

URGES COMPULSORY PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS

BLAME FORMER FINANCE HEADS FOR BANK CRASH

Home Bank Could Have Been Saved in 1915, Says U. A. Buchner.

RETURNS FROM TORONTO

Blame for the Home Bank failure is now placed to a large extent on the shoulders of Sir Thomas White and Sir Henry Drayton, former ministers of finance in the Conservative government. U. A. Buchner, local barrister, who was appointed a member of the executive for Home Bank depositors, said this conclusion has been generally reached by representative depositors everywhere.

"As recently as 1915 the Home Bank could have been saved," Mr. Buchner said, "but Sir Henry Drayton refused to accept recommendations made to him regarding the necessity of getting legislation which would prevent such a disaster. Two years before that, Sir Thomas White, then minister of finance in the Borden government, was warned of the same condition, but he also refused to recognize it. By the time the Liberal government came to power the Home Bank situation was beyond repair."

Mr. Buchner, who brought in a number of important resolutions at the Toronto meeting of depositors, held last week, stated today that a campaign would be commenced to assume the liabilities of the Home Bank in full and pay the depositors 100 per cent on their accounts. This plan was conceived with the object of making the government pay for government mistakes, notwithstanding the fact that the Home Bank actually became acute under the Conservative regime.

A meeting will be held in Toronto shortly for the purpose of devising ways of broadcasting this propaganda, and another will be held in London with the same end in view. The object of the depositors is either to influence the minister of finance to amend the bank act so it will provide for government inspection or persuade the Canadian Bankers' Association to allow depositors on the board of directors of banks. It is pointed out that full protection is afforded note-holders in banks, but no protection is given saving-holders.

Mr. Buchner said the first official dividend of 25 per cent would be declared before the first of the new year. The local lawyer drew up a resolution at the Toronto meeting ordering the liquidators to borrow £50,000 to pay a dividend immediately. Although 75 per cent of London and district depositors have already secured an advance from the Standard Bank, they are the only individuals in the Dominion who have been given that privilege.

NO CHANGE REPORTED IN VIOLA M'NAUGHTON

Shooting Affray Victim is Cheerful—Bullet Not Found Yet.

Though hope is held for the recovery of Miss Viola McNaughton, victim of a shooting affray in a boarding house at 318 York street, several weeks ago, her condition is still reported by hospital authorities to be unchanged. She has two bullet wounds in her chest, and although it is impossible for physicians to discover if the bullet is still lodged in her body, it is their opinion the bullet which caused the wound went right through her. Miss McNaughton has been resting quietly lately.

Hospital authorities stated this morning that the wounded girl appears to be bright and cheerful. She never mentions Geraldine Durston, who was fatally shot at the same boarding house, and according to her doctors, she apparently is not aware that her chum has died.

MOTORIST POSITIVE LIGHT WAS NOT OUT

Constable Differed, Though, and W. Westenfelder is Fined \$2.

W. Westenfelder was assessed \$2 and costs in police court today because he allowed his car to stand on Richmond street, near the Royal Bank, for an hour without having the lights lit on the evening of Dec. 6.

The defendant declared his tail light was out of order, and he had his parking light on all the time. It was lit when he left the car, and it was lit when he got home again, he averred. He couldn't understand how it could have been out when the officer saw his machine.

Constable Berryman stated he noticed the car and made inquiries as to where the owner was, but could not find him. The light was not lit when he examined the car, he stated.

Would Reduce Death Rate Of London By Compulsory Examinations of Citizens

Dr. Craig, Chicago, Former London Doctor, Tells How Lives Can Be Saved.

TOO MANY INDIFFERENT BELIEVES 200 DEATHS ANNUALLY COULD BE PREVENTED IN THE CITY.

What is the most vital thing to do in the interests of public health in London?

Few physicians are so well qualified to answer this question than Dr. D. A. Craig, former London doctor and now director of the American College of Surgeons in Chicago, who is in the city today. This is what he says:

"More than 200 lives could be saved in London annually; ten years could be added to the average life and a substantial measure of untimely death would be prevented if every citizen subjected himself to a physical examination at least once a year."

"That to my mind, is the most important public health measure London requires."

"If the public could be urged to have a thorough physical examination every year it would strike at the root of the public health problem. It would save hundreds of lives. The most prolific cause of death is indifference to one's own physical condition."

