

DUTY OF THE ELECTORATE.

Rev. S. B. Russell Spoke on the Municipal Situation.

Educational Day at Charlton Ave. Methodist Church.

Excellent Sermon by Rev. Dr. Smith at Centenary.

The responsibility of the electorate in voting into office men who are in sympathy with the moral and social reform wave that is sweeping over the country was the thought that rang out last night in a sermon on "Municipal Duty," preached by Rev. S. B. Russell, pastor of Erskine Presbyterian Church. Quoting the opinion of Professor Drummond, that the life of a nation was fed by the life of the city, the speaker emphasized how essential civic patriotism was to nation building. "All honest citizens," he said, "should be interested in municipal matters. It is disloyalty on the part of any man or woman to look simply after his or her own affairs and ignore civic duties, except to pay their taxes and talk of graft, while they never go to the trouble of casting a vote on election day."

Mr. Russell insisted that interest in municipal and political affairs was part of Christian duty. "We have not discharged our duty to Caesar," he declared, "after we have paid our taxes. We must be willing to serve."

Men who held municipal offices, he said, were as much ministers of God as the man with a divine message to far-off missionary fields. The ideal would be attained when men fully grasped the thought that municipal government was a divine as well as a human institution. Men were needed in public office who rested their faith in God, who read the Bible as Cromwell did, who knelt in prayer as Lincoln did. "We hear much," he said, "of the things that belong to Caesar; we hear little of the things that belong to God."

"When men of this type," said Mr. Russell, "allow their names to be placed before the public, men who have the fear of God within them, and the desire to control the evil traffics that beset the city, then it is a disgrace if they are not supported by the Christian public."

"It is gratifying to note the marked change in public sentiment that has come over this city. Men are not asking now if the candidate is a Liberal or Conservative. They ask, 'What is his character? What is his attitude towards moral and social reform?'"

Mr. Russell, quoting an editorial from the Globe after the decisive temperance victory in Toronto at the last election, declared that no pulpits utterance could be more clear and emphatic than the statement made in that important paper, which announced that public opinion was solid against the bar.

Last year Wm. Campbell, a student on the Citizens' Campaign ticket, was not represented on the Citizens' Campaign ticket, and this year it had three men in the field, and he hoped to see them elected. He outlined the attitude of labor and fraternal societies on the temperance question, and closed with an appeal to his congregation to unite in an effort that had for its aim the stamping out of everything that might be a stain on the city.

EDUCATIONAL DAY.

Yesterday was educational Sunday in Charlton Avenue Methodist Church, and the special preacher for the day was Rev. Manly Benson, D. D., of St. Catharines. A very helpful sermon was preached at the morning service, the preacher directing his remarks particularly to the young people of the congregation. The text was taken from Ecclesiastes, 12-13. "Let us hear God, and let us keep His commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

The keynote of the sermon was to show the evil of using a good education for the sole purpose of acquiring wealth instead of applying some of it for the betterment of humanity. "Educated perverseness in the world today is divorcing the educated life from the religious life and the former is wholly absorbed in money getting with a good many people, instead of those in possession of the good education, remembering that they have the moulding of the national life of the future," said Dr. Benson.

The lack of Jesus Christ in Parliament, in trade, in commerce, he deplored, and maintained that the root of all achievements worth while had the spirit of Christ in them. He attacked sham religion, the kind that does not last throughout the week. A man is what he does, not what he says he does. It is not the outside things that touch a man that make him; it is the internal things that rule him. Character should make a man better than his word, and the educated man should be an exemplary man. Life should be made up of deeds that will live when words die.

"There is a great struggle between right and wrong, and it is for us all to decide which side we shall take," said the preacher. Finally the prevalent dishonesty was commented on. "Never was there such an age as this, when men are so seriously wanted." An appeal was made for a liberal collection for educational purposes of the Methodist Church.

CENTENARY CHURCH.

A large congregation gathered at Centenary last evening to join in the service of song and devotion. The choir he does, not what he says he does. It is not the outside things that touch a man that make him; it is the internal things that rule him. Character should make a man better than his word, and the educated man should be an exemplary man. Life should be made up of deeds that will live when words die.

