

## VIOLENCE IN OUR STREETS

Subject of Strong Sermon by Dr. Lyle in Central.

Anniversary Services in Wesley Church Yesterday.

City Ministers Speak on Bible and Religion.

Emphatically strong and forcible was Dr. Lyle's address last evening in Central Presbyterian Church, when he spoke on "Violence in our streets." He took his text from the 55th Psalm, 9th verse. Dr. Lyle said that a well-known representative man said to him recently that Socialism was spreading, but he meant Anarchism, not Socialism, because Socialism is what is wanted—the spread of true Socialism, the Socialism of Jesus Christ, of St. Paul, of Charles Kingsley. Anarchy must be restrained, said Dr. Lyle; must be uprooted, for it is anti-Christian and the enemy of civilization. Anarchy is not local, but as broad as civilization. Anarchy is fire, murder and plunder, and follows independence, because there is nobody independent. All are free, but none independent, for all are dependent on God, on society, on pious mothers. True freedom is based on God, is consistent with love. Before we characterize the use of physical punishment in the home, school or state, it would be well to study what is our position. The Bible says "The whip for the horse, the bridle for the ass and the rod for the fool's back." And the rod is the best thing for the suppression of Anarchy. There is need to look after the administration of the law. When authority broke down in the home then the school would be the recruiting ground for anarchy. What is wanted are homes that are more than places that are used to sleep and eat in occasionally. The institution of the old home, which was better than the new. School teachers should be given authority for the larger advantage of the community. He said it was wrong to take a boy or girl, caught in lawlessness, through the public streets, for their first crime. It is wrong to try a boy or girl in an open court. It should never be "The Gibson Act" was the best on the statute book. The administration of law is not to be laid at the door of our judges or police, the people are to blame. Dr. Lyle, in conclusion, said there was no need to get in a panic about crime in Hamilton, because from a study of the statistics of this city it was as moral as any in the old land or the new either, and he could corroborate the statistics by a 31 years residence here. Crime is not all here, it is world wide, but we must aim to keep the church and State clear. The key note of Dr. Lyle's address was that physical punishment is the best method of dealing with the night owl, the robber and such violent criminals, and the root of preventing such crime was in the education of the children—educating them in the fullest significance of the word.

**AUTHORITY IN RELIGION.**  
Rev. J. R. VanVleet's address yesterday morning in Westminster Presbyterian Church was from Romans iii, 31, and the subject was "Authority in Religion." Absolutely sincere he was in all he said, telling the congregation that what he said on the subject was not without a deal of serious thinking and much prayer and whatever he said was God's truth to him, and it would be only true to those present when proven, and every one must use his own judgment, being guided by the divine. Throw Judaism out of Christianity, he said, and stand for the universal religion of Jesus Christ. Right of private judgment is due to everybody and not to be governed by external laws, but by the monitor within. When a man whose eyes are opened follows another man whose eyes are not opened, what shall he say at the last day? It will not do to go to the Church, on confession, for God will ask, "What about reason, and the ability to think? About my word in the Bible through the prophets, through my Son Jesus Christ?" A man will therefore be without excuse. The pastor said, "We are coming to put in the new age, when we will be delivered from externals and all shall know the inner words of the prophets, man will be the bond of friendship with man through Jesus Christ. Personal religion will stand and will not come by outside authority, but by our own minds, by loving him and obeying him. Man's own nature born within him will bring the new age." It is no use, he said, quarrelling about the first eleven chapters of Genesis. Get the religion of Jesus Christ, then there's no need to worry. Take God's truth from His word and put it in the heart, then it will save men. It's making men feel the divinity of Christ, not making them give it up, that will stand. But the world is not yet at such a happy consummation so greatly to be desired. In conclusion, he urged all to get the spirit of Jesus; not to compel ourselves with others, but with God, and he will lead all to the truth; not to get impatient, nor weary in well doing. There will be a revelation and a confirmation of faith, but trust in God till the shadows lie away.

