HE WON'T ACCEPT THE CALL

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, HAMILTON, IS STILL WITHOUT A PASTOR.

Mr. Beavis Positively Declined—Several Bad Boys Summarily Dealt With—Mrs. Taylor's Narrow Escape From Death—Horses Drowned in the Bay—Hamilton' Semi-Centennial Celebration.

Hamilton, March 12.—(Special)—Seven young boys appeared before Judge Jelfs this morning for sentence for stealing boots, stockings and caps from store doors for selling purposes, they having been found guilty at yesterday's Police Court. Charles Van Every, the oldest, got four years in Kingston Penitentiary; James Woods got two years and three months at Penetang; Jerry Woods, the younger brother of the latter, pleaded for leniency on the ground that his parents were poor, sickly and helpless, and Judge Jelfs, after admonishing the youngster, allowed him to go on suspended sentence, it being his first offence; James Brown, was dismissed with wise counsel from the judge, it also being his first offence; Charles Baker, when sentenced to jail for six months, asked to be sent to Mimico, but being too old for that, pleaded to be sent to the Reformatory, and got two years; William Evans, will spend three months in jail, and William Wilson will spend two years and one day in Penetanguishene Reformatory, his mother intimating that he was a naughty boy.

Won't Accept the Call.

Rev. H. S. Beavis, who, by a vote of 107 to 65, was called to the pastorate of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church on Tuesday night, surprised the congregation last night by announcing, after the prayer meeting, that he positively declined to accept the call. He thanked his friends, who had confidence enough in him to vote for him, but as his accepting the call might result in dissensions in the church, he had concluded not to accept. The minority, or those who voted against Rev. Mr. Beavis, consist principally of the wealthy members of the congregation, and his decision last night was received with considerable satisfaction. The acting pastor's term expires at the end of this month.

Mrs. Taylor's Narrow Escape.

Mrs. Enoch Taylor, McNab-street north, had a narrow escape from being killed last night. While carrying a sharp butcher knife to the store to give to a girl, who had left the knife to be sharpened, her dress caught in the tongue of a child's wagon and she fell forward. When she struck the floor the knife struck her on the neck, inflicting a nasty wound, from her windpipe almost to the jugular. Dr. Storms put eight stitches in the wound and said it would have been fatal had the knife struck the jugular.

Broke Through the Ice.

A team of horses belonging to Mr. Brown, the wharfinger, were drowned in the bay near the powder magazine last night. The horses were hauling a load of lumber, and as they walked into a thin sheet of ice, the animals broke in. The wagon did not go down, but the horses were almost immersed, the end of the tongue resting on the thick ice. They were drowned before they could be got out.

Guarding Against Thieves.

Owing to the numerous robberies recently, merchants are taking precautions in the shape of putting extra locks and bars on their store doors. Last night Nightwatchman Jamieson discovered that an attempt had been made to enter the store of Campbell & Pentecost, but as extra bars had been placed, an entrance was not effected.

The Ontario Normal School Building.

The Board of Education met to-night and, contrary to expectations, the contracts for the new Collegiate Institute and Ontario Normal School were not let. The chairman of the Building Committee moved that, in view of the cost of the building being closer to $150,000 than to $100,000, the tenders be considered at a future meeting, and the Finance Committee of the board be instructed to devise the funds necessary for the erection of the building. A motion was also passed appointing the Finance Committee, the board, the chairman of the board, and the chairmen of the several committees a committee to confer with the Finance Committee of the City Council on the matter of providing the necessary funds. When the question of erecting a new building was moved, the board decided to ask the council for $50,000 at present, and $50,000 later on, and on that understanding the grant was made. There is a good deal of opposition in sight when more money is asked for, as there is now considerable complaint about the cost of education in this city, but the Board of Education will present a strong case, pointing out that if there is not a new Collegiate, the government grant will be withheld, and that this grant, with the one for the Ontario Normal School, will pay the interest on $100,000 debentures.

Little Things of Importance.

The lessees of the central market building are circulating a petition that the changes proposed by the Grocers' Association be not made.

Last night Mr. and Mrs. Baker celebrated their golden wedding. They came to Canada in 1870, and have resided here since 1877.

