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PROFESSOR AND WIFE MAKE PACT TO SUICIDE

Blot Out Lives With Chloroform
After Death From Pneumonia
of Only Child.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—An overmastering grief caused Prof. and Mrs. J. P. Gordy to kill themselves yesterday within ten feet of the bier of their daughter, Gwendolyn.

The double suicide is one of the most pathetic in its details that New York has ever known, for in the midst of a happy, holly-decked home death entered swiftly and, drawing his black pall over the evergreens and flowers, blotted out at once the entire family.

In their suicide the parents fulfilled a death pact which, formed swiftly when the full flood of their wife was upon them, yet lacked nothing in its fulness of accomplishment. Each inhaled chloroform—the wife was found tightly clenched in their dead hands; each died willingly, for the bed clothing had been gathered so as to prevent the escape of the deadly drug, and letters left behind beseeched their worldly treasures with care and concern.

Because of their standing in society and educational circles, their friends have been stunned by the tragedy. Prof. Gordy for nearly eight years had been professor of pedagogy at the New York University.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS.

Second Conference to be Held Here

This month the general movement for gathering adults into organized Bible classes in connection with the regular Sunday school was only beginning. The development of the work in one year has been such for both men and women that some who are fully cognizant of what is going on in both departments of Christian effort are placing the Adult Bible Class Movement side by side with that of the Laymen's Missionary as a force in the present day church.

One of the potent factors in bringing about the prosperous condition of the work was the conference of workers held in Toronto January last. Encouraged by this a joint organization, consisting of the adult Bible class committees of the provincial and city Sunday School Association and the denominational Sunday school secretaries resident in Toronto, has been formed to make arrangements for a second conference.

The dates, Jan. 28 and 29, have been fixed to suit the convenience of W. C. Pearce, international adult Bible class superintendent, who will be in attendance. Other speakers secured for the program are: Rev. E. A. Pearson, Peterborough; Judge DeLoach, Belleville; Rev. D. H. Wing, Pittsburg; Hamilton; Rev. W. J. McKay, editor Canadian Baptist, Toronto; J. A. Macdonald and several others of local repute as experts in "organized" adult Bible class work.

A new feature in this conference will be the Thursday afternoon session, when two concurrent meetings will be conducted. In one of these attention will be given exclusively to problems relating to "women's classes," while in the other the discussion will centre just as rigidly on the work of men's classes.

For additional information write J. A. Jackson, general secretary, Canadian Sunday School Association, Confederation Life Building.

Leg Broken on Toboggan.

Gordon Brown, son of G. A. Brown, manager of the Lambton Golf Club, sustained a fracture of the right leg and a badly scraped forearm while tobogganing at the golf links on New Year's Day. He was attended by Dr. Chanderlin and removed to his home at 141 St. Patrick-street.

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LIPARI ISLANDS SAFE BUT THE HORRORS GROW

King and Queen Continue Their
Heroic Work in Stricken Districts—Incidents of Disaster.

FOR ITALY'S RELIEF.

The Chicago Board of Trade has set out to raise \$100,000. San Francisco has so far contributed \$74,720. Boston has raised nearly \$50,000. Philadelphia has already forwarded \$10,000.

Adolphus Busch of St. Louis has given \$25,000. The U. S. Red Cross has collected \$110,000 which \$40,000 has been forwarded.

New York has subscribed \$150,000. The Stock Exchange giving \$21,000 and the Society \$7,000.

A collection will be taken in the Catholic churches of New York tomorrow. Mexico has collected a large sum.

Rio Janeiro bankers have given \$1800.

Monignor Falco, the apostolic delegate in the U. S., has issued an appeal to the church for contributions for the vast number of sufferers from the Italian earthquake.

ROME, Jan. 1.—The minister of marine to-day received a despatch from the commander of a torpedo boat sent to investigate the report that the Lipari or Aeolian Islands, had been engulfed, stating that while the islands had experienced the earthquake only a few buildings were demolished and no lives lost.

