son, B.A. Election of officers. Unfinish-

ed business.

Programme for annual convention of

B. Y. P. U of Ontario and Que-bec, at London, Ont., June 1, 1897:

First session, afternoon: 2:00 to 2:10— Opening exercises, conducted by the president, Rev. C. E. Macleod, Peter-boro. 2:10 to 3:00—Reports of board of

managers and treasurer; appointment of nominating committee and general

usiness of the convention. 3:00 to 3:13

9:20-Collection, 9:20 to

ute the Total Amount

Guaranteed.

Taxes for Various Reasons.

ing to Bear the Union Label-

Employers Object.

nett, Turner and Douglass, and Secre-

ferred to the inspector to report.

mittee thought it a matter Mr. Taylor

pport of their request that all print-

union wages should be paid for the city

More printing offices would adopt the

Mr. Talbot said there was no quar-

Tax collector

The distribution will be reported to

the council to ascertain who will pay

premiums, \$140, the city or

should not interfere.

should settle with the sewer con-tractor. The communication was filed.

property tax.

was carried.

The Baptists.

Programme of the Convention in London.

Instructions Issued by the Billeting Committee.

Hotel Arrangements-Prominent Baptists From All Over Canada to be Here

The local Baptists are working hard preparing for the Dominion convention, at the Talbot Street Baptist Church. May 25 to June 1.

The billeting committee (Mr. A. D. Benson, secretary), has sent out the following special notice: 1. As we expect a large number to be present, we can entertain delegates

2. The names of intending delegates, with name of church and postoffice

address, should be forwarded to A. D. Benson, 359 Dufferin avenue, London, Ont., before May 15. Kindly note this, else you cannot be assured of a billet. 3. Only those receiving notice from the secretary on or before May 22 will be billeted by us.

4. Will delegates who intend to stay with friends please send names of such friends and thus facilitate the work of billeting? 5. Arrangements have been made

with the Grigg House and City Hotel for special rate at \$1 per day, also the principal restaurants for 20cent lunch or tea. 6. Delegates intending to bring their | The Finance Committee Distribwheels will kindly notify the billeting committee of that fact when applying

for billets. 7. Pastors and church clerks seeing this notice will please urge their dele-gates to send in their names prompt-

ly, or billets cannot be guaranteed. THE PROGRAMME. The programme of the convention

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 1897. First Session-8 p.m., president's address, Subject: "The Problem of In-creasing Unbelief." Appointment of

officers and committee WEDNESDAY, MAY 26. Morning Session-9:15, devotional; twenty-minute address by Rev. C. H. Kimball, subject: "Jesus Christ as a Man of Prayer." 10 o'clock, home mis-

sions, (1) report of church edifice board by Rev. P. C. Parker, secretary; discussion; (2) paper by Dr. C. Good-speed; subject: "State of Religion in the Churches"; (3) treasurer's report, by Rev. E. T. Fox.

Afternoon Session—2 o'clock, (1) superintendent's report, by Rev. J. P. Corkery. 4:45, exposition of Colossians,

Evening Session-3 o'clock, (1) opening exercises; (2) address, by Rev. W. W. McMaster, B.A.; (3) address by Rev. V. H. Cowsert, M.A.

THURSDAY, MAY 27.

vacancies on the board; (3) address Field," by Rev. D. Dack, of Simcoe. Prof. Goodspeed, on "What Do the Scriptures Teach Respecting the Condition of the Heathen?" (2) address, by Rev. W. H. Cline, B.A., B.D. "What Do the Scriptures Teach Respecting the Obligations of Christians to the Unevangelized World?" (3) open discussion of the above to 4:45, exposition of Colossians continued, by Prof. Farmer. B.A. Evening Session-8 o'clock, (1) brief Bynopsis of annual report; dress, by Rev. Ernest Grigg, late of irmah; (3) address by Rev. J. G

Brown, of Vuyyuru. FRIDAY, MAY 28.

Morning session: 9:15—Devotional wenty-minute address, by Rev. Thos. Shields; subject, "Jesus Christ our example in the ordinary relationships of Afternoon session: 2:00-Educational. Presentation of annual report by Chansians (concluded), by Prof. Farmer.