F. A. Beckett, a cousin of H. C. Beckett of this city, who left Hamilton some years ago, having been employed as a drug clerk in A. Vincent's store, is now president of the California College of Pharmacy.

As a result of the opposition by residents of the Beach and Saltfleet, the Beach Bill, which was to come before the Private Bills Committee next Tuesday, will probably be withdrawn.

Miss Olive C. Lewis of this city, will shortly leave for New York, where she will return to the stage.

Rabbi Wohlberg will not sever his connection with Aushe Sholem congregation till September, and he may remain longer.

N. G. Cholmley of Burmah is the guest of F. E. Kilvert, Collector of Customs. Mr. Cholmley has held a position under the British Government there and is making a tour of the world.

Hamilton will be fifty years old next year, and the suggestion is made that a monster celebration of this city's semi-centennial be held.

The annual choir concert of the James-street Baptist Church was held to-night and was a great success.

A successful at home was held this evening at "Braeside," the residence of Matthew and Mrs. Leggat, in aid of the Boys' Home, of which Mrs. Leggat is president.

Dyspepsia and Indigestion—C. W. Snow & Co., Syracuse, N. Y., writes: "Please send us ten gross of pills. We are selling more of Parmalee's Pills than any other pill we keep. They have a great reputation for the cure of Dyspepsia and Liver Complaint." Mr. Chas. A. Smith, Lindsay, writes: "Parmalee's Pills are an excellent medicine. My sister has been troubled with severe headache, but these pills have cured her."

Canadian Canners.

This association held its annual meeting yesterday at the Walker House, President W. Boulter in the chair. It was reported that last year the pack was smaller than usual, owing to the dryness of the season. A large pack is not expected the coming season. Last year's goods are epractically sold out.

Dyspepsia or Indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the principal cause of headache. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills, taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief, and effect a cure. Mr. F. W. Ashdown, Ashdown, Ont., writes: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock."

S.O.E. SUPREME GRAND LODGE.

Election of Officers at Peterboro Yesterday—The General Purpose Committee—Next Meeting at Brantford.

Peterboro, March 12.—(Special)—The important business before the Supreme Grand Lodge of the Sons of England to-day was the election of officers. Upon opening this morning several notices of motion of some importance were made. The election of officers was then proceeded with, and resulted as follows: Supreme grand president, J. W. London, Belleville (acclamation); supreme grand vice-president, F. Barlow Cumberland, Toronto; supreme grand secretary, J. W. Carter, Toronto; supreme grand treasurer, B. Hinchcliffe, Toronto; auditors, George Clay and Henry Furze, Toronto.

At the afternoon session the election of the general purpose committee took place, resulting as follows: Dr. John S. King, Toronto; Lieut.-Colonel R. C. Hulme, Belleville; W. R. Stroud, Ottawa; Rev. H. Symonds, Peterboro; R. Patching, Toronto; Thomas Elliott, Brantford; Dr. C. A. Hodgitts, Toronto; R. Ivens, Toronto; F. N. Ranes, Uxbridge; Thomas Sargeant, Toronto; William Hancock, Hamilton; W. C. Blake, Montreal; John Alridge, Toronto; S. W. Burns, Toronto; E. J. Reynolds, Ottawa; Sam Hines, Toronto; W H. Clay, Toronto.

The board of management was chosen as follows: T. R. Skippson, Dr. Hodgitts, R. Patching, G. Clatworthy, W. H. Clay, H. W. Burns, W. G. Partridge, E. Brundel, T. Cannon, J. C. Wait, Dr. W. R. Wallers, A. Ridderford, H. A. Seaton, J. J. Pritchard and C. H. Cotton.

Brantford was chosen as the next place of meeting, St. Catharines being the only other place in the voting.

Discussion on minor matters occupied a great deal of time to-day, and the end was not reached, as expected.

To-morrow proposed amendments to the constitution, which it was thought would not come up, will receive consideration. It is said to-night that the memorial regarding the Manitoba school question is not likely to be reported upon by the special committee.

The sessions will be continued to-morrow.

CANADA'S RESOURCES.

What They are and How They May be Developed.

