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TO-NIGHT.

Chatham Lodge, No. 29, I. O. O. F., Oddfellows' Temple, 8 o'clock.
Public School Board, Harrison Hall, at 8.

Social evening Young People's Society of William St. Baptist Church, in the S. S. Hall, at 8.
Special meeting of the Football Club, Hotel Merrill, at 8.

Births, Marriages and Deaths

MARRIED.

BAILLIE-CLIFFORD - On Saturday evening, Nov. 29th, 1902, Mr. J. L. Baillie was united in marriage to Miss Myrtle Clifford, eldest daughter of C. J. Clifford, Lyndean avenue. Rev. T. T. George officiated.

THE LOCAL BUDGET.

Have you seen those undershirts in Northway's window? \$1.50 skirts for 88c.

Dr. Thornton has moved into his new office over A. I. McCall's Drug Store.

Have you read Northway's ad. on the second page about the great skirt sale Wednesday morning?

Purse found - The person to whom it belongs can have it with contents by paying for this advertisement and calling at Graves' grocery, Stanley avenue. Got to prove property.

Handsome black mercerized undershirts for less than material alone would cost on sale at Northway's Wednesday morning at nine o'clock.

The young man Emrick who was, as was stated in yesterday's issue lost, was seen in Chatham on Saturday and was given his dinner by D. J. McDonald, at the C. P. R. Hotel. He afterwards secured a position with Mr. Campbell, a wealthy farmer near Merlin.

A glance at the attractions already advertised for the Sons of Scotland Concert on Wednesday evening, Dec. 10th, will show that the high reputation they have earned in the entertainment field will be enhanced by their latest effort. The artists are all well known stars, who are acknowledged leaders in American musical and literary circles.

"Playing the Fool" is to be the subject that Major Burditt speaks upon in the revival services that are now going on at the Salvation Army Barracks. The meetings so far have been well attended and of a very interesting character and will be continued every night at eight p. m.

George Tyndall, of Kendall street, south of Chatham, intends boring for gas on his own place. Several years ago when he was boring for water he struck a gas vein, but went down farther after water. He secured water in good quantity. The gas, he says, was the pure thing and he is going after the gas now.

Xmas Goods

IN OUR WINDOW:
We are showing in our window a few imported Christmas Goods just received from France. We make a specialty of

Ebony Goods in Morocco Cases

for Christmas buyers. We shall be pleased to show you our FINE NEW STOCK.

A. I. McCall & Co., Ltd., Druggists
NEW STORE - COR. KING AND FIFTH STS.

INFANT BAPTISM A SERIOUS SIN

Startling Condemnation of the Rite Held Sacred in Many of our Churches.

Pastor of the William St. Baptist Church Preaches Striking Sermon on this Subject.

"The Sin of Infant Baptism." This was the subject upon which Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor of the William street Baptist church, preached last Sunday evening.

For the last few Sundays Mr. Ross has been preaching a series of special sermons, which have been much talked about by the different church-goers of the city. His last on "The Sin of Infant Baptism" has caused considerable of a sensation, especially among those who differ from him in their opinions on this subject. The church last Sunday evening was crowded to the doors and those who were present heard some very strong statements on this subject, which, to say the least, is a very delicate one to preach upon.

In opening his sermon, the reverend gentleman said:

"Since I announced my intention of speaking on this subject I have been approached by numbers in my own congregation, as was also the case before my other special sermons, asking and advising me to leave the subject alone and reconsider my intention of speaking on it. I know that many of the things I will say will hit many of the people in my own congregation, as well as the other congregations of the city, but I believe that the subject is one which should be discussed freely. I believe that infant baptism is a sin and my belief is the result of deep thought and study. I am prepared to prove through biblical references that what I say is true. Too many people in this world believe one thing because their ancestors believed it before them. This is very wrong. A man should not hold any belief unless he is in a position to prove his belief to his own satisfaction."

He then stated that it was not his intention to ridicule those who held opinions different to his on this subject. There were several Baptists who did not agree with him in this belief. Nowhere in the Bible is it proved that infant baptism is right. In fact it is strongly condemned.

Those who deny the validity of infant baptism give as a proof of their belief that Christ has said "Suffer little children to come unto me." If it is right to baptize a child, either by sprinkling or immersion, it is also right for them to take sacrament. No one will say that it is right for children to be allowed to take sacrament, and if we reject one we must reject the other.

