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Mrs. W. Walker of Preston, is the guest of the Misses Fawcett, Newport.

Mr. T. G. Duncan of South Dakota, but formerly a well known Brantfordite, is now the guest of local friends.

Miss Pauline Long is spending a few days in Detroit and London in the interests of the Enterprise Millinery Store.

Old Bird is Again Captured

Joe Gillies, an old offender, well known to the police, was discovered up in Falkland, and several thefts were reported therefrom. Farm homes had been entered and robbed. This particular mode of thieving is one which Gillies has affected for many years, so High Constable Kerr got on the track of his quarry.

But Gillies was wary, had cleared out of Falkland, guilty of 100 guilty, and the search in those parts was vain. Yesterday stepping out of the Court House, H. C. Kerr saw Gillies passing along, immediately he got after him and effected an arrest. Searched, the prisoner was found to possess some nine dollars which it is expected he obtained in an illegal manner in Falkland, for it is known that a man was robbed of this amount. Gillies has served the greater part of his life in jail. This morning he appeared before Magistrate Livingston on a vagrancy charge and was remanded for a week during which time several thefts will be investigated.



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WESLEY CHURCH CONCERT WAS HUGE SUCCESS

Choir Showed Great Talent and the Acme of Musical Training.

One of the best and strongest choir concert in the history of the city, was given at Wesley Methodist church, by the choir under the able leadership of Mr. Frederick J. Porter, the organist and choir leader. The audience was of a fair size, considering that there were so many other attractions, and the magnificent work of the members really deserved an overflowing crowd. Judging by the way the choir did their work, individually, quartette, and in the two, four and eight part singing, Wesley church can well lay claim to having one of the largest and best trained choirs in the city, and is one worthy of great credit to any musical organization.

The choir work was well balanced, and not one little flaw was to be found.

The program was in the hands of the pastor, Rev. Martin, who made a splendid gain for the position, and promptly at the organ set started the program with "The Maple Leaf Forever," the audience being asked to join.

Mr. F. J. Porter, the organist and choir leader, showed his worth by a very sweet and pleasing voice, and his skill at handling the pipe organ was brought out to a high standard.

Mrs. Laurie Brown, who possesses a very sweet and pleasing voice, was near to good advantage in the rendering of two excellent solos.

The Wesley Quartette, composed of Messrs McLeod, Johnson, Meates and Cullen, were at their best, and upheld their good reputation with their true and perfect harmony singing.

Mr. Cullen, in his rendering of his solo, showed ease and perfect control, and was received by the audience with well-earned applause.

Mr. A. E. Martin was in his usual good style in his rendering of a well chosen patriotic solo, and the sweetness of his voice was shown to good advantage.

Mr. Neil McLeod also gained much favor with his solo work. Mr. McLeod is the possessor of a very clear and clear baritone, and his work, both individually and in the quartette was excellent.

"Too much cannot be said of the ladies' work in their rendering of the two part choruses, and their selection were exceptionally pretty arrangements, and showed up their talent to advantage.

The rendering of the eight part choruses by the entire choir, of 58 voices, culled in about the best ever heard in the city, the effect was magnificent, and showed that they are all capable singers. These selections are works which are used chiefly by large choirs, and it is a credit to the choir to be able to handle such a grand work and in the magnificent and harmonic style in which they did. The programme was as follows: Opening number, Maple Leaf Forever; organ selection, Introduction to the Act of Lohengrin (Wagner) Frederick J. Porter; O Canada (arranged in eight parts) (Lalvalle-Richardson) Wesley Choir; soprano solo, "Greetings," by Mrs. L. Brown, and something something sweet to tell you"; quartette, "For esters sound the cheerful Morn," Wesley Male Quartette, encore, "Two Flies"; tenor solo, "Oh, My Laddie has Gone Away," Thomas Cullen, encore, Scott's Wha Hae; ladies two-part chorus, "Last Night," ladies of choir; baritone solo, "The Trumpeter"; Mr. Neil McLeod, encore, "Land of Mine"; address, Chairman Rev. Mr. Martin; Rule Britannia (in eight parts) (Arne-Dr. Vogt) Wesley choir; tenor solo, "The Home Flag," Mr. A. E. Martin, encore, "There's a Land"; quartette, "Forsaken," Wesley Male Quartette, encore, "Lovely Night"; ladies' two-part chorus, "A Summe Night"; God Save the King.

