COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER BRITTAIN'S REPORT

FINANCE BOARD WILL DEAL WITH FIRE HALL PLANS

Absolute Control of Department For Chief Is Being Urged.

ABOLISH UNION

Dr. Brittain's report on the fire hall in London will be presented for consideration and discussion for the first time officially tonight by the finance committee, when the various recommenadtions by the Citizens' Research Institute will be weighed by the committee.

Giving the fire chief absolute and complete control of his department, the addition of ten or more extra men, the purchase of certain equipment, and the doing away with the Firemen's Union, are among the important recommendations made in this report.

Dr. Brittain made it quite clear in his statements that he considered all these extremely vital questions in connection with the management and efficiency of the fire department in th city, and berbally to several members of the council intimated that the existence of the Firemen's Union was probably the most serious handicap in the smooth working of the department. In such a department as this he said that the chief must be in absolute authority, unquestioned by any of his staff or men.

Some time ago the mayor suggested that when the report was discussed the men in the department should appear and be allowed to state their case. This will not take place tonight, however, he says. It is reserved for a further meeting. The mayor agrees with Dr. Brittain that the chief of any department should have absolute control of all men under him, but differs in the need for more men on the staff.

He argues that what is needed in London is an efficent system of fire prevention and a thoroughly businesslike administartion of the bylaw which enables the department to force owners of property to keep premises clear and free of rubbish. He says that the fire chief should be in a position to go ahead with prosecutions for all offences against this bylaw without hindrance in any form and that is the solution of the heavy fire losses to which London has been subject in the last few years.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Kiwanians will hold a special meeting at the Tecumseh House tomorrow. Special Easter services will be conducted, and Miss McGillivray is billed to give several selections on the harp. Rev. Bowley Green will speak to the Kiwanians after the luncheon.

GENTLE KISS IN EARLY MORN NOW CLASSED AS "HAZARD"

London Doctors Fail To See Any Extreme Danger, However.

ACTIVE ACROSS LINE

Americans Give Subject Great Deal of Consideration at Present.

The gentle kiss, whose poignant bliss comes from a microbe, is particularly dangerous in the morning. That is what Dr. Donald B. Armstrong of New York told the American Red Cross yesterday, and local insurance doctors agree with him.

A kiss at any time is an "extra hazardous" occupation, Dr. Armstrong avers. Dr. H. W. Hill, dean of the institute of public health, has less radical views on the subject, but thinks kissing should, nevertheless, be avoided. This is tough news for the ladies, but an unbiased analysis of the thing indicates beyond all argument that much contagion and unnecessary disease is contracted through participation in the gentle are of osculation, to use the classical phrase.

Although local insurance doctors did not care to have their names associated with a subject which they believed rather frivolous, they readily explained why kissing in the morning is more reprehensible from a health standpoint than kissing in the afternoon. The mouth, they stated, contains more germs before breakfast than after. The danger is, therefore, accentuated.

"Of course the risk is remote," one explained. "Usually before breakfast an individual has not had a chance to cleanse his mouth and rid it of any germs which might have congregated during the hours of sleep. After drinking a glass of water and eating breakfast, the hazard becomes minimized.

"Actually, kissing is a ridiculous custom, and has doubtless created much infection and many deaths. Women, of course, are the worst offenders. People who kiss babies should be severely censured, for youngsters are subject to infection much more than adults."

Another medical insurance man pointed out that the Chinese custom of rubbing noses is based on elementary sanitary principles. From earliest times, the Chinese people have been taught the menace of mouth and nose infection.

"When we examine a man for life insurance, we don't inquire into his kissing indulgencies," it was said. "Probably the time is coming when it will be necessary for prospects to answer a question of this nature. So far, however, kissing is not considered sufficiently perilous to warrant it."

The insurance doctor added that many instances of serious infection among movie actors doing kissing scenes have been brought to the attention of the American Bureau of Statistics.

Student Wins $35,000 Prize

Canadian Press Despatch.

Quebec, April 16.—Arthur Cormier, 22 years old, a first-year medical student at Laval University, coming from Cocagne, New Brunwick, has been advised that he has won the $35,000 prize awarded by a special caligraphy jury representing some twenty countries, sitting in Paris.

The Fun Shop

FRANK FRIENDSHIP GREETINGS.
By DOROTHY DEJAGERS.

To a Sick Friend.

To say I hope you'll soon be well
Sounds like a hoodoo:
For no one, dear, enjoys poor health
As much as you do.

To Fond Parents.