The last of the series of lectures on Canadian subjects, that have been taking place at the Y.M.C.A., was given last night by Mr. C. C. James, who took for his subject "The Resources of Canada." The lecturer began his remarks by alluding to the first record there is of the name "Canada." It was used by Jacques Cartier on return from his second voyage in 1535. The term applied then to that portion of the continent on the River St. Lawrence between Quebec and Montreal, the other known portions being named Hochelaga and Saguenay.

Proceeding, Mr. James sketched the gradual extension of Canada from the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713, to Confederation in 1867. He then dealt with the size and physical features of the country. Canada has 3,300,000, the United States 3,000,000, all Europe 3,700,000, and Australasia 3,200,000 square miles. Of the Dominion's wide extent but 100,000 square miles are settled. The undeveloped resources of the country, he classed under five heads, as follows: Fisheries, furs, forests, mines and agriculture, and showed what great wealth lay in these.

There was a very good attendance and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer.

LADY WINS THE PRIZE.

Novel Competition in Connection With the Horse Show.

The prize for the most suitable poster for the Canadian Horse Show, to be held on April 15, 16, 17 and 18, has been awarded to Miss Harriet Ford, the well-known Toronto artist. Forty-six designs were sent in to the committee to pass judgment on, and they included the work of artists in Chicago, New York, Detroit, Buffalo and other American cities, as well as from Canada. Miss Ford's design is in blue and yellow, the colors of the Horse Show, and is bold in outline and vigorous in color. It represents a young woman in a blue riding habit, with a yellow background, the Toronto Armouries, where the show is to be held, appearing in the distance. It has been decided to exhibit a number of the designs in the old Simpsons' buildings on Yonge-street, just above King, on Saturday and following days.

HAPPENINGS OF A DAY.

Items of Passing Interest Gathered in and Around This Busy City.

Smokers' Old Gold 10c. package. Alive Bollard.

A coroner's jury yesterday returned a verdict of death from natural causes in the case of John O'Brien, who died in the Central Prison.

"L. & S." brand of hams, bacon and lard is not the cheapest, but it is the best. Cheapness of any article counts against its quality.

Surrogate Court proceedings took place yesterday in these estates: Granville Percival Elliot, $1390; Mrs. John Corley, $276;

The Owen Sound line and the Midland were both blocked with snow yesterday. Trains on other lines were delayed.

The C.P.R. and G.T.R. have issued a joint circular, stating that after March 20 both companies will restore the west bound Pacific Coast rates to the basis authorized by the trans-continental lines.

The temporary class started by the School Board in the Children's Shelter opens on Monday next. Miss Clarke, of Elizabeth-street school, will be the teacher.

Mr. John Catto, 88 Bloor-street east, severely strained his leg owing to a fall on the sidewalk. The injury may keep him in the house for some time.

Committees representing the building trades unions are negotiating with the Builders' Exchange regarding the scales of wages. The present agreement expires on April 1.

Archibald McGillivray, a teamster from Sudbury, is in the General Hospital, suffering from paralysis of the leg. A load of logs upset and he was buried beneath them, causing the injury.

The date of the Irish Protestant Benevolent Society's annual dinner is March 17, the evening of St. Patrick's Day. By an error it had been announced for the 13th. A distinguished company will be present.

The Toronto Canoe Club will hold the last "ladies' night" of the season this evening, for members only and their lady friends. A van will leave the Street Railway waiting rooms at the corner of York and Front at 8.15 and 8.30 for the club house.

WAS FRANK BROWN MURDERED?

It is Now Believed That He Met With Foul Play at the Soo.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., March 12.—It is now believed that Frank W. Brown, collector of taxes for the town of Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., who was found dead in his office, did not commit suicide, but was the victim of foul play. A strange feature was that two bullets had pierced the heart, and that in all three shots were fired. It was supposed that he was alone when he met his fate, but the authorities now think that he met death by a revolver in the hands of another, although when he was found the gun was tightly clinched in his right hand. Brown was a sober, industrious man, and no motive can be assigned for killing himself.

Mr. Hunter's Happy Strokes.

Dundas Banner.

