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—Mrs. Jonas Zavitz and Master Cecil, of Fernhill, are visiting friends in London.

—Miss Allison Dickeson, of this city, is visiting Mrs. R. B. Cochrane, in Woodstock.

—Mr. Fred Chalmers, of 284 Davis street, Sarnia, is the guest of his brother, A. S. Chalmers, 707 Grey street, city.

—Mr. J. S. Lane, of this city, spent the week with friends in Chatham. He was the guest of honor at the Macaulay Club banquet, which was held in the Glassford House on Friday evening, says the Planet.

PROF. EASTMAN WILL GO SOUTH

For the Benefit of his Health Prof. Tamblyn Returns.

Professor W. F. Tamblyn, who has been absent from Huron College for some time taking a course at Harvard, returned on Saturday and commenced his duties as professor of English at the university.

Professor Eastman, who has had charge of Dr. Tamblyn's classes in his absence, is still in St. Joseph's Hospital, and his host of riends in the city will learn with regret that owing to the condition of his health his physicians have forbidden him to teach for a long time.

Although Professor Eastman has only been here a comparatively short time he has become deservedly popular with the students, and is recognized as one of the best teachers the Western ever had. Professor Eastman intends taking a trip to the south.

The National Good Roads Association was organized by delegates from thirty-eight States in national convention in Chicago, November 21, 1900, and an extensive campaign for good roads all over the Union is in progress. The president of the association is W. H. Moore, St. Louis, and the secretary is Arthur E. Jackson, Damariscotta, Me., with vice-presidents representing each State and Territory.

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The Detroit Free Press has the following article concerning Mr. W. Kingsley Evans, formerly of this city, who is well known to very many Londoners:

W. K. Evans, accountant of the Milwaukee and Michigan line of the Grand Trunk Dispatch, with office in the Brush street station, has received fitting recognition of his ability and years of faithful service with the Grand Trunk Railway, by being appointed to the important commercial agency of the Grand Trunk Railway at Cincinnati, which carries with it supervision of all the Grand Trunk fast freight lines' interests in the territory tributary thereto. This office cointrols one of the widest districts at the disposal of the Grand Trunk, comprising, as it does, southern Ohio and all of the Southern States south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi Rivers. Mr. Evans is receiving congratulations from his many railroad friends, and especially the members of the Detroit Transportation Club, of which he has ben treasurer for some time.

THE MUTUAL LIFE

Thirty-Eighth Anual Report Was Highly Satisfactory.

The thirty-eighth annual report of the Mutual Life of Canada has been submitted to the shareholders, and it proved to be one of the most encouraging reports ever given by the directors.

The business during the year was extremely satisfactory, and showed a very considerable increase over last year in all departments.

The total assets of the company are now $11,656,409 92—a splendid record. The amount of insurance in force amounts to $51,091,848.

The company has reserve fund of $10,019,563 89, and a surplus of $1,503,719 68.

The amount of new business written during 1907 was $7,081,402, an increase of $1,577,855 over the previous year.

The surplus for the year amounted to $1,503,719, an increase of $300,341 during the year.

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THE LABOR PROBLEM AND ITS SOLUTION

Rev. Thomas Mitchell Discusses the Subject in an Able Sermon.

Rev. Thomas Mitchell preached a thoughtful sermon at the New St. James' Presbyterian Church last evening on "The Labor Problem," taking his text from Ruth, ii., 4: "Behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem, and said unto the reapers, The Lord be with you. And they answered him, The Lord bless thee."

"What a different attitude the modern capitalist and his employes have toward each other," said Mr. Mitchell. The men of Boaz were glad to see him and he was glad to see them. In the modern industrial world matters are entirely different. There are, as it were, two sides, or two camps, each armed to the teeth and each trying to get the advantage of the other. Industry has been placed on a war footing. The situation is a new one, and has arisen during the last 70 years. This period has been particularly critical in France, where the struggle assumed three aspects—those of labor, land and liberty. In England, also, there have been changes. There was the repeal of the corn laws and the chartist movement. But Englishmen want organization and discussion, and the keynote of the nation is for evolution, not revolution, as in France.