Dr. Craig came to London from New York on his way to Chicago. Yesterday he lectured before the Western Ontario Academy and this evening he will be a dinner guest by members of the profession. In an interview he expressed himself most emphatically on the question of compulsory physical examination for every citizen.

"The population of London is about 6,000," he continued. "That means the average loss of life yearly is approximately 1,800. Statistics prove that preventable deaths out of this number would be more than 200—that is, 200 people would survive every year if they were examined by a reputable doctor and followed that doctors orders."

The public health authorities have a big problem on their hands in persuading the public to take an inventory of themselves every year. In every man and woman did this the span of life would be increased by at least 15 years. But it is virtually impossible for physicians to discover if the bullet is still lodged in her body, it is their opinion the bullet which caused the wound went right through her. Miss McNaughton has been resting quietly lately.

VALUABLE MEMORY PROVEN IN COURT

P. C. Snell Spotted Wrong License Plate on New Automobile.

Chief Birrell has been noted for some years for his excellent memory, and to the list of "police memories," he must be added the name of Constable Snell, who was on traffic duty at Dundas and Richmond streets Dec. 5, when a coupé turned the corner and sped on its way.

The constable noted the license plate, 12-577, and didn't think they belonged on the car, because he had seen number 251-327 on the same car a few days before.

"I left the corner and walked up Richmond street till I came to the car standing out in front of the garage," related the constable in court today. "Mr. Edwards, who was in charge of a garage on Richmond street, told me the numbers on the coupé were correct, and were obtained in Windsor. I left it at that, because I thought I might possibly be mistaken, and the next day I received information that led me to make another trip to the place, and I found the markers had been changed from the coupé to another make of car."

An employee of the garage stated that the whole affair was purely a mechanic's mistake, and that the concern had dealers' plates that could have been used on the coupé.

"The garage people know the law or ought to know it," stated the lawyer, "and the driver was driven down town with the wrong markers on it. They were issued for another car. I will impose a fine of \$10 and costs."

HEALTH OFFICER SAYS CITY HEALTHFUL PLACE

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babies who died under one year was 98, a few less than in 1922. The death rate from all causes in London is 16.7 per 1,000 persons. How good this is can be illustrated very simply. If such a low rate continued for the average life of the Londoners would be 64. This is nine years above the average life of humanity all over the world.

LACK OF CLOTHING KEEPING MANY FROM SCHOOL

Attendance Dept. Official Tells of Poverty Existing at This Season.

AID IS WELCOMED

Absent from school owing to lack of clothing. That, briefly, is the reason why many children who should be attending school at this time of the year are unable to do so, according to Miss Dallas Radcliffe, of the attendance department, who this morning stated that in many cases where she had investigated the absence of a child, she had discovered the parents could not afford to supply the little ones with clothing warm enough to allow them out of doors.

Miss Radcliffe told The Advertiser that there was a large amount of misery in the city at the present time, and that hardly a day passed but that the need for clothing was exemplified. She told of one family of 13 trying to live on \$8 per week, which the oldest boy earned. The others were either at school or under school age. In another case investigated she found children without shoes or underwear.

"Undoubtedly there are many in London who have put away little coats, underwear, shoes, or things of this nature who would be only too pleased to give them to these needy ones," said Miss Radcliffe, "if they could see the need for them. If they could send them to the office I would be glad to see that those who needed the articles received them. The great need at this time of year is for underwear."

TO HOLD INQUEST ON INDIAN GIRL

To Hold Probe in Melbourne on Death of Betsy McDougall.

At the request of her parents, an inquest is being held this afternoon into the death of Betsy McDougall, a young Indian girl at the Muncey Institute, who died at the institute a few days after an operation for tonsillitis had been performed on her in Strathroy Hospital by Dr. W. H. Wood of Melbourne, assisted by Dr. Berdan.

The girl was operated on Nov. 6, and two days later was taken back to the institute by Dr. Wood. The physician visited the girl the following day and found a steadily mounting temperature. Everything possible was done for Miss McDougall, but her death took place within 24 hours.

Owing to the fact that Dr. Wood is coroner of the district and could not preside, Dr. Elise of Delaware was summoned to preside over the inquest. The crown is being represented by J. G. Gillanders, while J. M. Donohue has been retained by the parents of the unfortunate girl.

