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THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Rev. Lee McCollister, of the Universalist church in Detroit, is not generally regarded as among the orthodox according to "evangelical" standards, but when he has anything to say on things social his remarks are usually worth preserving, comments the Windsor Record.

Last Sunday, after paying his respects to the "bachelor men and women" who refuse to carry any of the responsibilities of social life, and taking a side-wipe at the moving mania, saying in effect that the people of the United States are no better than nomads, he reached out after the divorce evil, always a large and shining mark for the pulpit, and dealt it a jolt or two.

It is an ancient and hackneyed, not to say malodorous subject, but despite the hereditary antagonism of the pulpit and the regular publication of the newspaper serial homily on the evils of changing married partners too often, the habit is growing, for according to statistics there are sixty divorces to every thousand marriages.

Like other social ills, it seems it must run its course until society is extinguished or saved by some miraculous revelation against it. The microbe is in the blood, and apparently immune to anything in the nature of moral precept.

Like the question regarding the woman in the scripture who had seven husbands, and her ultimate ownership in the resurrection, divorce as they have it in the neighborhood republic produces some puzzling social problems, with the difference that most of these are evident and operative in the mundane sphere and press for solution before the resurrection.

One of the most evident of resulting evils is the destruction of the permanency of the home, the social unit and basis of the social fabric. One is led to wonder, sometimes, what becomes of the issue of these mismarriages, who are "marooned" in the sea of life owing to the choice of new partners by both father and mother. Matrimony, by many, seems to have become largely an experiment, wives and husbands sometimes passing out several removes from the original union. Meanwhile by these unions families having no blood relation, if not deserted, are hopelessly blended, until a knowledge of derivation is lost and children know as little of their parentage as the wolf consequent divorce, is a species of human beastiality, with apologies to the beast, which, after all, never fails to fulfill its "contract."

But while there is nothing in moral materia medica to reach this matrimonial "wander-lust," the thing is capable of legal restraint, whenever society so desires, but at present there seems little public demand for any tightening-up of the divorce law. It would perhaps be too radical to decree that divorced persons shall not remarry, but a law to prohibit remarriage for a term of years, say, five, would have a wholesome effect and quench some of the brazen indecency that now crops up at the divorce court, where pairs are severed and enter into new alliances within the hour.

But, after all, probably the greater proportion of divorces follow hasty and ill-considered marriages and one of the needs of the home is careful instruction of the young in all that concerns marriage.

WELL DONE

The results of the Ontario Medical Council and Ontario College of Pharmacy examinations published yesterday show local students to have made splendid records.

In the medical list are the names of Dr. A. P. Miller, of Chatham, who has been successful in the primary and intermediate examinations and Dr. J. R. Serson, of Morpeth, successful in the intermediate examination.

The pharmacy results show S. F. Park, son of I. P. S. Robt. Park, to have done exceedingly well. Sam took first class honors, standing fourth in the list, with first rank with four others in theoretical chemistry, and a similar standing in physics.

J. G. Clarke, another city boy, was second in the list of those taking second class honors. J. N. Harmer, of Thamesville, once in the Central Drug Store here, stood eighth in the first class honor list.

Mr. Park was a student in the Red-ley Drug Store, and Mr. Clarke in that of J. W. McLaren.

Sunlight Soap is better than other soaps, but is best when used in the Sunlight Soap Dispenser.

A tip to a talkative barber seldom acts as hush money.

A train of thought isn't always on time.

Give Us Men

If we can get competent men, we will by good team work build up the circulation of THE SATURDAY EVENING POST to unheard-of figures. It is now three-quarters of a million copies weekly, so something never before attained by a weekly magazine. We want one good man in this town to organize a selling force and push it thoroughly and systematically.

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KNOTT-JENNER

A very pretty house wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. Wm. Jenner on Wednesday, December 13, when his eldest daughter, Matilda, one of Botany's most popular young ladies, was united in marriage to Mr. W. H. Knott, of Charing Cross. The ceremony was performed at three p. m. by the Rev. Mr. Ayscough, of Thamesville, assisted by the Rev. Arthur W. Hare, of Botany. The bride was very prettily attired in a charming white gown and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bride and groom were unattended. The wedding march was played by Miss Grace Jenner. After a very dainty wedding supper the happy couple left for their new home at Charing Cross amid the good wishes of a host of friends. Among the many handsome presents was a beautiful sideboard, the gift of St. John's Presbyterian church, of which the bride was for many years organist.

ALL IN THE NAME.

I suppose all the boys in the country are fond of bathing in the creeks and lakes.
Waal, not when ye call it that.
Call it what?
Bathin'. The only thing they care for is swimmin'.

