SAVED BY PRAYER SENT UP TO LORD IN VIMY FIGHTING

Soldier Writes of Appeal Made in Battle.

COMRADES SHOT DOWN

Almost Whole Platoon Annihilated, But Pte. E. C. Chesher Was Saved.

Almost the only one of his platoon to escape death or injury in the terrific fighting of Vimy Ridge, Pte. E. C. Chesher, now in the Crescent War Hospital, looks on his escape as the answer to his prayer uttered as he swept into action "Oh, God! If it be thy will, for my mother's sake, save me."

Pte. Chesher was one of 250 who decided to lead a Christian life at a meeting conducted by Rev. H. H. Bingham at Barriefield last summer. In a letter to the minister, he says: "I don't suppose you will remember me, but I am one of the many whom you saved for Christ last summer at Barriefield.

Accident Shook Faith.

"For a while I remained true, but in July, my little brother, aged 3, fell into a vessel of boiling water. It was so terrible that I went almost insane. When I first got word of the accident, I implored God to save him. Then he died. I hardened my heart, and tried to make myself believe there was no God.

"God was stronger than I, and one night in October while I was sitting in the Y. M. C. A. hut at West Sandling Camp, Kent, he spoke to me so strongly that I had to give in, and in his great and infinite mercy he forgave me all.

Peace and aSfety.

"Never before had I felt him so close as that wet and misty morning we captured Vimy Ridge. I was in the second wave. When about 100 yards from our objective, we broke into a double. The next minute my platoon was almost annihilated. My prayer at that moment was 'Oh, God! If it be thy will, for my mother's sake, save me.' From the moment that I uttered that prayer, I seemed to feel an invisible presence and a feeling of peace and safety entered my soul and remained there throughout the whole action. I came through without a scratch. Tuesday I had to leave the line owing to an attack of trench feet."

GETTING FULL MEASURE OF CITY'S POTATOES

Investigators Find That Bag Weighs What It Should Weigh.

A rumor was afloat today that complaint would be made to the utilities commission that citizens' money was being wasted in the sale of potatoes. A committee of citizens purchased two bags of potatoes from the commission, and had them weighed on the city scales. One weighed 91 pounds, and the other 91½ pounds. Allowing for the bags, the purchasers certainly got their full weight of potatoes for a bushel and a half. "I do not see what chance there can be for complaining," said General Manager Buchanan. "We bought the potatoes on the understanding that a bag of potatoes meant 90 pounds of potatoes, and we are selling them on the same basis. I have heard rumors that we were going to be shown up, but I don't mind having that kind of criticism." The potatoes are the Early Ohio and Carman varieties, considered high grade potatoes by all dealers. There is a demand for the tubers.

OFFICERS INSTALLED BY SUPREME GRAND MASTER

Sir Knight A. W. Chapman Officiates at Coeur de Lion Preceptory.

The installation of officers of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Templar, took place last evening in the Masonic Temple, under the direction of the supreme grand master, R. E. Sir Knight A. W. Chapman, Winnipeg. There was a record attendance of the members.

The officers installed were: Past preceptor, E. M. Sir Knight Ben Noble; presiding preceptor, E. Sir Knight J. H. Moran; constable, Sir Knight Thomas Fawkes; marshal, Sir Knight F. E. Harley; chaplain, R. E. Sir Knight A. Carpothers; registrar, E. Sir Knight Sam Baker; treasurer, R. E. Sir Knight C. W. McGuire; sub-marshal, Sir Knight Jos. McDougall; captain of the guard, Sir Knight G. E. Logan; almoner, Sir Knight J. J. Dyer; first standard-bearer, Sir Knight N. P. Walsh; second standard-bearer, Sir Knight H. Hayman; swordbearer, Sir Knight W. D. MacGregor; organist, Sir Knight S. Southcott; guard, Sir Knight A. D. Holman.

There was a short banquet after the ceremonies, Sir Knight Chapman and others making addresses.

MEDICINES, LIKE MEN

Have Character—Appearance, Quality, Merit, Results.

The first favorable impression made by Hood's Sarsaparilla is confirmed by continued use. It is a harmonious combination of compatible ingredients, perfect pharmaceutically—that is, it is the finest product of most skillful pharmacy. And in therapeutic value—or power to cure—it is one of the best medicines America has ever produced.