Ah, little stranger, seeing you
Has cleared my mind in this respect:
I see now Darwin's point of view
Is far from being incorrect.

The Importance of Being Earnest.

Marg.—"I was never so insulted in my life! Jack kissed me."

Peg.—"Oh, well, perhaps he didn't mean anything by it."

Marg.—"That's just the trouble."

—Louise Heller.

"Oh, Lord," murmured the man with the violent toothache, "how fortunate are those people born without a tooth in their head."

At the End of the Summer.

The Maids.—"The chances we had!"

The Men.—"The chances we took!"

'L. U. S.

The Three Bobs.
By MRS. MARIEN ELLIS.

When mother was a maiden fair,
With blue-gray eyes and coal black hair,
A dimple in each rosy cheek,
It was not hard, I understand,
For her to land
The handsome, boyish Bob.

And after years of wedded bliss,
They realized what they had miss-
Ed ere I came,
And happy in their pride and joy,
The name they gave their baby boy
Was boyish Bob.

After this: babies, clubs and teas—
With looking after all of these,
Being a pal to dad and me,
And keeping stockings supplied with knees,
I must reveal the secret bare,
Ma hadn't much time to comb her hair,
So she
Got her a "boyish bob."

Waiting for that Evening Male.

His Mistake.

Cora.—"Why was I wrong in having my hand read?"

Merritt.—"Because, my dear, your face is your fortune."

—Arthur C. Hoppin.

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Readers are requested to contribute. All humor: Epigrams (or humorous mottoes), jokes, anecdotes, poetry, burlesques, satires, and bright sayings of children, must be *original* and *unpublished*. Accepted material will be paid for. All manuscripts must be written on one side of the paper only, and should be addressed to the Fun Shop, The London Advertiser. No manuscripts can be returned. The rates are $1 to $10 for accepted material, and 25 cents to $1 a line for poetry.

PLANS ARE COMPLETE FOR LODGE BANQUET

Sarnia Oddfellows Will Be the Guests Tomorrow Night of Chorazin.

Plans have just been completed for the banquet to be tendered to the Sarnia Lodge, I. O. O. F., tomorrow night. The event will take place at the Alma block and upwards of 150 guests will be in attendance. The banquet arrangements are under the directions of the May Queen Rebekah Lodge, No. 5.

The third-degree staff of Sarnia Lodge, No. 126, is reputed to be one of the finest in the province, having 75 members. Degrees will be conferred in the Masonic Temple on a large class of candidates from the different lodges in the district.

The guests will include Grand Master W. G. R. Bateman, Grand Treasurer P. T. Soupland of St. Marys, Grand Chaplain Bro. Cummer of Thorndale, I. D. G. M. Bro. John Martin of Ilderton, as well as the noble grand and vice-grand of all lodges in the districts.

In attending the banquet, the members of Sarnia Lodge are paying a return visit to Chorazin.

SPLENDID REPORT IS PRESENTED AT TALBOT BAPTIST

All Departments Shown To Be in Flourishing Condition at Annual Supper.

MANY ARE PRESENT

All departments of the Talbot Street Baptist Church were shown to be in a flourishing condition as the result of reports tendered at the annual congregational supper and business meeting held last night. It was the largest gathering in years, and featured by splendid enthusiasm on the part of everyone.

The treasurer's report was shown to be exceptionally satisfactory. Total cash receipts for the year from all departments were shown to be $16,260.04, and this sum included $4,587.37 paid to missions. Other features of the congregational work which came in for special mention were the successful Chinese classes which are being carried on, and the progress made by the Ladies' Aid, the boys' and girls' departments, the home departments, the Mission Circles and the Sunday School as a whole.

During the evening, T. E. Racher and Harry Murray, on behalf of the Baraca Class, made the presentation of a handsome teacher's Bible to Arthur Kennedy, who has resigned as their teacher to take up work with another young men's class in the Sunday School.

Officers Elected.

The following officers were elected:

Clerk—Russell Iveson; assistant clerk, John Holman.

Roll clerk—H. W. McGill; assistant roll clerk, Miss McCallum.

Treasurer — N. Mills; assistant treasurer, M. Dale.

Auditors—W. A. Shaw and C. Tomlin.

Superintendent of Sunday School—E. L. Brown.

Envelope Clerk—J. R. Dobson; assistant envelope clerk, A. Douglas.

Welcome committee — Mrs. Mills, Mrs. Reid, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, Mrs. G. Stuart, Mrs. F. Smith, Mrs. Minhinnick, Mrs. Munroe, Mrs. Fay, the deacons.