Baptism is capable of doing a great good in this world, but it is possible to make it a curse to men. Baptism is symbolic of the burial of the old life of sin, and the beginning of a new life. When an infant is born into this world its life is pure and spotless, and when it is baptized while yet an infant, there is no past life of sin to be discontinued and no need of baptism. In many cases children grow up with the belief that they were converted when baptized and in such cases infant baptism is a curse to them. One striking case of the evils of infant baptism came to the notice of the speaker. It was that of a man who was baptized when a child. When he grew up he became converted and wished to be baptized. He, however, could not find a minister who would baptize him a second time. He was at last forced to go to a priest, who baptized him.

Mr. Ross then stated the case of a certain Roman Catholic priest who said that he believed in infant baptism not because the Bible said it was right, but because it was the custom of the church. He also said that in the Greek churches the children were immersed. He thought that a child should not be baptized until he or she was old enough to realize the meaning of baptism. It is stated in the gospels that only believers shall be baptized. The Methodists and Presbyterians, he said, believe in this because they think it does not do good to baptize a child. He then read portions from the Methodist creed and the Presbyterian confession of faith, which showed that infant baptism was included in their doctrines. This, however, he said, is strongly forbidden in the Word of God.

In the course of his remarks he said that he had the greatest respect for the beliefs of infant baptism, especially the Presbyterians, and said if he was not a Baptist he would like to be a Presbyterian.

His sermon throughout was from an argumentative standpoint and for each statement which he made he produced biblical references to support his belief.

In the near future he will deliver sermons on "The evils of adult baptism," "the Christian," and the "Theatre."

Rev. J. J. Ross was approached by a Planet reporter on Saturday morning, but declined to give any information concerning his sermon.

Messrs. C. C. Richards & Co. Gentlemen - My three children were dangerously low with diphtheria. On the advice of our priest my wife began the use of MURRAY'S LINIMENT. In two hours they were greatly relieved, and in five days they were completely well, and I firmly believe your valuable Liniment saved the lives of my children.

Gratefully yours,
ADELBERT LEFEBVRE.

Mair's Mills, June 10th, 1899.

LETTER BOX

THE NEW HOTEL.

Sir - For the information of the public, who are anxious to know something about the \$75,000 hotel to be erected at the corner of King and Third streets, I want to say - once for all - that this hotel will not be built if the liquor act carries next Thursday at the polls.

Yours,
W. BABY.

Chatham, Dec. 1, 1902.

A QUESTION FOR MR. MARX.

We think Mr. Marx, along with all other salaried officers of the liquor traffic, will admit that the treating system is the greatest cause of excessive drinking.

He will also admit if he has given the liquor act of 1902 any consideration, that if it is brought into force that it will practically do away with the treating system, and the penalties in respect to this in particular are too severe to be lightly overlooked.

Now granted that this contention is correct, that as a result of this law coming into force that the extra rate will increase one mill or even two mills, as another ratepayer claims it will, this will mean for the average workman, an increase in his taxes of not more than one dollar and a half or in other words one day's work each year.

Now unfortunately for this question Mr. Marx is not blessed with a son, but no doubt he can appreciate what is a parent's feelings, now does he believe he can find ten men in this town, who through their own desire to drink liquor freely or their love of accumulating money, are so lost to their sense of parental responsibility and their love for their boys in particular that they will say, "We are not willing to give our boys' work each year in extra taxes in order that our boys may be spared the temptation of the open bar."

Now Mr. Marx will admit that one fact is worth a dozen theories, he will admit that if the liquor act is enforced by dozens of others, that will show Chatham has nothing to fear should this law be enacted.

The figures given below are taken from official reports of the city of Quincy, Mass., a city similar in size to Chatham and where the law is only the local option a much less than the law to enforce than the liquor act.

The last year of license, 1901.	After 20 years of no license, 1902.
Population 20,799	20,799
\$750,361 Valuation of property \$1,118,299	\$750,361 Valuation of property \$1,118,299
\$75,000 Saving Bank Deposits \$75,000	\$75,000 Saving Bank Deposits \$75,000
2,530 deposits	10,001 deposits
15,457 Paid for support of poor	15,457 Paid for support of poor

In 1902 the majority for no license was 600, and twenty years after in 1901, the majority was 1,288. The average rate paid for support of the poor in five other cities in the State which were under license laws was in 1900, \$123, in Quincy only 56 cents per capita, showing conclusively that where there is prohibition the masses are in a much better financial as well as moral position.