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For your humors, or for rheumatism, weak stomach, loss of appetite, that tired feeling—take Hood's Sarsaparilla. It will do you good.

LEADING OPPONENTS OF CHURCH UNION WILL SPEAK HERE

Many Leading Presbyterians Believe in Delay

UNTIL WAR IS ENDED

Favor Reaching Decision Only When Great Task Is Consummated.

A meeting of anti-unionists of the Presbyterian Church has been called for Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Hyman Hall, when the speakers of the occasion will be Rev. Dr. K. J. Fraser of Knox Church, Galt; Rev. James Wilson of Dovercourt Road Church, Toronto, and C. C. MacDonald of Toronto.

Though no anti-union organization has been formed in the city up to the present time, it is known that a number of both ministers and laymen of the presbytery are not in favor, at least of consummation in the immediate future, in view of the large minority opposed.

Rev. W. M. Martin, clerk of the presbytery, stated today: "There are three classes who are opposed to church union. First, there are the people who are opposed to organic union. So far as my experience goes, I do not know any of these in the city. In the second place, there are those who are opposed to the basis of union, and in the third, those who are opposed to union in view of the large minority against it and the prospects involved of disruption in the church if union is effected in the immediate future.

Good Sense to Delay.

"Personally, I was in favor of church union up to the time of the vote of the people and the resultant large minority in opposition. It seems to me that with so large a minority and the prospects of disruption and involved litigation, that it would be good sense to delay union. Further, I believe that eventually, delay at the present would be favorable to the consummation of union. Hurry in the matter would simply defeat the original aims of organic church union. With co-operation and steps to prevent overlapping in mission fields for the present, there is no reason why we should not progress harmoniously to federation."

With regard to the vote taken by the presbytery of London at St. Thomas at the last meeting, favoring immediate consummation of union, Mr. Martin explained: "There has been some misunderstanding on the part of the public. A year ago last March, the London Presbytery in vote expressed favor of the basis of union, but the view that the time was not ripe for consummation, in face of the large minority opposed."

By Bare Majority.

At the recent meeting in St. Thomas, when the overture from the General Assembly was again up for discussion, the motion for immediate steps towards consummation was carried by a majority of two, showing the presbytery pretty evenly divided on the subject. At that, the meeting was not an entirely representative one, owing to the fact that a number of the elders were absent owing to seeding operations.

Among the ministers of the city who, it is understood, are unfavorable to union, either with respect to the basis or the immediate consummation, are Rev. James MacKay of New St. James Presbyterian Church, Rev. J. G. Stuart of Knox Church, Rev. Mr. Drum, who is taking charge of Chalmers Church in the absence of Capt. (Rev.) A. Graham; Rev. Mr. Jamieson of Knollwood Park, Rev. J. Hosie of London Junction and Rev. Mr. Wright of St. Paul's Church.

A. S. MacGregor, elder in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and one of the prominent laymen of the presbytery, who has been opposed to the basis of union, is further opposed to steps being taken either for or against until after the war.

"I do not think this is a time for either union or anti-union meetings," he stated. "Our first business is to win the war and to pull together as harmoniously as possible in our church life. What on earth is the sense of stirring up strife and trouble when excitement is at fever pitch as it is? What we want to do is to keep peace as far as possible. The matter of church union can easily rest in abeyance till the war is over, when we will be in a frame of mind to sit down and discuss it quietly and arrive at an understanding that will be satisfactory."

CONGREGATION TAKES UP RECTOR'S RETIREMENT

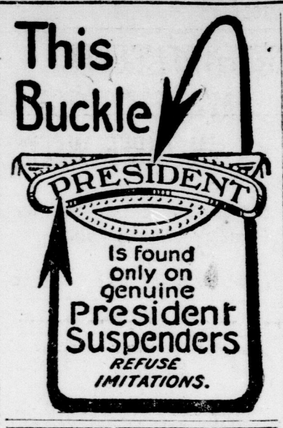
No Successor to Very Rev. Dean Davis Until After Synod Meeting.

