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ATHLETICS.

THE CHAMPIONS IN TRAINING.

An interesting personage at Springbank just now is Dennis Gallagher, the Buffalo wrestler. He has taken up his quarters at Ward's Hotel, and is fast running, rowing and wrestling himself into condition for his contest with Richardson, the Canadian champion, this evening at the Grand Opera House. Like a sensible man, Gallagher is strictly temperate in his habits, and to this fact he attributes his sustained strength and skill throughout his career as a prominent athlete. He is very careful in dieting. A limited quantity of beefsteak, boiled potatoes, some toast and tea make his usual bill of fare. Gallagher says that in his previous match with Richardson he was not in good condition, and promises this time to give the latter a much harder battle. No better spot on the continent, he says, could be desired than the one he has chosen; he is loud in praise of the surroundings and the uniform kindness shown him by London friends. Saturday he ran a mile on Ward's course in five minutes and eighteen seconds; if the circuit had been larger he claims he could have made the distance in less time. The noted American wrestler is always accompanied abroad by his brother, B. F. Gallagher, who acts as his trainer. Both are thoroughgentlemen and have made themselves popular with many in the city. In the meantime Richardson is also getting into shape, and with the recollection of his past victory is fully confident of retaining his laurels. An immense crowd is expected to witness the international contest, which will doubtless, owing to the change of style in one fall, prove even more exciting than the last. An amateur wrestling match and amateur sparring match will be among the additional attractions.

CRICKET.

On Saturday the young cricketers of South London and of the Asylum disported themselves on the beautiful Asylum green. The playing of both teams speaks well for the juveniles and London's future cricketers. A large crowd witnessed the game, including a goodly representation of the fair sex, and encouraged the boys by liberal applause. Following was the score, the figures after the names in the first innings being the ages of the participants:

ASYLUM JUNIORS.

First Inning.		Second Inning.	
A. Beemer 11, b Reynolds	1	b Reynolds	5
G. Sippi 17, b Alexander	0	not out	6
G. Angus 15, b Alexander	2	b Alexander	30
J. Angus 13, b Reynolds	4	c Alexander, b Reynolds	3
S. Sippi 15, b Reynolds	8	c Reynolds, b Alexander	0
W. Flynn 13, c and b Alexander	1	c Reynolds, b Alexander	2
H. Bucke 11, b Alexander	5	c Reynolds, b Alexander	0
W. Grey 13, b Alexander	0	c Hunt, b Alexander	3
J. Cope 13, b Reynolds	3	b Alexander	1
J. Flynn 10, c Reynolds, b Alexander	0	c Hunt, b Alexander	0
A. Rumie 11, not out	2	c and b Reynolds	2
Byes 7, leg bye 1	8	Byes 1, no ball 1	2
Total	34	Total	54

SOUTH LONDON JUNIORS.

First Inning.		Second Inning.	
Bert Mackenzie 14, b Beemer	1½	b Angus	1
Ray Sammons 13, b Beemer	0	c and b Beemer	1
N. Alexander 14, b Beemer	13	stumped b Beemer	2
F. N. Reynolds 16, b Angus	0	b Angus	3
W. Pope 15, b Beemer	15	b Beemer	4
W. Bristow 15, b Beemer	1	run out	4
E. Rungerford 14, b Beemer	8	b Angus	0
C. R. Hunt 11, b Beemer	0	c Angus, b Beemer	0
F. Macfie 12, not out	2	c Bucke, b Angus	3
N. Payne 11, b Beemer	0	b Beemer	1
H. Green 12, b Angus	8	not out	1
Byes 5, leg byes 2, wides 10	17	wide ball	1
Total	65	Total	20

BYES.

The Thamesville cricketers play the Asylum team here next Wednesday.

The following matches have been arranged for the Asylum Cricket Club: Strathroy and Aylmer, on the grounds of the latter, on Friday, June 19; London team, in London, on July 9, and the Asylum team, in London, on July 10.

The Watford cricketers went to Delaware Thursday morning in high glee to play the Delawares. Their crestfallen faces in the evening were hard to witness. The score against them was 187 runs in one inning, the total of 55 in two innings being a very discouraging record to take back.

BASEBALL.

SATURDAY'S GAMES.

National League—Cleveland 7, Boston 3; Philadelphia 3, Pittsburg 2, twelve innings; New York 4, Cincinnati 0; Chicago 2, Brooklyn 6.

American Association—Columbus 6; Athletics 3; Baltimore 7, Louisville 3; St. Louis 11, Boston 10, ten innings.

