Address on the Subject by Rev. J. W. Pedley.

He Takes Strong Grounds in Favor of a Purely Secular System, as the Only Practicable Plan in Mixed Communities.

"Religion in the Schools" was the subject of Rev. J. W. Pedley's sermon to a very attentive congregation in the First Congregational Church last night. Mr. Pedley took for his text Deuteronomy vi., 4-9, a notable passage, which was the very heart of the Jewish education in the olden times. After referring to the unanimity which prevailed among the Hebrews in the matter of religious education, Mr. Pedley stated that he did not believe the Hebrews and Samaritans were more bitterly hostile than were some Roman Catholics and some Protestants of today, although, according to Cardinal Gibbons, the Catholics held to all the positive doctrines of the Protestant Church. The result was that the country was divided into two camps, almost equal in strength. In the Dominion 58 per cent of the population were Protestants, and 42 per cent Catholics. Although a little less numerically, the latter made up for lack of numbers by strength in organization and zeal. The introduction of religious strife into the country augured ill. Political strife was bad enough, but there was no hatred like religious hatred.

"Now," said Mr. Pedley, "our country has been agitated over the question of religious teaching in the public schools, a matter of very great in-terest to all those who love the country, to all lovers of religion. For some time the politicians have played the most prominent part. They have done the talking, and if we are to judge them by their words, they are very religious. To us who are not politicians -that is, professional, for we should all be politicians in some sense of the word-to us who desire good laws and good government, the matter is of great Import. I think we should all agree that the teaching of religion should form part of the education of the young. Social security requires it, good Most of us citizenship requires it. (would be horrified, even if we are not religious, if we thought that any portion of our youth were growing up to manhood without any moral or reli-

'In England, the United States and Canada, the question of religious education is creating interest. In Canada We cannot see the end of it. We are wondering, is it the beginning of a religious war that is to go from end to end of this great Dominion and set men and women at variance with each other, with all the hatred and bitterness and savagery of a religious war. It is a time when good men and women should pray for guidance. It is a in force, at the close of the books, time when wise men should counsel were 22,301, covering \$34,754,840 25. moderation. It is a time when politi- These figures showed an advance over ing on the switch, and the snow-plow cians should manifest a large a erous spirit, and let nothing be done number, and \$3,226,270 51 in amount. The total premium income, after deschool system of Canada is on its trial. ducting reassurance premiums, am-I believe that if the system can bear the strain being put upon it now, its safety is assured. The religious question is a rock upon which it may be Ontario and Quebec have settled it by some kind of an agreement to disagree-some kind of a compromise. I think we mostly all agree that the public school system is a blessing to the community. It is a boon—not, perhaps, for the well-to-do, because they can educate their own children by private education-but to the vast bulk of the community the able, and I would regard it a calamity if by any means it was done away

We all agree upon that. To some, however, education without religion is a doubtful good. To some, indeed, it appears to be a positive harm. They say, if you are going to educate the children without religion, you had better not educate them at all. The majority of us think that education should be supplemented and fortified by religious teaching, and especially by religious example. But there we part company. A great many think the place to teach religion is in the home and in the church, not in the schools, blacksmith shops, etc. As long as none object, the teaching of religion in the schools may be allowed, but at the very first hint of opposition it should be withdrawn-yes, just as soon as there twas the first hint of any disturbance or objection, the teaching of religion the schools should be withdrawn, because the religion that is forced is not a religion at all-it is only a mock-

"And I think we should be very clear as to what we mean by the teaching of religion in the schools. When most of us speak of religion we speak of what lowing statement. may be called, for want of a better term, institutional religion. When men say they want religion taught in the schools, they mean some institutional form of religion. When a Roman Catholic says he cannot support a school in which religion is not taught, he means the Roman Catholic religion. He means that the system of education which leaves out the worship of the Virgin Mary is imperfect and is not to be supported.

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school where the Roman Catholic religion is taught; but I would have my child go to a school where the simple fundamental truths of religion are taught, no matter whether it be taught by Roman Catholic or Partiet by Roman Catholic, or Baptist, or Methodist.

"Now, at this critical moment, our sympathy is for the rulers of this country. It makes no difference what may be our particular stripe of politics. The rulers have had a critical and dangerous question to face. They must have felt it. I do not care which side is in power or which side wants to get in power. But I think we must all admit we have been face to face with a critical question, which requires careful handling. We believe that, yet as those who hold the principles of Congregationalism, our position is per-fectly plain. We say that between church and state there should be no alliance whatever; that such alliances have been in all times baneful to the state and church. The church should never knock at the door of the state for help in propagating her teaching. That teaching should win its way by force of its own virtue and adaptation

to the needs of men. We take this position, not because the think lightly of religion, but because we feel it is best in the interests of true We think every Christian religion. church should be on the alert to push its teaching on, but after all the teaching of religion should be in the home. It should never be neglected there. I do not want my children to learn religion in schools. I want no third rate man or woman to give his or her crude ideas of the deity to my children. It is not safe. The home is the place.