**WESLEY ANNIVERSARY.**  
Large congregations were present at the anniversary services held yesterday in Wesley Church. The speaker of the day was Rev. Dr. Cleaver, of Metropolitan Church, Toronto, and there has not been a more eloquent man speaking the word of God in this city for some time. Gifted with a magnetic personality and in command of a beautiful flow of language, Dr. Cleaver has that convincing power of earnestness that leaves a profound impression. In the morning he spoke from the text, "The Lord is my Shepherd," from the 23rd Psalm. In a masterly way painting Dr. Cleaver told of the incidents in the life of the shepherd boy David, which led up to the writing of the most beautiful portion of the Old Testament. After showing the hardship, poverty, and injustice that David had been subjected to, and how David was able to offer a psalm of thanksgiving amid it all, Dr. Cleaver brought home its application to modern times. Here was shown a perseverance in search of truth, that could only result from a firm belief in the wonderful kindness of God.

In the evening the church was filled to its utmost capacity, to hear Dr. Cleaver speak from Matthew xviii, 25, "But he that had received one talent, went and dug in the earth, and hid his lord's money." All plants were not alike. There is the stately pine, which rises majestically above the trees of the forest,

there is the sturdy oak, whose strength bids defiance to the fiercest of storms; there is the drooping willow, which spreads its branches over the stream to protect the fish from the glare of the noon-day sun, and there is the tiny flower, whose beauty and fragrance may to all appearances be wasted on the desert air, but it is not.

And so it is the same with Christians. Some there are who stand in stately nobility, others who remind one of the sturdy oak. There are those who can be likened to the willow, always ready to stretch out a hand to the needy in distress, and then there are those who, like the floweret, make religion by their presence.

Dr. Cleaver did not speak of those who are possessed of extraordinary ability, but to the ordinary people, who make up the nation, to whom God has entrusted the one talent. He told the story of the parable of the lord who gave to one servant five talents, to another two talents, and to another one talent, with the instructions to use the talents to the best advantage. The mean and selfish disposition of the man with the one talent was vividly portrayed, getting back to his subject again, Dr. Cleaver said that people have a great fault of calling things their own. "Is time our own?" asked Dr. Cleaver, which the answer is "No." We know that time is a gift of God, to be severed at His will. Everything belongs to God, for His disposition in any way He chooses. There are people to this day who are taking the example of the man with the one talent. How many are there who refuse to recognize the responsibility of fellow-man in these days? There was not much that God expected men and women to do, but the responsibility was there just the same. The little one talent, only concentrated to good, would sweep away the iniquities of this world. God distributes His talents according to the ability of each person. Everyone has an equal chance before God. When the talent is not made use of, then a sin is committed against our neighbors and against our souls. To become rich in power of services is the only riches. When one task has been completed, God has always greater tasks to be accomplished. Those men who are making use of their talents, are the men who are shaking the spiritual forces of the world to-day.

An old-fashioned tea meeting will be held this evening, to be followed by a programme of music.

**ST. JAMES' CHURCH.**  
Though the new St. James' Presbyterian Church has nearly four times the seating capacity of the old building, it has been necessary to provide extra chairs to seat the congregation and visitors since the dedication. Rev. Prof. Ballantyne, D. D., of Knox College, occupied the pulpit yesterday and gave two very able discourses. In the evening he preached an inspiring sermon on the imperativeness of sacrifice to Christianity. The very genius of Christianity, he said, professes itself in sacrifice. That is the law that Jesus gave to all who call Him their Lord and Master. By plain word and parable God tells what it means to be a disciple. "To be my disciple," you must give up the love of your family, even your own life, if it stands in the way of your duty to me. The follower of Christ must not only deny himself, but he must take up the burden of the cross. Jesus did not mean that it was a difficult thing to become a Christian. Sacrifice is a divine thing. The Son of God came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. How much He gave, how little He asked. "Come unto Me, all ye who have labored and are heavy laden." When the church took definite shape in the world the law of sacrifice was still in force, and when the church became so great that the strength of the Roman empire was put forth to crush it, it meant sacrifice to be a Christian. Even in these days it is the law of sacrifice that must prevail. It must not mean with any of us an accommodation with the outward appearances of life. Sacrifice involves a positive acceptance of sorrow not as something that will be followed by joy, for sorrow is not always nursed by joy, and it soon takes the grindstone of time to wear it away. What you give, be it something material, or be it something sympathetic, it must be a part of yourself to be a sacrifice. If the spirit of Christ be within us our life must express itself in harmony with the laws of sacrifice.

