1,197, according to the monthly report of Dr. F. W. Fuller, chief dental officer. In connection with the prophylactic clinic at Victoria school, 422 pupils were examined, of this number, 255, or 60 per cent, were found to have defective teeth.

Cards were sent to parents of children of Lord Roberts and Victoria schools notifying them of the defects found.

Figures as to the number of operations performed, new and completed cases, are as follows:

School	New	Comp.	Oper.
Victoria	57	51	321
Riverside	59	56	245
Trafalgar	51	44	313
Lorne	51	44	313
Totals	222	202	1,197

REGISTRATION EXCLUDES PARCEL POST MATTER

All articles except parcel post matter may be registered. A month's communication from the postal department at Ottawa received here today states that there is an erroneous impression in some districts that articles of mail matter presented for registration must be prepaid at letter rate postage.

The message points out that all classes of mail matter, with the exception of parcels prepaid at parcel post rates sent by post in Canada may be registered.

OWNER OF STOLEN TRUCK RECOVERS HIS PROPERTY

F. C. Tozer, owner of the truck stolen on Dec. 15 and found in Luanan the same night loaded with twelve cases of beer, was notified on Saturday and had the truck turned over to him by Village Constable Hodgkins. The men in charge of the machine had hurriedly retreated on the approach of the constable and escaped in the darkness.

Mr. Tozer reported his loss at the local police station, who notified the owner that it had been recovered.

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CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS PLANNED

Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs Sponsor Revival of Old Custom.

If the weatherman is considerate on Christmas eve, Victoria park will be the scene of the largest gathering of Londoners for the purpose of singing the old Christmas carols, which has been held for many years in the Forest City.

Five hundred Rotarians and Kiwanians have agreed to come to this open air cathedral at half past seven on Wednesday evening, and join in the singing. The band of the Salvation army will be there to provide the music, and a number of the chorists of the army will also appear. Pardon B. Manning of the Kiwanis club, who is looking after the arrangements, together with representatives of the Rotary club, announces that this which is essentially the spirit of Christmas, should not be neglected, as it has been in the last few years. We believe that if we can make carol singing part of the Christmas festivities on a large and general scale, that we shall have done something necessary in keeping alive the spirit of Christmas. Most of the people in London and vicinity are of British extraction, and they all know their Dickens. If we are blessed with a cold, we shall have a chance to recall the old times, and they will enjoy listening to the old tunes.

To Revive Custom.

"It has been the wish of the two premier service clubs of the city to reintroduce carol singing again," said Mr. Manning today. "The fact that this which is essentially the spirit of Christmas, should not be neglected, as it has been in the last few years. We believe that if we can make carol singing part of the Christmas festivities on a large and general scale, that we shall have done something necessary in keeping alive the spirit of Christmas. Most of the people in London and vicinity are of British extraction, and they all know their Dickens. If we are blessed with a cold, we shall have a chance to recall the old times, and they will enjoy listening to the old tunes."

May Be Broadcast.

On the other hand should the weather be bad, and the wind blustery the carols will be sung in the cathedral of the Salvation army on Clarence street, and will be broadcasted over the radio. No broadcast will be used if the open air service takes place.

Through the courtesy of E. V. Buchanan, general manager of the public utilities commission, a large sign will be placed in the Victoria park near the illuminated Christmas tree, and a lantern will be arranged to throw the words of the carols on the trees. Everything is completed. All details are finished. All that the committee is praying for is a fine, clear night, without wind.

MAYOR TAKES OATH FOR HIS THIRD TERM

Several Aldermen and One School Trustee Also Comply With Law.

On the eve of his ascendancy to office for a third term as mayor of the city of London, George A. Wenike has taken his oath "to honestly, faithfully and impartially, to the best of my ability, execute the duties of mayor for the city of London during the year 1925."

Several of the aldermen, two n. u. commissioners, and one school trustee have taken a similar oath. Last week's City Clerk Baker sent out notices to all successful candidates in the municipal elections. They were asked to take oath of office within twenty days.

Mayor Wenike, Ald. Harry Bottrill, Ald. L. H. Douglas, Ald. elect W. J. Ashton, Public Utilities Commissioner T. W. McFarland and R. W. Webster, and Trustee Mrs. J. L. A. Hunt have already sworn to their oaths.

