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Letters to the Editor.

LONDON'S LACK OF ENTERPRISE.

To the Editor of The Advertiser.—I was
pleased to see your editorial of a
few days ago on the subject of London's
lack of enterprise. What you say is only
too true, too deeply true. Instead of
leading the towns and cities around about
us, we drag along at the very tail-end
of the hunt. London has every reason to
lead the procession of progress, but
instead of leading, she follows. She
lags behind every other place, like
those that "also ran." Why is this?
What is the matter with London, with
all her advantages? Perhaps it is that
the men in London who have money and
should help, hold on to their cashboxes
like grim death, and will not spend a
cent, nor risk a cent. More than that,
they will not, if they can help it, allow
anyone to risk a cent in the upbuilding of
London. They sit at home, and throw
the lot of pessimists they are, and throw
cold water upon every proposition tend-
ing towards the advancement and en-
largement of London. One would think
that these men saw more profit to them-
selves in the failures of enterprises than
in their successes. Perhaps they do.
What has become of the sanatorium
proposals, the hotel proposals, the apart-
ment flats proposal, the cordage company
proposal, and a dozen other such pro-
posals? All dead—killed by London's rich
and clever business men. If London ever
does get ahead, it will be due to the
herd of men, not to her clever busi-
ness men, not to her progressive (?) board
of trade, but to her plucky workmen and
mechanics, and to no one else. Yours
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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Mr. John Ballantyne, Cranbrook, is
visiting friends here.

—Mr. Fred Ewing, of the G. T. R.,
has been spending a few days at his
home in Dunnville.

—Mr. Robert Rouatt, of Bayfield, has
disposed of his hardware stock and
will remove to this city.

—Rev. Mr. Abney has decided to
resign from his ministerial charge at
Monkton and move to this city.

—The London and Western Trusts
Company has been appointed adminis-
trator of the estate of the late Mar-
garet Radcliffe, of this city.

—Mrs. Alex. Ford and son have re-
turned to North Dakota after an ex-
tended visit with the former's aunt,
Mrs. Maul, 173 Osborne street.

—The other evening Mr. Frank Par-
ker, leader of the Hill Street Methodist
Church choir, was presented with a
handsome clock by the members.

—Mr. W. G. Smith, B. A., of Toronto
University, who lectured in the Col-
legiate Institute on Friday night, was a
guest during his stay here of the home
of Mr. A. J. McLean, Talbot street.

—One of the most enjoyable dances
ever held in Tillsonburg was that of
last Friday evening, given by the bac-
chanal of the late Col. J. C. Hueston's
orchestra, of this city, furnished the
music.

—Beginning Tuesday afternoon, a
week of prayer, for the success of the
prohibition cause, will be held in Som-
erset Hall. It is announced that prom-
inent speakers will address the gath-
erings.

—One of the merriest "bus parties"
of the winter was that which left the re-
sidence of Mrs. Spence, 121 Horton
street, on Friday night, to the resi-
dence of Mr. Keeney Duncan, Glendale,
where a happy time was spent.

—The employees of the London Street
Railway Company held their annual
ball Friday evening, and the affair
proved a grand success. About seven-
ty-five couples were present, the dance
being held in the employers' room at
the car barn.

—Mrs. A. G. Deadman, Delaware,
who is spending the winter with her
son, Mr. G. A. Deadman, in Brussels,
celebrated her 83rd birthday on Tues-
day, by entertaining a number of
friends. Mrs. Deadman is in the best
of health, and her many friends will
join in wishing her many more happy
birthdays.

—A wedding of interest took place
on Jan. 21 at Swaffham, Norfolk,
England, when Miss Edith, Alicia
St. Lawrence Wilson was married to
Arthur Maximilian Pethune, son of
Dr. C. J. S. Bethune of this city. The
ceremony was performed at the resi-
dence of the bride's cousin, Sir Arthur
Knyvet Wilson.

—Since the defeat of the Ross Gov-
ernment many people are wondering
whether the premier and his cabinet
are entitled to the prefix of
"Hon." to their names. It is generally
accepted, however, that once the pre-
fix "Honorable" is placed to a man's
name it amounts to a life honor. For
example, it might be noted that Hon.
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some things finished for stock
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Manitoba for a few weeks, and yet the
title is always accorded him, and it is
customary to speak of the Hon. James
Ballantyne, though it is many years
since he was speaker of the Legisla-
ture.