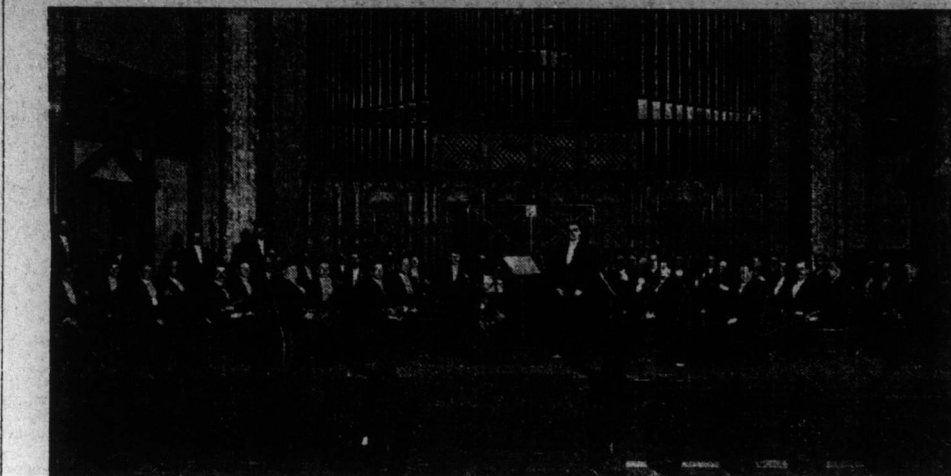
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Men are too often looking to find the kingdom of God in things external, but it is not to be found there. The spirit and temper of a man cannot be seen in the garments he may wear, or by looking at the carriage in which he rides. In like manner, no amount of splendid ceremony can convey any proper conception of the kingdom of God. If the church as an organization could control all politics, all commerce and all forms of secular education it would still be outside the sacred circle of God's spiritual kingdom. Here Dr. Smith spoke of the question of fatalism, and the Darwinian theory of the evolution of man. He fully believed in the Bible record of man's origin, and that God put within the human breast powers of volition possessed with sufficient intelligence to direct his own choice, and under divine guidance, shape his own destiny. When the kingdom of God is within us, the motive power of the soul leaps the bounds of environment. One of the most godly men in the Methodist Church and one of the efficient class leaders was born and brought up in a hovel, where both parents were drunkards. The environments of Shakespeare, of Bunyan, of Whitfield and of Polycarp were all against them in fighting the battle of life, but the kingdom of God within them led them forth triumphant.

HERKIMER ANNIVERSARY.

At Herkimer Baptist Church the church anniversary was held. In the morning the pastor, Rev. H. McDiarmid, preached from Psalm xx. 7. In taking a retrospective view of the year, Mr. McDiarmid said that the success attained was not due to human agency, but to divine power.

In the evening the text was: "He that planteth the sea, shall He not hear?" He that formed the eye, shall He not see? He that chastiseth the nations, shall He not correct? Both sermons were inspiring and helpful. The choir rendered very effectively special anthems.

EMERALD STREET METHODIST.

Yesterday morning Rev. Sam Russell preached to a crowded house from the text found in Psalm 94 and verse 16. "Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers, or who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity?" Since the world began, he said, there has been no class of evildoers or workers of iniquity to compare with those who are willing, for the sake of gain to bring misery into the homes, sorrow to the heart and destroy soul and body as those who are engaged in the traffic in strong drink.

The God of love and justice will hold each man responsible for the part he takes in this work. In Hamilton just now the work of the church is to elect a man who will feel their first duty to the city to be to look after its morals, and this can best be done now by lessening the number of bars.

The sermon was a very strong putting of the case for a better Hamilton by at once reducing the number of bar rooms, which will be done if all do their duty.

In the evening Rev. Dr. Williamson preached a temperance sermon, from the text found in Esther, "And the drinking was according to the law." He stated that the text was a correct description of the license system, and at once its respectability and its disgraceful respectability because lawful, disgraceful for it made all willingly or unwillingly partners in the business. The license bar, he said, is the greater danger to the city. This mill must be kept grinding. The boys, the boys, they must be had to fill the places of the drunkards who die, go to prison, the poorhouse or asylum.

"WHOSOEVER."

Subject of Gospel Address in Ebenezer Last Evening.

Last evening in Ebenezer Hall Wm. Crook, a young man, gave a very interesting address on "God's Great Whosoever." The hall was well filled and everyone present enjoyed the message given by the young preacher. He took for his text, John iii, 16, showing that God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. The speaker dwelt especially on the whosoever part, showing that it was God's purpose, when He gave His Son, that the sacrifice should be for all and that "Whosoever" appropriated it to himself or herself, by faith, should have everlasting life. The address was a very plain and simple exposition of the Gospel.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Richard Irving, of Belleville, will speak and on Thursday evening, Geo. Crook will give a Bible address on "Hindrances to a Revival." Everyone is cordially welcomed at these services.

A heartless practical joker sent a telephone message to Coy Vanderveen, of Grand Rapids, telling him that his wife had just died suddenly. Vanderveen dropped his work, and hatless and coatless ran nearly half a mile through the cold to his home, when he found the whole affair to be a hoax. He was seized with a severe convulsive chill and now lies in a dying condition. The perpetrator of the "joke" is unknown.