Yours truly,

TEMPERANCE RATEPAYER.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

At a regular of St. John's Lodge, No. 9, A. F. & A. M., held last night, the following brethren were duly elected as officers for the ensuing Masonic year:

W. M. - Wm. Powell.
S. W. - Geo. Griffin.
J. W. - Samuel Rodgers.
Chap. - J. G. Wilmore.
Treas. - Henry Weaver.
Secy. - Chas. W. Cooper.
S. D. - John M. Payne.
J. D. - David Lee.
Tyler - J. W. Taylor.

Trustees - Bros. Wilmore, Scott and Robinson.

WANTED.

WANTED - Dining room girl. Apply Morrill House.

AGENTS WANTED - \$2.50 per day. Apply, Cooper, London. 1y

WANTED - A good girl. Apply to Mrs. S. F. Gardiner, William St.

WANTED - Teacher for S. S. No. 7, Romney, for 1903. Apply, giving references, salary expected and experience, to G. M. Loyst, Wheatley, Ont.

WANTED - Made teacher for S. S. No. 3, Tibury East, holding first class certificate; services commencing January 1st, 1903, stating salary and qualifications. Address Henry Sales, Sec. - Treas., Merlin, Box 83.

WANTED - Teacher for S. S. No. 10, Dover, male or female, holding second class certificate; duties to commence January 1st. State experience and salary. Applications will be received up to Dec. 15. Address John Richmond, Secretary, Chatham F. O. Box 157.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 5, Dover, whose duties are to commence Jan. 1, 1903, having first or second class certificate. State salary and qualifications, and address Regis Trudell, Secy. - Treas., Dover South F. O.

TEACHER WANTED - For S. S. No. 2, Zone, Holder of first or second class certificate, duties to commence 1st January, 1903. Applications close Dec. 10th, 1902. Address J. A. Duval, Secy. - Treas., P. O. box 188, Thessalonville, Ont., Sw2d

WANTED

WANTED - Correspondence solicited with one or two parties willing to convert from \$5,000 or \$10,000 in the manufacturing of undertakers' goods and supplies with me. Best references given and required. Twenty years experience in the business. Address C. O. Desautel, 29 Front street, Mt. Clemens, Mich.

RAISINS

Let us seed your Raisins for you and save you a lot of labor and time. We have a new and up-to-date machine for seeding Raisins, and with it we are able to seed them very fast, and the beauty of it is that we don't charge you anything for doing it, (we are not afraid of a little work here) all we ask is to sell you the Raisins at 10c. lb. for the Extra Selected Valencia.

New Currants, very fine, 3 lbs. for 25c.

New Sultan Raisins, 2 lbs. for 25c.

New Seeded Raisins in packages, 2 lbs. for 25c.

New Table Figs, 15c. lb.

New Table Raisins, 15c. lb.

New Peels. New Icing Sugar.

New Extracts, all flavors, 10c. bottle.

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Your Shoe is Here...

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OUR WINTER SHOE STYLES are very attractive - and so are OUR PRICES.

Only the Very Best Grades of RUBBERS handled - can fit any shape or size shoe.

Geo. W. Cowan

Chatham.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.

FOR SALE - Gas engines - two seven horse power. Apply at The Planet Office.

FOR SALE CHEAP - Two warehouses adjoining the G. T. R. tracks, Chatham. Capacity 6,000 and 4,000 bushels wheat respectively. Apply to Bank of Montreal. mwst

FOR SALE - A few good farms, also some desirable houses and lots in the city at low prices and easy terms of payment. Apply to J. A. Walker, Barrister, King street.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT - House, now occupied by Mrs. Wemp, Wellington St. West. Suitable for boarding house or for any family requiring house with plenty of rooms. Modern conveniences. Apply to W. B. Ripin 115 King St. tf

DRILLING MACHINE FOR SALE - Dry Drilling Machine with engine, in first-class repair, for sale cheap. Owner is leaving for the west. Can be seen at Hunter's store, Charing Cross. Address George Johns, Chatham. 642w.