The superannuation of Very Rev. Dean E. Davis and his retirement from the rectorate of St. James' Anglican Church was discussed at a well-attended congregational meeting last night. No definite action was taken except to appoint a committee as the application for superannuation must come before the synod meeting in June, and until it is granted no steps can be taken in securing another minister to take charge of the parish. It was decided to grant an annuity to supplement the superannuation allowance.

The members of the committee appointed, with James A. Thomas as convener, were A. O. Hunt, Arthur White, Thomas Maine and John Weld. If the dean is superannuated his resignation will likely take effect by September 30.

MEDICAL BANQUET.

The class of '19 of the Western University Medical School held its annual dinner last evening at the Grand Cafe. L. C. Hillis was toastmaster and the list included the following: "The Faculty," proposed by M. Watson and responded to by Dr. McKibben; "The University," proposed by F. C. Ferguson and responded to by E. V. Pardee; "The Profession," proposed by L. W. Pritchett and responded to by C. L. Houghton; "Western Boys at the Front," proposed by R. A. Johnson and responded to by Gunner R. P. Reynolds; "The Ladies," proposed by N. W. Keyser and responded to by W. A. Elgie; "Athletics," proposed by J. A. McLarty and responded to by A. W. Smith; "The Class of '19," proposed by A. J. Bremner and responded to by W. W. Shosenberg.



VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A REAL GRIEVANCE THAT SHOULD BE ABOLISHED.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

The store salespeople of London, of whom a large percentage are women and girls, have patiently worked late into the hours of Saturday night for years, but now they think the time has arrived when this condition should be changed, so a large number of the employees engaged in the dry goods, millinery, ladies' ready-to-wear, smallwares, etc., signed a request and presented it to the merchants to have the stores closed at 6 p.m. on Saturdays instead of 10 p.m., as at present.

Several of the merchants expressed their willingness to close at this hour on condition that all other opposition stores in the same line close also. Others wished the rule extended to embrace not only the central business district on Dundas street, but the east end stores as well, and to include other branches of business in order to make it comprehensive and fair to all. A few of the merchants were openly in opposition to the movement, while some were non-committal.

The purpose of those urging this change is to exercise fairness as far as possible towards all.

The purchasing public are able to lend considerable help.

First of all, a feeling of unpleasantness between employers and employed must be avoided. No threats should be made on either side or a strike attitude created in connection with the question.

The hearty sympathy and co-operation of both the trades and labor council, as well as that of the London Ministerial Association has been secured in order that from their standpoint they may lend what help they can.

All merchants are dependent on the purchasing public and strive to accommodate and serve them in order to succeed, therefore, the merchants' views are important.

It is claimed by storekeepers that there are some classes of workers who cannot do their purchasing at any other time than after 6 p.m. on Saturdays, instancing laborers who work to 5 p.m. on that day and domestic servants and some factory employees. The crowded stores and streets on Saturday nights are pointed out as evidence of this being the case.

Is it really so that those who crowd the streets at these late hours are laborers, domestic servants and factory operatives? If they appear so to the storekeepers there may possibly be a mistake. If they are not, then what excuse have other classes for demanding this late service? Are our crowded downtown streets frequented at these Saturday night hours only by working people, who cannot get earlier to do their shopping?

Whether this be the case or not, is it fair to ask a woman or girl to be on duty from 8 or 8:30 a.m. on Saturday until 10 p.m.? Should her post of duty demand these inhumanly long hours, when the great majority of employees in banks, offices, government service and factories, as well as schools and other businesses are at liberty?

If workers and others who can do their shopping at other hours during the week would do so and try to relieve the hardship they are imposing on this portion of the working class, the situation could soon be changed. Also those employing domestic help should consider and grant an opportunity for their assistants to do their shopping at earlier hours.

In defence, however, of shorter hours it might be pointed out that the largest and most prosperous businesshouses in this country have not only the shortest hours, but also have a very large patronage from the working classes. It cannot be argued that the working classes do not appreciate the service of these establishments. It is clear. The merchants would not keep their stores open so late if they did not get customers. It is also clear that those who expect attention at these late hours have not seriously considered the burden they are imposing on those who serve.

The summer season is approaching and it is positively cruel to expect tender girls to stand behind the counters of London up to 10 o'clock on hot Saturday nights. It is only those serving in this capacity who fully know the exacting nature of their post. Is it Christian to demand that those who patiently and obligingly render their best service to employers and the public, ever striving to please both, and sometimes not succeeding in pleasing either, should be worn out prematurely and unnecessarily when conditions can be changed?