SIDNEY W. DAKIN PASSES IN VICTORIA HOSPITAL

Sidney Walter Dakin, a prominent member of Forest City Lodge, died this morning at Victoria Hospital, following a lengthy illness. Mr. Dakin was born in Digby, Nova Scotia, and for several years had been employed by Westland Bros., painters. He was 49 years of age.

Besides his wife he is survived by two sons, Lewis and Donald, and two daughters, Jessie and Mrs. McNorgan. The funeral will be held on Thursday afternoon from his late residence, 260 Piccadilly street, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Uren of Coburne Street Methodist Church, will conduct the services.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PUPILS TO HAVE 14 DAYS' VACATION

London schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Dec. 21, it was announced this afternoon. They will reopen on Thursday, Jan. 3. This will give the students fourteen days' vacation.

TO LECTURE IN LONDON ON TRIP TO THE ARCTIC

D. J. McCracken, M.B.E.C., D.L.S., officer in charge of the expedition to the Arctic region, will give a lecture in the Central College auditorium on Wednesday evening, December 19, on the work of the expedition. He is speaking for the auspices of the London Engineering Institute, the Canadian Club and the many interesting facts and stories of the northland to be told and the films of the party in their migration taken by the cinematograph operator, on board the ship will be shown. Mr. Craig will also speak to a meeting of the three organizations at a dinner meeting to be held the same day and will show these pictures then as well as in the evening.

ST. MATTHEW'S A.Y.P.A.

The A.Y.P.A. of St. Matthew's Church spent their regular meeting session last evening in practicing for the play which they are to present at Glencoe on Thursday of this week.

EARLY COURT PLANNED.

A Russian with a name that can hardly be pronounced was picked up on the L. & P. S. right-of-way this morning by a constable named Spry of the L. & P. S., and lodged in the police station. He will appear before Magistrate Graydon tomorrow morning at the court session, which has been slated for 8:30 o'clock.

SUIT OVER LAND

The county court non-jury action of Allan and Prudence McCurdy against Mamie R. Holland is being heard by Judge MacBeth at the courthouse today. According to the plaintiff, the defendant conveyed to them certain lands with the understanding that there was to be no future right-of-way over them. The plaintiff claims the defendant sold the right-of-way before the deal was completed with them, and ask damages as a result of her action, or the right-of-way to be removed. J. W. Winnett is acting for the plaintiffs and B. A. Ramsay for the defendant.

COMMUNISTS GIVE NOTICE OF FIGHT

London, Dec. 11.—The executives of the British Communist party have issued a statement which the Daily Express says contains the following:

Communist party feels justified in adopting any methods to fight the reactionary and capitalist forces.

Just as the Labor candidates in the past have been victimized, so have we, and now that we have the organization and the means we are determined to adopt any methods.

As the revolutionary party, we must adopt revolutionary tactics.

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DOCTOR PREDICTS CURE FOR CANCER

Dr. J. A. Craig Says This Will Be Next Big Advance Step in Medical Science.

A cure for cancer will probably be the next epochal step in the advancement of medical knowledge, Dr. D. A. Craig, former London doctor, and now director of the American College of Surgeons, told The Advertiser today.

"The problem in connection with the treatment of cancerous conditions is already being actively solved," Dr. Craig said. "There are two ways of curtailing it. One by the use of radium and X-ray and the other by the use of surgery. It takes a judicious medical man to decide which course of treatment would probably be most beneficial. Just as there are many types of cancer, it should be attended to immediately."

"Cancer always starts as a local affliction and can often remain localized if the patient puts himself in the hands of a competent doctor. This is particularly true in regard to cancer of the breast. The only capable practitioners should be allowed to administer this type of remedy."

No one can account for the increase in cancer during the past decade, Dr. Craig said, but he predicted that in the near future definite knowledge of the cause and the cure of the disease would be revealed.

Experimenters all over the world were endeavoring to isolate the causes of cancer, Dr. Craig believed that as soon as this became known a permanent cure would be offered.