Eastern Association—Syracuse 1, Providence 0; New Haven 6, Albany 3; Troy 3, Rochester 0.

ATHLETICS VS. ALERTS.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. Athletic baseball team are tickled because they defeated the mighty Alerts Saturday. The contest was a fine one, as the score shows—10 to 6. Brilliant fielding, good battery work and some neat batting roused the enthusiasm of a large crowd. For the Athletics "Jimmie" Bell pitched a great game, and was well supported by W. Lind. Sheere and W. Hiscott took turns in twirling for the others, with Quinn as backstop. The Athletics have reason to be proud of their victory over a first-class aggregation like the Alerts. Following were the players: Alerts—Quinn, Sheere, Johnson, W. Hynd, Wm. Tierney, W. Hiscott, Lewis, J. Hynd and F. Arscott; Athletics—W. Lind, J. Bell, McIlwain, G. Pearce, H. Spence, R. Lind, Screaton, Muir and McNeil.

The Dauntless and London Tool Company's nine played a friendly game of baseball on Saturday afternoon, resulting in the following score:

DAUNTLESS.	R.	H.	E.	LONDON TOOL CO.	R.	H.	E.
J. Begg, c.f.	3	3	0	A. Turner, c.	4	2	0
A. Pinel, c.	3	3	0	Gorman, 2b.	2	1	3
J. Sharp, s.s.	0	1	2	W. Brown, 1b.	0	1	2
H. Morney, p.	3	3	0	Orchard, r.f.	0	1	2
W. Begg, 2b.	2	3	2	H. Turner, p.	0	0	1
P. Warren, r.f.	2	2	2	M. Adams, 3b.	4	3	0
J. Pinel, l.f.	3	4	0	Marshall, s.s.	1	1	5
W. Bell, 1b.	3	4	0	Lee, c.f.	1	0	0
E. Pellow, 3b.	1	3	2	W. Adams, l.f.	2	1	1
Totals	20	26	8	Totals	14	10	14

Dauntless	4	2	1	5	0	0	0	5	3—20
London Tool Company	1	4	0	0	1	0	1	3	4—14

Umpire—D. Jennings

FLYS.

A catcher's fence of wire is being erected on the breakwater behind the Y. M. C. A. Athletic grounds, London West.

Petrolea's Citizens' Committee, in arranging for Dominion Day sports, have appropriated $50 for expenses to take a London ball club there on the first.

The Chippewa baseball club has captured the silver cup presented by the London Gun Club to be struggled for by the Indians of the Oneida, Muncey and Chippewa reserves.

The Young Canadians, of the North End, and the King Bolts, of London West, played an interesting game on the Erie grounds, over the river, Saturday afternoon before a large crowd of enthusiasts. The city men came out victorious. The battery work on both sides was excellent. Score:

		R.	B.B.	H.	E.
King Bolts	4 0 1 0 1 0 1 0 2—	9	8	5	
Young Canadians	0 3 1 2 0 2 0 3 *—	11	9	5	

Batteries—Young Canadians, Hill and Tierney; King Bolts, Milroy and Woonton. Umpires—W. Neil and J. Brown.

The Browns, of St. Thomas, a young and enterprising team from the Railway City, played the Delawares on the latter's grounds Friday afternoon. Both teams were in fighting trim and handled the ball to win from the word "play." The absence of First Baseman Horde weakened the Dells, but Hutton from second filled his position to perfection. The game was a very pretty one from beginning to end, and required eleven innings to finish it. Bert Robinson tossed the sphere for the Dells for the first three innings and did effective work until the arrival of Lucas. The pitching of both Lucas and Handley were the great features of the game, the former striking out 14 and the latter 22. Fair and good decisions were given by Umpire W. Shaw, of Shedden, and met with general satisfaction. The winning run was scored by the Browns in the eleventh, and the first game of the season recorded in their favor, 2 to 1, with unbounded enthusiasm. Runs were scored by Hynd, Housinger and Hutton. Both teams play good ball, and the game was worthy of the large number of spectators present. The Browns are willing to accept challenges from any amateur club in Ontario. They play Tilsonburg on Friday, June 12. The Delawares are also open for matches, and shortly play the Alerts, of London.

LACROSSE.

Seaforth and Stratford Juniors played at Stratford on Saturday, the former winning four straight games.

The first championship game in the Senior Amateur Lacrosse League was played on Saturday in Montreal between the Shamrocks and Ottawas, the home team being defeated by 4 games to 1.

THE TURF.