Rev. R. R. McKay, B.A., Woodstock, Address by Rev. Thomas J. Villers, M.A., Syracuse, N. Y. SATURDAY, MAY 29.

Morning session: 9:15-Devotional. Address by Rev. L. McKinnon; subject, ing for the City Council bear the union "Jesus Christ the Prophet." 10:00- label Reading of secretary's report. 2. Adop- employers, made a counter-plea. tion moved by Rev. G. B. Davis, B.D. Mr. Matthews said it would not cost 3. Seconded by Rev. C. A. Eaton, M.A. the city any more for their printing, 4. Free parliament on Northwest mis- as the bylaws already provided that

Afternoon and evening of Saturday, printing, but it would assist the union board meetings. LORD'S DAY SERVICES, MAY 30.

11 a.m.—Foreign mission sermon; other cities where the city's printing preacher, Rev. W. W. Weeks, Walmer bore the union label. 3 p.m.-Educational sermon; preach- rel with the employes, and this was er, Rev. W. E. Norton, Owen Sound. W. E. Norton, Owen Sound.

m.—Home mission sermon; city adopted the label it would affect contracts between the offices and outp.m.-Home mission Street, Toronto.

Morning session: 9:15-Devotional.Ad- adoption of the label, and Mr. Southdress by Rev. Wm. Prosser; subject, am "Jesus Christ the Priest." 10:00—1. Report of publication board. 2. Unfinished well protected at present, and if there

work. 2:00 - Devotional exercises. by R. D. Warren. 2:45-Its adoption, moved by Rev. G. T. Webb. 3:00-Its adoption, seconded by Rev. T. J. Ben-3:15-Address, "Bible history and theology, their importance for Tracy, Ph.D. 3:45-Address, "The Probf Sunday School Literature W. J. McKay, B.D. 4:15-Discussion. 4:30—Appointment of Sunday school committee. 4:45—Exposition of Galatians, historical, by Rev. J. L. Gil-

Evening session: 8:00-Grande Ligne and Manitoba. 1. Address on Grand Ligne work by Rev. E. W.Dadson, D.D. 2. Address by Mrs. Owen, Toronto; subject, "Indian Mission Work in the orthwest." 3. Northwest missions, by

Prof. J. H. Farmer, B.A. TUESDAY, JUNE 1.

How to Cure Skin Disease. Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required Cures Morning session: 9:15-Devotional. tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions Twenty-minute address by Rev. Wm. the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the Hartley; subject, "Jesus Christ the skin clear, white and healthy. Its 10:00-Report of ministerial sugreat healing and curative powers are perannuation board, read by the secrepossessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for "Swayne's Ointtary, Rev. W. H. Cline, B.A. B.D. Adoption moved by Rev. W. H. Porter | ment." Lyman, Sons & Co., Montreal, M.A., seconded by Mr. Frank Sander- wholesale agents.

Adjourned.

The "Moving" Microbe

Generally Attacks Housekeepers in the Spring.

Experience of a Young Married Couple -Cured of the Fever.

-Address, "Christian Culture and Character Building," Rev. L. S. Hughson, B.A., B.Th., Lindsay. 3:15 to 3:30— Conference, "The Local Society" (three They had been married only six papers). (a) Its relation to the church, Mr. C. S. Kerr, B.A., Woodstock. (b) Its music, Mr. W. S. McAlpine, B.A., Whitby. (c) Its social work, Mr. A. Whitby. (c) Its social work, Mr. A. Jones, Toronto. 3:30 to 3:50—Discussion havigation of the marriage, Tom the probable extent of the make, and upon above papers. 3:50 to 4:05—Pa- difficult. Before the marriage, Tom the trend of values on the threshold per, "Local, associational, and provincial unions—Their inter-relation and responsibility," Mr. H. L. Stark, Toron- house he had picked out. It was on tion in Canada will be fully as to 4:05 to 4:25—Discussion of above paper. 4:25 to 4:45—Report of nominating committee. 4:45—Exposition of Galatians, devotional (concluded), by Rev. The first pleased with it. Just then, any place prices will stimulate farmers to put where she and Tom could have lived Second session, evening: 8:00 to 8:15 together always would have seemed production of this leading article of -Praise and prayer service, Rev. C. E. MacLeod, president. 8:15 to 8:25-In-

