

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY IN BUSY EAST LONDON.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

Was Held Last Night in King Street Presbyterian Church.

The annual Sunday school entertainment of the members of the King Street Presbyterian Church was held in the lecture room of the church last evening, a large crowd attending. Rev. Jas. Rollins, the pastor of the church, presided, while an excellent programme was carried out. Supper was served to the children from 5 to 7 o'clock, the programme commencing at 7:45. The first number was a Christmas chorus by the members of the school and was followed by "The Boy Man's Shop," a chorus by Miss Walsh's class. Other numbers were "Rock of Ages," by Miss Margaret Taylor's class; "Our Dolly," by Mrs. Walker's and Miss Atkinson's class; "On the Old Camp Grounds," by Mrs. Ross's class; a chorus by Miss Dowd's class; "Dolly's Song," by the Infant class; dialogue, by Mrs. Perry's class; "Great Britain and Her Colonies and the Navy," by Mrs. Morrison's class. Other numbers were, a recitation by Miss Blanche Baskard, instrumental solo, by Master Austin Wright, and instrumental duet, by Arnold Webster and Richard Hill.

Fred Wanless received the prize for selling the greatest number of tickets for the entertainment.

At the conclusion of the programme, Santa Claus appeared and opened his Christmas shop, from which he awarded oranges and candy to the scholars.

MR. GEO. WRIGHT ELECTED TRUSTEE

Lively School Election in Chelsea Green Yesterday.

The annual meeting of the ratepayers was held (at the call of the school trustees), in the Presbyterian Mission, Chelsea Green, on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 10 a.m., with Mr. George Ty, occupying the chair, and Mr. H. Clark, secretary, when considerable business was done. First, the minutes of the last annual meeting (held on Jan. 4, 1908), were read and accepted. Then Mr. J. McBride, secretary of the school board, read the annual report, showing a very substantial surplus, which will come in very handy, as they are going to build a new schoolhouse, to be opened immediately after summer vacation. This report was also accepted.

Then came the event of the day, election of a school trustee, which, to say the least, was very warm, the candidates being Mr. John Pearson, "rapessed" by James Grant, and F. Corby, and Mr. George Wright, by George Clayton and W. J. Gibling.

At first, the polling was rather one-sided, with Mr. Pearson a strong favorite, he having had his guns unlimbered and trained on the enemy's position.

The Wright party, however, by a little skirmishing, managed to bring the vote to a tie at 1 o'clock.

Then, by executing a flank movement, they rolled in three votes in his favor. The fighting was back and forth from then till 5 p.m., when the battle was a draw again, with the Pearsonites rather downhearted.

Mr. Grant, however, not wishing to see his candidate defeated, went for reinforcements, but did not succeed in reaching them.

At this stage, Mr. W. E. Mitchell came up with his heavy artillery, and bombarded the Pearsonites' position unmercifully, saving the day. The battle ended at 4 p.m. with the rout of the Pearsonites, and a victory for the Wright party, the vote being Mr. Wright 23, Mr. Pearson 15. Majority for Mr. Wright 8.

Personal Mention

A. J. Dewar, of Dawson City, is at present visiting his parents at Bowwood.

Miss Pearl Griffith, of Uxbridge, is visiting Mr. H. J. Holliday, of 251½ Wellington street.

General Superintendent Trump, of the Pere Marquette, was in the city Tuesday afternoon on his way to Detroit.

Miss Margaret Fralick, of Hill street, is spending the holidays with her cousin, Miss Pearl Morton, of Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Vanderburgh, of Kilm, Alberta, are spending the winter with the latter's parents, at 462 Quebec street.

Misses Edna and Elsie Chapman are guests at a house party at "Mayfield," Toronto, the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Trees.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Holman and daughter Mildred, of Toronto, have returned home after visiting with the former's parents, Quebec street.

Miss Teresa Kelly, a trained nurse, who graduated from St. Joseph's Hospital, is home from New York, and will remain here until the ordination of her brother, Mr. William Kelly, to the priesthood.

Mr. C. S. Parker, of the Parker Car Heating Company, Limited, left Friday evening on a business trip to the coast. While away Mr. Parker will superintend the installation of the

EAST END RINK-SKATING TO-NIGHT. Special band New Year's afternoon and night.