Aylmer, Ont., Riding and Driving Association holds its summer meeting June 23 and 24.

The Detroit races take place during the week commencing Monday, July 20. The purses aggregate $47,000.

L. Lewis, the horse dealer, left London, Ont., last Monday with a carload of mixed horses—drivers, etc. He will probably arrive here by Saturday. — [Winnipeg Tribune, June 3.

The Delaware sporting fraternity have laid out a trotting track around the baseball grounds, the distance being one-third of a mile. It is expected that some future Maud S. will be speeded there in the days to come.

The trotting meeting at Detroit will be extended this year so as to begin on Monday, July 20, and finish on Saturday, the 26th, occupying a full week. Purses aggregating $47,000 will be hung up.

A trotting match came off at Brantford Friday between Lizzie Gibson, owned by C. Lowell, and Jennie Scott, owned by Jesse Ash, for $100 a side, and won by Lizzie Gibson. Time, 2:29¼, 2:32, 2:32½.

The race for the grand prize of Paris of 100,000 francs, distance about 1½ miles, was run on Sunday and won by Blanc's Claramart. The same owner's Reverend was second, and De la Marre's Clement third.

AT DUFFERIN PARK.

TORONTO, June 8.—Saturday was the most successful of this or any other trotting meeting yet held at Dufferin Park. There were four interesting events on the card. Summary:

2:30 class—Purse $200, divided into 50, 25, 15 and 10 per cent.:

W. G. Rudd, Toronto, b. g. Tommy R	3	1	1	1
H. Garbett, Wingham, ch. g. Tommy O	1	3	4	4
Thos. Taylor, Toronto, ch. g. Frank Taylor	4	2	2	3
Dr. McConnell, Toronto, br. g. Dick Smith	2	4	3	2
E. Harper, Toronto, ch. m. Maggie May	5	dr.		

Time—2:41¼, 2:38¾, 2:39, 2:37.

Named race—Purse $150, divided into 60, 25 and 15 per cent.:

M. Ronan, Toronto, b. g. Billy Doherty	1	1	2	1
D. Small, Toronto, g. g. Gray Dan	2	2	1	2
G. B. Leslie, Toronto, ch. g. Parkdale Boy	3	dr.		
E. McCormack, Toronto, br. g. Freddy	dis.			

Time—3:0, 2:56, 2:52, 2:53¼.

Running race—Purse $200, divided into 60, 25 and 15 per cent.; one mile heats.

J. E. Seagram's b. m. Helen Leigh	1	1
R. Wilson's ch. m. Fanny Carter	3	2
A. W. Croft's b. m. Duchess	2	3
F. A. Campbell's br. g. Taurie	4	

Times—1:51¼, 1:51.

THE WHEEL.

The F. C. 'C. C. had their weekly road race last evening.

W. Owens, of the F. C. 'C. Club, wheeled to Sarnia in a little over five hours on Saturday.

AQUATIC.

Boating on the river continues to increase in popularity as the season advances.

The new house of the London Canoe and Boating Club is about finished and will be ready for occupancy in a week or two.

J. B. Dignam has disposed of his interest in the fast-sailing canoe "Dorothy" to Joseph Wolfe. The latter has thus become sole proprietor.

FOOTBALL.

At Galt, on Friday, Galt defeated the Woodstock Athletic Association team by five goals to none.

The Berlin athletic ground was the witness of an encounter between picked teams from Toronto and the Western Association for the cup donated by the Caledonia Society of Galt on Saturday. This was the eighth contest for the cup, and the competing associations have each won it four times. Saturday the Toronto men were victorious, the score being 4 goals to 2.

DRAUGHTS.

Mr. Ferrie, who recently won the championship of Scotland, will, it is expected, be called on before long to defend his title against Mr. McKelvie, of Glasgow, or Mr. Reid, of Mauchline.

The stakeholder in the Wyllie-Reed match is understood to have advised Reed against claiming the forfeit, although he had no alternative but to hand it over to him when the Chicago champion made known his intention of standing on his rights.

Mr. Barker is contemplating the formation of an American team, consisting of six first-class American players, with the view of visiting Great Britain next year and playing against the best players there. The American players will probably be Schaefer, New York; Freeman, Providence; Barker, Boston; Reed, Chicago; and Priest, Philadelphia.

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METHODISTS DELIBERATING.

Examination of Candidates at the London Conference.

The Next Meeting to be Held in St. Thomas—Proceedings of Other Methodist Bodies.