After the program a sociable time was spent in the Sunday school room by the choir members and their friends, and light refreshments were served.

WATER WAGON

Is Assured as the Outcome of a Splendid Production.

The entertainment given last evening in the Dufferin Rifles armory under the auspices of the Dufferin Rifles I. O. O. F., for the purpose of securing a water wagon for the 6th Battalion, attracted a large attendance. Admission netted \$55, candy booth \$52, flowers, \$24, home-made candy, ice cream, etc., \$45, or \$176 in all. Expenses were not very heavy, so that there is likely to be a satisfactory margin of some \$150.

Miss Reding, who scored such a success with the libretto of Dr. Dan, was again responsible for another clever piece of work.

The production was a patriotic extravaganza, under the title "H. M. S. Belgium."

The rising of the curtains disclosed Belgium (Mrs. Geo. Watt) at the altar of Justice (R. Youman), Britain (Mrs. Geo. D. Watt), contemplating her next step. Justice declares that in this great matter there can be no honorable peace; Belgium must arise and take the sword, which she does, to the accompaniment of martial sounds. Britain then enters the action. She states that she honors calls Britain responds, and also takes the sword. The horror of war is intimated by the distress of Belgium and Britain bids her take heart for "Victory is assured." Then as a climax, Britain proudly calls her son, her right hand, "Canada," (E. Moule). The latter pledges entrance into the strife. He is knighted by Britain and receives the eternal glory of Belgium. Canada goes in search of support for the cause, and calls Brantford (A. Harp), who quickly responds with a relief ship and secures sympathy (Miss M. Sweet), Benevolence (Miss M. Yeigh), Cheerfulness (Miss H. Oldham), The Market (Miss H. Hurley), Court House (Miss E. Hart), Mohawk Park (Miss N. Coulson), Golf Links (Miss J. Pearson), Discretion (N. Daley), "I" (L. Watson), Grand River (Master A. Watt), City Hall (R. Hawkins), Street Railway (W. Colquhoun), Brantford Dog (Billy Inglis). Incidentally it might be remarked that the actual prize-bull dog owned by Mr. W. P. Kellett took part in the tableaux with great credit. All the parts were well taken, and Mr. Watson again proved himself a true comedian and tenor in Scotch, Irish and Jewish impersonations very cleverly.

There were two dainty entre acts, the now well-known "Cairo" dance by Misses Norma Coulson and Jessie Crompton, and a scene adapted from Peter Pan entitled "Delice." The pretty dancing was done by Misses Gwendolyn Wilkes, May Marquis, Phyllis Cockshutt, Annie and Bertha Fair, Alice and Eileen Harley, and Margaret Eyerson.

The piano Miss Sanderson and Mr. Higgin. The former who accompanied throughout the practices, did splendid work. The solos and choruses were excellent. The solos as well as the libretto were all written by Miss Reding.

Unfortunately rendered much of the dialogue indistinct, and it is to be hoped that the production may at an early date be again given under proper auspicious soundings.

The Dufferin Rifles band under Bandmaster Frank C. Johnson rendered some fine selections prior to the commencement of the performance.

Miss Caroline G. Ewen of New York, bequeathed \$324,000 to her children's home, but humane societies will get it equally.

The high school at Flushing, L.I., is divided by a war feud precipitated by Rev. John Maumeister, teacher of Geneva.

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Corning Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, through its Historian, Lela I. Buckland, has adopted the following minute on the death of Clara M. Pickles, one of its members.

"IN MEMORIAM."

Twilight and evening bell, And one clear call for me,"

"The community was shocked and saddened by the sudden death of Clara L. Pickles, Tuesday morning, April Twenty-seventh. Her death will be a great loss to the community and especially to our Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution, which she served so efficiently as its first treasurer and to which she gave much time and thought. Words seem vacant in expressing the loss of one so active in the community, in the church and in her home, and we feel with the poet, "It is not the same since she went home."

"Alone."

"Since she went home, Longer the evening shadows linger here, The winter days fill so much of the year, And even summer winds are chill and drear, "Since she went home.