BLAKENEY—At Victoria Hospital, Dec. 31, 1908, Thomas Blakeney, aged 72 years.

REV. MR. CLARK'S INTERESTING LECTURE

Delivered Last Night at St. George's Church.

At the annual Christmas tree of St. George's Sunday school, held last evening, Rev. T. B. Clark, rector of All Saints' Church, gave a very interesting address on his recent tour of England. The address was illustrated by a number of views of Canada and England, those of Old London being especially interesting.

Tea was served at 6 o'clock, after which a programme was given by the children. This was followed by Mr. Clark's address. Candles, oranges and nuts were distributed among the children.

The children's Christmas tree was held Tuesday afternoon.

GEORGE NELSON DIES IN HAMILTON

Young East Londoner Dies in Hamilton After Three Weeks' Illness.

George Nelson, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Nelson, of 1050 Francis street, died yesterday in Hamilton, after an illness of three weeks. His parents were with him when he died. Mr. Nelson was an employee of the Tuckett firm, and when they closed the branch here, he went with them to Hamilton. Besides his parents, he is survived by one brother, William Nelson, of Los Angeles, and three sisters, Mrs. Alfred Denby, of 88 Rectory street; Mrs. W. Williamson, of this city; and Miss May Nelson, at home.

The remains will be brought to the city this evening, and the funeral will be held tomorrow at St. Mary's Church, interment being made at St. Peter's Cemetery.

CONTRACTS HAVE BEEN AWARDED

For the New Amusement Hall in the East End.

The contracts have been awarded for a new amusement hall to be erected on Dundas street, east of Adelaide, and the work, which has already been commenced, will be rushed in order to have the place finished within three months.

The building will be two stories, with red brick and stone front, and will contain a small vaudeville and picture theatre, and a quick lunch restaurant on the second floor.

The building will cost about \$12,000.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS ELECTED

Meeting Held Last Night in Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church.

At a meeting of the members of the Sunday school of the Hamilton Road Presbyterian Mission held last night, the officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows:

Superintendent—Mr. Geo. Duncan, Assistant Superintendent—Miss McPhail.

Treasurer—Mr. John McKay. Secretary—Wm. Summers.

Librarians—Mr. John Summers and Mr. Archie Munro.

EAST END NOTES.

Mr. Chas. Strongman, of the East End, left this morning by G. T. R. to spend New Year's in New York. He will return on Tuesday.

Rev. James Rollins, of the King Street Presbyterian Church, will spend New Year's in Toronto, but will return to this city to conduct his Sunday services.

A number of candidates for municipal honors addressed several evening meetings at the Grand Trunk car shops at noon today.

"Parker System" of car heating in some cars of the C. N. R. at Winnipeg.

Toronto Mail: Mrs. Coulson, Beverley street, gave a tea yesterday afternoon in honor of her guest, Miss Olive Peters, of London, Ont.

Mr. Alexander Anderson, of Port Arthur, is visiting with his sisters, Mr. R. H. Welborne, of Central avenue, and Mrs. O. Cannon, of London Township.

DECLINE PROPOSAL. Winnipeg, Dec. 31.—The three western provinces of Canada, which have had proposals before them to purchase all the terminal interests of the grain-growers have declined to go into such an undertaking owing to the large financial obligations involved. The Governments favor private ownership, as now.

ASKS AID OF TORONTO. Toronto, Dec. 30.—Dr. Harley Smith, Italian consul in Toronto, asked Mayor Oliver this morning to have a popular subscription list opened in Toronto for the relief of the poor people who suffered in the Sicilian earthquake disaster. Mayor Oliver said he sympathized with the request, and would bring the matter before the board of control.

The Italian consul is today consulting with Italian citizens regarding the raising of a fund to send to Sicily.

SAMUEL SIDNEY DEAD. Port Colborne, Ont., Dec. 30.—S. J. Sidney, collector of customs at this place, died at the St. Catharines Hospital this morning, following an operation for appendicitis. Mr. Sidney was engaged for years on the Welland Tribune staff, before his appointment to the collector's office here. He was 58 years of age, and a prominent Mason. He leaves a widow, two sons and two daughters, one son, Harry, being connected with the Welland Tribune.