But otherwise the story coming from the south to-day is a repetition of the previous harrowing tales.

The King and Queen of Italy continue their pious pilgrimage along what was once the beautiful and smiling coast of Sicily, but which to-day is a sepulchre of the dead, a desolated region still filled with thousands of unfortunates dying in anguish amid the ruins of their homes.

The government has decided to concentrate its energies to removing the wounded, pointing where they can receive proper attention.

Uninjured survivors also will be assisted from the devastated territory, and it is hoped that in this way serious epidemics can be avoided.

The survivors can be fed on board ship, for each vessel is provided with thirty days' rations for a full passenger list, and this levy will give time for decision as to where the unfortunates had best ultimately be landed.

This advantage of feeding, however, applies only to the survivors of Reggio and Catanzaro, where there are scores of smaller inland towns and villages where it is impossible to send relief. Whenever it has been possible to get a look for 1909.

The situation and prospects of individual districts from coast to coast are being studied by the government. A chronological table of the most important events occurring in financial and commercial circles during 1908 is an exceptionally valuable reference feature.

Two royal households stand out as guardian angels watching over the afflicted population. They are Queen Helena and another Helena, the queen looks far from well. She is exhausted and the terrible scenes she has witnessed have affected her strongly. She weeps frequently, and on more than one occasion she has covered the hands of some unfortunate woman with her tears.

The King desired his wife to return to Rome, but this she refused, saying she could not sleep from thinking of the miseries of her subjects. By retaining on the spot she feels she can do something to relieve the general misery. She has given also of her worldly possessions, including the rings from her fingers.

The Duchess of Aosta, who still proudly signs herself a princess of France, is performing miracles of love, pity and endurance at Naples, where the wounded are arriving in great numbers.

Thousands of Helpers Needed. Trains leaving here for the south are filled with volunteers. A few paper men, relatives of victims, or volunteers on rescue committees. These committees are composed of every nationality of Europe. Some of the volunteers do not speak a word of Italian, but they go forward simply because they have two hands which they want to work. All volunteers are thankfully accepted, and there is room for thousands more.

Professor Alfani of the Florence Observatory, predicts that the seismic activities will continue for three years to come. He recommends the enforcement of restrictive building laws in the earthquake zones of Italy.

An official despatch received here from Reggio says that the death list there apparently amounts to 20,000.

One feature of the disaster at Reggio is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping about in the ruins. These poor wails could give no account of themselves and it seems impossible to restore them to their parents, even if the parents are living.

A sailor who went ashore at Reggio relates that during his work of rescue he was attracted by a sound of infant voices. Looking under a fallen beam he found twins about a year old in a basket. They were uninjured and their clothing was of the best. They have not yet been claimed.

In many cases survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. Then they would make desperate and pitiable efforts to go back and search for their loved ones.

Numbers of survivors have gone suddenly insane. They try to throw themselves overboard if they are at sea, or to hurl themselves out of car windows. One poor woman relates that in her family were seven husbands and eight children. She was awakened by a great rushing noise. She then lost consciousness and knew nothing further until she found herself on board a steamer far away from her home.

Hospitals have been improvised on Caribaldi-square and they are constantly surrounded by the ruins of the almost nude survivors, demanding and beseeching bread.

Food supply depots have been established at other points in the ruins and long lines of people, praying, imploring and cursing, are awaiting the rations that are being handed out as fast as they can be brought in.

King in the Ruins Again. King Victor Emmanuel returned to the ruins of Reggio to-day. He has been indefatigable in succoring the afflicted. He traversed the ruins from one end to the other, comforting the sufferers and cheering the rescuers. Meeting a group of photographers en-

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gaged in taking pictures of the sad scenes, the king chided them for their occupation. "You had much better turn your efforts to succoring the afflicted," he said.