of new officers. 8:25 to 8:55 ple, they still had their illusions. Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Peterboro. 8:55 to 9:10—"Chattanooga, '97," Mr. Fred L. Ratcliffe, Toronto, transportation lead--Address, "Economy for Christ's Sake," Rev. O. C. S. Wallace, M.A., chancellor, McMaster University, Tor-10:00-Fellowship meeting. ple-for awhile. But as winter gave D M. MIHELL, secretary-treasurer to what, when scientists find time to and hunt it down, will be found to be Ratepayers Apply for Remission of nouse that was every bit of it wrong. Tom's Aunt Jane, who was visiting them for a few days. Now Aunt Journeymen Printers Want City Print-Jane was wise. She knew Maggie was making a mistake, but she knew. too, that people have to find out some things for themselves, so she didn't preach a sermon on content

The finance committee of the City ment, she just said: "Well, my dear, if you cannot be happy in this house, maybe Tom had Council met in regular session last evening. Ald. Rumball presided, and the better get off from the office some day and you and he can go house huntother members present were Ald. Win-

Maggie's eyes sparkled. "Oh, that tary Bell. Ald. Nutkins also attended. The petition for the opening of Lorne Visions of dainty little villas in the avenue to Charlotte street was laid midst of spreading green lawns, where the flowers always bloomed and the over. No action was taken as to the proposed history of the city and county, month, danced before her eyes. Tom At Bellville business transpired at over. No action was taken as to the nor on a communication from Sir Don- was not so enthusiastic when the plan perintendent's report, by Rev. J. P. and Strate and Smith, asking for photographic ker, seconded by Rev. J. R. Webb; views of the city to adorn the High broken dishes and a chaotic household, was broached to him. He had visions demand is expected for the balance Commissioner's office in England. A but seeing that Maggie's heart was communication received from Mr. set on moving, he raised no opposition Wardrope, regarding the taxing of the and one bright morning last week they W. salaries of Dominion Government em- began their quest.

ployes was also laid over.

H. Mackenzie's petition for remission of taxes on the Christian Workers' property was granted, and so also mile and a half from their home. Tom Morning Session—9:15, devotional; twenty-minute address, by Rev. H. P. Cheapside street. The latter was liable for \$44.

Dealing With Individual Souls." 10 The Salvation Army were granted \$50 on the other side of the street. Magning in the width. ole for \$44. ily at the row of ugly brown houses
The Salvation Army were granted \$50 on the other side of the street. Mago'clock, foreign missions; (1) presenta-tion of the annual report of the for-eign mission board; (2) election to fill

for the Rescue Home.

John Mustill appeared for an exten-sion of time to pay his taxes. Filed.

gie, standing in the middle of the floor, gazed helplessly at the ugly room with its hideous wallpaper and J. E. White asked for remission of musty smell. Certainly this house statute labor tax, because he was a would never do. It was a nightmare. fringed shores of the fjord. One day enant of an office in Edge block. Re- All day long they had met with nothing but disappointment. Every house Mr. Spence petitioned against per- they looked at had one or more fatal brush of birch and alder, making a His estate was defects, or, if the house was all right, wound up without taking the taxes out. The chairman said Ald. Turner Maggie was thoroughly disheartened. panion found that her golosh was gone. thought the petitioner was entitled to pay, and his motion to take no action throbbing. Her mouth drooped at the delightful rambles. With the corners and two or three big tears most diagence, therefore, we searched Turnbull's petition for remis- were dangerously near high water sion of income tax was referred to the mark. Neither of them spoke for a each precipitous descent of heather while, then the brave little woman,

efit, being over one foot higher than us go there."
his cellar. Laid over.

Tom shrug; his cellar. Laid over.