MORNING PAPER TOMORROW

The Advertiser will issue a morning edition tomorrow, owing to the fact that New Year's is a holiday.

It will contain all the leading local and telegraphic news, and will be delivered to all subscribers.

Local Items

Open on New Year's Day.

Mr. George Henry's studio, Dundas street, will be open all New Year's Day. Mr. Henry wishes his many patrons and all others, a very happy New Year.

To Assist the Sufferers.

As yet no move has been made to raise a fund to assist the sufferers from the Italian earthquake, but a gentleman told The Advertiser today that the matter will soon be taken up by local Italians.

Leap Year Skating Party.

Skaters will be able to enjoy themselves tonight at the Simcoe street rink, as a leap year skating party will be held. Good skating will be provided, and the rink will remain open until 11:15. Several skating parties have arranged the affair, which promises to be very successful.

Another Case.

Another case of smallpox was discovered in the city last evening, a young girl living in the west side of the city being the victim. The case is a fairly mild one, as the others were. There are now four patients in the hospital, two having been discharged yesterday.

Intermediate Line-Up.

The official line-up of the intermediate team that will face the Galt intermediates at the Princess Rink New Year's night, is as follows: Goal, Pearson; point, Casselman; cover, Crowl; Carver; right wing, Proctor; left wing, Wagner; referee, Archie McMahon.

Meeting Postponed.

Mayor Stevely has been informed by Secretary Fryer, of the Western Ontario Municipalities' Niagara Power Union, that the proposed convention of the representatives from all the municipalities interested in the Niagara power question has been postponed from Wednesday next until Wednesday, Jan. 13.

Policeman Recovering.

A report was in circulation last night that P. C. Robinson had developed complications and was in a very dangerous condition. The report, however, proved to be unfounded, as the officer is improving as rapidly as can be expected. He is still very stiff and sore, but it is expected that inside of a week he will be able to appear in court.

Main Line Blocked.

The main line of the Grand Trunk was blocked for four hours and a half this morning, owing to an axle break on one of the cars of freight train No. 93 from London to Saratoga. An accident happened about a quarter to five, and two cars were derailed. The damage to the track was very slight. The auxiliary went from London and repaired the damage and replaced the cars.

Lady Injured by Fall.

Miss Sarah McInnes, of 17½ Dundas street, met with a painful accident on Dundas street yesterday afternoon, near Richmond street. She was walking along, when she slipped on an icy spot and fell heavily, sustaining injuries to her arm and shoulder which necessitated her being taken to the hospital. It is said she will enter an action against the city for damages.

23 Above Zero.

At 2 o'clock this afternoon the thermometer at the local observatory registered 23 above zero. Many people had the impression that the cold had penetrated everywhere. This morning, at 8 o'clock, the thermometer was 19 degrees above zero, but the cold had not risen then so much, and the cold was felt less.

Pleasant Affair.

On Wednesday evening Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Banghart entertained a few of their relatives very pleasantly at their home, 70 Wharfcliffe road, South London. Those present were: Dr. L. F. and Mrs. Banghart and little daughter Fern, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Dr. Percy Banghart, Dorchester; Dr. Geo. A. and Mrs. Routledge, Dr. Roy and Mrs. Routledge and son Donald; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Carley, Lambeth; Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Crozier, Mount Brydges; Mr. and Mrs. L. Banghart and Miss Banghart, London.

St. George's Officers Installed.

At the regular meeting of the members of St. George's Royal Arch Chapter, No. 5, held in the Masonic Temple last night, the following officers recently elected were installed by P. W. D. Brodick: Excellent Companions Fred Palmer, Z. Thomas P. Elliott, H. John A. Atchison, J. William Spittal, S. G. O. W. Fuller, S. N. J. Hillon, E. S. J. N. W. Emerson, treasurer; E. W. G. Quantz, S. S.; Frank Miller, J. S.; G. Carswell, M. S. V.; Charles McGeary, M. S. V.; Maurice, M. I. V.; John Robinson, Tyler. Representatives to finance board of lodges, Excellent Companions W. A. Wilson, Dr. R. W. Shaw and Wm. Spittal; auditors, Excellent Companion Fred Palmer and Companion Ed. Sutherland.