YOUTH GIVEN 90 DAYS ON CHARGE OF INDECENCY

A local youth was sentenced to 90 days in the common jail in police court this morning on a charge of indecency. He was arrested several weeks ago and pleaded guilty. He was given the maximum penalty for the offence calls for a long reformatory sentence. Magistrate Graydon stated that under the circumstances of the boy's position in the city and the grief he had caused his parents it would be better to retain him in the county jail. Upon expiration of the ninety-day term he will be paroled in his father's custody.

ROTARIANS WILL BANQUET NEWSBOY PROTEGES

Next Monday the fifty newsboys who belong to the Rotary Newsboys club will be the guests of the club at a Christmas dinner in the Tuncmish house at noon. Presents were sent by the club to these boys today, and also invitations to the dinner. President Dr. Alfred Grant made a special appeal today to the members to turn out in full strength on Monday to take part in this phase of the club's work among boys, and to see what kind of boys the club was interested in.

VICTIM OF TRAIN WRECK VANCOUVER RESIDENT

Canadian Press Despatch. Vancouver, Dec. 22.—R. W. Sharpe, 67, of this city, president of the Pacific Box Company, and well known locally in the business world, was one of the eight persons who met death in the Chippewa Falls train wreck Saturday. Early reports had given Mr. Sharpe's name as Toronto.

Mr. Sharpe left Vancouver Monday for the eastern United States in the interest of the office of John Farrel headed for the past 14 years.

COMMITTEE MEETS.

The advisory vacation committee of the board of education will hold its concluding meeting of the current year at 7:30 p.m. this evening in the school council. Business to come before the meeting is largely of a technical character by way of finishing up the year's business, prior to the final meeting of the full board which is to be held on Dec. 29.

WOMAN AND 2 CHILDREN FLEE FIRE BY SKYLIGHT

Several Have Thrilling Escapes As Flames Sweep Orth Building.

DAMAGE IS \$50,000

Hundreds of Christmas Shoppers Watch Firemen in Hard Fight.

Orth's Ltd., at the corner of Dundas and Clarence streets, and adjoining stores, was swept by a disastrous fire shortly after two o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Three people, one woman and two children, narrowly escaped with their lives, the skylight offering them an avenue to safety, while damage wrought to buildings and contents will approximate \$50,000.

Their exit entirely cut off by a fiercely-burning stairway, Mrs. A. Blaney and two children were assisted through a window in the roof by Dr. F. F. Baker, a dentist with offices on the second floor.

Mr. Blaney of the Star Signs, who was working in the front room at the time the fire broke out, made a brave, but futile attempt to reach his family across the hallway, and was forced down the fire escape by advancing flames.

Carried Down Ladder.

Dr. Baker, rushing to the assistance of Mrs. Blaney, carried one of the children up to the roof, from where all four reached the ground in safety by means of a fireman's ladder. Though Dr. Baker was slightly burned, the woman and her children escaped unhurt.

Lloyd Fleurer, central hall fireman, was slightly injured on the head by a falling piece of metal. Several of the firemen were overcome by smoke, but no one was seriously injured.

Hundreds of Saturday afternoon shoppers interrupted their Christmas buying to congregate around the burning building and watch the firemen fight one of the most difficult fires experienced in months past.

It required the efforts of three or four policemen to keep the crowd back so that the firemen could not be hampered in their efforts to contain the fire to the one building. In this, however, the firemen were successful, to a great extent at least, damage to other buildings consisting largely of that due to water, rather than fire.

Two Stories Guttered.

The two upper stories of the building were completely gutted, and a great amount of damage through water and smoke was suffered in the stores of Orth's, Ltd., and F. N. Willmot, Jeweller.

Insurance will entirely cover the \$20,000 loss sustained by Orth's, Ltd. The loss falling upon the Willmot Jewellery store runs up to fully \$15,000.

Dr. Baker's office was badly burned while rooms and offices rented by Short, A. Blaney and J. S. Sutherland were ruined.

A portion of the Savoy hotel and Savoy shoe repair shop on Clarence street suffered slightly from smoke. Valuable rings, watches and jewels were removed from Willmot's store to safety in neighboring buildings. The damage caused by the fire during the first few minutes of the fight.