The Toronto World is publishing some exceedingly clever cartoons by S. Hunter on affairs at Ottawa. He concentrates a whole chapter in a few happy strokes of the pencil.

SCHOOLS AND LICENSES.

TWO TOPICS DISCUSSED IN THE LOCAL HOUSE.

Toronto's Legislative Wants Discussed in Committee—British Association Grant Passed—City Will Assist Johnston Against Gas Company—Court House Debentures Sanctioned—York-st. Bridge Issue Struck Out.

Before the regular business of the Legislature was entered upon yesterday, Mr. Whitney arose to draw the attention of the Attorney-General to a circular, which he said had been distributed freely among the members and which he characterized as scandalous and disreputable. The circular was headed, "Manifesto of the Canadian Republican Committee," and purported to be an appeal for the establishment of a Canadian republic.

Sir Oliver replied that he had not seen the document, and knew nothing of it.

Their Third Reading.

The following bills were given a third reading:

Respecting bylaws Nos. 1458 and 1628 of the city of Ottawa.—Mr. Bronson.

Respecting the Supreme Court of the Independent Order of Foresters.—Mr. Hobbs.

To confirm bylaw No. 486 of the town of Walkerton.—Mr. Truax.

Respecting the jail of the County of Wentworth.—Mr. Flatt.

The following bills were taken up in committee:

To make further provision respecting street railways.—Mr. Bronson.

To consolidate and revise the acts respecting births, deaths and marriages.

Neither passed the committee stage.

Some Educational Matters.

Hon. G. W. Ross' bill to consolidate and revise the Public Schools Act came up for its second reading. One of the principal clauses in this bill is that which is intended to assist the poorer sections. It provides that the municipal council of every county shall levy and collect the sum of $50 at least for every Public school section in which a school has been kept open the whole year, and a proportionate sum where the school has been kept open for six months or over. An additional sum of $25 shall be levied and collected in a similar manner for every assistant teacher engaged for the whole year, and a proportionate amount if such assistant was engaged for six months or over.

This is in addition to the $100 of township grant.

Mr. Stratton objected to this clause as going too far in the interests of the poorer section. He also suggested the advisability of having five trustees in rural sections instead of three.

Messrs. McNichol of South Grey and Thomas Gamey of Centre Grey both urged upon the Minister the advisability of giving trustees in rural sections the option of shortening the summer holidays.

Mr. Matheson pointed out that the change effected by the financial clause was that whereas under the old law all the money raised in a township was expended in the township under the proposed amendment it might be spent elsewhere in the county. He could not say whether he approved of the principle or not.

Mr. Reid (Addington) agreed with the amendment, and thought the Government grant should be appropriated on the same principle.

Dr. Willoughby thought that the measure, as a whole, would meet with very general approval.

Mr. Haycock spoke in opposition to the financial clause referred to. The bill was discussed at some length, especially with reference to the one clause, but finally received its second reading.

Administering the License Law.

A motion was then made to go into committee of supply, whereupon Mr. Marter moved an amendment, setting forth that the present administration of the liquor license law, by commissioners and inspectors, was partizan, tyrannical in some cases, lax in others and generally unsatisfactory, and moving to change the system of appointing commissioners so that hereafter the county boards shall be composed of the warden of the county, the county judge and one member appointed by the Government, and the boards in cities and towns separated from the county, of the county judge, the mayor and one member appointed by the Government.

Mr. Marter spoke at some length in support of his motion. He argued along the lines of his motion, and quoted the utterances of some well-known temperance men to show that the feeling was that the administration was partizan, tyrannical, unfair and ineffectual. He attacked the Government for the granting of an Island license in the face of all the opposition there was to it. He ridiculed the idea that there was more liquor sold illegally on the Island than there was under a license, and held the Government responsible for all the illegal selling there was done.

Mr. Marter was still speaking when the Speaker left the chair at 6 o'clock.

Evening Session Mr. Marter Resumes.