"We shall watch with interest the settlement of this Manitoba question; we hope for much from the proposed conference. We wish it had been held before the bitter debate just ended in the Parliament. Our sincere desire is that the public school system shall become not more but less religious, and this for the sake of religion itself. Our prayer is that the holy religion of Jesus Christ shall no longer be a football for political parties, to be tossed back and forth in the arena by selfish men, but shall be allowed through the home and through the church to go indirectly for the salvation of the state."

Sun Life Company.

Reports Presented at the Recent Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Sun Life Assurance Company of Canada was ering; secretary-treasurer, R. H. Marheld on March 13, the President, Mr. R. Macaulay, in the chair.

The report of the directors was of a very satisfactory character. It stated that, during the year ended Dec. 31 last, there were received 6,800 applications for life assurance, to the drawn. The new assurances actually paid for in cash during the year were 4,738 for \$6,864,092 50. The assurances those of the previous year of 2,928 in The total premium income, after deounted to \$1,301,589 07, being an increase over that of the preceding twelve months of \$123,075 40. Seven annuity bonds were issued during the year, the purchase price being \$17,560 05. There were 25 now in force on the the company's books, assuring annual payments of \$5,225 69. The claims by eath, paid during the year, were un-

163 policies on 140 lives, and amounted to \$297,409 42. In addition 29 endowment assurances, to the amount of \$51,713 19, matured and were paid. The total payments to policyholders public school system is a boon, the value of which is absolutely inestim-\$424,339 68. The company had returned to policyholders, since its foundation, a total of \$3,113,741 94. The assets had increased during the year by \$794,350 90,

and now amounted to \$5,365,770 53. After the payment of profits on those policies which were entitled to participate during the year, there remained an undivided surplus, over all liabilities and capital stock. of \$200,449 19, according to the standard of valuation adopted by the company last year—the Institute of Acturies Hm. table with interest at 4 per cent. This standard was more severe than that in use by any other Canadian company. If the policies had been valued by the Government 4 1-2 per cent standard, the surplus would have been \$473,444 23. The report was adopted, as was also the statement of accounts, the meeting expressing its satisfaction at the

state of the company's affairs. The retiring directors, Messrs. Alex. Macpherson, Jas. Tasker and Murdoch McKenzie, were re-elected, and Mr. R. Macaulay and Hon. A. W. Ogilvie were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively.

The rapid progress made by this company may be seen from the fol-

Year.	Income.	Net assets, besides uncalled capital.	Life Assurance in force.
1872	\$ 48,210 93	\$ 96,461 95	\$ 1,064,350 00
1876	102,822 15	265,944 64	2,414,063 32
1880	141,402 81	473,632 83	3,897,139 11
1884	278,379 65	836,897 24	6,844,404 04
1888	525,273 58	1.536,816 21	11,931,316 2
1892	1,134,867 61	3,403,700 88	23,901,046 6
1894			
1895	1,527,686 12		

A. S. MacGregor is manager for West n Ontario, with office at 169 Dundas street. London.

FATEFUL FLAMES.

Salt Works to the Value of \$1,000,000 Destroyed-Killed by a Falling

Wall. Tartentum, Pa. March 23 .- A destructive fire broke out Saturday evening in the works of the Pennsylvania Salt Manufacturing Co., at Notrona, and for a time threatened the destruction of the entire plant. A

rough estimate places the loss at \$1,000,000; probably covered by insurance. Port Perry, Ont., March 23 .- On Saturday evening at 11:25 fire destroyed the building occupied by James Wallace, tailor, and Newton Bros., publishers, together with the contents. John Mosure, a young man who resides with his parents here was assisting the firemen, when one of the walls fell and he was crushed to death. He was about 29 years of age and was employed at

Paxton & Tait's foundry. Newcastle, Ont., March 23.-Early on Saturday fire broke out and almost destroyed the Chandler block, causing 1802. Deceased was twice married, her

Western Ontario.

The Latest Happenings in the Best Section of the Province.

The Assault on Rev. J. C. Madill Raises a Unique Point of Law-Death of a Noted Indian Woman - Narrow Escape of a Family at Chatham.

Mitchell's taxes for 1895 amounted to \$13,528 91.

Listowel has just made a sale of \$41,-000 of town debentures. Dr. Sifton, of Thamesford, has purchased a practice at Comber, and will take possession in about a month.

