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A LOCAL BUDGET.

—Ash Wednesday.

—Capt. Geo. O'Farrell, of Quebec, is in the city.

—Mrs. Wm. Wicker, of 515 Richmond street, has recovered after a severe illness.

—Wm. L. Underwood, president of the W. O. C. T. A., is lying ill at his residence in this city.

—Mrs. J. H. Brown, 245 Talbot street, received the bad news yesterday of the death of her sister, Miss Eleanor Shannon, nurse, at St. Vincent Hospital, Portland, Ore.

—Miss Hastings, who has been the guest of the Misses Ferguson, Maple street, for the past week, left Monday for St. Thomas and Hamilton where she will spend a few days before returning home.

—A horse driven by a man named Lane took fright at a London West street car at the corner of Ridout and Dundas streets yesterday afternoon, and backed into the fender of the car. Damage was slight.

—A friendly game of whist was played Monday evening between the Foresters' whist team and No. 6 Ward Liberals, at the latter's rooms. It was a close game all through, the Foresters finishing with 14 points to the good.

—The regular meeting of the Royal Templars of Temperance was held on Tuesday evening, Feb. 19, in Somerset Hall. A goodly amount of business meeting was held on the first topic, and was transacted. All present spent a very enjoyable evening. The next day is March.

—Miss Lily Jacobs leaves Saturday for New York, having been accepted as nurse in St. Luke's Hospital. Miss Jacobs has filled a responsible position in the London Life for some years, and will be missed by her many friends, who join in wishing her every success in her chosen career.

—The Balmoral Club will give their annual "Kitties" carnival on Monday night next, at the Princess Hotel, and it promises to be a hummer. The Balmorals having lately amalgamated with the Imperial Club, are in a better position than ever to offer the public a grand carnival and a good time. This year their prize list will be of interest to all.

—A combined meeting of the board of directors of the M. C. A. and committee was held last night and several matters discussed. Mr. J. Carson, a London delegate, related some interesting incidents of the Kingston convention. J. J. Gantchore, Toronto, treasurer of the provincial committee, was also present and addressed the gathering.

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Meteorological.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 19—8 p.m.—The pronounced cold wave is still centered in the Northwest Territories, and from present indications fairly cold weather may be expected in all portions of Canada for the next few days. Light snowfalls have been general today in Ontario.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Victoria, 34-38; Kamloops, 20-26; Calgary, 10 below-2 below; the Arctic, 8 below-zero; Winnipeg, 6 below-20; Port Arthur, -18; Parry Sound, 22-30; Toronto, 18-20; Ottawa, 16-22; Montreal, 20-26; Quebec, 18-28; Halifax, 24-32.

Local temperatures, Tuesday, Feb. 19: Highest, 27 above; lowest, 14.5 below.

Today (Wednesday) the sun rose at 7:09 a.m. and sets at 5:54 p.m. The moon rose at 7:35 a.m. and sets at 5:15 p.m.

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The new applications, for instance, during the year amounted to the very large number of 1,423, aggregating no less than \$3,847,000. The strictness with which all applications are scrutinized is shown by the fact that of the foregoing, applications amounting to no less than \$740,000, or nearly 20 per cent, were rejected. This brings up the total insurance in force to \$9,228,000, a very heavy increase from that of last year. The premium income is also satisfactory, as it stood during the past year at \$2,211,000. The income from annual premiums and from interest together shows a great buoyancy. In 1899 it was \$243,233 54, and in 1900 it was \$351,897 74, or an increase of 44,664 20, or nearly 50 per cent.

A feature of the company's business during the year was the increased demand for annuities, and the management is inclined to expect a large increase in this particular kind of business. As the president, Sir Oliver Mowat, observed in his address, "The advantage of securing a stated annual income throughout life by one payment for the purchase of an annuity from the company is a source of gradually growing to be recognized in this country, as in Great Britain. There the government has gone into the business, and the present large number of government annuitants is evidence of the advantages to be secured under this form of investment have become apparent."

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THE DEANERY OF MIDDLESEX.

Annual Meeting of the Ruri-Decanal Chapter and the Sunday School and Lay Workers' Association.

The annual meeting of Middlesex Deanery Chapter, Sunday School and Lay Workers' Associations took place in Bishop Cronyn Hall yesterday afternoon and evening. The rural dean, Rev. Canon Smith, presided, having with him on the platform the vice-president, Mr. C. H. Armitage, and Mr. J. K. H. Pope, president of lay workers. Rev. H. H. Moorehouse acted as secretary at the afternoon session, and amongst the clergy present were His Lordship the Bishop, Very Rev. Dean Innes, Archdeacon Davis, Revs. Moorhouse, Sage, Cox, Danne, Gunne, Brownlee, Ball, English, Bethune, Rhodes, and a large number of laymen and ladies from the city and various parts of the county, including a large party from Clarendon and Granton.

After opening services, deanery business occupied some time, including reports of progress in the way of church improvements at Strathroy, Wardsville, and other places, and two new rectories at Clarendon and Wardsville, and other places. Good progress was also reported in the way of church extension.

The congregation at Melbourne were desirous of having a clergyman appointed to that place, and Granton asked to be separated from Clarendon and established as a separate deanery, both being rendered with exquisite finish. Miss Isabel Love's recitation of "Diamond Cut Diamond" so pleased the audience that she was constrained to supplement it with "Since Bidie Began Her Delsarte," Miss Stella Regan's rendition of Molloy's "The Carnival" was received with an appreciation that demanded an encore. Miss Raymond, pianist, Mr. George B. Sippl, violinist, and Mr. H. S. Saunders, cellist, played an instrumental trio by Beethoven, and the choir sang "Stars May Forget" and "The Daily Question."

Rev. Canon Dann, senior chaplain of the deanery, gave a brief address, in which he said that a few young men in London stand higher in the estimation of their fellow-citizens than Capt. Becher, a son of a soldier, a friend and a citizen, he stood equally high. His career at the war had been followed by the prayers and good wishes of many friends. In entering the army, he had done no less nobly than he had done abundantly displayed in South Africa would help him on to success. Saunders followed with a "cello solo, Dunkler's "Hungarian Caprice," and encore. Master Harry Carson sang "The Song That Reached My Heart" and "The Holy City." Mr. Newton Large rendered in excellent voice "The Hero's Return" and "In Days Gone By."

THE PRESENTATION.
The most important event of the evening was the presentation to Capt. Becher of a magnificent silver loving-cup, from the students and faculty of the Western Medical College. The address accompanying the presentation expressed the pride felt by the entire college in one who had reflected credit on his alma mater by his service at the front, and the anxiety and anxiety which he had shown to answer the call of duty.

Capt. Becher, in response, said that it was impossible to find words to express his gratitude for the kindness with which he had been overwhelmed. He thanked them most sincerely for their gift, which he said he would always regard as one of his most precious possessions, because of the association with the service which would cling to it.

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