When the House resumed Mr. Marter continued in support of his motion with reference to the administration of the Liquor License Department. He argued that the License Commissioners, as at present constituted, were responsible neither to the people nor the courts. The only body to which they were responsible was the body appointing them, and he appealed to that body, namely, the Government, to remove the irresponsibility. He quoted several expressions of opinion by temperance bodies and others to show that license commissioners were very often entirely out of sympathy with the people, and especially with the temperance sentiment of the people. In conclusion, he summed up briefly the arguments in favor of the changes proposed.

Minister's Defence.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt rose in reply. He admitted that the liquor laws were violated, just as other laws were violated, but he declared that in no province of Canada—not even in Great Britain—were the license laws so well observed as in Ontario. He declared that if any hon. gent. opposite would send in the name of any commissioner or inspector against whom there was a charge that there was a probability of maintaining, an investigation would be ordered in 24 hours.

With reference to the Toronto Island license, he declared that there was less rowdyism, less drinking and less illegal selling since the license was granted than before, and he quoted Inspector Stephen, Patrol Sergeant Geddes and Constable Johnson in support of this contention. He took strong ground against the amendment proposed by Mr. Marter, declaring that it would have the effect of increasing rather than diminishing partizanship.

No Honest Liquor Law.

Mr. Haycock followed. He regretted that the question had been brought up as a vote of want of confidence, yet he agreed with the general principle of the amendment. He believed that there were three parties interested in the question—the Dominion, the province and the people—and the commission proposed by Mr. Marter provided for the representation of all three. He declared that there never had been an honest liquor law placed on the statute books, and there could not be so long as violators were allowed to compound by the payment of a certain amount of money. Make the first offence a criminal offence.

Several other members, including Messrs. Meacham, Middleton, Kerns and St. John, addressed the House, after which Mr. Whitney moved the adjournment of the debate at 11.45.

Before the Committees.

Dr. Chamberlain, Inspector of Prisons, was examined before the Public Accounts Committee yesterday with reference to his traveling expenses. Col. Matheson asked him if he did not think he could make a reduction in his expenses by purchasing return instead of single-fare tickets. Dr. Chamberlain replied that he was not always aware when starting out on a trip whether or not a return ticket could be used. Asked if he could not effect a saving by purchasing mileage tickets, he replied that the regulations did not require him to do so. To some of Col. Matheson's questions, Dr. Chamberlain replied with a little warmth. The colonel resented, and the result was a lively exchange of words, in which Mr. Marter also took a hand. Inspector Christie was also examined with reference to the purchase of food and fodder for the London Asylum. Mr. Haycock pointed out some instances which had come under his own notice, in which fodder had not been used to the best advantage. Mr. Christie's examination was not completed when the committee adjourned at 1 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Harcourt subsequently declared that if any employe of his department entered up an expenditure in his expense account that was not authorized, he would be asked to pay it himself.

Toronto Private Bills.

There was a lively time at the meeting of the Private Bills Committee yesterday over some applications of the city of Toronto for private legislation. The clause of the bill empowering the Council to contribute a sum not exceeding $6000 towards the expenses in connection with the coming convention of the Association for the Advancement of Science was passed without opposition. The clause authorizing the Mayor and Chairman of the Executive to sit on the School Board when preparing the estimates, was referred to the Municipal Committee. The clause empowering the city to go 40 miles for water instead of 30, was killed. The clause authorizing the city to grant aid to one J. T. Johnston in defraying the costs of an action against the Consumers' Gas Co., also granting aid to individual ratepayers in bringing actions in which the corporation is interested, provoked a good deal of discussion. Mayor Fleming spoke in favor of the clause. The clause was finally adopted by a majority of one vote, and that was the casting vote of the chairman, Hon. J. M. Gibson. The clause empowering the city to issue debentures for $200,000 to complete the Court House was adopted almost unanimously. Ald. E. A. Macdonald opposed it. The clause authorizing the issue of debentures for $56,000 for the new York-street bridge was struck out. The city was advised to submit the matter to the ratepayers, or place the amount in the estimates.

The city of Ottawa was authorized to borrow $40,000 for the erection of new exhibition buildings. The clause permitting the separate assessment of lands and the improvements thereon was struck out.

The Aqueduct Construction Co., represented by E. A. Macdonald, were allowed to withdraw their bill that they might apply for incorporation under the general laws of the province.

Some New Bills.