In conclusion Mr. Ballantyne said, "You have entered into a new era in the history of this congregation, and I congratulate you upon the splendid edifice which you have erected to worship in. The very greatest thing that you can do is to make yourselves better by consecration and sacrifice to others."

**IS TRUSTWORTHY.**  
In First Methodist Church yesterday the pastor, Rev. R. J. Treleven, preached at both services on the subject, "Is the Bible Trustworthy?" His text was, "The word of the Lord is tried." His evening sermon was a strong one. He dealt with the Bible in its accomplishments—its record during all the ages in the conversion and uplifting of individuals, communities and nations, showing that the words of his text were true, that the Bible had been tried and never found wanting.

**EMERALD STREET CHURCH.**  
Rev. Dr. Williamson last night preached on "Hamilton's Carnival of Crime: Its Cause and Cure." The text chosen was Acts 19 chapter and parth of the 29th verse, "The whole city was filled with confusion." Never in its history, the speaker has Hamilton been so thoroughly aroused as it is at the present time. One theme is discussed on the street corners, on the cars, in the work shop, in the stores and on the market, namely, the prevalence of crime. Outside newspapers are referring to our city in no complimentary terms. Beginning with the Barron murder, the speaker enumerated the glaring crimes committed in this city down to the present. Surely Hamilton is having a carnival of crime, he said. Referring to the unkind and unjust criticism of the police force in some quarters, he said the police were not to blame. With 70 men in all, only about one-half could be on duty at one time; and surely these could not supervise a city the size of Hamilton and prevent crime. Why are there not a larger number of police for the force. The chief has called again and

again for increased help. The commissioners and aldermen, no doubt, are willing to grant the request were it not for the tumult which would be caused if the necessary expenditure and the consequent increase of taxes were made. The police are doing their best, and are a noble, brave lot of men. What are the causes which have led to the increase of crime? They are many, but he would mention only three. The first was parental neglect in caring for and training the children. This is seen in the lack of respect shown to older people. Many children are getting a street education, which is preparing them for a life of crime. Children from six to fourteen can be seen on our street corners at all hours of the evening, even as late as 11 o'clock. Cheap ten-cent blood and thunder novels, cheap shows, where burglars, highwaymen and train robbers are exhibited in their escape from pursuers as shrewd and brave were a menace. From reading such books and seeing such pictures the boys go to some back yard and play highwayman, desperado and bloody Indian. The second cause he mentioned was the growing doubt concerning the Bible being the inspired word of God. Infidels may fight the Book and do no great injury. When it gets the knife from its supposed friends no wonder men doubt its inspiration. Where doubt is once fastened in the mind concerning the Book, the door is flung open wide for anything. Third—The demoralizing effect of the liquor traffic. In Hamilton there are more bars than poplars more bartenders than preachers, more grog than gospel, more money spent to debauch men by drink than to support the God's cause. Then we wonder at the crime. The cure? Destroy the cause and the effect will cease. Arouse parents and demand a sense of duty. Let your faith settle down firmly on the old tried Bible as the inspired word of God. Arouse the public conscience to see the work of man's worst enemy, the open bar. Demand a change in the three-fifths clause in voting for local option; close the bars; seek a revival of pure religion in all churches. Live near to God and you will be doing much to remove the prevalence of crime.

The Dominion Government may postpone settlement of the provincial boundaries question for a year if the conditions are not accepted by the Manitoba Government.