WINDSOR, June 5.—At the morning session of Conference to-day Rev. James Gray, treasurer of the superannuation fund, presented his report. Amount passed during the year, $49,461 92; increase, $1,254 48; additional amount required to pay claimants was $2,398 69, which has left a small deficiency. The report of the general conference fund showed a debt of $15,178 65, leaving $1,000 for the London Conference to raise the next four years. Rev. Joseph Philp, D. D., was appointed treasurer of the superannuation fund.

A resolution of sympathy with Sir John and Lady Macdonald was unanimously passed.

Rev. A. M. Phillips, B.D., secretary of the Theological Union, addressed the Conference in reference to the work of the union, especially the Methodist Quarterly Review.

The following visiting ministers were introduced into the Conference: Rev. Dr. Hodson, Rev. Mr. Squires, Rev. Mr. Davis, Rev. Mr. Lounsbry, Rev. Dr. Gifford.

Rev. Dr. Dewart, editor of the Christian Guardian, was introduced and addressed the Conference in reference to the work of the church paper, in which he urged a wider circulation of the Guardian.

Bev. James Gray presented the report of the Union Church relief fund for the treasurer, J. N. Lake.

At the afternoon session Rev. J. Learoyd presented the book room report in the absence of Dr. Briggs. The figures for the year showed an increase in every department. Six thousand five hundred dollars was allotted by the Book Committee to the superannuation fund of the church, the largest amount ever given by the book room to this fund. Some changes were made in the Sunday school paper, two being changed from fortnightly to weekly issues, changes which were indorsed by the schools in the shape of orders. The Guardian held its place in the front rank during the past year. Strong in every respect, the magazine marked a gratifying increase in circulation for the year.

Rev. W. W. Shepherd presented the report of Mount Elgin Institute, of which he is principal. It showed signs of wonderful development and success. A resolution was unanimously carried expressing in the highest terms entire satisfaction in the able management of the institution.

The following young men were examined previous to their ordination on Sabbath morning: C. W. Brown, B.A., B.D.; W. J. Smith, B.A.; W. Murray, B.A. The ex-president, Rev. J. R. Gundy, and Rev. Dr. Sanderson conducted the examination, which was thorough and satisfactory.

A telegram was received from the private secretary of Sir John Macdonald expressing the thanks of Sir John and Lady Macdonald for the kind sympathy of the Conference in this trying hour.

The annual Conference missionary meeting was held in the Windsor Avenue Methodist Church at night, the president, Rev. B. Clement, in the chair. The large audience room was well filled, and considerable missionary zeal was manifested. The chairman wheeled the meeting into line by a few well-timed remarks.

Rev. T. Cocking, missionary to Japan, the first speaker, appeared in Japanese costume and spoke of his missionary life. He made reference to the first Parliament recently elected with fourteen Christians, which augurs well for the future. The 340,000 Buddhist priests in Japan are doing all they can to revive their old religion. The position of woman is being elevated by the efforts of the Woman's Missionary Society. The great remedy for Japan is the old Gospel of Christianity.

Rev. Dr. Hart, who has labored 25 years in China, and who is the missionary-elect of the Methodist Missionary Society to China, gave a graphic description of this mission field, populated by 400,000,000 people. Speaking from the victories of Christianity in the past, he was full of hope for the future.

Rev. G. Boyd, pastor of Queen's Avenue Church, London, was the last speaker. Although the hour was late, he held the audience in rapt attention by his enthusiastic and thrilling utterances. He made a brief reference to the mission work in Newfoundland, after which he entered into quite an extended account of the home mission work in connection with Queen's Avenue Church in London. He explained how the mission work in Kensington and Richmond street north had been inaugurated and carried on in a most vigorous and striking manner, which called forth frequent applause. The object of this reference was clearly seen when he referred to the fact that the Stationing Committee had not acceded to the requests of Queen's Avenue Quarterly Board by sending them an assistant so that this mission work could be carried on. It was very evident that the speaker was feeling keenly the refusal and was not afraid to let it be known, and the applause which greeted his forceful words showed that he had the sympathy of his audience. The doxology brought to a close one of the most enthusiastic Conference missionary meetings ever held.

The reception service, when the young men who have completed their term of probation are publicly received into full connection with the church, was deeply interesting. It was held in the spacious Windsor Avenue Church, which was completely filled. The secretary introduced the young men, namely, Wm. McMullen, B.A.; C. W. Brown, B.A., B.D., and W. J. Smith, B.A., who related the account of their conversion and call to the ministry. Each acknowledged his indebtedness to godly teaching and example in the home, and all agreed in bearing testimony to the beneficial influences thrown around them while attending Victoria University, and to the inspiration for good that there came to them.

