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#### **WON HONORS FROM LONDON**

Principal and Staff of Central School Receive Royal Greeting

Banquet in Their Honor-Many Compliments Paid-Exhibit of Work in Chatham

On Saturday evening the teachers of the Central school, who were the guests of the London Board of Education for the previous two days, returned home voting the Forest City educationists the most royal of entertainers.

The visit was a recognition of the premier provincial position held by this great Maple City Model school and a tribute to the progressive spirit of our Public School Board and worth and ability of the teaching

On the arrival of the Chatham on the arrival of the Chatham teachers on Friday afternoon they were met at the depot by a reception committee, consisting of Wm. Yeates, chairman of the London Board of Education, Inspector Edwards, Messrs. Dr. English, Fitzgerald and Dr. Tillman.

A trip to the School Fair in the City Hall was then made and a busy hour was spent inspecting the large and excellent display of work.

At six p. m. the banqueting hall at the Patace Cafe was filled with a party of sixty composition the Company.

at the Palace Cafe was filled with a party of sixty, composing the Cen-tral staff, members of Board of Edu-cation, inspector and principals of all the Lendon schools, Provost James of Western University, Profs. Mer-chant and Drainess, of the Normal school, Misses Powell and Laidlaw, art and kindergarten supervisors.

After a most excellent menu had been disposed of, the toast list was

Announced.

Miss Ida Hillman and Principal J.
W. Plewes responded to the toast of
"Our Guests." Miss Hillman made a
most remarkable speech and was
warmly applauded. Mr. Plewes was
received with a great demonstration,
as London is his old home. He spoke
of his personal gratification at such
a reception, and of the good feeling
and mutual interests of Chatham and
London. He praised the splendid exhibition of work and congratulated
the London school thereon. Miss
Hollinrake, Brantford's art supervisor, also spoke briefly.
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principal Western Normal school, responded to the toast of Educational Interests. He spoke most eulogistically of the benetit of the exhibition and praised the energy and progressive spirit of the Chatham Model school, which he declared was the poneer in advanced educational ideas. Provost James, of Western University, said that as one of the old school of educationists he had hem opposed

Provost James, or western University, said that as one of the old school of educationists he had been opposed to the "fads and frills." He was forced to admit now that the neweducational program was best and had come to stay. He was most eulogistic in his comments on the Chatham Principal.

Principal Radcliffe, of the Collegiste Institute, raised a storm of applause as he related his experiences when Mr. Plewes was his pupil. His address proved most interesting to the Chatham teachers, as they felt that they were being let into some secrets. He congratulated Mr. Plewes on his recent appointment to the Educational Council and bespoke for him a brilliant future. He also extolled Mr. Plewes as the originator of the School Fair idea.

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of the School Fair idea.

A further visit was made to the Fair and some of the best work was secured to show the boys and girls in Chatham next week.

Saturday morning the Cha hamites were entertained at the Normal school by Vice-Principal Dearness and his staff, where the Domestic Science and Manual Training departments were in operation for the benements were in operation for the benements were in operation for the benements.

Science and Manual Training departments were in operation for the benefit of the visitors.

Principal Plewes secured the loan of many samples of the work shown for exhibition in Chatham. The brush and ink work, which was exceptionally good, is now on exhibition at the Central school for the benefit of the pupils, Model students and all others interested. Next week the water color work will be exhibited.

6 TO 8

The Relation of These Figures in a Long-Drawn Out Drainage Case

With six lawyers it took eight days to hear the draining case of ten Sombra farmers vs. the Townships of Chatham and Sombra, at Sarnia, before his honor Referee Rankin. The case was closed on Saturday, and judgment reserved to enable the townships to get together to provide relief for the plaintiffs.

The action was brought for \$5,000 damages, for a mandamus to compel the townships to remove a drain and dyking and for an injunction restraining their operation.

O. L. Lewis and M. Wilson, K. O., appeared for the plaintiffs, J. W. Hanna, Weir and Price for Sombra, and J. S. Fraser for Chatham Tp.

Experience can seldom be bought at the bargain counter.

### **SERMON FOR** YOUNG MEN

Rev. Mr. Rutledge Gives Excellent Advice to the Rising Generation

Service Attended by Very Large Congregation—Music Furnished by a Male Choir

The young men's service in the Park street Methodist church last night was a notable success. congregation crowded the spacious church and the singing of the young men's choir was enthusiastic. The sermon of the pastor, the Rev. W. L. Rutledge was also appropriate to the occasion. The text was I. John ii., 14, "I write unto you young men because ye are strong, etc." "I bring you to-night," said the preacher, "a message from a centenarian The apostle John was an hundred years old when he wrote this letter. Let the multitude of years show

"Like all truly great men," continued the preacher, "in the heart of the aged evangelist there was a warm place for the young. A wise German once said that the future of

wisdom."

German once said that the future of a community at any given time depended on the tastes and character of its young men under twenty-five. How important then that the tastes and character of our young men should be the very best.