The Essex Blood Horse Association met at Essex and elected officers as follows: Dr. King, president; J. A. Rose, treasurer; and J. L. Peters, secretary. Duncan Brown, of Southwold, brother

of Sheriff Brown, of St. Thomas, had

his leg broken below the knee on Fri-The accident was caused by the bunt of a ram. Wm., alias Albert Emmett, has been found guilty by Judge Hughes, of St. Thomas, on the charge of bigamy Wives 1 and 3 testified against him. He

will be sentenced today. Mr. Thomas Flynn, of Shakespeare late G.T.R. operator at Galt, is yet in-capacitated for duty from operators paralysis in the right arm and hand, and his medical attendants hold out very little hope of his permanent recovery.

Leamington Post: The debenture debt of the county of Middlesex is \$475,740, Essex county debenture debt in round figures is just \$900, and there was a good fat balance of several thousand dollars on hand to start 1896. Essex county is all right.

The Minister of Education has made a donation to the public library in Windsor, consisting of the documentary history of education in Upper Canada from 1791 to 1876, in three volumes. Mrs. E. Marcon and Miss Lambie, both of Windsor, have presented the library with several works.

A meeting of the members of the Galt Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held the other evening. The fol-lowing officers were elected: Honorary president, M. N. Todd; president, W. D. McKenzie; vice-president, F. S. Pickshall; committee of management, S. M. Clemo, A. E. Willard, George F. Smith, W. J. Gives and F. S. Pickering.

The Ontario Government has awarded the contract for the fencing of the Government game reserve at Rond Eau. A park fence for inclosing the pheasants will be erected first and will be eight feet high. The pheasants will amount of \$9,822,905 03. Of these, 6,411 be brought from New Jersey, and libcovering \$8,866,688 18, were accepted, erated within the inclosure, their wings and policies issued for this amount. being clipped. The eggs will be col-The balance were declined or with- lected and hatched by domesticated fowls.

An accident occurred to the snow plow on the Michigan Central Railway at Windsor Saturday, caused by an open switch. There was a train standcollided with the engine, turning it up- city vesterday from Sha shoulder dislocated and the engineer's RAILWAY MANAGERS IN A "RUNleg received a bad wrench.

The case of Wm. McLaren for assaulting Rev. J. C. Madill and J. T. Mitchell on the ferry Hiawatha, Monday, has taken a new feature that is bothering the Port Huron Judiciary. There is no positive proof that the affair took place in American waters, and as the Hiawatha is a Canadian boat, they are of the opinion that the case comes under Canadian jurisdiction, Prosecuting Attorney Avery coincides with this view, and the case against McLaren will doubtless be dis-

continued at Port Huron. The town of Tilbury is having a great deal of trouble with the water supply. The town has just finished drilling a well 170 feet deep, but a sufficient supply could not be obtained and the well was abandoned. The town supplies the Michigan Central Railway tanks with water, but the company is complaining about the poor system and threatens to put in a small plant of its own and pump the water from the lake. The only way out of the trouble seems to be in the erection of an extensive plant, by which to get the supply from the lake. This would cost the town nearly

\$40,000. Rev. W. M. Corkery, of Hastings, Mo., the new pastor of the Bruce Avenue Baptist Church, Windsor, born in the township of Lobo, Middlesex county, Ont., 35 years ago. He received his early education in the public schools of that township, in the London high school, afterwards attending the Woodstock Baptist College, where he graduated. He then nt to the old Chicago University, and after graduating from this university, took a theological course in Morgan Park Theological Seminary, securing his degree of B. D.

Mr. and Mrs. William Dick and their son Archie had a narrow escape from death on Saturday at Chatham. They were in a wagon, and were crossing the Canadian Pacific Railway tracks, when they were run into by an express train. The son jumped, and thereby saved himself, but his parents were not so fortunate. The locomotive tossed the wagon and occupants into the air. When picked up it was found that Mrs. Dick had some ugly gashes and a broken rib. Her husband received nothing worse than the shaking up resulting from the collision.

Port Huron Times: An event of es pecial interest in Port Huron and Petrolea society took place Wednesday in the marriage of Mrs. Emma Hovey-Williams, one of Port Huron's favorite vocalists, and Major T. VamTuyl, a prominent resident of Petrolea. The wedding was quietly celebrated at the home of the bride on Wall street, in the presence of Rev. John Chalmers. The recent death of Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of Major VanTuyl's partner, made it desirable that the wedding should be private, and no guests were present. Major and Mrs. VanTuyl will take up their residence in Petrolea, whither they will be followed by the kindliesi wishes of a host of friends in Port Hu-

One of the oldest, if not the very oldest, individuals in the county of Lambton, passed quietly away at the Kettle Point Indian reserve last week in the person of Charlotte Shauno), or in the French, Sappaw. She was a daughter of a noted Chippewa warrior named Me Koonee; was born at Swan River (60 miles north of Detroit), in the year destroyed the Chandler block, causing a loss of \$25,000. Ten business places are burned out. This is the second disastrous fire for this town inside of two months. Insurance light.