"Since she went home, strain, The old glad songs breathe a sad refrain, And laughter sobs with hidden bitter pain, "Since she went home.

"Since she went home, How still the empty rooms her presence blessed! Untouched the pillow that her dear head pressed, My lonely heart hath nowhere for its rest, "Since she went home.

"Since she went home, The long, long days have crept away like years, The sunlight has been dimmed with doubts and fears, And the dark nights have rained in lonely tears, "Since she went home.

The above refers to the late Mrs. (Dr.) S. L. Pickles. Dr. S. L. Pickles is an old Brantford boy and brother of Harry Pickles, manager of the Brantford Laundry, Limited.

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COALITION CABINET

British Political Parties are Consulting.

London, May 18—In the midst of the war a Cabinet crisis has suddenly developed in Britain. According to J. L. Gavin, who is perhaps the best informed political writer in the country, the cabinet is to be entirely reformed and a coalition cabinet, which will include the principal Unionist leader, is to take its place.

The crisis was brought about by a disagreement between Lord Fisher, Admiral of the fleet, and Winston Spencer Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in regard to the naval policy to be pursued in the Dardanelles.

It was intimated in authoritative circles yesterday that any differences which may have existed between Mr. Churchill and Lord Fisher have been satisfactorily composed. Unionist leaders held a conference with Premier Asquith yesterday afternoon, and it is stated that the question of a coalition was settled.

Official information is still lacking, however whether the Cabinet is considering a coalition government, and some well-informed persons advise suspension of judgment until Premier Asquith sees fit to take the country into his confidence.

LORD FISHER RESIGNED?

"Following the crisis in the Admiralty," Mr. Garvin writes in The Pall Mall Gazette, "Lord Fisher has resigned and is departing immediately for Scotland. This makes Mr. Churchill's retention of his post impossible, and has also brought down the government.

"A national ministry is now about to be formed. The chief Opposition leaders have already agreed to enter the Government.

"Lord Fisher and Mr. Churchill split over the Dardanelles, but there was also a fundamental incompatibility.

BALFOUR AS FIRST LORD.

"Mr. Asquith will remain as Premier. Arthur J. Balfour is expected to be the First Lord of the Admiralty; Mr. Churchill, Secretary for India; Lord Crewe, President of the Council; Mr. Lloyd George, the new Minister for War Supplies; Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer; and Mr. Austen Chamberlain, Col-

DIED OF WOUNDS.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 19—The Cairo correspondent of The Times says he is informed that General Weber Pasha, the German commander of the forts in the Dardanelles, has died of wounds.

HOLLAND STIRRED.

By Special Wire to the Courier.

London, May 19—The Amsterdam correspondent of The Post says the Dutch minister announced in parliament that the cabinet is being prepared for providing for universal compulsory military training. This measure would increase the army to approximately 1,000,000 men.

ELBERT HUBBARD

By J. E. Middleton

It is said that Elbert Hubbard went to death with a jest on his lips, "If the Germans sink this ship," he said, "the Kaiser will miss a fine write-up." Hubbard was an oddity, knowing full well that oddness of any kind was interesting and profitable. His first venture in the literary field was the monthly bibelot called The Philistine. It began to come into its own in 1896, for it had many novel characteristics. Covered in butcher's paper, it was a superb sample of amateur at best. It is a great crisis, and must be greatly met. Why not give Lord Fisher the same control over the navy that Lord Kitchener has over the army?"

The Pall Mall Gazette editorially says:

"Lord Fisher is the creator of the modern navy. Mr. Churchill by his boldness saved an ugly situation at the outbreak of hostilities. We admire the qualities of both, but any man who, but for the gravest reasons, breaks the national unity will not be lightly forgiven."

FRENCH OFFICIAL NOTICE

By Special Wire to the Courier.

Paris, May 19, 2:30 p.m.—The French War Office this afternoon gave out a report on the progress of hostilities reading as follows:

"The bad weather continues. There has been no development on the front during the night with exception of some artillery exchanges at various points. Also to the east of the Yser two attempted attacks on the part of the enemy were checked by our fire."

Samuel Hadfield, deputy sheriff of Fall River, Mass., was shot dead by one of three women who were ordered to take to an asylum.

Anxiety over his son lost on the Lusitania, hastened the death of the father, Stephen de Forest, head of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

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