Another Town Devastated. CATANIA, Jan. 1.—Another town, Castoreale, has been added to the list of devastated localities. Not a house escaped. The streets are filled with despairing survivors, seeking friends and relatives and crying aloud for food and water. The place had a population of about 4000.

Relief Train Assailed. CATANAZZARO, Jan. 1.—Violent scenes were witnessed here to-day when a train started for the Reggio district. The cars were taken by assault, and men braved the fury of the mob. Several persons were injured in the scuffling.

A Record Quake. ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 1.—M. Stelling, an attaché of the Russian Meteorological Observatory, declares that according to his observations lateral displacements of the earth's crust, attaining on the instruments one-half of a millimetre, are the greatest recorded since the introduction of seismography.

This record was made the day Calabria and Sicily were devastated.

Chicago Live Stock. CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—Receipts, 2000; strong; hogs, \$4 to \$5.50; cattle, \$3.50 to \$4.50; western steers, \$3.75 to \$5.70; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$4.50; cows and heifers, \$1.50 to \$3.50; calves, \$7.50 to \$9.50.

Hogs—Receipts estimated at about 15,000; market to be higher; light, \$5.25 to \$5.80; mixed, \$5.50 to \$6.15; heavy, \$5.50 to \$6.20; rough, \$5.50 to \$6.50; bulk of sales, \$4.50 to \$7.50; western, \$4.75 to \$7.50.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 5000; strong; natives, \$2.75 to \$3.50; western, \$3 to \$3.25; feeders, \$3.50 to \$6.50; native lambs, \$4.50 to \$7.50; western, \$4.75 to \$7.50.

East Buffalo Live Stock. EAST BUFFALO, Jan. 1.—Cattle—Receipts, 1000; steady; prime steers, \$7 to \$7.50; heavy, \$7 to \$7.50; active and heavy, \$7 to \$7.50.

Hogs—Receipts, 1000; steady; active and heavy, \$7 to \$7.50; mixed, \$7 to \$7.50; heavy and mixed, \$6 to \$6.50; a few, \$6.50; yorkers, \$5.75 to \$6.00; pigs, \$4.50 to \$5.50; roughs, \$5.25 to \$5.50; steady, \$4 to \$4.75; dairies, \$5.50 to \$6.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 15,000 head; active and steady; lambs, \$4 to \$7.50; mixed, \$6 to \$6.25; western, \$4.50 to \$4.85; ewes, \$4.25 to \$4.50; sheep, mixed, \$2 to \$4.50.

The Monetary Times. The Monetary Times of to-day is a considerably enlarged issue, containing banking, financial, commercial and insurance statistics for the past twelve months.

Special articles on the bond situation, the Cobalt region and similar topics are included. Business men throughout the country express their opinions as to the outlook for 1909. The situation and prospects of individual districts from coast to coast are being studied by the government.

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Rev. J. R. Black Inducted. COBourg, Jan. 1.—(Special.)—In the Roseneath Presbyterian Church to-day, Rev. J. R. Black of Toronto was inducted into the pastorate of the Bethesda, Rice Lake and Roseneath Presbyterian churches. Rev. J. A. MacLennan, Moderator, presided. The induction sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. Stewart, Grafton. Rev. J. F. MacFarlane, Warkworth, addressed the minister, and Rev. D. A. Thomson, Hastings, the people.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Among all the resolutions for the New Year none is more generally undertaken, nor less systematically persevered in, than the resolve to maintain a savings account in the bank. Do better during 1909. One dollar starts an account with full compound interest.

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MONDAY, THE 1ST DAY OF FEBRUARY NEXT.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 20th to the 30th of January, 1909, both days inclusive.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Head Office of the Bank in Toronto on Wednesday, 17th February, 1909. The Chair will be taken at 12 o'clock noon.

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Fall Was Past.
OTTAWA, Jan. 1.—Albert Desormeau, a laborer of Hull, died to-day as a result of injuries received on Thursday. He was working on a new power house for J. R. Booth, and while removing stone his horse stumbled. The horse and he fell over a canyon

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