The Results of Machinery.

The great labor problems of the world have arisen in the last seventy years, without any apparent reason to the casual observer. Poverty certainly is not the cause, for at no period in the world's history has the laborer been better fed, housed or clothed. The one great underlying cause is undoubtedly the progress of knowledge. That has led to a multiplication of our wants. A savage has not many wants. He does not know, and therefore he does not want. Our wants are first physical. Want and need are not at all synonymous. We have ten thousand wants, but very few needs. The horizon of our wants has been widened and so has the horizon of our desires. This has led to the introduction of labor-saving machines. These machines have not proven detrimental to the best interests of the manual toiler, but have indirectly produced a great deal of discontent, which has constantly needed adjustment. Thirty years ago men did what is today being done by a machine and a man. One man and a machine now do the work that dozens of men were required to do then, and do it more rapidly and better. All those extra men have had to look elsewhere for employment. There has had to be a readjustment, and consequently considerable discontent.

The Distribution of Wealth.

The progress of knowledge has led the toiler to believe in what seems to be an unequal distribution of the profits of industry. The manual toiler feels after reading that he is not getting his share. Magazines show that in 1890 Great Britain's total income was £1,250,000,000, and of this the workers got £450,000,000. Today two-sevenths of the population own two-thirds of the wealth. In the United States matters are far worse, and 1 per cent of the population owns 54 per cent of the wealth; the middle classes own 33 per cent, and the poor classes 13 per cent. The manual toiler reads and the recognition of this apparent inequality causes the most intense dissatisfaction. A recognition of the misuse of the wealth makes it worse. The wealth of today is accumulated in our large cities. In times to come the struggle will be there. Seventy years ago a small percentage comparatively dwelt in the cities; now one-quarter of the population is massed there. It is the idle poor against the idle rich, and very likely the idle rich are the worse. The beggar certainly views with the most bitter feeling the extravagance of the financial kings.

Development and Progress.

Our needs are threefold, physical, mental and moral, and if our civilization is to develop rightly, there ought to be a proportionate development. The world has advanced prodigiously in the last hundred years. Gladstone said that there had been more wealth produced in the first half of the century than in the eighteen centuries preceding, and figures now show that during the whole century there was more than three times the wealth of the preceding 1,800 years. Man's brain power certainly is not greater, but the average of intelligence is greater. "The world today, I think, is as good morally as it was yesterday, and the sun sets every night on a better world," said the preacher. There has not been a proportionate advance generally. Our modern life lacks control, our family life lacks simplicity, and our civic life lacks integrity. One sympathizes with the socialists' plans of improvement, but objects to them because they are so external in meaning. They think they can build a golden age out of lead, and to make no provision whatever for training the instincts and ideals. God has no more economic plan, no new scheme. Life's difficulties are not mechanical at all; they are moral. Our institutions are good enough if only we put a soul in them. We need a new social spirit, one of love. Parents must realize that they are responsible for the atmosphere of the home before any change can be made. Employers of labor must learn that their employes are not mere machines, and employes must forget their spirit of hate. If each were to meet on the common ground and forget, the world would be transformed in 24 hours. The time will come sooner or later when Jesus Christ will be born in men's hearts. There is no salvation for us, and our condition, except as we find it in him. With his love and spirit, all our old institutions will be perfectly satisfactory.

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REV. MR. VINING'S MASTERLY SERMON

Preached to Large Congregation in Talbot St. Baptist Church.

The services yesterday, both morning and evening, were well attended. Good congregations listened attentively to most edifying and soul-uplifting sermons from their pastor, Rev. A. J. Vining.

In the morning he spoke from the text, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusted in thee."

The speaker opened his discourse with the statement that some words in themselves alone contain a measureless wealth of meaning—for instance, rest, war, home.