The work of the firemen, handicapped as they were by a cold, penetrating wind, combined with zero temperature, drew the favorable comment and commendation of the owners of the building and of the many bystanders.

Saturday's fire constitutes the third serious blaze to occur in London within the past few weeks, the total loss of which will amount to over \$200,000.

The other two on the list were the Greer factory on Bathurst street and the Yeates building on Bathurst street.

N. F. Willmot stated that he will open his store for business this afternoon. He said that all persons who had selected Christmas gifts would be able to obtain them by 2 o'clock this afternoon, and also all persons who had repair work being done to jewelry would be able to obtain their property at the same time.

Both Mr. Orth and Mr. Willmot stated that rebuilding operations would be started at once.

DECEMBER MAY SMASH SEASON BUILDING MARK

December, considered the lightest building month of the year, bids holdily to set something of a precedent in London this year. Already nearly \$100,000 in new buildings have been authorized by the city building inspector, and there is still a week's permit to be recorded.

In December of 1923 permits totalled only \$89,000, even though last year was a quite heavy period of construction.

SHORT VACATION.

Short vacation at the courthouse starts on Dec. 23 and will continue to Jan. 6. During this time court-house offices will close each day at 1 o'clock.

SEEK FARM JOBS.

Seven farm laborers anxious to locate jobs on farms before Christmas gathered at the office of John Farrel of the immigration department this morning. It is not likely that they will receive jobs until the beginning of the year.

PERFECT PAPER.

Postal Clerk Edgar L. Lane of local postoffice staff made one hundred per cent on the October examinations on postal law and regulations for city postoffices, according to a bulletin issued today. A total of 22 men in Canada landed in a perfect paper.

Dance Edict Still Remains

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, Dec. 22.—One year ago His Eminence Cardinal Beaudry banned all dances such as the "bunny hug" and "cheek-to-cheek" in his diocese, and yesterday a circular letter from his eminence was read in all the Roman Catholic churches of the city, stating that the edict remained in force in all its force.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the pastoral letter, which forbade dancing, the letter stated, his eminence wished to state that the people in general had submitted to the rule, which had been rigorously enforced and still remained in force.

CLEARNESS URGED BY ACCOUNTANT

Frank Jewell Delivers Last Noonday Luncheon of 1924 at Rotary.

Frank Jewell, delivering the last noon address of the year to the London Rotary club, spoke on his reminiscences as a chartered accountant. Talking, as he admitted after an experience which began in the Huron and Erie Mortgage corporation, which passed through work in a "que business, in a furniture business, and has been divided between London and Toronto, he presented a witty and amusing address to the club.

"There are two essential things which my experience teaches me, and for which I have been doing missionary work for many years. They are a full and complete definition of every entry made in any book, and an efficient collection system."

"I believe that every entry in a book should be so well defined that it can be followed with ease after any length of time. I would not hesitate to use a whole page in a ledger if that amount of space was necessary to correct and accurately define an entry. As to collections I remember a banker saying to me once, 'You will always find it easier to get business from a man who has paid his debts to you than from one who has not, and who is still owing you,' and I think that excellent advice. If you have given anyone good service and good value for his money, then you will stand a better chance of continuing his business if you collect what he owes you when it is due."

Dr. Alfred Grant, in conjunction with the speaker, wished the members a merry Christmas.

POPULAR CANTATA.

A Christmas cantata presented by the Salvation Army of St. Thomas last night proved so popular that the theatre was crowded to standing room. The title of the offering was "The Christmas King." There were 35 voices under the leadership of Songster Medland. So well received was the program that it will be repeated on New Year's eve, when Brig. McAmmond of London will occupy the chair. The officer will also have charge of the watch night services there.

SANTA WILL VISIT.

Santa Claus will visit No. 4 Citadel of the Salvation Army tonight when the members of the Oak street corps will have their Christmas tree. Ed. J. T. Huxton, who is in charge of the sign, expects a record attendance of the children.

Gift Suggestions At

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We have a most beautiful line of Boudoir Slippers, most suitable for Milady's Christmas Gift. Each and every pair has that touch of distinction that marks them as a shoe of quality. We do not sell the cheapest shoe, but we do sell the best shoes most reasonably priced.

PATENT LEATHER \$1.50 to \$2.50

FELT SLIPPERS in dainty styles and attractive colors \$1.00 to \$2.00

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