FOR SALE - Four young registered short-horn bulls, sired by Will Duck's imported Aberdeen Hero; also bull calves, cows and heifers of all ages. Prices very reasonable. Correspondence solicited. Apply Sparham Bros., "Woodlawn," Merth, Ont.

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III. - 72 inch plain or twilled unbleached sheeting, very firm cloth, worth 20c, selling for a yard 16c.

IV. - 36 inch plain blue and white checked apron gingham, with or without borders, extra heavy cloth, regular 12-12c, value, for a yard 10c.

V. - Black, Hide and Mole Skin Shirts in spots, stripes and small designs, regular 15c, cloth, for a yard 12-12c.

VI. - Special quality mercerized satana for fancy undershirts and linings, bright finish, wide width, for a yard 25c.

VII. - Fancy striped shaker flannels for comforters and quilt linings, at per yard 5c, 6c, 8c.

VIII. - 32 inch twilled flannellette, for ladies and children's undershirts, in pink, light blue and white shades, extra heavy quality, at per yard 10c.

IX. - 10 pieces fancy striped eider-down for infants' cloaks, choice colorings, heavy wool facing, sold regularly at 50c a yard, now per yard 40c.

X. - 64 inch special all linen table damasks, choice patterns, superior finish, regular 50c, value, per yard 40c.

No. 1 Golden Finish Polished Oak Sideboard, top 48 inches by 20 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, like cut, price only \$15.

No. 2 Natural Grain Ash, glass shaped, top 46 inches by 20 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, height 6 feet 3 inches, price only \$13.50.

No. 3 Elm Golden Finish glass shaped, top 48 inches by 22 inches, bevelled German mirror, 24 inches by 14 inches, the back, pilasters and doors hand carved, price only \$9.50.

Furniture department second floor.

SIDEBOARD SPECIALS

HOLIDAY... IN THE MENS' SECTION

PREPARATIONS

The gift-buying season will find us equipped as no other Chatham store has ever been to supply appropriate selections for man or boy. Especially in the line of useful and practical gifts this will be "Santa Claus' Headquarters." This week is none too early for gift buying. There's an advantage in choosing from unbroken stocks, and shopping can be done more deliberately and with greater comfort than later on.

The Winter OVERCOAT Problem

Its Easy Solution - AUSTIN'S!

As far as your winter Overcoat is concerned, the Austin Clothing Store is better than a "Don't Worry Club." Are you bothered about correct styles, or can't you make up your mind which particular sort of an overcoat you want, or is it a question of getting a good overcoat at the price you want to pay? Or is it merely a matter of not having the time to go shopping around to find the coat you want? The answer to all these troubles is

COME TO AUSTIN'S

for our styles are all correct, from the coat at \$6.00 to the one at \$15.00. No other sort is allowed in stock. And as to prices - you can get more overcoat goodness more custom tailor's touches, more distinctive style in Austin overcoats at whatever you care to pay, than is possible in other stores at similar prices.

Do you think these assertions overly broad and sweeping? Come and prove their truth to your own satisfaction. It's not a difficult task. Details:

At \$6.00 - Long full 50 inch Raglanette Overcoat, serviceable Oxford Cheviot, well made and as much style as you get at \$12.

At \$7.50 - the very dressy 45 inch Raglanette Coat, nice dark and mixed grey Cheviot, full of style and comfort.

At \$10.00 - OUR CUSTOM MADE OVERCOATS. At these prices we make our own coats and are beyond question the best garments shown in the market from every standpoint.

\$12.00 and \$15 - Cloth, make, linings and style comparison is all we ask. Made in 44 to 50 inch Raglanette style, full swagger garments.

Boys' Raglanette Overcoats
Ages 7 to 16 years, \$2.50 to \$6.50

At \$2.50 - Boys' long Raglanette Coat's, slash pockets, velvet collar, serviceable Herringbone tweeds, full range sizes.

At \$5 - Very special plain Oxford Cheviot full long Raglanette Overcoat, cuff sleeve very well, for ages 8 to 16 years.

At \$6 and \$6.50 - Boys' Russian and Yoke Overcoats, the season's latest, in rough Cheviots and plain grey, for ages 4 to 10 years.

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Hats, Caps, Gloves and Hosiery.

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