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SATURDAY, DEC. 21.

APPRECIATED

Last Saturday was The Planet's birthday and by a unique series of circumstances this great home journal was called upon to celebrate the semi-centennial of its inauguration as a weekly and the first decade post of the daily upon the same day.

The occasion has resulted in our being the proud recipients of many voluntary kind and eulogistic comments from pleased patrons and esteemed contemporaries. These, with the good wishes which invariably accompanied them, have been keenly appreciated.

The Planet returns its hearty thanks and will, in future, more than ever seek to earn a continuance of the confidence and appreciation of its readers.

From the many kind things said of us by the Canadian press, we take the liberty of reproducing the following:

"The Leading Paper."

London Free Press.

Fifty years ago last Saturday The Chatham Weekly Planet launched upon journalistic sea, and forty years later, to a day, The Daily Planet was issued. It has during that long period, like many other enterprises, had its "ups and downs," but to-day it is brighter, newer and more energetic than ever it was. It is the leading paper of Kent County, and is conducted with marked ability, both from an editorial and business standpoint. The people of the city of Chatham could not get along without their Daily Planet, and the weekly issue is indispensable to the country readers.

A Metropolitan Paper.

Ridgeway Dominion.

On Saturday The Chatham Planet reached the half-century post and celebrated by issuing a paper that would do credit to a city of one hundred thousand inhabitants. Forty years a weekly and ten years both daily and weekly, is the history of The Planet, which is a household word throughout the Western counties. The Planet has had its ups and downs, but it is now at "high water mark" and is one of the best edited and brightest papers in the province. Long life to The Planet and all connected with it. The Dominion's holiday greeting to Chatham's journalistic luminary.

One of the Best.

Toronto Globe.

The Chatham Planet has entered upon its fiftieth year of publication. It points out in a reminiscent article that fifty years ago there were no railways in the western district. District Councils had only just been done away with, and the County of Kent had only just been established. Judge Wm. B. Wells had been appointed to administer justice, and Captain Glendinning—an old Waterloo veteran—was appointed to be Clerk of the First Division Court for the County. The Town of Chatham was newly incorporated, and its ratepayers sent five Councillors to the Municipal Board. The County Council consisted of eleven members, George Duck, Sr., being chosen to be Kent's first Warden, George Young, afterwards Warden, was the architect of the new court house and jail. Mr. Archibald McKellar, late Sheriff at Hamilton, was Reeve of Chatham Town. Mr. George Brown, the editor of The Toronto Globe, was member for Kent in the Parliament of Upper and Lower Canada. There was no Dominion of Canada in those days—hardly a united Upper and Lower Canada, so bitter were the feuds between those two Provinces. The Planet has a long, honorable and enterprising history, and it still, as it has been for many years,

Difficult Digestion

That is dyspepsia. It makes life miserable. Its sufferers eat not because they want to—but simply because they must.

They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, a feeling of puffy fullness, headache, heartburn and what not.

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A Kind Greeting.

Hamilton Spectator.

The Chatham Planet is 50 years old—only a few years younger than this great family journal. May it have many semi-centennials.

Deserved Success.

Montreal Free Press.

The Chatham Planet has just celebrated its 50th birthday. It is an up-to-date and prosperous publication and well deserves the success it has achieved.

Brightest and Best.

Montreal Star.

The Chatham Planet has turned the fiftieth milestone of a successful existence. It is one of the brightest and most vigorous dailies in Western Ontario.

"Almost Indispensable."

Tribune Times.

The Chatham Weekly Planet was 50 years old last week, and the daily was 10 years old. It is one of the most readable papers in the province, and almost indispensable to Chatham.

"Long May It Shine."

Blenheim News.

The Chatham Planet last week celebrated its fiftieth anniversary. During all that time it has been a leading exponent of the public life of this county. Long may it shine.

"Wields Mighty Influence."

Blenheim Tribune.

The Chatham Weekly Planet celebrated its 50th anniversary last Saturday, and The Daily Planet its 10th anniversary. The Planet is a well edited, well managed newspaper, and wields a mighty influence, not only in Kent County, but in the whole western district. We are pleased to know that since its inception in the old county town, over 50 years ago, it has continued to prosper, and to-day it boasts of one of the best established printing houses in the west, and ranks among the leading papers of the Province. We trust that the next 50 years may be as prosperous as the past 50 years have been.

An Awful "Almost."

Chatham Banner-News.

Our esteemed contemporary is a few days over fifty years of age. It celebrated that auspicious event by issuing a special edition as modest, as it was excellent in tone. We extend

HOPEFUL VIEW

The hopeful view consumptives take of their own cases is strongly in their favor. Each year is showing a larger percentage of cures.

One of the best reasons for good hope is the record of Scott's Emulsion as a medicine for consumptives. So long as the system is strong enough to use medicine of any kind it can use Scott's Emulsion.