Rev. A. C. Courtice was called upon to move the reception of these young men into full connection with the church, which he did in a brilliant address full of rich thought and practical suggestions.

The resolutions were seconded by Rev. Wm. McDonagh in one of his characteristic addresses and were carried by a standing vote.

WINDSOR, June 6.—Conference assembled at 9 o'clock. A resolution was passed expressing regret that the Missionary Board on a misunderstanding of the facts had reduced the salary of the principal of Mount Elgin Institute, and requesting the Board to raise it to its former amount. The letter writers were instructed to communicate the sympathy of the Conference with Rev. Dr. Evans and Mr. A. Heyworth in their affliction. The pastoral address was presented by Rev. A. C. Courtice, B.D., and adopted by the Conference.

Rev. Dr. Aylsworth delivered the annual lecture before the Theological Union this afternoon at 3 o'clock. He choose as his subject, "Eternal Life."

Rev. J. R. Gundy was elected ministerial representative of the London Conference on the Central Board of Missions. C. Sanders was reported as lay representative.

Rev. Dr. Aylesworth read the report from Albert College, Belleville, which has enjoyed a year of great prosperity.

The Nominating Committee was instructed to appoint a committee to arrange the Conference programme for next year, and nominate a committee on the establishment of an order of deaconesses. Rev. G. W. Andrews, B.A., was appointed associate member of Alma College. Rev. R. J. Treleaven presented an invitation for the Conference to hold its next session in the First Methodist Church, St. Thomas, which was accepted.

Rev. A. C. Courtice introduced a motion in the interests of the laymen appointed on Conference anniversary meeting on very short notice. The motion was to the effect that the proposed committee for the arrangement of anniversary meetings be instructed to name the laymen who are to take part in such meetings along with the names of the ministers. Conference adjourned to meet again on Monday morning.

GUELPH.

BERLIN, June 6.—The meeting last evening was for the reception of the young men to be ordained on Sunday morning. The candidates—W. H. Patton, M.A., W. E. Kerr and G. McKibbin—related their conversion and call to the ministry. The resolution for acceptance was adopted. Rev. James Gray gave the report of the superannuation fund, also of the General Conference fund. Mr. Kerr, of the Brussels Post, read the report of the Church Property Committee. The Rev. A. M. Phillips, A.M., of the Toronto Conference, was introducted and advocated the interests of the Theological Union. The Rev. Mr. Davey, of Ontario Ladies' College, presented a very gratifying report. At the meeting of the Theological Union this afternoon a masterly lecture was delivered by the Rev. F. E. Nugent, of Mitchell, subject, "The Nature of Repentance and Faith," which was followed by a discussion, led by Rev. Messrs. Edmunds, Gallaway and Scott.

NIAGARA.

BRANTFORD, June 6.—At to-day's session of the Niagara Conference James Lund, of Woodstock provoked a little warmth in debate by moving the following resolution: "That the Conference instruct the Nominating Committee to name a special committee on the privilege of laymen to meet in special session at Conference." This resolution Mr. Lund supported in an earnest speech, suggesting that the laymen had interests that could best be considered in the absence of ministers.

The president decided the motion out of order. Thomas Mitchell, the seconder of the resolution, was not disposed to yield to the ruling, but the Conference sustaining the chair he surrendered.

Rev. Dr. Withrow, of Toronto, editor of the Magazine and the Sunday School papers, reported marked progress in the Sunday school work. The increase of schools during the last quadrennium was 498, with an increase of 34,000 scholars. The Sunday school papers had increased in circulation in eight years from 130,000 to 252,000. The Methodist Magazine reported steady increase in circulation. The Epworth League had taken root and was bearing much fruit. Three hundred leagues had been established in a little over a year, and others were everywhere springing into active existence.

Memorial services were held when in answer to the question, "Who have died during the year?" the secretaries announced the names of Wm. Morton, W. H. Laird, Chas. Lavell, M.A., and C. W. M. Gilbert. A delegation from the Women's Foreign Missionary Society was introduced. Mrs. (Rev.) T. W. Jackson told of the phenomenal success of the W. F. M. S. In less than ten years the income has risen from $2,000 to $25,000. The auxiliaries have grown from 20 to 340 in number, with 153 mission bands, having a membership of 12,878. They now support three schools in Japan, and have sent out nine lady missionaries to that field. A series of rules passed in regard to degrees and titles providing for their recognition if duly authorized. Titles from societies or organizations not incorporated and with no Parliamentary authority to confer degrees shall not be recognized.