## MUSICIANS AND PLAYERS



Al. H. Wilson, the ambassador of German dialect in "When Old New York Was Dutch," will be the offering at the Grand to-night. The story of the play is a most interesting one, full of comedy, pathos and pleasing climaxes, while the music is melodious. The tale deals with life and incidents of former days on Manhattan Island. Mr. Wilson is the author of his songs, and ample opportunity is given, during the progress of the play, for the enjoyment of the catchy ballads rendered in the clear, rich voice for which Mr. Wilson is famous. Among them are "Hein," "The Old Chimney Corner," "Auf Wiedersehen, Fraulein," and "Songs of the Camp."

**AT THE SAVOY.**  
To-night the Sisman Stock Company will produce the exquisite play, "The Little Minister." Miss Margaret Hagen has been engaged for the role of Babbie, a role she has played many times in some of the leading stock companies of the States. A prominent critic, speaking of her portrayal of Lady Babbie, said: "She has grace, sufficient comeliness of figure and face to match it. She is winsome, has a light and dainty touch. She has, besides, dignity, power of humorous portrayal." That Miss Hagen won the hearts of her audience was best evidenced by the fact that she was compelled to respond to several curtain calls, the climax being reached after the third act, when she was obliged to respond six times. She was released then until she stepped forward and, with charming grace and a rare sweet smile, thanked them for their appreciation. In the presentation this week at the Savoy we will be given one of the prettiest, sweetest and most humorous productions of Barrie's exquisite play ever seen in Hamilton. Mr. Sisman should be in his element as Gavin Dysart, the little minister.

At the matinee to-morrow photographs of Miss Pearl Gray, the dainty little ingenue of the company, will be given. Miss Gray has become a great favorite of the stock patrons.

Seats were placed on sale to-day for "The Merchant of Venice," next week. "THE WITCHING HOUR." One of those coincidences more startling than anything in applied psychology was dug up recently by Augustus Thomas on a visit to Louisville. Thomas went to the Kentucky city to gather material for a novel to be based on his great play, "The Witching Hour," which was seen for over a year at the Hackett Theatre, New York, and which the Messrs. Schubert will present at the Grand Opera House on Monday and Tuesday of next week. Three of the drama's four acts occur in Louisville, and in the last act it is told that Jack Brookfield sends Clay Whipple to find Hardmuth in 107 Jackson street. "When I reached Louisville," said Thomas, "one of my first thoughts was that I ought, to justify the choice of that street and number, described in the play as the site of a negro shanty where the 'witching hour' originally, I had hit upon Jackson street because in every southern town you are sure to find an ancient street named for Gen. Jackson. I placed the shanty of the negro there because my sense of fitness led me to suppose that, the street being in the old part of the town, the more pretentious dwellings would be far away from it. Sure enough, the cab I took in my search for 107 rambled further and further into the most ancient part of the town, and when the driver pulled up and said, 'This is Jackson street, we were in the heart of the slums. I got out and asked a passer-by where 107 was. 'I don't think there is any such number,' he replied. 'This is the street you walk down toward the river you may find that there is.' 'We wandered along for two blocks, and a block from the river there were two houses. On the lower floor of one was a saloon. I went in and asked

the man the number, and he said 101. I asked him what was the number of the little shanty in the middle of the block. 'That is 107,' he replied, and I was so much amazed at the discovery that it was not until I had bought a few impossible cigars that the coincidence dawned on me. I went to 107, and it was in every way the kind of dwelling I had imagined Hardmuth would be hiding in when Jack Brookfield sent for him."

**AT BENNETT'S THEATRE.**  
The Bennett headliner this week, Middleton, Spellmeyer & Company, presenting "A Texas Wooing," should prove one of the most attractive features seen here in a long time. Aside from the merit of the sketch itself, it is a genuine novelty, because the company which presents it includes the Red Eagle family, full blooded Apache Indians, the only real Indians appearing on the vaudeville stage. Charles B. Middleton, the author of the piece, will be seen in the role of the Texas ranger, and Miss Leana Middleton, a charming actress, makes a sweet looking orphan. The sketch unfolds a pretty love story enacted on the plains of the Lone Star State, and is full of life and action. Not since the success of Hermon and the Great and the famous Kellar have theatre patrons seen an illusionist of such ability as Lawrence Crane, the Irish wizard, who will be one of the big attractions this week. Crane gives a really remarkable exhibition, surpassing anything that has been seen in the city. The climax being the famous trunk trick with which Crane closes his performance. "The Laughing Horse" is a big comedy success, presented by Jas. K. Harris and a company of six people. This is a funny burlesque circus novelty, that type seen this season. Hoey and Lee, who have established themselves as the cleverest team of Hebrew comedians in vaudeville, are well known to local theatre patrons and are sure to be warmly welcomed. Patsy Doyle, a really unique comedian, is another old favorite here, who never fails to please. Dainty Florence Tempest, late of the "Little Nemo" company, is a charming comedienne, with an attractive little offering, and the Yamamoto brothers, Japanese equilibrist, will be seen in a sensational performance.

**ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA.**  
One of the most important attractions that will be seen here this season, in either the musical or dramatic line, is the forthcoming engagement of the Royal Italian Grand Opera Company at the Grand next Friday and Saturday. The Royal Italian Grand Opera Company is certainly the greatest operatic organization ever heard outside a few of the large cities, numbering 100 people and carrying productions complete in every detail. The company has just completed a return engagement of nine nights at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York, and which the press of that city said the most glowing tribute to the principals, orchestra, ensemble and productions. The organization numbers among its members such song birds of international fame as Mrs. Duze-Merola, Mlle. Almeri, Mlle. Bertossi, Mlle. Madalena Bossi, Mlle. G. Strauss, Sig. Torre, Sig. Bari, MM. Arcangeli, Zara, Gravini, Otteri, Gilla and others of note. The opera for this city are: Friday evening, "Lucia di Lammermoor;" Saturday evening, "Traviata;" Saturday evening, "Carmen."

**A CANADIAN SOPRANO.**  
New York, March 15.—Oscar Hammerstein, has under contract a young Canadian singer, Miss La Palme, whom he will present during the coming season in Massenet's opera, "Cinderella." The American rights to which he owns, Miss La Palme is at present in Paris. Mr. Hammerstein said today that he had not heard the new singer, except at a private trial.

"I was very much pleased," said he. "She is a soprano. I made one of my provisional contracts with her. This provided that after I heard her sing I would have the right to have her. These contracts usually run for five years. I am planning to produce 'Cinderella' some time during the coming season, and Miss La Palme will be heard in it. She has sung in London and in France."

## DOCTOR DEAD.

Dr. Glasgow, of Welland, Succumbs to an Old Malady.

Welland, Ont., March 14.—Sinclair Holden Glasgow, M. D., one of the most prominent medical men of the Niagara Peninsula and president of the Ontario Medical Council, died at his home here this morning from an attack of diabetes. He had been a sufferer from the malady some years ago and it returned early this year. A month ago he suffered the amputation of a toe and never rallied from the operation.

Dr. Glasgow was born in 1855 in Township of Stamford. He obtained his medical degree at Toronto School of Medicine in 1878 and immediately began practice in Welland, which he continued until his death. He held the positions of jail surgeon of the county and division surgeon of the Grand Trunk Railway. He had been for a number of years representative of district No. 8, on the Medical Council. He took a prominent part in military affairs and was lieutenant-colonel of the 2nd Dragoons. The funeral will take place on Tuesday with military and Masonic honors.

**Schlatter and Hetty Green.**  
New York, March 14.—Francis Schlatter, a "faith healer" and spectacular "religious" leader, announced to-day that he would this coming week convert Mrs. Hetty Green to his doctrine, and that within a few days he would restore life to several dead persons. Mrs. Green intimates that Schlatter is suffering from delusions.

**CASTORIA.**  
The death occurred yesterday, at his late residence, 14 Maple avenue, Toronto, of Rev. James Smith, a supernumerary minister of the Methodist Church. The deceased was 76 years of age, and was one of the senior ministers of Dunn Avenue Methodist Church.

