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NEW ORGAN OPENING

Recital at Colborne Street Methodist Church by Mr. W. H. Hewlett.

Mr. W. H. Hewlett, the well-known organist from Hamilton, and formerly of Dundas Street Methodist Church, was greeted by a very large and appreciative audience in the Colborne Street Methodist Church last evening. Mr. Hewlett drew so much attention by his exceptional ability when he was in this city that he is given a hearty welcome whenever he returns to fill an engagement. The coldness of the weather did not diminish in his last night's audience. Mr. Hewlett is a master of the great instrument which is considered by many to be the prince of all instruments, and has the power of drawing forth the very soul of the organ.

Mrs. Frank MacKeehan, of Hamilton, whose splendid contralto voice is so well liked in this city, contributed some numbers which were greatly appreciated by the audience. Her numbers were rendered in her usual finished manner. Mr. Hewlett's programme was as follows:

Toccata and Fugue in D Minor..... Bach
Idylle.....M. Erice Bossi
Humoresque.....Anton Dvorak
Improvisation on the "Sicilian March".....Chopin
Fantasy Pastoral.....Von Flotow
Overture to "Stradella".....Lemare
Chant Sans Paroles.....Lemare
Variations "Andante".....Debussy
Polonaise in A Major.....Chopin
Mrs. MacKeehan's programme was as follows:

"Awake, Ye Sons of Light".....Spence
"Hold Thou My Hand".....Briggs
"The Angel Land".....Pinotti

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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss L. Shildrick will be the guest of the Misses Bradford while visiting in the city.

—An assembly will be held in the city hall on Friday evening in aid of the McClary Baseball Club. Music to be furnished by Dayton & McCormick's orchestra.

—The members of the Hamilton Road Methodist Epworth League were addressed on Monday evening by Rev. James Livingstone, pastor of the Wellington Street Methodist Church. Mr. Livingstone spoke upon the subject of a visit to the World's Fair, held in Chicago, and greatly pleased his large audience. A social hour was indulged in.

—The death in New York of Mrs. Catherine Clinton, who had many friends in London, is referred to by the North Side News of that city. It says that Mrs. Clinton was known as a benefactress to the poor, and that the funeral mass was attended by a large number of people from the parish in which she lived and worked. Mr. J. T. Leech, husband of one of deceased's daughters, is a well-known London Old Boy.

THE WEATHER A YEAR AGO.
London was treated a year ago today to weather much the same as is now being experienced. The highest reading of the thermometer on Dec. 14 last was 13 above zero, and the lowest 15 degrees above. At 8 o'clock this morning the thermometer was 6 degrees above.

TRAINMEN'S OFFICERS.
At a largely-attended meeting of Forest City Lodge, No. 240, B. of B. T., held on Sunday, the following officers were elected for the year 1905: Master, Bro. Daniel Murray; vice-master, Bro. J. J. Mansill; past master, Bro. H. J. Watson; secretary, Bro. Frank Ryan; treasurer, Bro. E. M. McLeod; physician, Bro. Dr. Macklin; delegate to convention, Bro. T. F. Wright.

ALMA DATCHERS ELECT.
At the annual meeting of the London branch of Alma Datchers the following officers were elected: Honorary president, Miss Sisk; president, Mrs. Edwards; first vice-president, Mrs. Lute; second vice-president, Mrs. Sage; secretary, Miss L. Maude Parkinson; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Campbell; 425 William street; treasurer, Miss Ethel M. Lewis. The society has decided to form itself into a social and improvement circle and will be glad to have all graduates and ex-students of Alma College join it.