A resolution of sympathy with Sir John and Lady Macdonald passed unanimously. The Stationing Committee, it is rumored, are likely to experience considerable difficulty in adjusting rival claims and providing appointments for all the brethren. Several deputations from circuits and stations have arrived to protest against certain appointments announced in the first draft.

At the reception service the experience and conversion of three candidates, W. H. Barraclough, John E. S. Baillie and Walter E. Prescott, were related, and the young men received into full connection.

BAY OF QUINTE.

NAPANEE, June 5.—The eighth session of the Bay of Quinte Conference opened here yesterday. The roll call showed 151 ministers and 85 laymen in attendance. Three ministers were transferred into the Conference and five had been taken out. On the third ballot Rev. O. R. Lambly was elected president, and C. W. Walch secretary on the second ballot. The secretary named as his assistants Rev. E. N. Baker and Mr. R. W. Clark, and as journal secretary Rev. R. Duke. Dr. Crowle and Rev. George H. Raley were appointed letter-writers and Rev. W. J. Sanders railway secretary. The traveling expenses of young men attending the annual examinations were ordered to be paid in the future. A resolution of sympathy with Sir John and Lady Macdonald was passed. Rev. Prof. Wallace introduced Dr. Dobayashi, of Japan, who delivered a very interesting address. The reception service in the evening was attended by one of the largest crowds that could be assembled in the Eastern Church.

MONTREAL.

BROCKVILLE, June 6.—At the session of Montreal Conference, Isaac Hall, a Congregational minister from England, and John Pogson, a Congregational minister from Massena Springs, U. S., were received into the ministry. The report of the secretary of Stanstead Wesley College was adopted. A larger number of pupils were reported than before for years. A plan to liquidate the balance of the debt on the college was adopted.

HAPPENINGS OF THE HOUR.

Serious Illness of Ellen Terry, the Actress—Brighter Outlook for the Railway Business.

Ellem Terry, the actress, is seriously ill at London with congestion of the lungs.

St. Michael's Cathedral, Toronto, was opened Sunday after extensive alterations.

The buildings of the Cleveland Hardware Company were burned Saturday. Loss, $150,000.

The rabbis of the principal cities of Russia, have ordered a day of fasting and prayer and intercession against persecution.

Mrs. Jos. Trepannier, of Chaudiere, dropped dead Saturday in front of the Grand Union Hotel, Elgin street, Oshawa. Heart disease.

Mackenzie's mill at Sarnia was set on fire Sunday night, but the blaze was quickly extinguished. David Griffin has been arrested on suspicion of being the incendiary.

The Vienna correspondent of the London Times says the Czar has rejected a formal proposal for a French alliance on the ground that he could preserve peace only by keeping a free hand.

The Niagara Conference at Brantford has passed a resolution making ministers responsible for their new circuits on the last Sunday in June. The first Sunday in July has been the rule heretofore.

Chauncey M. Depew, who got home from his western trip Sunday, said he found the railway men unanimous in their belief that the fall and winter business would be better than it has been for several years.

At New Orleans, La., on Saturday, Dr. Oliphant, president of the State Board of Health, shot Geo. W. Dupree, editor of the Daily States, through the face. Oliphant, though fired at five times, escaped unhurt.

A disastrous fire broke out in Santiago De Chill Saturday. Among the buildings destroyed was the one occupied by the British Legation. The British Minister, J. D. Kennedy, and wife had a narrow escape.

Jacob Bonnett, who died shortly after being discovered in Druid Hill Park, Baltimore, Md., was secretary of the Rothschild Building Associations. It is alleged Bonnett committed suicide, and that there is a shortage in his accounts of $40,000.

At the semi-annual meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Association on Saturday evening at Toronto ex-President A. A. Allen was presented with a handsome testimonial in the shape of an oil portrait of himself, an engrossed address and a solid gold watch and chain. The portrait is a half-length, life-size, by Mr. Foster.

Autocrat William's Wish.

LONDON, June 8.—Emperor William made another characteristic speech on the occasion of an address to a body of spring recruits for the army. The Emperor said: "I warn you who are mostly young countrymen against the social democrats. Always remember the oath you have taken brings you to me. The Bible says the girl who marries leaves father and mother and follows her husband. I say to you having taken the oath of soldiers follow me implicitly, shooting even father or brother without question or hesitation when ordered."

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