A. O. U. W. Initiation.

A special joint meeting of London and Star Lodges was held last evening with a very large attendance. Master Working, G. E. Wilson, was in the chair. The initiation ceremony was performed by Bros. C. E. Wilson, M. W., of London Lodge; J. B. Stephens, recorder, London Lodge; James Armbrage, D. D. G. M.; W. D. Gillespie, P. M.; W. L. Lodge; P. Hodgins, P. M.; W. Star Lodge; Miss S. A. Simpson, pianist, London Lodge. A number of musical selections were

rendered by Miss A. Simpson, Benjamin Stapleton and W. R. Vantassel, grand organizer of the order. Addressed given by J. A. Clark, of Tilbury Lodge; C. O. Stapleton and W. R. Vantassel.

"The Road to Yesterday."

The attraction at the Grand last evening was "The Road to Yesterday," which drew a fair house. The play has possibilities, and in the hands of capable actors would make good anywhere. The cast last night was not up to the play, and it dragged considerably at times.

The theme is a new one in theatricals, and deals with the theory of reincarnation, and is a dream play. A young lady wishes on a midsummer eve that she may go back three hundred years, and her wish is gratified. She is reincarnated, if one could properly apply such a term to a process of going back some hundred years, and she is in the midst of sixteenth century life.

The working out of the plot gives ample scope for bright dialogue and picturesque settings, both of which are supplied by the playwright.

Miss Evelyn Sutherland as Lady Tyrrell was capable, and was the strength of the cast. Her work was excellent.

It is a good moderate-priced show.

Dr. McCallum to Mr. Saunders.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I give the following extract from Mr. Saunders' letter in last evening's edition:

"The city scheme will amount to \$475,000 at the end of eight years, and these figures are for the delivery of the Titus quantity. The Titus scheme, when capitalized at the same rate, allowing that payments should be made monthly, as is probable, would amount to \$446,700, at the end of which time we would have in the one case a two million and a half million gallon, and in the other case a three million gallon, system."

At the price of \$80,000 for each million gallons which the commissioners are going to pay for water, that makes a difference of \$69,000 in favor of the Titus scheme.

Paying Titus at the water commissioners' prices for water, and allowing him \$60,000 for his pumping plant, we would have \$13,000 left for the price of his profits and pumping over eight years. Need I say any more to you, Mr. Saunders? Yours sincerely,

H. A. McCallum.

LATE HAPPENINGS IN WALLACEBURG

Death Has Not Been Idle—Excellent Sunday School Entertainment.

Wallaceburg, Dec. 30.—After an illness of about six weeks with typhoid fever, Ruth, the little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Stokes, passed away Monday afternoon. After services conducted at the house on Tuesday the remains were taken to Sombra for interment in Riverview Cemetery.

The death of Miss Adeline McRae, wife of the late Alex. McRae, occurred on Tuesday morning at her home on Nelson street. Deceased had been ill only a short time with pneumonia. She had been a life-long resident of Wallaceburg and was well known and highly respected. The funeral took place from the home of her brother-in-law, W. D. McRae, interment in Wallaceburg Cemetery.

The Epistlar Sunday school entertainment, given in the opera house on Monday evening, was well attended, and the programme was an excellent one. The choruses by the school were good and the recitations were excellent. The dolls' drama, "The flag drill," by the girls, were very pretty, and the soldiers' drill by the boys was particularly well done. The solos by Lily Morris, Von Ayres, Reta Macgregor, Lora Hyslop and Winnie Bader were charming.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. McRae, of Wallaceburg, acted as accompanist for the evening.

The following candidates for municipal honors have decided to stand: For mayor, W. J. McDonald and J. A. Quenneville; reeve, T. F. Hinnigan (acclamation); councillors, Wm. Clifford, Robert Armstrong, T. S. Hodges, Chas. Sauve, Chester McGregor, James Ansel, H. Shies, Harry Martin, Dr. Turner, E. U. Dickson, for school trustee, R. T. Riddle, S. J. Jarvis, A. McDonald (acclamation), D. C. McDonald (acclamation).