He showed by illustration how each of these words contained unfathomable depths of meaning for the human heart in its varied needs and experiences. So peace to the troubled, anxious soul is worth vastly more than the millions of a Vanderbilt or a Rothschild.

Without it life is a dreary waste, and no good can ever be accomplished by a soul tempest-tossed on the sea of life without the possession of this abiding peace that is the heritage of the soul that trusts in Christ.

Because peace in the heart is essential to a joyous Christian service, the enemy of our souls (Satan) always seeks to rob the Christian of it by causing him to stumble and fall into sin, and the only way to keep in possession of this peace is to walk in fellowship with Jesus and have our minds stayed on him.

Evening Service.

The evening service was particularly well attended. The congregation was a surprise to the church officers, who considered the streets in too bad a condition to permit of a large turnout.

In his sermon the pastor continued his study of the people of Israel under Abimelech, the son of Gideon. The people (Israel) had achieved great victories under Gideon, but in the end, through Gideon's fatal mistep they were left in the same deplorable condition as when Gideon found them in the beginning of his reform.

It was a sad story—the rule of Abimelech, Gideon's son—and the pastor contrasted his life with that of Jephthah, Abimelech's successor. Abimelech slew his brothers in his mad ambition for power. Jephthah's brothers cast him out as a waif, and of no account, but possessing an indomitable will and a noble heart he developed into a mighty man of valor, and afterwards became the chosen leader of his own people, Israel.

Here the pastor addressed in eloquent terms a most encouraging message to the boys of the congregation, stating that it was never prudent to despise a boy. Great possibilities were wrapped up in him, no matter how unlikely were the appearances. One of the greatest men in America today slept under a sidewalk one night in Richmond, Va., as his only resting-place forty years ago—the Rev. Booker T. Washington.

The speaker never fails to make use of his Old Testament characters as helps to point men to Jesus, the true, unfailing leader of his people, the Saviour, who receives all who come to him, no matter how deep down in sin they may be.

The ordinance of baptism was administered at the close of the evening service.

SACRED CONCERT IN BENNETT'S THEATER

Attracted a Very Large Audience Last Night.

The second sacred concert held at Bennett's last night proved very popular, and over one hundred dollars will be turned over to the ladies of the Infants' Home.

The orchestra rendered a splendid programme.

Miss Jean Robb's song, "A Dream of Paradise," proved one of the most attractive numbers on the list.

Others taking part were Miss Shortt, Miss Forrester, Miss McBride, Miss Butler, Mr. Fred Lindsay, Mr. Frank Vita, Mr. Hewer, Mr. Pymm and Miss McGill. Misses Raymond and Butler and Mr. Bleuthner were the accompanists.

Has Pathos and Comedy.

A comedy of sentiment is the novel description of "The New Mrs. Loring," the play by Jessie Trimble, in which Miss Henrietta Crosman will appear at the Grand tomorrow night. The play has for its motive the love of a mother for her child and the sacrifices she is often called upon to make for those under her sheltering care. It is said to have been treated in a somewhat startling, yet direct and simple manner by the playright and to have won compelling charm in its interpretation by Miss Crosman.

"Thorns and Orange Blossoms."

"Thorns and Orange Blossoms," a comedy drama, with scenes and plot laid in England, comes to the Grand Saturday matinee and evening, with the same cast, the same scenic equipment as used in both the metropolitan runs.

Mme. Tetrazzini was to have sung last week in "Crispino e la Comare," but owing to her first American cold the performance was cancelled. This most amusing old Italian opera bouffe is a great favorite with the prima donna, and she wants to be at her best when she comes before the public in a role in which Patti will be remembered by scores of opera goers of twenty-four years ago, especially as the Sir Jules Benedict variations in "The Carnival of Venice," which she sings at the finale, make unusual demands upon a singer.

Miss Maxine Elliott is not altogether pleased with the way the public refuses to get excited over "Myself—Bettina," and she will probably turn again to some of her earlier pieces.

Charles Frohman has arranged with Seymour Hicks and Ellaline Terriss to visit America next season in the musical play, "The Gay Gordons."