—On Friday evening the choir of St.
James' Presbyterian Church held a
social party at the residence of Mr.
and Mrs. Fred Hunter, Ashkin street,
where they extended congratulations to
Mrs. Hunter, who was formerly a
member of the choir and who was re-
cently married. Mrs. Hunter was also
presented with a cocoa set of twenty
pieces, and some Royal Worcester
died from paralysis.

An aged resident of the city, Mr.
David Fortier, died on Saturday eve-
ning. He was a carpenter by trade and
was born in Montreal about 72 years
ago but had been a citizen of London
for some time. Paralysis was the cause
of death.

OBJECTS TO HOWARD.
It is understood that the Windsor
Trades and Labor Council objects to
the appointment of Wm. A. Howard,
of this city, to the position of chief
of the fire department of that city, and
will present a resolution to this effect
at the council meeting there tonight.

THREE RUNS FOR FIREMEN.
Saturday night the firemen had two
runs, but in neither case did the fires
prove serious. The first was at the re-
sidence of Mr. Wm. Arbuckle 428 Park
avenue, where a stove caught fire. The
damage was slight. The second run was
to the Ontario House on King street,
where the firemen found a blaze in the
basement, caused by an overheated
furnace. The fire was soon overcome,
but damage in the form of a blaze in the
basement was done. This morning the firemen
were called to a chimney blaze at 423
Richmond street. No damage.

DIED AFTER LONG ILLNESS.
A widely-known resident of London
township, Mr. George H. Summers,
passed away yesterday in his 44th year,
after a long illness. Mr. Summers was
a native of England, but came to this
country many years ago. He is sur-
vived by his widow, seven sons and
one daughter, all of whom are at home.
Deceased was member of Fidelity
Lodge, A. O. U. W., and he leaves a
brother, Mr. William Summers, also
of London township. The funeral will
be held from the family residence, at
4, con. 1, to Woodland Cemetery, on
Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Ser-
mon will be conducted by Rev. Hector
Mackay.

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**NEW PRESIDING
OFFICER CHOSEN**

**Sir Knight Screaton Elected to
Succeed Sir Knight Paul
in Preceptory.**

On Saturday evening the members of
Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory, No.
4, Knights Templar, held a special as-
sembly for the purpose of receiving the
resignation of Presiding Preceptor V.
E. Sir Knight John Paul, and also for
the purpose of electing his successor.
When the resignation had been accept-
ed, the Sir knights presented to the
assembly a unanimous ballot for Sir
Knight Paul, to succeed Sir Knight
Paul. The new preceptor was subse-
quently installed in office by R. E. Sir
Knight Andrews, assisted by R. E. Sir
Knights Hueston and Exeunt, and at the
conclusion of the installation, the pre-
siding preceptor thanked his fraters
for the honor conferred on him. Later
on the evening the preceptor was in-
troduced. Sir Knight Paul made a very
impressive speech, in which he counseled
all to strengthen the hands of the new pre-
ceptor by working with him for the
good of the order, and the unqualifying
support which had been given to him
undertaken by them in the past would
again be assuredly repeated. His re-
moval from London necessitated his
resignation of the office of preceptor,
a matter which he deeply regretted,
not only for his own sake, but for the
sake of those who had been intimately
associated with him in the work of
the Order of the Temple. He would
ever look back with pleasure to the
many happy evenings spent with the
Sir knights of Richard Cœur de Lion,
and trusted they would all feel a per-
sonal interest in the success of an
institution in which it was a high
honor to be enrolled.

Many of the Sir knights present had
succeeded from Niagara Falls during
the afternoon, where they had assisted
Grand Master Senator Gibson and
other great priory officers in install-
ing a new preceptor for the order the
night previous. The Order of the Red
Cross was the work assigned the Lon-
don contingent, and in the hands of
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STORM KEPT CITIZENS INDOORS; GAVE RAILWAYS SOME TROUBLE

**Snow Fell the Day Long—Trains
Delayed—Mercury Takes
a Big Drop.**

Although making a late start, Father
Winter seems to be trying his best to
rival the big record for snow and cold
which he made last season. The snow
continued to fall, with short intermis-
sions, all day yesterday, adding about
six inches to the already deep coverlet
laid down during last week. There are
now more than two feet on the level.

The temperature was not disagreeably
low during yesterday, but the bad
walking and the fact that the falling
snow was of that kind which clings
to the clothing and seems to seek every
opportunity for penetrating neck and
recesses kept a large majority of the
citizens within doors, except for the
time they spent in shoveling paths.

The G. T. R. had their big snowplows
going all day and night and kept their
lines remarkably well cleared. The
11:30 express from the east was on
time last night. The morning train
from Detroit was several hours late
on the account of the trouble which
the big ferry met in crossing the
Detroit river, by reason of the heavy
ice.