CONCERT AT KNOX CHURCH.
A concert of a most successful nature was given in Knox Church before a large audience last evening. The programme was excellently rendered, and hearty applause greeted the efforts of the artists who took part. The following was the programme:

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Lion Figs (in 1-lb baskets), per lb 25c
Cresca Figs (in 1-lb baskets), per lb 35c
Locum (pulled) Figs, per box 75c

DATES—
Blank's Stuffed Dates, per box 50c
Cresca Stuffed Dates, per box 40c
Lion Stuffed Dates, per lb 25c
Fard Dates, per lb 125c
Hallowe Dates, per lb 8c

NUTS AND RAISINS—
Paper Shelled Almonds, per lb 25c
Grenoble Walnuts, per lb 20c
Pecans, Brazils and Walnuts (mixed), per lb 15c
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"Annie Laurie," a Japanese love song, and two beautiful Irish songs by Lord and Snow, by Mrs. Roblyn-McKillop; "Bonnie Prince Charlie" and "Lang Syne" by Miss Pauline Mowat; "The Swallows," by Miss Pickard; "Sing Me to Sleep" (with violin obligato), by Miss Cullen; violin solo, by Mrs. Grant; readings by Mrs. Gaud, Mr. James Gray, and Miss Grimshaw. Mr. Fred Evans played the piano accompaniments. When the programme was finished, refreshments were served to those who had taken part by the ladies of the congregation.

THE COMMISSIONER'S VISIT.

The forthcoming visit of Commissioner Coombes, of the Salvation Army, is creating a great deal of interest, and there is every prospect of London's welcome being on a big scale. The local corps will muster in force on Saturday evening and march to the Grand Trunk station, to give the commissioner, who will come on the International Limited, a rousing reception. The St. Thomas Salvation Army Brass Band will be here to take part in the reception, and will also remain for the Sunday services. Col. Jacobs, chief secretary, and one or two other officers will accompany the commissioner. The meeting on Saturday night will be conducted by Col. Jacobs in the Citadel. All day Sunday the commissioner will be in command. The afternoon meeting in the London Vaudeville Theatre will be a welcome meeting, when several old and new friends will be present. There will be no charge for admission to any of these meetings, but an offering will be taken at the doors.

ONLY CRIMINAL BUSINESS LEFT

Civil List at Sessions of Peace
Cleared—Fined \$40 for Bit-ing Off an Ear.

The civil business booked for the sessions of the peace was finished in short order. There were four cases to be considered by Judge Macbeth, and it looked as if there would be many hours spent in taking evidence. But one of the cases was settled out of court, and the other three were postponed for various reasons. In the case of Samuel Macdonald vs. the township of Biddulph, a rather peculiar circumstance caused the postponement of the hearing. Macdonald claims \$200 damages from the township of Biddulph for personal injuries and damages to a cutter caused by an alleged defective road. It appeared that Judge Macbeth before his promotion to the bench, acted as counsel in the case, and he therefore did not care to decide it.

James McVicar, of Strathroy, was yesterday fined \$40 by His Honor Judge Macbeth in the sessions of the peace. The charge against McVicar was that on the 27th of last July he committed an assault upon one James A. Steele, biting off part of his ear. The accused was brought before Squire Smyth some time ago on the charge and elected to be tried by jury. When brought up yesterday, however, McVicar asked to be tried by the judge and pleaded guilty. The court in passing sentence remarked that McVicar was a respectable young man of ability, but had got himself into trouble by a fondness for frequenting taverns. His honor trusted that he would profit by the lesson that he had received. The fine of \$40 was paid in court.

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NARROW ESCAPE FROM DROWNING

Mr. H. Bloomfield Has a Close Call at Byron—The Ice Gave Way.

While crossing the ice yesterday, just above the site of the new bridge at Byron, Mr. H. Bloomfield, a resident of that place, had a close call for his life. Mr. Bloomfield is employed at the new road on the north bank of the river, and he was crossing about 12 o'clock. When about 20 yards from the south bank the ice gave way beneath him, and he was precipitated into nearly fifteen feet of water.

Bloomfield rose to the surface, shouted for help, and with presence of mind placed his head upstream and endeavored to support himself upon the edge of the ice, but it broke as fast as he placed his weight upon it. Meanwhile Mr. Wm. Weir, who with a number of others was just leaving the new road for dinner, heard the cries for help, and seizing a plank from a wagon near by, he ran down the bank and out on the ice. When Weir approached Bloomfield, he nearly exhausted, he felt the ice begin to sink, but having the plank he was enabled to prevent himself from falling into the water. A Weir fellow, who then pushed a plank to him and he in turn passed the timber to Bloomfield, who was enabled to draw himself on it and be hauled to safety.