The salespeople have no craft organization through which to enforce their demands, and they do not desire to be under the necessity of forming one.

Let the clergy speak out. Let the trades and labor representatives speak out. Let the purchasing public think out whether the continuance of this condition is fair.

Much more could be said on the subject, but it would be perhaps trespass too far on your valued space. If fairness and right prevail late Saturday night trading will soon apss away with other undesirable conditions, and possibly our city council will be empowered to make a permanent bylaw relegating late Saturday night trading to the limbo of a dead past.

Do your bit for the salespeople,

ANNIE ADELAIDE.

London, Ont., May 15, 1917.

SERGT. GARRETT GUEST OF BLACK KNIGHTS

A reception was tendered Sergt. Eldon Garrett by the brother Knights of the Duke of York Preceptory, London Township, at the home of Sir Knight William Shoebottom recently.

Worshipful Preceptor Khol acted as chairman, and welcomed Sergt. Garrett back to their midst.

Sergt. Garrett made a suitable reply of thanks, during which he told the audience a little of trench life.

Speeches were made by the other Black Knights present, and were replied to in an admirable manner by the returned hero's father, Sir Knight Alexander Garrett.

Music was well rendered by several of those present, the Misses Khol showing excellent musical talent. Refreshments were served by the ladies and were greatly appreciated. The evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

VISIT OF DUKE TO CITY IS POSTPONED

City Clerk Baker has been informed that the proposed visit of the Duke of Devonshire to London has been indefinitely postponed.

All preparations to entertain the distinguished visitor have as a result been abandoned. However, it is expected that his excellency will come to London later in the summer.

$3.00 WHEAT PRICE.

ST. THOMAS, May 14.—The Empire Flour Mills paid $3 a bushel to farmers for wheat deliveries today. This is the highest price paid for grain in this city as far as any records show.

$101,000 PAID OUT BY CITY TO KIN OF MEN WHO FELL

Number of Men Failed To Have Lives Insured.

NOW BONA FIDES GET $500

City Pays Claims To Those Who Have Lived in City One Year.

The city has paid out death claims for soldiers killed at the front aggregating $101,000. There are policies outstanding amounting to $5,000, for soldiers missing, but for whom no death certificates have been presented. There are probably a score of others from London who went away uninsured, and who have no dependents.

This amount covers 151 soldiers who have been killed or died of wounds and other causes. Of these 105 were insured in various insurance companies, the Metropolitan, the State Life of Indiana, and the Aetna. Fifty-one were insured in the first two battalions, the 1st and 18th, and were able to secure $1,000 policies. Fifty-four were insured for $500 each in companies, and the others, 46 in number, were covered by the civic insurance fund.

It is impossible to count the number of Londoners who enlisted in other cities, and who were not protected by the civic or other insurance scheme here. Many who enlisted in London were not covered, as they had not resided here one year prior to enlistment. City officials state that quite a few refused, or neglected to get insurance, although efforts are being made to have them secure insurance on the civic plan. At present, if a London man is killed and is proved a bona fide citizen, the city pays his dependents $500, whether he was insured or not.

"We are doing our best to look after all the dependents," said City Treasurer Bell.

MINISTER INTERCEDES FOR MAN WHO STOLE CYCLE

Young Soldier Pleads Guilty—Sentence Is Suspended.

Harold Ketchebaw, whose home is near Eden, a small village in Oxford county, pleaded guilty in police court today to stealing a bicycle, the property of Rev. J. H. Boyd. He was allowed to go on suspended sentence and will be dealt with further by the military authorities. He is a member of the Special Service Corps. He enlisted with the 186th (Oxford) Battalion and was discharged from that unit because of flat feet. Capt. McAuley informed the magistrate that there were no bad conduct records against him in the militia. The bicycle was stolen from in front of the Y.M.C.A. last evening and was recovered at an east end bicycle shop by Detective Nickle as Ketchebaw was in the act of trying to sell it. He explained he had taken the wheel only to go for a ride and had no intentions of selling it until it occurred to him that he was broke.

"What difference would that make? You are fed, housed and clothed, so why would you need to steal to get money?" asked the magistrate.