Extension committee—N. Mills, B. McKay, Mr. Fitzwalter, J. K. McDermid, P. Glen, C. J. Leach, Dr. Green.

Building fund clerk—H. W. Peel.

Communion card clerks — Alice Clark and Lavinia Chute.

Pianist—Mrs. A. Greenslade.

Superintendent Junior Worship League—Annie Kennedy; assistant, Mrs. Webber.

Press correspondents—Miss Charlotte Jeffrey, John Holman.

House supervisor—Dr. Bryant.

Tellers—Mr. Miller, B. McKay, C. Fitzwalter, J. Peckham, Mr. Minhinnick, H. R. Lamb.

Ushers—H. W. Peel, chariman; M. Mills, Mr. Walters, Gordon Rickett, F. Blackwell, A. Fields, H. Murray, C. J. Wood, S. Cawstone, Harmon Walters, P. Fay, J. Scoyne, W. Clark, J. Whitehead, Jas. Upton.

House Committee.

Committee—Mr. A. Rale, R. Iveson, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Douglas, Mrs. Pickering.

Music committee—A. R. Kennedy, A. Greenslade, Mr. Racher, Mrs. Peel, Mrs. D. H. McDermid, Mrs. Hennigar, N. Mills, Miss Munroe, Mrs. Orchard.

Relief committee—Mr. Good, Mrs. Douglas, A. Fields, Mrs. F. May, Mrs. Ladell, Dr. Green.

Baptismal committee—N. R. Clark, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Hexter, Mrs. Herman, Percy Schott, Mrs. Blackwell, Thomas Norton.

Missionary committee — W. Walters, Mr. Hamilton, Miss Griffin, Carrie Leader, Mr. Adam, Mrs. J. B. Campbell, Miss Muir.

Finance committee—N. Mills, H. Peel, John Halman, A. Dale, Dr. Bryant, A. Munroe, A. R. Kennedy, E. L. Brown, P. Glen.

Deacons—N. Mills, H. W. McGill, E. L. Brown, J. W. Westervelt Sen., W. H. Tichburn, W. H. Walters, H. W. Peel, A. Dale, J. Halman, L. J. Munroe, John Douglas, Chas Fitzwalter.

Honorary deacon—T. A. Minhinnick.

LARGE CLASS CONFIRMED BY BISHOP WILLIAMS

An unusually large congregation witnessed the confirmation ceremonies in St. George's Church, West London, last night when Bishop Williams confirmed a class of 23. In a helpful address the bishop announced that the class would be admitted to holy communion on Easter Sunday.

Archdeacon Sage, rector of St. George's Church and Rev. John Hale, of Trinity Church, assisted.

TYRONE NATIONALISTS BOYCOTT NOMINATIONS

Associated Press Despatch.

Belfast, April 16.—The Nationalists in Tyrone yesterday fulfilled their threat to boycott the nominations for the county council and the district councils. In consequence, the councils, which have had Nationalist majorities for the last three years, now are solidly Unionist.

Londoners Give Radio Program

C. G. Hunter, of Adelaide street, will broadcast a musical program tomorrow night. The artists are some of the leading vocalists and instrumentalists in the city and promise a splendid program.

Following is the announcement: CFLC (430 meters), C. G. Hunter, London, Ontario, Thursday, 7:15 to 8 p.m. Musical program consisting of piano, violin and vocal selections by local artists.

DR. A. J. SLACK UPHOLDS CAUSE OF VACCINATION

Speaks Before the St. George's Mothers' Club at Meeting Last Night.

Statistics pointing to the value of vaccination as a means of keeping down smallpox were given last night before the St. George's Mothers' Club by Dr. Albert J. Slack, of the institute of public health.

"Before vaccination was discovered only five per cent of the population of countries in which an epidemic of smallpox broke out escaped, and from twenty-five to thirty per cent of those having the disease died," said the speaker. Although Germany had a population of fifty-five millions during the years 1891 to 1902, only 607 deaths from smallpox are recorded. In England and Wales, during the same period, with only half the population, there were 6,700 deaths. The greater number of deaths in England and Wales is attributed to the fact that vaccination was not compulsory in those countries, while vaccination and then re-vaccination at certain periods, was compulsory in Germany. And in England and Wales expensive isolation hospitals have to be kept up, while very small accommodation is needed in Germany.

Dr. Slack explained to the mothers history of vaccination from the time of its discovery, the origin and production of vaccine, and how it is used. He declared that no bad effects from vaccine had ever been traced directly to that source, that any complications had arisen from infection through improper care of the arm.