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our most sincere congratulations on the event. Fifty years is a lifetime—and a strenuous lifetime, if it be expended in newspaper work. The Planet has been a very successful agency in the upbuilding of Chatham. It is not a whit less of a force than it was in the old days, and we wish it a bright and prosperous future. There will always be two newspapers in a city of this size, and the people are to be congratulated in having in The Planet a newspaper of such marked excellence as to be often referred to as "almost as good as the Banner-News."

An Old Industry.

Chatham Market Guide.

While we welcome and aid our newly arrived industries, we should not forget to appreciate those of older growth, among which The Weekly Planet stands without a rival, having seen the light exactly half a century ago last Saturday. At one time it was practically the only newspaper in the three counties of Essex, Kent and Lambton. Since then, newspapers have sprung up all over Kent in the smallest villages, thus cutting off a certain amount of advertising, but the roots pruned in one direction have expanded in others, so that The Planet's circulation has been continuously increased and this journal is second to none in Canada outside a few of the big cities. When we reached Chatham in 1880, The Planet was run as Weekly and Tri-Weekly and, in 1891, the proprietor boldly struck a new departure and inaugurated a large daily, which has increased in size, and is ably edited by Mr. Harry Anderson.

When the daily started there were 33 employees, including those working in the job room, bindery, and correspondents and carrier boys. To-day there are 116, so that a very large sum of money is paid out every week, in Chatham, in wages alone.

That the relations between the proprietor and employees are pleasant is shown by the number of years during which the heads of departments and many of the hands have been working for him.

The Bindery has hardly received the notice it deserves. It turns out a special ledger which lies flat wherever opened, a point appreciated by every practical book-keeper, and supplies orders from Vancouver to Halifax.

An American commercial traveller of extensive connections with the Acting Secretary, tells us that The Planet did the largest theatrical show printing in Canada. All this brings money from afar into Chatham, and The Planet, from a strictly business standpoint, irrespective of politics, should be appreciated as one of our chief industries.

The Hamilton Spec. now refers to William as "his Two-centennials."

See to it that the little folks learn the joy of giving. They don't have to be taught the joy of receiving.

The old message of "Peace on earth; Good will to men," will have a truer significance this Christmas if chanted by the white winged angel of Peace over war-ravaged South Africa.

This is glorious weather. And just think of it, they are having blizzards with twenty feet of snow here and there in the old country! We Canadians should be grateful that we live in a mild climate.

The Stratford Beacon has issued an exceedingly fine Christmas supplement. The edition is splendidly gotten up, and deals in a most entertaining and enterprising manner with "Stratford Illustrated."

We may have mentioned it before, but this great home journal would like to see every ratepayer in Chatham turn out on election day and vote for the by-law. Incidentally, we believe, they will be giving a big boost to our city.

The schools closed yesterday and The Planet tenders the young students its best wishes for a happy Christmas holiday. It has received a list of examination results, which will interest them. They will appear in Monday's Planet.

The recent Christmas Kindergarten exercises in the Maple City have again brought this important branch of our school work prominently before the public. And no branch is more deserving of encouragement and endorsement. The Planet heartily congratulates the Kindergarteners on their achievements.

While Canada is preparing to dispatch a third contingent to South Africa, New Zealand is sending off its eighth contingent, and the premier of New Zealand says the little colony will cheerfully send a ninth if it is wanted. New Zealand is noted for some things beside the compulsory arbitration law.

Danger Next Door.

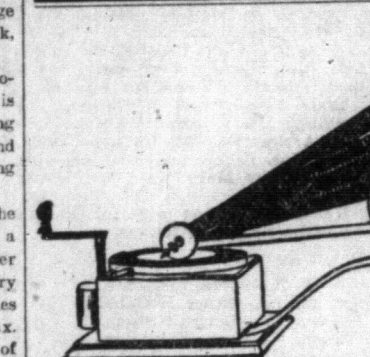
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The Planet is in receipt of three interesting letters, viz., from "Onlooker" on the proposed electric railway, from "Citizen" re the city engineer, and from Mr. Thos. Groves re Sunday papers, which, owing to the crowded condition of its columns, this great home journal is unavoidably obliged to hold over for a later issue.

"The message which our Prince brings to us from over the Seven Seas is a trumpet call to a more strenuous national life," is the terse and expressive comment of the London St. James' Gazette on the description of the Prince of Wales gave of the places in the empire that he visited, and what he saw and heard.

Anyway, the poet who dwells in a garret isn't troubled with book agents.



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WANTED

GIRL WANTED—Apply to Mrs. Frank Kesteven, Third St.

WANTED—General servant in family of three. Country girl preferred. Mrs. Lovell, 210 Cottingham St., Toronto.

TEACHER WANTED—As assistant for S. S. No. 4, Harwich. State salary and full particulars, before Dec. 14, to

CHAS. BUCHANAN, Sec'y-Treas.

2nd St. Blenheim.

WANTED—A female teacher, Catholic, holding a second or third class certificate, must be able to teach French and English, for S. S. No. 14, Dover Township, County of Kent. Duties to commence at the first of the year. Robert A. Glover, Sec. Treas., Dover Centre P. O.

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