Rev. J. H. Boyd, the complainant, here interceded on behalf of the boy and said, "I have no desire to press the charge, your worship. I think it was a sudden temptation on his part and this may serve as a lesson to him not to do so again. I am satisfied if you release him on suspended sentence, with a warning.

Mary Bailey, charged with the theft of a gold locket and chain and a purse containing $12 from Francis Demore, 599 Richmond street, was unable to appear having been sent to the hospital because of sudden illness. The case was enlarged until Saturday. Two persons charged with intoxication were fined $10 each or ten days in jail. One pleaded not guilty and said he had been taken suddenly ill and was in that condition when found by a patrolman in a lumber yard. He was unable to explain why he had a bottle of whiskey in his pocket and the reason for the fragrant aroma of Montreal whiskey, so noticeable on his person. The other pleaded guilty and trotted out that familiar alibi about a friend on the street with a bottle, the latter insisted on him drinking. Both were successful, the one in his efforts to get his friend to drink and the latter in getting drunk.

Two young men pleaded guilty to fighting on Egerton street last evening. Both were Orangemen and claimed they took exception to certain remarks made by the adherents of a different religion. They were allowed to go with a warning to leave religious arguments to the ministers.

AFTER MORE MEMBERS.

At a meeting of the executive of the Irish Benevolent Society held last evening it was decided to put on a membership campaign. It is expected that the number of members will be increased to 500.

President, Ed J. Carty; B. C. McCann, Fire Chief Aitken, A. B. Greer, J. H. Fowler, A. C. Carty and Secretary Frank Hughes have the matter in hand.

IF YOU WANT EVIDENCE

That Hemorrhoids, or Piles, Can Be Completely Cured, Read These Letters—Both Are Sworn Statements.

Toronto, Ont., April 10.—Next to personal experience the sworn statements of reliable people is the strongest evidence obtainable. If you have any doubt that Dr. Chase's Ointment will positively and completely cure piles, these letters should convince you.

Mr. Samuel Parker, fruit grower, Grimsby, Ont., has made the following declaration before M. W. W. Kidd, notary public, of the same place: "I do solemnly declare that I was troubled with bleeding piles and was advised to go to the hospital to have an operation performed. My wife said: 'No, get a box of Dr. Chase's Ointment.' I did so, and have used it according to directions while living in Manitoba, and obtained a complete cure, for I have never been troubled with piles since. I am now 70 years of age, and want to recommend Dr. Chase's Ointment to all sufferers from piles. My wife has used it for itching skin and obtained complete cure."

Mr. Donald M. Campbell, Campbell's Mountain, N. S., writes: "I have used Dr. Chase's Ointment with great success for hemorrhoids or piles of fifteen years' standing. After trying all kinds of so-called pile cures, three boxes of Dr. Chase's Ointment gave me a complete cure. I have also used Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and there are no others so good. You may use this letter, if you wish, for the benefit of others who may suffer as I did."

Sworn before me, Murdoch Gordon Campbell, J.P., in the county and for Inverness County.

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Knives, Forks, Spoons, etc. Gifts for the June bride.

New Cut Glass

Fresh stock just opened, new patterns and cutting.

GIFTS FOR THE JUNE BRIDE.

Basement.

For the Summer Festivities---This New Millinery

It was certainly designed for garden parties, summer resorts, for afternoon tea upon the living-porch—having an air of dress, and yet so quietly does this fact impress you that it really seems informal.

Distinctly a midsummer millinery blossom, and there are so many, many wonderfully good models that we could not even suggest the one that you might like best of all.

Artistic Creations for Early Summer

This first complete showing of new Summer Millinery has a distinctive air of exclusiveness. The shapes, the designs, the trimmings—all have a smartness that is generally considered to be had only in Hats at a much higher price. These are the very Hats—in designs—that have found such favor with the smart shops of Fifth Avenue, New York. WE INVITE YOUR INSPECTION TOMORROW, WEDNESDAY AND FOLLOWING DAYS.

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In Basement.

Free Demonstration

Grape Nuts—New Post Toasties and Instant Postum.

Samples served free all this week at demonstration counter. Try a serving of these delicious breakfast cereals and a cup of Postum when in the store.

First Complete Presentation of Newest Summer Apparel

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