Fraser & Fraser's request for a refund of part payment of taxes on Kent you're tired," added Maggie, gently; "but we must get a house."
"No, I'm not tired," he replied,

street property was granted, a wrong assessment having been made. Mr. John Taylor, of Becher street, without turning around. outh London, wrote, stating that dur- go on at this sort of thing for ing the construction of the new sewer, seventy-two hours longer, bumping street was impassable for three my head against low doorways, barkwhich seem to have no other use, geted a remission of taxes, but the com-Messrs. F. Plant, R. F. Matthews, jun., and Wm. Hunter formed a depuwe've looked at has been worse than sprang on the rocks and went, I kn tation of the members of the London Typographical Union, who appeared in the last. I'm sick of it, and think we would better be satisfied with the house we've got, and wait until it falls about our ears, than wear ourselves out hunting for another.

Tom, though really good-natured, was dead tired and his voice had a sharper tone than Maggie had eve heard before. She gave a little sob, and Tom turned suddenly, in time to see the big tears tumble over and roll down her cheeks. He had her in his arms in a minute, and-well, he chas-Mr. Plant referred to Hamilton and ed away the rain and brought back the sunshine in a way known only to lovers. As they walked to the next corner to take the car, people passing took them for sweethearts, and they weren't so very far wrong. It was quite dark when they got

home, and Aunt Jane had the downstairs brightly lighted up. How che side parties, ground where the city ful it looked! What a flood of light Mr. Hunter spoke in favor of the and warmth and welcome envelope them as they flung open the front Dinner was ready and waiting am agreed with Mr. Talbot.

Ald. Nutkins said the printers were -a dinner such as only Aunt Jane knew how to prepare. What a haven usiness.

Afternoon session: Sunday school was any difference between employes of rest! Not even when she first came and employers the city should not legisthere a bride had the old house seemand employers the city should not legis-late upon it. Action was deferred un-til the next meeting. fulness on the part of the Company's securities have been disple, and began to think her plan had failed. She kept her disapointment to herself, however. When dinner was Treasurer, city\$10,000 over Tom was lounging in his easy chair and Maggie, engaged at her Treasurer, waterworks 5,000 needlework, sat on a low hassock, as 2,000 close to him as she could get. After waiting in vain for one of them to 3,000 say something about the day's adventures, Aunt Jane remarked, in a

> 'Well, I suppose you found a house to suit you? "Yes, auntie, we did," replied Mag-"This house suits us beautifully, Tom's hand touched her cheek-by accident, maybe. She turned and me his approving smile. Aunt Jane smiled, too, but she was wise, and didn't asl any questions, nor try to point any

\$35,000 matter-of-fact tone:

moral. Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to pro-

The Cheese Situation.

Latest Figuring on the Demand for the Staple Canadian Product.

Interesting Jottings About Live The Trade Bulletin says: Great interest is being taken in the cheese trade and its outlook, and considering that it means a revenue of \$12,000,000 to \$14,000,000 to this country for the coming season, there would naturally y. (c) Its social work, Mr. A. Shoals which reduce the matrimonial sea so the probable extent of the make, and be a great deal of attention given to of the new season. That the producprices will stimulate farmers to put their full complement of milk into the export. As to the future of values, much will entirely depend upon the nature of the demand from England. The honeymoon over, they returned and on this point there should be no to find the nest all ready for them. falling off, at least judging from the almost complete clearance of English cheese, due to the large Ontario and Quebec. 9:10 reigned from cellar to garret, and the shortage on last year's make. Writ-9:50 pretty furniture looked as if it had ing upon this subject, an English firm been made especially for that house. | says that it tears there will not be sufficient old stock to carry the trade through, and that it will be compelled to draw supplies of new from this place to spring, Maggie fell a victim side to fill the wants of old cheese for June consumption. Another Engturn their attention in that direction will be no need to call for new Canlish firm writes that it hopes there adian cheese to any extent until prices the "moving" microbe. It attacks recede to 42s c.i.f.; but it fears a de-housekeepers—who live in rented mand in this direction will have to houses—and is most virulent in spring and fall. Maggie suddenly took a dislike to the house that had seemed so pleasant until now. It was in the wrong part of the town; it was on the more felt this season than expected, wrong side of the street; the doors it being maintained that it will take and windows were in the wrong two ordinary years to repair the big places. Some of the rooms were too shrinkage of last season. Respecting small, others were too large. In fact, the demand, it is only reasonable to she didn't see how she had ever been assume that English buyers will want such a goose as to let Tom take a above the average quantity of goods for June and July, owing to the im-She hated to bother the dear boy mense influx of foreigners who will about it, so she opened her heart to attend the Queen's Jubilee, letting alone the prosperous times throughout Great Britain which are favorable for a large consumption of cheese by the great masses of the population. Taking these things into consideration, the outlook certainly does not point to a very low range of values some time to come. On the other hand, however, there are those who have recently offered cheese for June to September delivery at 42s to 45s c.i.f. on the other side, and talk the market veak with a downward tendency, although buyers say they have to pay