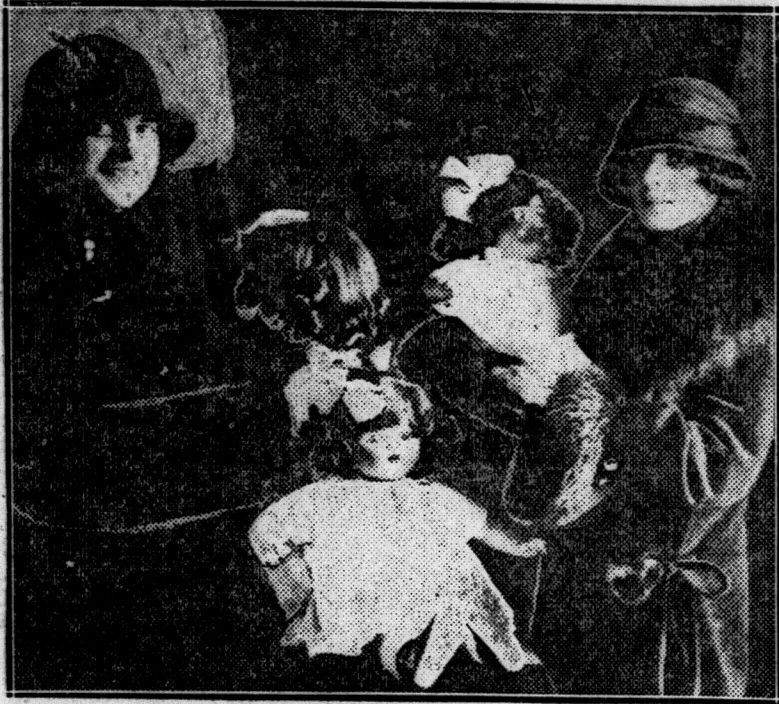
ANNOUNCES FUNDS FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

London Subscribed \$135.79 Recently, Says Honorary Treasurer.

J. E. Magee, honorary treasurer of the Armenian Relief Association of Canada, London branch, announces that \$135.79 has recently been subscribed to the association. The subscriptions have been remitted to D. A. Cameron, honorary treasurer of the Armenian Relief Association of Canada.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

ORCHARD—Elizabeth, dearly beloved wife of the late J. G. Orchard, passed away at her late residence, 2 Victor street, Dec. 11, 1923. Funeral notice later.



News From City Churches

At a meeting, early last evening, following their regular weekly supper, the Marion Keith Club of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, made up seventy press little Christmas parcels, containing fruit and candy, and later on, with their piled high in a clothes basket, paid a visit to the Aged People's Home, where they distributed their thoughtful little gifts and provided a delightful program.

Miss Margaret O'Dell acted as mistress of ceremonies, and for the benefit of those among the old people, who were not able to come down to the reception room, Miss Anne McGregor, the president of the club, accompanied the matron on a tour of the home, giving a Christmas parcel to each. To form the musical program solos were given by Rita Lowry and Erle Mitchell, a number of readings by Louise Steele, and piano solos by Margaret Gladman and Nina Wilson. A number of choruses, favorites to the old people, were sung by the club members, these concluding with one especially loved "Shall We Gather at the River?" Miss Ruth Watson's group were in charge of the supper.

ALL SAINTS' A. Y. P. A. The A.Y.P.A. of All Saints' Church spent last evening in preparing for the fish-pond and candy booth, of which they are in charge at the bazaar of the Epworth League.

CENTENNIAL LEAGUE Ed. Tufts was in charge of the missionary program given at the meeting of Centennial Epworth League last evening. Papers were given by Mrs. Tufts, Miss Barless and Miss Anita Graham.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL Y. P. A paper on "Our Pioneer Missionaries in Shisamba, South Africa" was given by Miss Kitty Munday at the regular meeting last evening of the Young People of the First Congregational Church. A short article of similar interest was given by Miss Phyllis Beck on "Present Day Work in Missions." At a brief business session, Rev. Matthew Kelly, on meeting over which the president, Miss Anne Moule, presided, initial arrangements were made for an illustrated lecture to be delivered by Rev. Mr. Kelly, on the subject of Channing Pollock's widely-known play, "The Fool."

SERVICES AT WINDSOR. Rev. A. E. M. Thomson of Centennial Methodist Church, conducted services at St. Joseph's Hospital, Sunday at Child's Boulevard Methodist Church, Windsor.

JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The committee in charge of the jubilee celebration at Cronyn Memorial Church met last evening under the chairmanship of the rector, Rev. G. Q. Warner, to complete their arrangements. The celebration will be completed. The meeting, owing to the absence of three members, was a short one, and only routine matters were taken up. It was hoped that the occasion would take the form of a banquet, but it was found that several of the members were out of town, this idea was abandoned.

PATRICK FLANNIGAN LAID TO REST THIS MORNING

The funeral of Patrick Flannigan, pioneer Londoner, who died Sunday afternoon in St. Joseph's Hospital, was held this morning at 8:30 o'clock from E. C. Killingsworth's Funeral Home to St. Peter's Cathedral. Requiem high mass was sung at 9 o'clock by Monsignor McKee. Interment was made at St. Peter's Cemetery, Father O'Donnell conducting the services at the grave.

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD HOLDS FINAL SESSION

The last meeting of the 1923 separate school board was held last night when the year's business was completed. The meeting, owing to the absence of three members, was a short one, and only routine matters were taken up. It was hoped that the occasion would take the form of a banquet, but it was found that several of the members were out of town, this idea was abandoned.

LAW SUIT OF \$578.88.

McEvoy, Judd & Henderson have issued a county court writ on behalf of Adam Pickel of Belton, Ont., against Wm. E. Pickel, for \$578.88, alleged to be due on a promissory note.

CLAIMS \$879.16.

George T. Dodd of London has issued a county court writ through his solicitor, W. C. Fitzgerald, against Duncan and Josephine McKellar of this city for \$879.16, balance due for time and material in erecting a house for the McKellars.

WRIT FOR \$58.70.

A. R. Douglas has issued a county court writ on behalf of F. H. Butler of London, against A. E. H. Ladd and the London Art Glass and Mirror Works, Limited, for \$58.70, loaned to the defendants by the plaintiff.

Thieves Take Virgin Jewels

Associated Press Despatch. Oviedo, Spain, Dec. 11.—Thieves yesterday broke into the bishop's palace and carried away the jewels of the Virgin of Covadonga which were a gift from the Austrians to America in 1918. The crowns of both the virgin and the child, which were adorned with 9,045 precious stones, some of them of considerable value, were stolen.

FARMERS REPORT BUDDING LILACS

Unprecedented Weather Conditions for December in London District.

Spring is here! Anyone inclined to question this statement is referred to district farmers, who report that lilac trees are already commencing to bud. This is an unprecedented condition. Ordinarily the buds remain dormant through the winter and sprout in early spring. This year they are already coming out. Signifying, of course, that spring is here.

Within the memory of the oldest inhabitant has such exceptional weather existed in this district. The fall of snow to date has been nil and the temperature has been correspondingly high. This morning a definite nip was in the air and wisecrackers predicted snow before evening, but the thermometer remained stationary for a time and then took an upward swing.

While farmers are breathing satisfaction, fruit growers are moaning. An open winter usually precedes a poor fruit crop, and the apple, peach and strawberry men are not looking forward to a profitable season next spring and summer. They say the buds will be frozen before the cold season is half through its allotted span and a slender, undergarbed yield is bound to result.

DRURY PREDICTS F.O. WILL STAGE COMEBACK

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The big four-day convention opened this morning with the annual session of the shareholders of the Limited Farmers Co-operative Company. Col. J. Z. Fraser, president, presided.

Both E. C. Drury and J. J. Morrison are in attendance, and the latter, as secretary, will take a leading part in the affairs throughout the week.

SAYS U. F. O. WILL COME BACK.

To the Advertiser he professed supreme confidence in the future of the United Farmer movement as an important movement in the country, and discussed the declaration credited to Howard Ferguson that, in effect, "The U. F. O. was not worthy of much recognition."

The "Man from Crown Hill" voiced the opinion that "Mr. Drury talked too much in any event," and that he was running true to form.

The U. F. O. is the only real live organization," declared Mr. Drury, "and will come back strong."

One of the outstanding announcements today at the convention involves the Farmers' Sun, the official organ of the party, revealing a loss to that publication of \$15,619.91 during the past fifteen months. The total expenditure during that period was \$147,078.27, in addition to the loss of depreciation and loss on bad debts.

EXPLANATION FOR LOSSES.

Receipts during the same months totalled \$135,592.08. The directors of the Farmers' Sun attribute their loss to the tri-weekly issue and in a very smaller degree to the shrinkage in advertising due to a change of economic conditions throughout the province.