This morning the sun beamed forth
with undimmed splendor, and the
indications were more cold but less snow.

**TWILIGHT RECITAL AND SATURDAY
POP ATTRACTED MANY CITIZENS**

Miss Marjorie Gibbons Makes
Her Debut as a Vocalist—
Delights Friends.

The twilight recital given in First
Methodist Church on Sunday after-
noon by the organist and choirleader,
Mr. J. D. Jones, was well attended.
The instrumental numbers were, as
usual, artistically rendered and well
enjoyed. The attendance was swelled
by many of the friends of Miss Mar-
jorie Gibbons, who were delighted with
her singing. It was practically her first
appearance in public.

Mr. Jordan's heavier numbers, So-
nata No. 1 (Mendelssohn), and Swart's
Organ Piece, No. 5, were extremely
well rendered and enjoyable, but no
more so than the rest of his pro-
gramme, which included: Schubert's
"Serenade," Gullmunt's "Berceuse and
Priere," and overture to the "Merry
Wives of Windsor" (Nicholas).

The two vocalists ably assisted Mr.
Jordan in making the recital one of the
most enjoyable ever given in the city.

Mr. J. Rhyned Jamieson, of Toronto,
sang "There is a Green Hill" (Gothold),
and "Angel Land" (Pinsuti), very ac-
ceptably. He has a fine baritone voice.
His high notes were, unfortunately,
marred by a bad cold.

Miss Marjorie Gibbons has a mag-
nificent contralto voice, which is un-
derstandably, although handicapped by
her "Redeemer and My Lord" (Buck), a very difficult number.

**OLD-TIME LIGHT OPERA PLEASED
LARGE AUDIENCES AT THE GRAND**

"Wang," With De Wolf Hopper
in Leading Role, Proves as
Good as of Yore.

Through the revivals of productions
such as "Erminie," seen here last sea-
son, and "Wang," produced at the
Grand Saturday afternoon and even-
ing, to large audiences, the younger
generation of theatergoers are trans-
ported into the light opera world of a
decade or two ago, and to such the
opera becomes, not alone an entertain-
ment, but a study in comparisons
with the light operas of the present
day. To those who were familiar with
"Erminie" and "Wang" years ago, and
productions are no less interesting, for
it also brings one back to the days
when light operas were light
operas, and when music and
legitimacy of situation were not
subservient to arrant nonsense and
coarse vaudeville. In point of con-
struction, "Wang," far exceeds all the
operas of today, and probably a great
many of its contemporaries of years
ago. The book deals with the troubles
of Wang, the Regent of Siam, and the
man with an elephant on his hands.
The first act is laid in Pechabury,
Siam, and the last act in the Royal
Palace. Throughout the production a
vein of contagious humor flows along,
and, of course, it is "Wang" who is

the purveyor of ninety per cent of the
jollity to the audience. Its comedy is
above reproach, and it is always main-
tained within proper bounds.

In its score, both instrumental and
vocal, "Wang" leads all the light
opera successes of the present. There
is a melodious timelessness throughout
the production from the opening chorus
until the final fall of the curtain. And
it was this magic of melody which has
made it possible for the score of
"Wang" to hold its place for nearly fifteen
years a favorite place on the music
circles of the homes of Britain and
America.

As presented by Mr. De Wolf Hopper
and his company Saturday
evening, "Wang" proved a treat to those
who saw it for the first time, and those
who saw it years ago. The latter, or the
greater portion of them, did not re-
member Mr. Hopper as "Wang," be-
cause the last couple of times the
opera was seen here, Albert Hall ap-
peared as Wang, and Virginia Earle
was the Crown Prince. But it was in
the leading part that De Wolf Hopper
made his mark, and in those days
he had for the Crown Prince the
dainty Della Fox.

How Mr. Hopper's revival of the part
compares with his creation of it does
not matter. He is certainly a man
especially adapted by nature for such
a role; and he presents an interpreta-
tion of the debt-ridden Regent of
Siam, which is irresistibly funny, and
the greater portion of critics, of course,
he is afflicted with the most pronounced
manicure, and in the role of Wang,
Mr. Hopper's individuality is seen as
plain as the nose on his face. It was
in which he appeared in London last.
That smirk of Mr. Hopper's must be
made use of, whether or not it fits an
eastern potentate or an English coun-
ty gentleman. Even in his palmier
days Mr. Hopper was not strong as a
vocalist, and he is now about the
same as he always was. He has a
vigorous way of handing his numbers
to the audience, however, and he not
only gets away with his vocal misde-
meanors, but is always liberally an-
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in a way that surprised and pleased
all those present.