"The Rector's Garden," written by Byron Ongley, and just produced by Dustin Farnum, is criticised as being far too talky.

Margaret Illington has returned to the New York cast of "The Thief" at the Lyceum after a week's rest at Atlantic City. The play is now running toward its eighth month.

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The alligators are getting bad at Greenville, S. C., and are even taking the pools of the Baptist churches as places of refuge. A five-foot alligator was found in the pool of the Baptist Church. The saurian was discovered by a plumber who waded into the pool for the purpose of repairing a leak, and he was scared out of a year's growth, as a well as clear out of the water.

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Drinking, Cocaine and Gambling

"Drinking," "Cocaine" and "Gambling" were the subjects of three addresses in the Auditorium yesterday afternoon by Mr. D. A. McDermid, Mr. Gordon Mines and Canon Dann.

Mr. McDermid spoke of "Drinking" from the point of view of the young man particularly, and pointed out the effects on him now and the results that inevitably follow.

Eleven thousand dollars a week on the average was spent in the bars of this city, and a very large percentage of that was young men's money—money which many of them could not afford to give, as they needed it in many other ways.

Mr. McDermid also discussed local option and urged all to support it.

"Dope" Fiends.

Gordon Mines, a young man who has several times figured in cocaine cases in the courts, and who has been treated at Victoria Hospital for many months in an endeavor to break him of the habit, spoke of cocaine and its users, and made the statement that for its size, London had perhaps, more "dope" fiends than any other city in Canada.

The speaker gave many of his personal experiences, and claims to have become free from the hold the drug had on him.

Results of Gambling.

"Embezzlements, murder, and suicide, are three of the most serious results of gambling," said Canon Dann, "and no one can indulge in it without being lured to ruin sooner or later.

"Gambling in Wall street or in similar speculations is gambling just as much as cheating at cards.

"The speaker discussed various forms of gambling, many of which, he said, exist in one form or another in the city. The cause of all gambling is covetousness and laziness, and only by the assistance of God and by living a good life is there any hope for the gambler.

Empress Avenue S. S. Anniversary

Special anniversary services were conducted yesterday in Empress Avenue Sunday School.

The school was very beautifully decorated for the occasion and a large audience composed of adults and children were present.

The morning service was conducted by Rev. W. L. Rutledge who preached from Proverbs xxx., 24-28, an exceedingly interesting theme for little children.

In the afternoon an open meeting was held at which addresses were given by Mr. J. F. Main, of Askin Street Church, and Mr. William Jeffery, of Wellington Street Methodist Church.

In the evening, Rev. F. E. Malott preached, basing his sermon on Sunday school and Sunday school work.

The Sunday school, he said, saves our Sabath Day, it saves our church, it saves our homes and it saves our boys.

A splendid musical programme was rendered by the choir, under the leadership of Mr. R. G. Bowie, assisted by Mrs. Stead, as organist, and was greatly appreciated.

Bishop McEvoy on Mixed Marriages

Yesterday morning at St. Peter's Cathedral Rev. Father Aylward read the encyclical letter which is being sent forth to all the Catholic Churches by Pope Pius X., regarding marriage.

Father Aylward explained the letter and its provisions, dwelling particularly upon the question of mixed marriages, which he condemned strongly, as they were the cause of many unhappy unions and broken-up families.

In the evening Bishop McEvay preached the first of a series of sermons on marriage, taking as his subject "The Dignity of Marriage."

His lordship chose as his text Ephesians v., 25, "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it."

Marriage, he said, is a holy sacrament, and ought to be treated as such.

Too many people rush into marriage without giving it any serious thought, and the results are often great unhappiness, not only to the parties themselves, but to their children.

Mixed marriages are the cause of many unhappy families now, and so much is this the case that the church has found it necessary to do something to regulate marriages of this kind.

Parents of mixed religions invariably differ in regard to the faith in which their children shall be brought up, and in regard to their education.

The new decree aims to do away with all this trouble by preventing mixed marriages.