The daughter of Mr. Ralph Trix, of Detroit, and Miss Ruby Gordon, only daughter of D. A. Gordon, M. P. took place on Wednesday evening in St. James' Church.

Harry Taylor, of Toronto, is holidaying under the partial roof of the Miss Ida Husband has returned to Lindsay after enjoying the Christmas holidays at home.

Mr. W. C. Power has moved into his beautiful new house on Elgin street. Mr. W. D. McCrae, who has been on the sick list for several weeks, is spending a few days in Detroit, attending to business.

Mr. Albert Harrison, of Crosswell, Mich., is spending a few days here on Nelson street, on Tuesday, after a few days' illness with pleurisy. The funeral will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30, conducted by his pastor, Rev. T. W. Cosens. Mrs. McCrae had been for many years an active member of the Methodist Church and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Baker, of Turperville, was a Wallaceburg visitor on Tuesday.

DISCOVERED A SKELETON.

Brampton, Ont., Dec. 31.—While out on a hunting expedition a young farmer named Welch discovered the skeleton of a medium-sized man in the corner of a field on a farm near the village of Churchillville. There was nothing by which the remains could be identified, except a pair of glasses. A few cents were found near by. The bones were almost disintegrated, but the bones were truly human. An inquest will be held.

Mr. Ed. Barratt, city editor of the Kingston Whig, spent several days in the city, accompanied by his wife. Mr. Barratt went home on Tuesday, but Mr. Barratt will remain here some time.

Any Prescription

You may have written for you can be put up here. You have a perfect right to bring prescriptions written on other druggists' blanks to us, and the doctor who wrote them will undoubtedly be glad you came here. He surely will be if he is acquainted with our methods. All components in our Prescription Department is done by competent, registered pharmacists, and only pure, potent drugs are used.

Strong's Drug Store

184 Dundas street.

Strong's Baking Powder—used once, used always. Try it.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

The Canadian and American Stock Exchanges will be closed until Monday.

Non-quotations on Cobalt mining stock, telegraphed The Advertiser by Edward Grynny & Co., members of the Toronto Stock Exchange.

Toronto, Dec. 31.—Noon quotations on mining exchange were: Beaver 24, Chambers 55, Reserve 265, Cobalt Lake 18, Coniagos 650, Foster 41, Meelan 21, Keer Lake 750, La Rose 630, Little Nipissing, 10 1/4, Ollisse 46, Peterson Lake 34, Rochester 23, Scotia 64, Leas 12 1/2, Queen 100, Temiskaming 165, Trethewey 142.

CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Wheat	Open	High	Low	Close
May	\$1.08 1/2	\$1.08 1/2	\$1.07 1/2	\$1.07 1/2
July	50 1/2	1.09	98 1/2	98 1/2
Corn				
May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
July	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2
Oats				
May	51 1/2	52	51 1/2	51 1/2
July	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
January	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
May	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2	16 1/2
January	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
May	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2	9 1/2
Short Ribs				
January	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
May	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Open	High	Low	Close
American Copper	83 1/2	83 1/2	83 1/2
American Sugar	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
American Foundry	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
American Refining	81 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2
Atchafalpa	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Brooklyn Transit	8 1/2	8 1/2	8 1/2
Canadian Pacific	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Chicago & G. W.	12 1/2	12 1/2	12 1/2
Col. Fuel & Iron	38 1/2	38 1/2	38 1/2
Columbia & G. W.	10 1/2	10 1/2	10 1/2
Distillers	27 1/2	27 1/2	27 1/2
Erie, com.	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/2
Erie, pfd.	50 1/2	50 1/2	50 1/2
G. Northern, pfd.	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Illinois Central	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Inter-Metropolitan	17 1/2	17 1/2	17 1/2
Kansas & Tex.	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
Kansas & Tex., pfd.	72 1/2	72 1/2	72 1/2
Louisville & Nash.	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Missouri Pacific	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2
New York Central	128 1/2	128 1/2	128 1/2
Norfolk & Western	14 1/2	14 1/2	14 1/2
Norfolk & Western	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Ontario & Western	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Pennsylvania	121 1/2	121 1/2	121 1/2
Reading	142 1/2	142 1/2	142 1/2
Republic Steel	23 1/2	23 1/2	23