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## An open doorway into the realm of Paris fashions—That's The Right House--You will be a welcome guest

This announcement will bring thousands of eager people to-morrow and following days to see and to study the new beauties that fashion wizards have dreamed and wrought into realities for women's wear and admiration. No one will be disappointed, for the variety and artistic elegance of the new spring things overshadow any previous display this store has ever made. Striking originality is to be seen everywhere, and those women in quest of original ideas will find the displays a veritable treasure house of authentic style information.

## "Becomingness"—That's the password to Spring millinery Fashions for 1909---Choose the style that suits you best

What marvels of beauty and elegance those French wizards have wrought. Led by woman's whim, these arbiters of fashion in Paris have capitulated, and this season "Becomingness" is the only edict that Dame Fashion has given out. It is seldom that we are privileged to display such millinery elegance devoid of extravagance of price; such dreams of color and style; such perfect examples of the designer-artists' skill.

## Come and see this most elaborate and comprehensive Exposition of new creations for "Milady of Fashion"

The impress of Empire styles still lingers, but it is an advanced Empire. The genius or the eccentricities of the Grand Dames of Napoleon's court, when at its Zenith of splendor, furnish the inspiration of the styles that will rule this Spring. The women of the Court of the Empire evolved fashions that have become characteristic and the hundred years that have elapsed, instead of relegating their modes of dress to oblivion, have but served to render them the classics of modern dress.

Paris and we favor these colorings—the old rose class—the newer tints are Bois Joli, Framboise and Muscadin. The old blues—Delft, Bosphorus and the blues with a greenish tint. The straw colors and light tobacco tints. The amethyst tints from helio to wistria, taupe, smoke, navies, greens, browns. Styles are almost gracious in their diversity, because a woman is left free to choose becomingness. In shapes, long willowy, hipless effects rule. Coats are long, square of shoulder, trimmed or severe. Yes, sashes are a mark of beauty on some costumes. But why try to depict a picture so far beyond the scope of mere type? You must see it to value its full comprehensiveness and beauty.

**The store will be in Springtime dress to-morrow and the welcome to every one to come and enjoy the magnificent display is as big as the store itself**

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## ENCKE'S COMET

May Cause a Sudden Exodus to North Pole.

Talk of war with Japan having, for the time being at least, been effectually suppressed, and the prospects of the early exhaustion of the country's coal and wood resources having ceased to be a sensational bit of information, those of an excitable nature may now turn an apprehensive eye heavenward and feast their imaginations on the always cheerful prospect of the mysterious and unavoidable danger to this terrestrial sphere from an uninvited comet. Halley's comet, one of the Moguls in this line of wandering, irresponsible, chaotic travelers, has been billed by the astronomers to become conspicuous in the heavens at an early date, definite announcement of which is to be made later.

Some idea of the overwhelming bigness of this scorching mass of destruction may be gained from the fact that so vast is the orbit of Halley's comet that it takes 76 years at the rate of many miles a second to go once round the sun. Its tail is millions of miles long and so bright is its light that objects on earth cast shadows at night. This will make the gas and electric light corporations jealous. This great glory of light will be harmless to the earth and the other planets, but a real danger at the same time will be from a comet invisible to the unaided eye. This danger will be from Encke's com-

## THE DOUKHOBORS.

Three Train Loads to Settle in the Pacific Province.

Winnipeg, March 14.—The C. P. R. has arranged to run three special trains from Broadway to southern British Columbia to accommodate the Doukhobors, who will then migrate to the new lands bought by the community. A much larger number of Doukhobors than was anticipated will leave for the west. At the annual meeting of the brotherhood in January it was decided that two men should be sent from each village. As there are between fifty and sixty villages, this would mean that one hundred to one hundred and twenty men. It has since been found that there are more than a thousand members of the Doukhobor colony who would like to try the farther west, and all such will be allowed to go. Some of those who went west a year ago did not like the country, and have come back.

Similar arrangements are now being made, and every effort to enforce their demands, they prefer to return to Saskatchewan they will be permitted to do so. Peter Verigen, who is at present in the west, recently purchased an additional thousand acres near Grand Forks, B. C. The first three thousand acre plot is near Nelson.

It is proposed to form a zoological society to stimulate interest in the Riverdale Zoo, Toronto.