The following bills were introduced:

An Act to amend the Municipal Act—Mr. Magwood. This act proposes to reduce the number of members of county councils by providing that in towns not separated from the county and in townships and villages a deputy-reeve shall be elected for every 800 voters, instead of as at present for every 500.

An Act to amend the Act respecting the Veterinary College—Mr. Howland—merely continues provision made last session, when the Agriculture and Arts Association was abolished, with reference to the president.

An Act to better secure the independence of the Legislative Assembly—Mr. Currie—is as follows: Except as provided in the Act Respecting the Legislative Assembly, no person shall be eligible to be appointed to any office, commission or employment, permanent or temporary, in the service of the Government of Ontario, to which any salary, fee, wages, allowance, emolument or profit of any kind is attached, while he is a member of the Legislative Assembly or until at least one year has elapsed since the dissolution of the Parliament of which he was a member.

Notices of Motion.

Among the notices of motion were the following:

Mr. Haggerty—That in the opinion of this House the present mode of appointing county officials who are paid wholly or partly by the county, should be changed, and that the appointment of the said officials should be made by the county councils.

Mr. Whitney—Enquiry of Ministry—On what date was Dugald Campbell retired from the position of Farmer or Assistant Farmer at the London Asylum? Was he asked to send in his resignation and, if so, for what reason?

Mr. Whitney—Order of the House—For a return of copies of all correspondence and applications in favor of and relating to the appointment of William Murdock as Farmer or Assistant Farmer at the London Asylum for the Insane.

Mr. Bronson—That this House would view with approval and as worthy of encouragement any movement towards the organization of voluntary societies in the larger cities of the province, having for their object the giving of such assistance to the unemployed as would contribute towards making them self-supporting by settling them on the unoccupied lands of the province and other lands within the province.

Notes Around the House.

The 3-year-old daughter of P. D. McCallum, the member for East Lambton, occupied a seat with her mother in the Speaker's gallery yesterday. When the session was in full swing the little one suddenly discovered her father on the floor of the House, and created considerable amusement by repeatedly calling out, "Papa! papa!"

James Cumming of Lyn visited the galleries yesterday. He is the Liberal nominee for the House of Commons in Brockville, in opposition to Mr. J. F. Wood, the Controller of Customs.

MR. DRYDEN'S SISTER DEAD.

The Minister Receives Word of Mrs. Burnett's Sudden Demise.

Hon. Mr. Dryden received word yesterday morning of the sudden death of his sister, the wife of Leonard Burnett of Greenbank, the Liberal nominee in Ontario for the House of Commons. Mrs. Burnett while driving from Mr. Dryden's home at Brooklin to her own home was taken suddenly ill. She was carried to a neighboring farm house, where she died five minutes later. The Minister of Agriculture has left for home, where he will remain till after the funeral, which takes place on Saturday.

AYER'S PILLS

"I have used, with success, Ayer's Pills for headache, and I find, by experience, that the action of these pills is beneficial in giving tone to my body and renewing my strength. In a word, they are refreshing. Ayer's Pills and health go hand in hand, in my case." WILLIAM H. GUYER, Lowell, Mass.

CURE HEADACHE.

ON STAGE AND PLATFORM

Current and Coming Attractions at the Local Play Houses and Concert Halls.

"Madeleine, or the Magic Kiss," the comic opera to be presented at the Grand the last half of next week, by Camille D'Arville and her company, comes highly recommended by the New York press, where it had a run for 20 weeks. Miss D'Arville is surrounded by an excellent company including many well-known artists. The sale of seats begins next Tuesday.

An English Melodrama Coming.

The big English melodramatic production, "Hands Across the Sea," which ran for 600 nights at the Adelphi Theatre, London, is coming to the Toronto Opera House next week. Maurice Freeman and Nadine Winstan, who appeared at the Grand last season with the Frohman Company, will be seen in the title roles. In speaking of this year's production The Philadelphia Press of Jan. 7, said:

"No better melodrama of its class has ever been sent from England than 'Hands Across the Sea,' which was presented in good style at the Standard last evening. It is a play of strong scenes, true to nature and commingling moving pathos with bright and fresh humor, while the characters are well developed. A large audience applauded, cheered, laughed and sometimes wept as the interesting story was unfolded."