Saturday night's "Pop" at the
Auditorium maintained the record left
by its predecessors for popularity and
merit. A large crowd was in attend-
ance and enjoyed to the full an excel-
lent programme rendered by the fol-
lowing: Miss Mabel Scarlett, mezzo-
soprano; Miss Mary Craig, reader; J.
J. Ryan, pianist; J. D. Jones, J. L.
Jamieson, humorist, and Eugene A.
Ryerson, mandolin soloist. Miss Scarlett
has a beautiful voice, which was
listened to, as ever, with pleasure, and
encores were demanded. Her regular
numbers were "Good-Night,"
"Beloved," and "Smile—Smile—Love
Song." A good reception was given
Miss Mary Craig, the elocutionist of
the evening. This young lady comes
from Alma College, St. Thomas,
and is thoroughly capable. The Scotch
portion of the audience was especially
delighted by the singing of J. Rhyned
Jamieson, of Toronto, a native of Scot-
land, who has just recently come to
this country. Among his numbers
were "Loch Lomond," "The Land of
the Lilies," and "The John Bull Story"
by Edent. Mr. J. L. Jamieson, with
the same name as the vocalist, made a
decided hit as the humorist of the
evening. This newcomer to the city
was extremely funny in his character
songs and introduced several much
appreciated "local hits." A musician of
more than ordinary skill and talent,
Eugene A. Ryerson, of the Boston School
of Music, rendered several solos on the
mandolin. His numbers were "Supper's
Ready," a song about a very pretty
girl with a severe cold, gave an extra
number.

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powerful, rich voice, and splendid
enunciation are, of course, sufficient
to see him through any recitation.
Both afternoon and evening he was
compelled to make a speech—a stock-
in-trade one, but the audience accepted
it as impractical.

Supporting Mr. Hopper as the Crown
Prince was dainty little Marguerite
Clark. This young lady is a very clever
comedienne, and makes a nice little
Prince, but when she essays to sing "A
Pretty Girl"—one of the sweetest-
tuned ditties of any opera—she is
short of the mark. She is not a Della
Fox or a Virginia Earle by a long shot.
Her winsome personality helps her
wonderfully, however, and she gets
along well all through the production.

In the role of Marie, stepdaughter of
the widow of the French Consul, Miss
Sahay, D'Orsell, sang a convincing
song in a pure soprano voice, which
won her several encores. Her greatest
success was with "Every Rose Has Its
Thorn," a song which she sang with
sentiment and a catchy air.

Several other numbers were also fair-
ly well rendered, including "The Man
in the Moon," and a number of light
musical take-offs, and which has been
modernized to meet present require-
ments.

The role of Pepat was taken by Mr.
Frank Casey, who was with Mr. Hopper
in the original company. Casey ap-
pears as funny as ever, and the
weight of years has not caused him to
slacken one iota the speed of his fa-
mous slide to the throne. He has
grown somewhat fat of late, but he is
still the same funny little chap of the
elephant.

The chorus work was especially fine,
and full justice was done the opera in
this regard. Of course, with its mar-
vellous orchestration and sweetest of
lyrics, it is not difficult for "Wang"
to ingratiate itself with any audience,
and its tuneful arrangements are such
as to make one and all wish for more
when the curtain is finally rung down.

With out slight deviation the opera
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ployment, but it was not in the region
of overcast trade.

The buoyancy of Great Britain's foreign
trade proved that the depression from
which the people were suffering was not
due to lack of tariffs, but to the domes-
tic waste, colonial wastefulness, and high
taxation of the Government. Money
which ought to have gone to build up
trade had to go for imperial fireworks in
South Africa. Those who "Mafeking"
had now to starve, and he was sure that
occasional depression was not worth hav-
ing if the people were thereby taught the
folly of extravagance. Dear money, high
taxation, heavy rates and discouragement
of public and private enterprise were
some of the fruits of the uncertainty
which Mr. Chamberlain had created. It
was no more than the half-brother of pro-
tection, but it contributed more to the
present distress should attribute to free
trade what was due to their own muddle,
waste and extravagance. For a party
£100,000,000 spread over the whole empire,
the people were asked to revolutionize a
fiscal system under which Great Britain
had prospered, and which had created a
greater abundance of things for the
mass to do than he ever had in the palmy
days of protection.

There was no doubt that the colonies
were in favor of the change