The program also included a vocal number by Mrs. Phillippo, a violin solo by Howard James, and several much appreciated numbers from Mrs. Grant Harris' children's orchestra.

A nominating committee appointed has Mrs. Alfred Drew as convener, with the following members: Mrs. John Scott, Mrs. T. Benson, Mrs. Kingston, Mrs. T. Sumner and Mrs. T. R. Allan. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

PROF. H. R. KINGSTON HEADS BROTHERHOOD

Successful Year Reported by Society at First Methodist Church.

At the annual supper and election of officers of the First Methodist Church brotherhood, Professor H. R. Kingston was unanimously elected as the president for the forthcoming year. The following were also elected to office: J. S. Barnard, Col. E. S. Shannon, W. P. Young, W. M. B. Boyd, J. E. McGee, H. R. Laurie, W. R. Yendall, Howard McTavish, Andrew Sheppard, Ralph Presgrave and Milton Walker.

The address of the evening, which was interesting as well as educating, was given by Rev. E. W. Jewett on the "Church as an Army and the Necessity of Obtaining High Esprit de Corps."

The past president, Rev. F. G. McAllister, referred briefly to the work done by the officers in the past year and congratulated the new executive on having such an enthusiastic and able body of men behind them in seeking to express in a practical way the spirit of fellowship and service in the community.

DRAFT PROGRAM FOR CONFERENCE OF METHODISTS

Rev. W. E. Millson Meets the Officials To Draw Up Plans.

LEADERS TO ATTEND

Rev. W. E. Millson, president of the London Methodist Conference, met yesterday with officials of the conference, and as a result the first draft of the conference program has been announced. The London conference this year, the 41st annual session, is being held in Central Church, Windsor, at the request of the congregation of that church. The conference commences Thursday, June 5, at 8:45 a.m., and will continue until Tuesday, June 10.

The conference this year is to be marked by the presence of a number of unusually distinguished men. Rev. S. D. Chown, L.L.D., D.D., general superintendent of the Methodist Church in Canada, will be present, and on the Sunday of conference week, will preach at a fellowship service in the Central Church.

Three distinguished representatives of the Methodist Church in the United States will take part in the services. Rev. Lynn Harold Hough, Th. D., D.D., of Detroit, Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, D.D., of Memphis, Tenn., and Rev. R. M. Atkins, of Detroit. Dr. Chappell is giving the devotional address on several occasions, and Dr. Hough is to address a mass meeting of laymen and ministers on Thursday, June 4.

Rev. Dr. T. Albert Moore, general secretary of the Methodist Church, Rev. A. Lloyd Smith, associate secretary of Home Missions, and Rev. J. W. Graham, D.D., general secretary of education, all of the Methodist Church in Canada, are taking a prominent part in the program. Several other officers of the general conference have intimated their intention of being present for part of the conference sessions.

The social event of the conference will be the annual banquet, this year to be held in Lincoln Road Church Walkerville, on Friday, June 6. Honorable E. C. Drury has been asked to speak on this occasion.

The lay association program of the conference commences on Wednesday, June 4, with a meeting in the I. O. O. F. Hall, Wyandotte street, Windsor, with Milton Moorehouse, Esq., the president, in charge.

Conference committees on several matters commence to meet on Monday, June 2, and the stationing committee meets on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

HOSPITAL COMMITTEE MEETS THIS AFTERNOON

A meeting of the hospital day committee will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock at Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, at which all five hospitals in the vicinity of London who will take part in the day, will be represented.

Dr. Clegg, superintendent at Victoria, elected chairman of all committees, will be present. Dr. Pratten, of Queen Alexandra Sanatorium, is secretary.

WAUGH'S INVENTION TO BE DEMONSTRATED

Meeting of Western Academy of Medicine Expected To Be Held Soon.

The Polycardiograph an invention of Dr. H. A. Waugh of the department of medicine University of Western Ontario, will likely be demonstrated at the next month's meeting of the western academy of medicine.

The invention is for use in diagnosing diseases of the circulatory system and though details of the appliance are at present lacking, it is believed that they will soon be given out in an article on the subject in the American Medical Journal.

The invention has been inspected by local physicians at the meetings of the medical research club and it is expected that the instrument will shortly become a part of diagnostic equipment.

LINCOLN RATE 20 MILLS.

Canadian Press Despatch.

St. Catharines, April 16.—Lincoln County council adopted a tax rate of 20 mills, an increase of three mills over that of last year.

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