Total deposits in Canada amounted to \$757,539.00 at the end of November, an increase for the year of \$131,303.00. Commercial loans amounted to \$390,291.00.

Amusements

"Graustark" in print is a much more enjoyable piece of work than "Graustark" on the stage, at least that is the opinion held by the majority of the persons who saw the play at the Grand Opera House on Saturday. This show has been seen on the local boards twice this season, and judging by the way with which the respective audiences received them, the dramatized version of George Barr McCutcheon's famous novel is either a failure or the companies presenting them are inadequate. Edna von Lake, in the role of Yvonne, Princess of Graustark, was undoubtedly the most talented member of the company, but she was by no means marvellous. The respective parts of Grenfell Lorry and Harry Anguish were rather weakly taken on by Francis J. Gillen and Frederick McGuirk. The remaining members of the cast were second or third class. The play is too full of Americanism to become very popular with Canadian audiences.

Y. M. C. A. PICTURES.

As was promised, the moving pictures at Association Hall on Saturday afternoon and evening were the kind that picture lovers delight in. A long performance was given, including solos and duets, illustrated with colored slides. These brought forth much applause. The pictures were entirely new, it being the first time they were shown in Hamilton, and they depicted much beautiful scenery. As usual, there were the tragic and humorous kinds, keeping the audience in a pitch of excitement and laughter. The management has arranged for an extra large supply of the latest and up-to-date films for next Saturday, Christmas Day, which will no doubt attract a large number.

TO-NIGHT AT THE GRAND.

"The Time, the Place and the Girl," the musical comedy which attracted large audiences in Toronto last week and will be offered at the Grand here to-night. The company is said to be a good one and the play well staged. The scenes are laid at a sanatorium in Virginia, where Johnny Hicks, a happy-go-lucky gambler, and his pal, Tom Cunningham, have fled to escape arrest. Before the police catch up with them, the sanatorium is placed under quarantine. Cunningham, the pal, is in reality a rich man's son, and the first love complication begins when he becomes infatuated with Margaret Simpson, the girl who is at the sanatorium with her father, a farmer, and her brother and a party of boarding school girls.

As soon as the quarantine is declared the servants of the hotel and sanatorium desert and the guests are forced to look after their own wants. Cunningham is chosen dictator of the place and assigns to each guest a certain task. Hicks is made head cook. Margaret Simpson, who has quarrelled with Cunningham, following her rejection of his suit, is ordered to do scrubbing, and when she refuses her meals are summarily cut off. She then leads the general strike of the guests. Cunningham, however, proves an efficient strike breaker, and all ends happily.

Although the comedy is written to give supremacy over the music, there are ten musical numbers including "Thursday is My Jonah Day," "The Waning Hymn," "Blow the Smoke Away," "I Don't Like Your Family," "Don't You Tell," "First and Only," "Dixie, I Live You," and "Uncle Sam's Best Girl."

"KING OF CADONIA."

The "King of Cadonia," which is in Toronto this week, will be seen at the Grand here next Monday. This is the biggest musical production of the season, and goes from Hamilton to New York where it opens the week following at Daly's Theatre. In the cast are such well-known people as Marguerite Clark, William Morris, Melville Stewart and Clara Palmer. The "King of Cadonia" ran for two years at the Prince of Wales Theatre, London.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTION.

The sale of seats will open to-morrow morning for Bertha Galloway, who will be seen at the Grand Christmas matinee and night, in "The Return of Eve." Speaking of the performance the Buffalo News last week said: Bertha Galloway laughed, cried and danced herself straight out of a stag Garden of Eden into the hearts of an appreciative and enthusiastic audience at the Teck Theatre, in her interpretation of the title role in Leo Wilson Dodd's new play, "The Return of Eve." The play is most extraordinary, but clever in every line, and it has given Miss Galloway an opportunity to show the theatregoers that her talents are not entirely confined to the roles of Kitty Bellairs and Dorothy Vernon.

BENNETT'S CHRISTMAS WEEK.

At Bennett's this week a bill of unusual merit will bid for the patronage of the Christmas crowds. Bedini and Arthur, the noted travesty artists, will be the chief feature, presenting an offering which is said to ripple with fun. Lola Merrill and Frank Otto in their dainty little conversational sketch, "After the Show," should prove a strong attraction. Charles Leonard Fletcher, the celebrated entertainer and impersonator, who will present "An Evening With Mark Twain," and impersonations of other literary and stage celebrities, is sure to be one of the most entertaining numbers on the bill. Mr. Fletcher has been in vaudeville nine years during which time he has delighted thousands of theatre patrons in nearly every city of prominence

R. T. OF T.

Annual Sermon in Victoria Ave Baptist Church.