During the week the directors concluded that it was necessary to modify the policy and the issues were reduced from three to two per week. Legal opinions having been given that proxies may be voted at the annual meeting on Friday, the announcement is made for benefit of all shareholders in the hope that they may be sent in up to 48 hours before the session and the proxy incidentally suggests that the proxies be made to the following: J. J. Morrison, Col. J. Z. Fraser and Mrs. J. S. Amos.

DUNDAS CENTRAL LEAGUE.

Miss Hazel Cunningham was in charge of last night's meeting of the Young People's League of the Dundas Central Methodist Church, when Miss Margaret Letteney took the topic, "The Building of a Nation," solo was rendered by Miss Irene Ferby with piano accompaniment by Miss Helen Hardy. The Bible lesson was read by Miss Clara Blair.

SERVICE BLANK.

The Service Band of the First Presbyterian Church held a short business meeting last evening to clear up accounts for the year. The recent successful bazaar, at which they cleared a sum in the neighborhood of \$400. No further meetings will be held now until the new year.

FUNERAL OF M. J. MC CARTHY.

The funeral of Michael John McCarthy, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. O. McCarthy, who was drowned Sunday morning, was held yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 255 Oxford street, to St. Peter's Cemetery. Father O'Donnell conducted the services at the house and at the grave.

SUES FOR \$631.86.

The Consolidated Products Ltd., through Flock and Flock of this city, have issued a county court writ against W. M. Carlson of London as the maker of a promissory note for \$631.86.

LONDON NEEDS BIG STOCK ARENA SAYS E. S. LITTLE

Belief Held That Guelph Winter Fair Will Ultimately Come Here.

ENTITLED BY POSITION

Bringing the winter fair from Guelph to London may require patience and time but it is virtually certain to come here, according to citizens who have been working for years with this object in view.

E. S. Little, of Robinson-Little Co. here, and one of the most enthusiastic supporters of agricultural exhibits in the city, stated today that the big thing for London is to secure the Guelph winter fair can be removed here, is an arena at the Western Fair grounds. This will cost \$400,000 to build, in time he expects the money will be procured and as soon as it is collected there is small doubt that the famous fair will become a permanent institution in this city.

"Things are not being neglected," Mr. Little said. "The mayor and others interested in this idea are working to bring the winter fair to London. The main features, of course, is securing money for constructing an arena. Even the Guelph people seem to favor the idea."

As the hub of a great farming district, London, it is said, is entitled to the winter fair. The importance of maintaining such an organization here cannot be too strongly emphasized, Mr. Little said. It would give the city a certain prestige which other cities lack. Eventually it is almost certain to come, although nothing definite can be announced at this date.

"A project of this nature will bring untold benefit to London," he added. "The city will then be known as the agricultural capital of the province. Ontario and every farmer and citizen will take a keen interest in the progress of the fair."

INSPECTOR UPHOLDS NEW PLUMBING BYLAW

Says It Has Already Added to Health and Comfort of Citizens.

Inspector Young of the city plumbing department denies vigorously that the present plumbing bylaw in London works out to the advantage of plumbers in any way or that it does not add greatly to the comfort and health of the citizens of the city. Certain amendments made to the bylaw in October by a combined meeting of the board of health, the master plumbers and himself were designed he said to alleviate a difficulty in the expense of plumbing imposed by the bylaw as it then stood.

In the old law back vents were required to be placed on all chimneys in two story houses, but as a cellar and an attic were not counted as stories, it resulted in the man with three full stories and no cellar or attic putting in his plumbing at greater expense than his brother householder who had after sometimes more actual plumbing work.

Under the amended act the three story houses is allowed the same privileges as the two story in the matter of vents and the inspector considers it an improvement in the law.

COLLEGIATE SOCIAL.

All plans have been made for the holding of the get-together-and-get-acquainted social of the students of the East London Collegiate on Friday night. This means of entertaining the students after strenuous school debates in the student parliament and the students are now looking forward to the evening. Games, dancing and athletic are on the program, as well as refreshments, and several rooms of the Central Collegiate, as well as the auditorium, will be used. The time has been set at 7:30 p.m.

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The Bible on Hell

An examination of every scripture text where the word "Hell" is