The income of Oxford University is slightly under £70,000 per annum.

1802. Deceased was twice married, her second husband she late David Shaunoo. By her first husband she had one daughter, the mother of Wm. Elliott and Mrs. Jackson, of Sarnia. By her second husband she leaves four daughters, namely, Mrs. Lewis Cloud.

Mrs. Jeff Bressette, Mrs. T. George,

and Mrs. John Henry, and two sons, Amos and Adam Shaunoo—the latter now a member of the Indian council— in all, 47 living descendants. Mrs. Sappaw was converted from paganism about 35 years ago, when she became a member of the Church of England.

DEADLY FIRE-DAMP

Two Lives Lost by an Explosion in a Coal Mine.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 23.—Alex. Mc-Donald, fire boss, and Willie Davis, a 15-year-old trapper boy, were killed on Saturday morning in a fire-damp ex-plosion in the Ohio and Pennsylvania Sweet Cake coal mine near West Newton, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, a few miles above this city.

McDonald had gone into the shaft about 7 o'clock to inspect the mine, the boy accompanying him. In about twenty minutes a terrific explosion occurred, followed by flames issuing from the pit's mouth. As soon as possible a rescue party was organized, and the two bodies were brought to the surface, burned to a crisp. The explosion is hard to account for, as the company had taken extra precautions to prevent such an accident.

HIS TEETH ARE IN HIS STOMACH. Orange, N. J., March 23.-Edward Krager, of West Orange, swallowed his false teeth, and is now in the Memorial Hospital, in this city. Krager was awakened by a violent fit of coughing. When it ceased he missed his teeth. Pains in the stomach decided where they had gone. NEWFOUNDLAND FAMILIES ARE

STARVING.

St. Johns, Nfld., March 23.-Sixty families living in and around Brigus are reported in a destitute condition, and on the verge of starvation. Their neighbors are unable to supply them with food, and their condition is described as heart-rending.

HER COMB BLEW UP. Alliance, Ohio, March 23.-A peculiar and almost distressing accident happened to Miss Maud Hoover, a pretty stenographer, last evening. A celluloid comb, which bound her hair, exploded while she was sitting in front of an open grate fire last evening, burning the greater part of her hair and badly blistering her scalp and face.

GEORGIA PEACH CROP SAFE. Atlanta, Ga., March 23.—Telegrams to the Journal from Fort Valley, the heart of the Georgia peach region, say that the cold weather has done no material damage to the fruit crop in the section so far. The growers say that while some varieties may be hurt, others are not, and with favorable weather to the 1st of April all will be well. WOMEN IN METHODIST CONFER-

ENCES. New York, March 23.—The South Kansas Methodist Episcopal Conference has voted unanimously to admit women to the general Methodist Episcopal conferences. The Kansas Conference did the same last week, and the Southwest Kansas Conference next week will probably do likewise.

SHIP ASHORE-MURDER AT SEA. San Francisco, March 23 .-- A report received here says the British ship Glenmorag, from Callao, for Portland, Oregon, is ashore near Ocean Park, Oregon. Two men are dead. The others of the crew were saved.

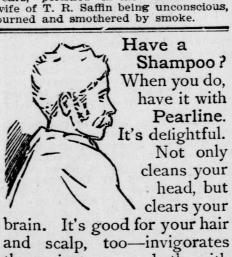
A cablegram was received in side down. The engineer and his fire- that Capt. Philip Dryer, of the schoonman were both on the engine at the er Lyman D. Foster, had been murdertime, but they fortunately escaped ed at sea on Feb. 25 by the cook, who being killed. The fireman had his suddenly became violently insane.

> OFF." Burlington, Vt., March 23.-At 8:45 o'clock yesterday morning the Montreal express struck a snow drift at Shelburne, and the engine and six cars were derailed The private car of President Smith, of the Central Vermont Road, and General Manager Hayes, of the Grand Trunk, were attached to the train, but did not leave the tracks. No one was injured. A wrecking train opened the track after several hours'

FOUR VICTIMS.

delay.

Danville, Que., March 22.-About midnight Saturday night the double tenement house, property of H. W. Wilson, Water street, and occupied by James Brady and T. R. Saffin, was completely destroyed by fire, only part of the family having time to escape from the burning building. Two daughters of James Brady, named Maud, aged about 10 years, and Myrtle, aged about 13 years, and one son of T. Saffin, named Freddie, aged about 10 years, perished in the flames. The wife of T. R. Saffin being unconscious, burned and smothered by smoke.



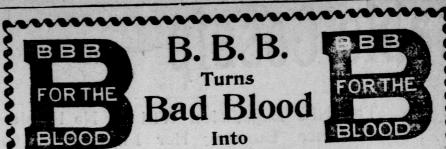
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