WEEK OF PRAYER

The following program has been arranged for the week of prayer, to begin Monday evening, January 1: Monday, Jan. 1—Victoria avenue Methodist church; subject, "Confession and Thanksgiving," speakers, Rev. Dr. Battisby and Mr. Warren Martin.
Tuesday, Jan. 2—First Presbyterian church; subject, "Prayer in Relation to Evangelism," speakers, Rev. F. E. Malott, B. A., B. D., and Mr. John Hovey, B. A.
Wednesday, Jan. 3—William street Baptist church; subject, "The Work of the Bible Society," speakers, Rev. W. L. Rutledge, B. A., and Mr. D. S. Patterson, B. A.
Thursday, Jan. 4—St. Andrew's church; subject, "Personal Work in Evangelism," speakers, Rev. J. W. Hoyt, M. A., and Mr. J. W. Shackleton.
Friday, Jan. 5—Christ Church, subject, "The Home and the School," speakers, Rev. A. H. MacGillivray, B. A., and Mr. J. W. Humphrey.
The service will begin each night at eight o'clock. All are invited to attend these services.

Christmas giving—Nothing more useful, nothing quite so nice, as a fine gaiter or leather satchel. Call and examine our stock, which is the largest and best assorted in the county. Backus & Dennis.

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women
merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

At The Grand—
A Bell Boy—Christmas Day.
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

"A BELL BOY."

"A Bell Boy," that extremely funny bunch of music, pretty maidens and laughable situations will play for two performances at the Grand on Christmas Day. This show is recognized by both press and public to be a winner. The title roll of the Miscellaneous Bell Boy is in the hands of the clever young Comedian, Mr. Johnny Galvin, who gets together after fourteen years and makes things lively. Just keep your eye on Coogan and then on the bug.

Taking all in all the show is a laugh a minute from the time the curtain goes up until it goes down.

WARMING UP ORFORD

Ridgetown, Dec. 20. — Municipal matters are warming up in Orford township, and there promises to be some exciting contests. George Raycraft, the present reeve, is retiring, and James Webster and Robt. Spence will seek the office. The names of A. Teverson and John Steel are also mentioned in connection with the reeve ship. All the old councillors will offer for re-election, and the new candidates will be Augustus Gossnell, T. C. Ryscraft, Edgar L. Moore and William Colledge.

District Doings

TILBURY

Dec. 20.—Miss Winnie Lambert, of Woodstock, is visiting friends here. The annual Christmas entertainment for the English church Sunday school is being held this evening in the basement of the church.

K. Magee, of Detroit, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Magee.
Married, on Tuesday, 19th inst., by Rev. P. E. Nicol, at the home of the bride's mother, Miss Mary Adair to Joseph Stewart, of this village. Mr. and Mrs. Stewart left on the eight o'clock train on a honeymoon trip west, after which they will take up their residence on Port street.
Schools close for Christmas vacation on Friday, 22nd inst.

Miss Kate Morton, who has been the guest of Miss Edith Hall at the parsonage, has returned to her home in Toronto.
The gentlemen of Tilbury have issued invitations for a ball to be held in Anderson Hall on Wednesday evening next, 27th inst. Finney's orchestra, of Detroit, will furnish the music.

Mr. and Mrs. Coksworth, of Blenheim, attended the wedding of Miss Mary Adair yesterday.

THAMESVILLE

Dec. 21.—Miss Kate Mayhew, from Highgate, is home for the Christmas holidays.

The children of the Presbyterian Sunday school held their final practice for the Christmas tree and entertainment held in the Sunday school room to-night.

Last Sunday afternoon a Christmas service was held in the English church for the children of the Sunday school. Each child received a box of candy.

Miss Annie Cryderman is assisting Mr. Evans in his jewelry store during the holiday season.
J. Franklin made the stage trip yesterday from Morpeth.

Mr. and Mrs. Steing and two daughters leave this week for London, where they will spend Christmas.

Those attending the function of the Royal Arch Masons yesterday in Ridgetown report an excellent time. The Christmas entertainment of the Methodist church will be held Wednesday, Jan. 3rd.

Mrs. Charles Watts is spending a few days at her home in Botany. Mrs. Griffith left yesterday for her home near London.

Wm. Mowbray is expected from Upper Canada College, Toronto, this week, to spend Christmas at his home in Botany.
Mrs. Geo. Mayhew and Mrs. Chas. Mayhew will remain in town until after New Years.

The regular meeting of the Literary and Art Club will not be held next Friday as usual, but is postponed until Jan. 5, 1906.