> steady at 55s. THE POWER OF PRAYER. How an English Minister Found

well up in order to get the goods.

01/4c, and do white at 10c to

the month

Golosh in Answer to Prayer. Rev. Dr. R. F. Horton, in the London Sunday Magazine. Last summer 1 was in Norway, and ne of the party was a lady who was too delicate to attempt great mountain excursions, but found an infinite we had followed a narrow fjord, landed, and pushed our way through the devious track which it was hard or imthe delightful rambles. With the utthe brake, retraced our steps, recalled assessment commissioner.
Richard Parsons, High street, South
London, asked for remission of sewer
rates because the sewer was of no benrates benefit was of no benrates ben mine, which are not, could discover any sign of the missing shoe. woeful countenance we had to give it up and start on our three-mile row along the fjord to the hotel.

In the afternoon the idea came to me. "And why not ask our gracious Father for guidance in this trifle as well as for all the weightier things Afternoon session: 2:00—Educational.

Presentation of annual report by Chancellor Wallace; to be seconded by Mr.

In consequence ways, parking my shins on impossible stair ways, tearing my clothes on nails are all numbered, why not also the shoes of our feet?" I therefore asked him that we might recover this lost ing my lungs with the rank, poisonous atmosphere of damp, dirty cellars. I don't mind those things a little bit, but where's the use? Each house but where's the use? Each house not how or why, to one spot, not far from the water, a spot which I should have said we had searched again and again in the morning, and there lay the shoe before my eyes, obvious, as if

it had fallen from heaven.
I think I hear the cold laugh prayerless men. "And that is the kind of thing on which you rest your belief in prayer; a happy accident. you are superstitious enough to attach any importance to that, you would swallow anything." And with a smile, not, I trust, scornful or impatient, but full of quiet joy, I would reply: a trifle rising to the surface from the depths of a Father's love and compassion.'

A LONG LIST!

This Whole Column Would Not Contain the Names of the Many Prominent Ministers, Members of Parliament and Professional Men All Over This Continent Who Have Been Cured of Catarrh by Dr. Agaew's Catarrhal Pow-

der-It Gives Relief in 10 Minutes. Volumes of testimony have been written of its curative power. Catarrh is an aggravating malady, insignificant in its beginning—a little cold in the head—neglect it and soon you're in its thrall. Eighty in every hundred have a taint. Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure the slightest cold in the head, and cure the most stubborn case of catarrh. "Its action is instantaneous," says one. "I fee it my duty to recommend it to the public," says another. "Never got relief until I used it," says another, and drawing up a chair she sat reon and on. Acts like magic and ly down at the table.-[Chicago News. always cures. For sale by C. McCallum and B. A.

We are preparing in the best way for death by striving to live a life faithful to every human relation and duty, and by cultivating generous afof kindred and intimacy. Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial.

done once it will do again.

Mitchell.

Men and Things

Matters. Far and

Near.

TOO MUCH READING. When in life we come to a keen realization of the shortness of time, it is discouraging to reflect how many things we have neglected to read and study at the proper age to do it. "But," says a prominent book re-

viewer, "most people read altogether too much. We leave ourselves no time to think our own thoughts or work out and develop our own ideas. We are occupied continually with bolting the ideas and thoughts of other people, and 'bolting' I say meaningly. For the quantity of stuff we pour into our minds, as well as the time we spend doing it, leaves us no room or leisure for digesting what we have taken, still less for assimilating or enjoying it. Mental dyspepsia is about the chronic condition of most of these omnivorous readers who can boast of the immense number of books they have read. The man who reads the opinions of other men upon every subject is a numerous individual, but few and far between are the men who have thought these subjects out for themselves, and can speak to us of their own conclusions."