What did the apostle mean when he said, "Ye are strong." In young manhood there is a three-fold nature. He is the body man, with full bodily powers. He is the mind man with will and feeling and thoughtlife. He is the spirit man with the power of receiving the communications of God and of communicating with God in his turn. And the young power of receiving the communications of God and of communicating with God in his turn. And the young man who is strong as God meanthim to be, has a strength expressing itself, as far as possible, in the completeness of physical life, as far as possible in the completeness of mental and emotional life, and as far as possible in the completeness of epiritual life. In the physical nature the young man's strength reveals itself in the lore of exercise and contests that test nerve and muscle, and in the reverent preservation of health. I confess, said the preacher, to an entire sympathy with the athletic sports of our time. The contests on the football and baseball field, on the ice, etc., and the training of the eye, the muscle and the self reliance acquired by those engaging in these contests should help to fit men for the more serious battles of life. But the men physically strong man, or the men mentally strong man, was not exactly what the apostle meant when he said "I write unto you young men because ye are strong." It was the morally strong man, the man actly what the apostle meant when he said "I write unto you young men because ye are strong." It was the morally strong man, the man strong in character. There are men in Canada to-day with but little physical strength, who because of the strength of their character are like Roderick Dhu, the stamp of whose foot was worth a thousand men.

men.

This strength comes from the word of God. The strongest man in the world is the Bible Christian, he who most sincerely believes the book, and most consistently lives up to it. And this strength the aged apostle tells us is to be used to overcome the wicked one. There is not an iniquity to-day that would not disappear in a generation, if the young men said they must. Will the young men of to-day fulfil the hopes of their generation? Everything belongs to them. All paths to power converge at their feet. All doorways of opportunity fly open at their approach. The world grows weary of many things, but it shows an increasing fondness for young men. Let the rising generation assume the obligation of their position, and they can purchase deliverance from every social, Industrial and political evil if they will. Can we depend upon you said the presents. can purchase deliverance frem every social, Industrial and political evil if they will. Can we depend upon you? said the preacher. I write unto you young men because ye are strong and have overcome the wicked one. Have you? Will you? Here in our own city we are greviously tormented and vexed with many agencies of the wicked one. They need not be named. But what are you going to do about it? King Charles of Sweeden, father of Gustavus Adolphus, used to say of his son, with reference to reformatory movements which he the King could not accomplish. "He will do it," and we know how heroicly Gustavus strove to fulfil his father's prophecy. Will you do your part in like fasion? The Son of God goes forth to war. Who follows in his train?

The music for the evening was furnished by a choir of 50 young men, who sang very sweetly the famous "Glory Song" and later in the evening "God Goeth Forth to War."

James Trotter sang a solo. A male quartet gave a very pleasing rendition of "The Wayside Cross,"

men.
This strength comes from the word

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## QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

Rev. Mr. Hoyt Preaches the Second of a Special Series of Sermons

Large Congregations Attend the Special Services-Excellent Music by the Chair

"What is Sin ?' was the subject of Rev. Mr. Hoyt's discourse in the William St. Baptist Church last night. This was the second sermon of the series which Mr. Hoyt is preaching on Questions the People are Asking, and it was listened to by a large congre-The preacher took his text from Rom. 7, 13,—"But sin that it might

appear sin, working death in me by that which is good; that sin by the commandment might become exceed-ing sinful." One of the proofs that sin exists in the world is that maning sintui. One of the proofs that sin exists in the world is that mankind is seen to act on the a sumption that wrong is done or is likely to be done in the world. In the family, in scolety, in the state, everything is set upon a footing that auticipates (whong. If a man is wrong in his conception of sin, he is apt to be wrong in his views of the atonement, of heaven and of hell. If sin wers nothing more than a fault, which can and ought to be excused, we have no need of a sacrifice. God never did a greater kindness to man than when He revealed to him the guilt of sin. The Word of God gives us six definitions of sin, and these are found in I. John, 3, 4, and 5, 17, etc., and from these texts we find that sin may be physical, mental, moral, and spiritual. If we want to know what sin is, we must see what sin does adden and breauthers. what sin is, we must see what sin does. Adam and Eve were driven from the garden because of sin, Sudas sold his Lard because of sin, Sin is the only thing God abhors. It brought Christ to the cross, it damns the soul, it shuts heaven, it laid the foundations of hell.

Why men and women fondle this helious thing is more than I can tell. Would anyone lay up as a treasure the knife stained with his father's blood? Sin took Jesus and nared Him to the cross, and yet men and women treasure sin, and refuse

to give it up.

The sermon was aptly illustrated and made a deep impression upon the

audience.

The anniver a y mulic was repeated at the s r Ires yeterday, the choir rendering a fine anthem in the morning. In the evening Miss Richards and Mrs. J. E. Oldershaw, sang a duett, "Consider the Lilies," which was much enjoyed. Bev. Mr. Hoyt itso sang a solo, "A blean heart," See Paceptably.

#### INNOCENT INDIAN

Before Judge Houston, at County, Court to-day, Randolph Parker, of Bothwell, was charged by County Constable Marcus with selling liquor to an Indian, David Hill. Crown Attorney Smith prosecuted and W. G. Richards appeared for the defence. The constable claimed he saw the whiskey disposed of, but the Indian, with admirable innocence, claimed he the liquor on track. The case is still in progress

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