The young men hold their regular debating club to-night in the Foresters' room. The leader of the affirmative is Garret Hubbard, and the leader of the negative Dr. Currie.

MUSIO.

Miss ANNIE L. CANSON, A. T. C. M., Teacher in Piano, Harmony and Theory of Music will open her Studio Friday, Sept. 1st, at Mrs. Grant's, Second St. Phone 462.

WANTED.

CANVASSER WANTED—At once, for Chatham, to supply regular line of customers with tea, etc. Apply, Alfred Tyler, Teas, London, Ont.

TEACHERS WANTED.

WANTED—Teacher for S. S. No. 14, Dover—experienced, one who can speak and teach English and French; duties to commence Jan. 1; state salary. Address Napoleon Brown, Big Point.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

TO RENT—Two or three unfurnished rooms, suitably for light house keeping; centrally located. Apply Box Y., Planet.

FOR SALE—Boiler, two engines, 1800 feet pipe, all sizes, and four pumps. Apply S. Geller, Gilbert's coal yards. Telephone 119.

TO RENT—A suit of rooms with modern conveniences in the Glenn Block, William street. Apply to S. Glenn & Son, William street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Large frame house for rent or sale, on Grant St. Apply to Thos. Scullard, Victoria Block.

FOR SALE—First class farm of 100 acres, all cleared, Cedar Springs, Kent; a great bargain. Apply John C. Butler, 348 Clarence street, London, Ont.

FOR SALE—100 acres, all under cultivation, Creek Road, Harwich; \$50 an acre on easy terms. M. H. McGavin, at McGavin's Stables, or residence, St. Clair street.

DESIRABLE APARTMENTS TO RENT—Three or four rooms, seven connected rooms, with modern conveniences, including bath room. Apply to the Chatham Loan and Savings Company.

FOR SALE—CHEAP—Sideboard that cost \$125, walnut extension dining room table, and a cosy corner, cost \$35, that was only used a few months. Apply at this office.

FOR SALE—Small piece of property on Talbot Road, Cedar Springs, in front of Mr. G. E. Smith's farm; suitable for building purposes. Cheap! Address Dr. A. Beatty, 132 W. 90th St., New York.

FARM FOR SALE—150 acres of clay land, good brick house and outbuildings; good clean farm with fences almost new; about 30 acres of fall wheat, looking good; 37 acres of meadow, good catch; fall ploughing done; balance good pasture land; lots of water within three-quarters of mile of electric railroad; one of the best farms in the County of Kent. For full particulars apply on the premises, lot 24, concession 7, Dover, or address Chatham P. O. Grant Bros.

FOR SALE OR RENT—One of the best dairy and grain farms in Western Ontario, containing 175 acres, just outside city limits, city of Chatham, Ont., abutting for 52 acres, 14 horse barns, box stalls, etc., with all necessary buildings; three good dwellings, two never failing wells, about 900 young apple trees now bearing, land in high state of cultivation. Retail dairy business in connection with farm for 25 years running two wagons. Business will stand the strictest inspection. To be sold with or without the farm. Price reasonable. For further particulars apply to W. E. Huff, Box 15, Chatham, Ont.

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Tenders will be received up to 1st January, 1906, for the whole lot, or for parcels of 50 or 100 acres each. The land is of the best, much of it is new, and very suitable for a stock farm. There is a bush on each 100 acres. Suitable farm buildings are also for sale.

The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made to the Legislature of Ontario at its next session for an Act authorizing His Honor Robert Stuart Woods, Matthew Wilson, K. C., and William Lane, Trustees of the Church of England Glebe Lands in the city of Chatham, in the Province of Ontario, to sell and absolutely dispose of free from all trusts the said Glebe Lands from time to time by public auction or by private sale and for paying all costs of and incidental to the administration of the same and the execution of the trusts in the grant thereof set forth and the making of such sales to pay over the net proceeds from all income or capital from time to time to the Spence of Huron; and empowering the said Synod or the Executive Committee thereof by such procedure as to it may seem proper, to ascertain and to decide who are the beneficiaries entitled to share in such moneys so to be received by the Synod and in what amounts or proportions and to pay over such moneys or distribute the same amongst such beneficiaries and enabling the said Trustees to pay their accounts and procure their discharge from said trusts.

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8.19 p.m. for Detroit, Chicago and west.
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Mixed 2.30 p.m.

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3.37 a.m. for London, Hamilton, Toronto, Buffalo.
12.00 p.m. for London, Toronto, Montreal, Buffalo and New York.
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Single fare for the round trip, good going Dec. 23rd, 24th and 25th, good to return until December 31st.

Also, good going Dec. 30th, 31st and January 1st, good to return until January 2nd, 1906.

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