EARTHQUAKES PRESAGED It has been noticed on various occasions that different animals have shown signs of uneasiness or fear without apparent cause, and that a few shock has been felt.

minute; afterwards an earthquake People who have had the opportunty of taking note of this peculiarity countries where earthquakes are frequent are well aware of its significance, and always prepare for a seismic disturbance. It is advanced, in explanation of this sign of fear, that animals are able to perceive thingssuch as very slight movements-which escape the eye of man; animals see premonitory signs and know to expect, whereas man goes about his business quite unconscious of that is soon to happen.

In Japan it is usually the pheasants -very numerous in the classic land of earthquakes-which give the about in characteristic fashion, and in few minutes the shock is felt. Other birds and animals, such as fowls and dogs, also give warning signs.

There have been sales here this week FEATHERBONE STIFFENING of fine Western colored at 10 %c to The well-instructed woman is using for all stiffening purposes, whether it be to make the skirt stand out, the The Liverpool cable is

collar stand up, or revers lie smoothly. ounds almost too good to be true. It can be obtained in all degrees of stiffless, and while never loosing its firmless it is so flexible that it never breaks. It can be washed and stitched through, and it is so light that it can be put into summer waists or white petticoats. It is used in bodices instead of whalebone, and in this capacity has the merit of never poking up and of preventing any break at the top of

Kinley had made for the inauguration which she is now having made in Lincoln, Neb.

Mrs. Bryan's gown is a plain tailormade, of a changeable blue and green wool fabric. It is lined with change able blue and green taffeta silk, and be trimmed with miroir velvet, matching the gown, and combined with a bit of something red.

NOVEL INSURANCE. A peculiar form of insurance is just now in active demand in England. Many persons who have invested large sums in renting windows along the route of the great June procession have minimized their risk out policies on the life of the Queen. A large number of such insurances have been effected at Lloyd's, at the rate of five guineas per cent fo months. Double this percentage is the quotation for "risks" which guar antee the insurer from loss through the abandonment of the procession from any cause whatever. As much as 20 guineas per cent premium has been paid on large sums against the risk of the route being changed.

AN UNTRUTHFUL FLAG.

If ever there was anything in the world that went by contraries, it is the Chinese flag. It will be recalled that it is one of the gayest of national standards. The body of the banner is of a pale yellow, says the Pittsburg Dispatch. In the upper left hand corner is a small red sun, and looking at it is a fierce Chinese dragon. Abou 1.000 years ago, so the story runs, the Chinese made war upon the Japanese. They prepared for a great invasion. As a prophecy of victory they adopted a standard which is that of the present time. They took the sun Japan and made it very small. This they put in front of the dragon's mouth to express the idea that the Chines dragon would devour the Japanese. It happened, however, that the Chinese fleet, conveying an army of 100,000 men, was wrecked on its way to Jan an by a great storm, and all but thre of the 100,000 perished. The result of the recent war has not been any more convincing than the first affair, that the Chinese flag has been correctly

AMERICAN AUDACITY. Justin Huntly McCarthy was once showing a young American woman over the House of Parliament. In escorting her through the library of the Commons he casually menti as a more or less interesting fact, that it was against the rules for a wo to sit down there. "Is that really a law of the place?" asked the fair American. "That is so," answered Mc-Carthy, gravely. "Then," said the visitor, "you just see me break it," and

THE DEMOCRACY OF GREECE. "Our country is certainly more democratic than the United States." the Crown Prince of Greece once said to me, in the midst of a conversation | Hours, 10 a m. till 1:30 p.m. about the political institutions of his ections and charities in our circles country. He was surely right, if the remark he applied to the social and political instincts of the Greek peo-It removed ten corns from one pair ple. No more naturally and unaffect-of feet without any pain. What it has edly democratic people exist under the sun that the Greek. Not only are there | 12a.m.