A large number of the members of the R. T. of T. attended the special service for them in Victoria Avenue Baptist Church last evening, as well as a large number of the members and adherents of the church, and the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. Edgar Allen, was of an inspiring and helpful nature.

He selected his text from Exodus xx. 3. "Thou shalt have none other God but R. T. of T. members were used to having a departure from the kind of sermon that had been expected because the R. T. of T. members were used to having the Commandments as the basis of the sermon, and he thought they would be more benefited by the one he selected. The text was the first of the Commandments. He welcomed them because of the good work they represented and the good they were doing. Before taking up the study of the Commandments it would be necessary to make it applicable to the nineteenth century to secure the most good from it. To study the Commandments was absolutely necessary to have the true Christian spirit, as otherwise its goodness would not be fully appreciated. Paul's contention was that after a man was brought to Jesus Christ he should be guided by the requirements of Jesus Christ. The New Testament was the best place to find the expression of Christ's law. The Apostle spoke of the Commandment as "Thou shalt have no God but one." God was the father and Jesus Christ the one law. Through Jesus Christ the sinners received a remission of their sins and were brought to see the fullness of the Christian life. To worship God it was first necessary to know Him and His characteristics. Many of the men of the present day were bowing before gods that did not exist but were only pictures of imagination. To other men who did not stop to consider God He was nothing but a huge sentimentality. In closing He admonished his hearers to worship none other God than the true God.

Christmas mail distribution at Montreal is breaking all records this year. A special Christmas mail train of eight cars, with over two million letters and packages containing holiday gifts, left on Sunday by the C. P. R. for Winnipeg. Most of the mail was from Great Britain, and it contained several tons of Christmas puddings sent to British settlers in the west. Ten years ago it took only half a car to forward the Christmas mail to the West.

Premier Scott has been presented with a magnificent silver tea service by his followers in the Saskatchewan Legislature.

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GOOD TEMPLARS.

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MASONS AT FIRST CHURCH.

Rev. E. B. Lanceley Preached St. John Day Sermon.

About 250 Masons, members of the eight lodges of the city, attended divine service at First Methodist Church yesterday afternoon, and Rev. E. B. Lanceley preached a very impressive and inspiring sermon. "The Apprentice and the Master" was his subject, and the texts were from I. Corinthians xiii. 9 and St. Matthew xxiii. 8. "For we know in part, and we prophesy in part," and "For one in your Master is even Christ."

Mr. Lanceley first explained that this is an age of specialists, and cited many illustrations in substantiation of his statement. The great truths of the world were not discovered by one man, or by one age; one man and one age discovers very little; but improvement grows apace as the years roll on. As an example of improvements that have been made it was pointed out that some of Luther's denunciations would not be printed to-day even in the most careless newspapers, yet under such men some of the greatest truths were expounded. Besides that, the habits of Plato and Socrates would not be tolerated in this age, but, nevertheless, they did great work.

Two hundred years ago, witches were burned at the stake in England; that was in the time of Bacon, but Bacon only saw in part.

"One is your Master, your worshipful Master, your most worshipful Master, even Christ," said Mr. Lanceley to his hearers, and the sincerity with which the words were delivered commanded a full recognition of their meaning.

A reference was made to the recent great theological controversy, but both the leading figures in the controversy only saw the matter from their own viewpoint, was the explanation. "Bigotry belongs to former ages; fanaticism ought to disappear altogether. What all parties need is to be delivered from the insanity of fanatics," said the speaker.

"The world worships only the men who serve it, and the true service is the service of love. The cement that binds the edifice of Masonry together is mutual helpfulness; remove it and the structure will totter. Only by bearing another's burdens as Masons fulfill the principles of the order. The principles of Masonry are good for philanthropists, for moralists and for everybody. The order sprang from religious motives, is nourished by religion and is ennobled by religion," said the preacher.

The late Grand Secretary, Hugh Murray, and his excellent character were referred to. Kind words were extended to the visitors, and that all should meet again in the Grand Lodge and answer to the call of a glorified humanity were the concluding words of the address.

THE CHOR OF THE CHURCH LED THE SINGING, AND BRO. GEO. ROBINSON SANG A SOLO PART IN THE ANTHEM, "COME TO MY HEART, LORD JESU."

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News in Brief

The Portuguese Cabinet has resigned.

Mr. W. B. Archer, Postmaster at Campbellford, is dead.

The new Italian Premier has announced that Italy will remain loyal to