Matinees will be given on Tuesday (St. Patrick's Day), Thursday and Saturday.

A Mammoth Benefit Bill.

At the Toronto Opera House this afternoon, the 10th annual benefit of the Theatrical Mechanical Association takes place. Owing to the great length of the program the performance, which will be opened with the customary grand introductory overture by the combined orchestras of the local theatres, will begin sharp at 2 o'clock. An extraordinary variety of attractions is announced, among them Palmer Cox's "Brownies," Davis and Keogh's "Rush City" and a host of other good things. This year's souvenir program, one of which will be given to each patron, is said to be a work of art. The entertainment will be given under the patronage of the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Kirkpatrick. As usual, the stage will be under the direction of Mr. John Ambler.

"The Messiah" Production.

The subscribers' list for the festival production of "The Messiah," which is to be given on Monday week, closes at Nordheimers' to-morrow evening. The plan for subscribers only opens on Wednesday at the Massey Music Hall.

NEWS FROM OLD ST. ALBAN'S.

Happenings West of the Subways—A Child Scalded to Death.

A distressing accident caused the death of the year-old son of Henry Mason, 3 Garden-avenue. A day or two ago the child, while playing in the kitchen, upset a kettle of boiling water, scalding himself terribly. Notwithstanding prompt medical assistance, the child succumbed to its injuries, after lingering in great pain until Wednesday afternoon.

A temperance candidate for West York is talked of.

The fraudulent Letreille is said to have imposed upon Mrs. Elliott of Cornwall-avenue, for two weeks.

Parkdale True Blue L.O.L., 207, will hold its annual banquet at the Gladstone House on March 20. Messrs. E. F. Clarke and N. C. Wallace are expected to deliver addresses.

The Northern was blocked yesterday by heavy snowdrifts. At 8 a.m. a freight was stalled at Chesley, and it was only after seven hours' work that the blockade at that point was raised. The train due in Parkdale at 9.40 a.m. was half a day late. Nearly all other trains were behind time.

Preceptor Lodge, No. 1, will hold a concert and dance in Shaftesbury Hall on Friday evening next.

Coroner Lynd yesterday held an inquest on the body of John O'Brien, 60 years old, a Central Prison convict, from Orillia, who died in that institution on Wednesday. It was shown that death had resulted from erysipelas, and a verdict of "Death from natural causes" was returned.

The Queen City Bicycle Club held a business meeting last evening.

The Parkdale Whist Club will hold an at home this evening in the Sunnyside Boating Club's parlors.

BIBLE TRAINING SCHOOL.

Students' Public Meeting in Central Presbyterian Church Interesting Addresses

The Toronto Bible Training School held a students' public meeting last night in the school room of Central Presbyterian Church. The hall was crowded with those interested in the work, and an interesting and instructive hour was spent.

Rev. Dr. McTavish, pastor of Central Church, presided. The devotional services were conducted by Rev. W.G. Wallace of Bloor-street Presbyterian Church. Carefully prepared papers were read by several of the members of the training school. The papers read were as follows: Self-Sacrifice, M. P. Bell; The Way to God, Thomas H. Robertson; A Yielded Life, Miss Rebecca Bates; Sketch of a Mission Field, Miss M. G. Mitchell; The Work of the Y.M.C.A., Arthur Watt; Walking With God, Miss Annie M. Pasmore.

During the evening a quartet composed of Messrs. Beare, Burrell, Morrow and Wilcox rendered two selections, which were much appreciated.

The meeting was closed by a short address by Rev. Dr. McTavish, who spoke briefly of the objects of the training school.

Canadian Fishing Licenses.

Washington, March 12.—The Canadian Government has notified the Government of the United States that licenses will be issued to American fishing vessels as usual the coming season, with the additional proviso that any licensed vessel supplying any unlicensed vessel with supplies which can only be had by a licensed vessel shall forfeit her license.

The Steamer Wolfe Has Been Lost.

St. John's, Nfld., March 12.—The steamer Wolfe has been lost. She was crushed in the ice off Fogo. The crew was probably saved.

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