no aristocratic titles, but there is no apparent consciousness, in the ordinary life and manners, of the existence of social barriers. The village demarch sits placidly and comfortably with the ther villagers, and the peasants i the cafe or bakali; the cabman who served you yesterday does not omit to give you from his box a graceful salute as he passes you on the street; no humbleness of occupation or of pre sumed station in life deters one man from greeting another whom he meets on the road or in the square, or from beginning the frankest and freest conversation. The reserve and cautious, not bashful, self-respect of the Anglo Saxon commonly interprets this Greek freedom at the first as hald effrontery In the judgment of the new-comer th Greek commonly gains the credit of being what the American collegian would call "decidedly fresh." In realty it is part and parcel of the nation al courtesy, tinctured and conditioned be sure, by the equally national curiosity. Democracwy is no affectation. The bashfulness which springs from suspicion of barriers is unknown. -["The Royal Family of Greece," Benjamin Ide Wheeler, in the May

BUSINESS IN CHINA. The hotels are usually grouped within a square or two of one another. Eash one seeks to attract guests by high-sounding titles. For example, in Canton are hotels which flaunt the signs of "The Fortunate Star," "The Golden Profits," (an unusually frank confession for a landlord to make), "The Rank-Conferring," and "The Happiness." The food is not so bad, but the traveler who goes to one of these houses to sleep will wish that he had gone to another. The bedrooms are small, thin-walled boxes, in which you may hear the breathing of your next neighbor or be kept awake half the night by the conversation of peo-ple at the other end of the hall, or worse still, be almost stifled by the smoke from an opium pipe which being indulged in by the man across the passageway.

The tea saloons furnish employment to singers and ventriloquists, or elo cutionists, who are hired by the pro-prietor to entertain the men who gather there to drink tea and gossin. on small tables are placed trars holding a variety of cakes and preserves which are served with each cup of de licious, freshly made tea.
One house of entertainment peculiar to China is the dog-and-cat-meat res-

taurant. This does not mean the household pets are there brought e fed, but that Tabby and Fido are served up in stews. According to prices charged for other food, these stews are rather expensive—especially if the cat or dog chanced to be black, and therefore more nutritious, according to popular notion .- [Lippincott's Maga-

DISRAELI AND GLADSTONE. I heard nearly all the great speeches made by both the men in that parliafeatherbone in her dresses this year mentary duel which lasted for so many years. My own observation and judgment gave the superiority to Mr. Gladstone all through, but I quite ad-The virtues of featherbone are so mit that Disraeli stood up well to his many that the story of its perfection great opponent, and that it was not great opponent, and that it was always easy to award the prize of victory. The two men's voices were curiously unlike. Disraeli had a deep, low, powerful voice, heard everywher throughout the house, but having li the variety or music in it. voice was tuned to a higher note, was penetrating, resonant, liquid, and full of an exquisite modulation and music which gave new shades of meaning every emphasized word. The ways the men were in almost every respe The eight gowns which Mrs. Mc- curiously unlike. Gladstone was always eager for conversation. He loved were all finished with featherbone in to talk to anybody about anything both skirt and bodice, and Mrs. Bryan Disraeli, even among his most intimate has ordered it to be used in a gown friends was given to frequent fits of absolute and apparently gloomy sil-

> Gladstone, after his early parlia mentary days, became almost entirely indifferent to dress. Disraeli always turned mut in the newest fashion and get-up of a young man about town. Not less different were the characters and temperaments of the two men. Gladstone changed his political opinons many times during his long parliamentary career. But he changed his opinions only in deference to the force of a growing conviction, and to the recognition of facts and conditions which he could no longer conscientiously dispute. Nobody probably ever knew what Mr. Disraeli's real opinions were upon any political question. whether he had any real opinions at all. Gladstone began as a Tory and gradually became changed into a Radi cal. Disraeli began as an extrem Radical under the patronage of Danie O'Connell, and changed into a Tory But everybody knew that Gladston was at first a sincere Tory, and at las a sincere Radical. Nobody knew, o indeed, cared, whether Disraeli eve cere Tory .- [Justin McCarthy, in the

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