Bloomfield was driven to Mr. Weir's home, where he received the necessary attention. Today he is feeling little the worse for his experience.

And Oka for his experience.

Mr. Weir deserves every credit for his prompt action.

ENFRANCHISE THE MARRIED WOMEN

Members of the W. C. T. U. Express Themselves Emphatically on the Question.

The semi-monthly meeting of the W. C. T. U. was held in Somerset Hall yesterday afternoon, when a number of officers were elected to fill places left vacant at the annual meeting held some weeks ago. They are as follows: First vice-president, Mrs. J. J. Ross; recording secretary, Miss Alice Yeates; church secretary, Mrs. Presbyter, Mrs. Wilson, Central avenue, and Mrs. Rollins; Methodist, Mrs. C. T. Scott and Mrs. George J. Bishop; Congregational, Mrs. M. C. O'Brien; Christian, Miss Isaac; Anglican, Mrs. B. Cottam; Baptist, Mrs. Ross. The superintendent of departments were also appointed, and the members were invited to draft the annual course for the union's calendar for next year.

The members discussed at some length the question of raising the yearly fee from 60 cents to \$1, but final action was deferred until the first meeting in January.

Another very important matter, that of securing the franchise for all women who are property owners, was also discussed, and the members were emphatic in their declaration that all women who are ratepayers should be allowed to vote at municipal elections. The members also said that in cases where a man is a ratepayer, his wife should be enfranchised.

ARE OVER TEN THOUSAND NOW

Rapid Increase in Water Services in London—Waterworks Board's Good Year.

The annual meeting of the water commission of London was held yesterday afternoon, when the chairman, auditor and engineer presented reports, all of which were found to be very satisfactory.

It has already announced the commissioners have a net surplus this year of \$89,161.63. The revenue for 1904 was gross revenue of \$1,010,284, gross expenses, \$904,440.62; water charges, etc., \$15,516.90; interest, \$590.20; rentals, \$825.

The expenditures were as follows: Workshops account, \$5,423.32; pump-house maintenance, \$6,010.28; general expenses, \$2,350.41; buildings and repairs, \$855.69; office salaries, \$2,105.07; salaries, \$1,500; insurance, \$1,005; printing and advertising, \$235.30; stationery and postage, \$265.87; Pipe Line road account, \$724.58; total expenditures, \$25,163.04.

This leaves a gross surplus of \$78,208.69, but the sum of \$9,047.46 was applied on capital account, making a net surplus of \$69,161.63.

Of the above net surplus credited to the city, the sum of \$42,194.70 is applied in payment of interest and sinking fund on debentures.

Secretary Ellwood's report also showed that there has been a most satisfactory increase of \$6,057.18 in the gross revenue of the last year over that of 1903, and there has been an exceptional increase in the number of services laid. The total number of services is 10,062, an increase of 375 during the year. The collection of water rates has been well attended to, the

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total arrears of the same on the rolls on Nov. 29 being \$206.48, as against \$599.81 of prepayments.

The assets of the commission, including the sum of \$12,777.12 in the Bank of Toronto, and \$112.23 cash on hand, amount to \$884,831.62.

Engineer Moore's report stated that the frequent rainfalls, cold weather and moist atmosphere during the year had the effect of keeping the consumption of water down, and owing to the heavy snow of last winter and the rains of the early part of the year the springs were normal and sufficient to meet all demands. The reservoir had been kept clean and in good order, but the engineer thought it advisable to have it washed out next spring as soon as the weather permitted.

The engineer reported that owing to the jam of ice and snow during last February and March it was impossible to run the wheels of the hydraulic power station, and the operating of the steam pumping station was found necessary to keep up the supply.

The report of the auditors, Messrs. Jewell and Blandford, spoke in the highest terms of the efficient manner in which the books of the commission are kept, and also satisfied as to the accuracy of the secretary's report.

All the reports were accepted without discussion and the commission adjourned.

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