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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 semicentennial of its inauguration as weekly and the first decade post of the daily upon the same day.

The occasion has resulted in our be ing the proud recipients of many voluntary kind and eulogistic comments most vigorous dailies in Western Onfrom pleased patrons and esteemed tario. 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 most readable papers in the province ever seek to earn a continuance of the confidence and appreciation of its

From the many kind things said of liberty of reproducing the follow-

"The Leading Paper."

Fifty years ago last Saturday The Chatham Weekly Planet launched upjournalistic sea, and forty ears 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, newsier 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 standfrom an editorial and business stand-point. The people of the city of Chat-bers could not one of the best establish-ed printing houses in the west, and am could not get along without their Daily Planet, and the weekly issue is

ndispensable to the country readers. A MetropolitanPaper.

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 The Dominion's holiday greeting 'Chatham's journalistic luminary.

One of the Best.

The Chatham Planet has entered that fifty years ago there were no the system is strong enough to

et Coancils had only just been done use Scott's Emulsion. away with, and the County of Kent had only just been established. Judge Wm. B. Wells had been appointed to ness in this disease is because denning—an old Waterloo veteran—was appointed to be Clerk of the First Division Court for the County. The it as quickly as other mediations and the county of the County of the County. The it is quickly as other mediations of the county of t Town of Chatham was newly incorpor- cines and that is where the ated, and its ratepayers sent five great benefit comes. Councillors to the Municipal Board. The County Council consisted of eleven | ቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀቀ 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 McKel-Iar, 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 Canda. There was no Dominion of Canada in those days-shardly a united Upper and Lower Canada, so bitter were feuds between these two Pros. The Planet has a long, honde and enterprising history, and s still, as it has been for many years, Cows.

Difficult Digestion

Its sufferers eat not because they WANT to-but simply because they

They complain of a bad taste in the mouth, a tenderness at the pit of the stomach, a feeling of puffy fulness, headache, heartburn and | Banner-News." what not.

Hood's Sarsaparilla cured Joseph F. Laine, Flanagan, Ky., who writes: "I was troubled with dyspepsia for a number of years and took medicine that did me no good. I was advised by friends to try Hood's Sarsaparilla which I did and it put my bowels in perfect condition, gave me strength and energy and

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one of the best newspapers in Western Ontario.

A Kind Greeting.

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

Deserved Success.

Manitoba Free Press The Chatham Planet has just cele brated its 50th birthday. It is an upto-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

" Almost Indispensable."

The Chatham Weekly Planet was 50 years old last week, and the daily was 10 years old. It is one of the almost indispensable to Chat-

"Long May It Shine."

The Chatham Planet last week cel us by the Canadian press, we take the ebrated its fiftieth anniversary. Dur- extensive connections with the Acting ing all that time it has been a leading county. Long may it shine.

"Wields Mighty Influence."

The Chatham Weekly Planet cele brated its 50th anniversary last Sat- chief industries. urday, 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 as-the past 50 years have been

An Awful "Almost."

Our esteemed contemporary is few days over fifty years of age. It issuing a special edition as modest, as it was excellent in tone. We extend in a mild climate.

HOPEFUL VIEW

The hopeful view consumpin the province. Long life to The tives take of their own cases is Planet and all connected with it, is strongly in their favor. Each ford Illustrated." year is showing a larger percentage of cures.

One of the best reasons for good hope is the record of upon its fiftieth year of publication. Scott's Emulsion as a medicine to the by-law. Incidentally, we for consumptives. So long as believe, they will be giving a big railways in the western district. Dis- use medicine of any kind it can

The reason for its helpfuladminister justice, and Captain Glen- of its long tolerance by the list of examination results, which will

Because it cured Rheumatism the MAGI Caledonia Water got its reputation. People drink it, too, for its goodness and not to be ill at all. Sold everywhere

Minard's Liniment Cares Garget in the respect to the last selection law, it is it is the Table

our most sincere congratulations the event. Fifty years is a lifetimeand a strennous 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 was in the old days, and we wish it bright and prosperous future. There will always be two newspapers n a city of this size, and the people marked excellence as to be often referred to as "almost as good as the

An Old Industry.

ly arrived industries, we should not forget to appreciate those of older growth, among which The Weekly Planet stands without a rival, having een 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 ambton. 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 continuously increas ed 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 pro prietor 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 employes, 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 employes are pleasant is shown by the number of years during which the heads of departments and many of the hands have been working

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 rders from Vancouver to Halifax. An American commercial traveller of fraternity, tells us that The Planet exponent of the public life of this 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

> The Hamilton Spec. now refers to l William as "his Two-centness."

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 ranks among the leading papers of Good will to men," will have a truer the Province. We trust that the signification this Christmas if chantnext 50 years may be as prosperous | ed by the white winged angel of Peace over war-ravished South Africa.

think of it, they are having blizzards with twenty feet of snow here and celebrated that auspicious event by there in the old country! We Canadians should be grateful that we live

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

> 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 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

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 endorsation, Tro Planet heartily con-gratulates 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 thing's beside the compulsory

Danger Next Door.

Perhaps it's diphtheria, or scarlat fever. Keep your own home free from the germs of these diseases. Prevent your children from having them. You can do having them. You can do having them. it with our Vapo-Cresolene. Put

some Cresolene in our vaporizer, light the lamp beneath, and let the vapor fill the sleeping room. Have the children sleep in the room every night, for it's perfectly safe, yet not a single disease germ can live in this vapor. Ask your doctor about it. Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporier and amp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of resolene, complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresone as cents and 50-cents: Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. Values of the Values of

The Planet is in receipt of three interesting letters, viz., from "Onon the proposed electric looker" 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 unavoidab ly obliged to hold over for a later

"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 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 arret isn't troubled with book agents.

GIRL WANTED-Apply to Mrs. Frank Kniveston, Third St. 10 WANTED-General servant in family of three. Country girl preferred.
Mrs. Lovell, 210 Cottingham St.,
Toronto.

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Blenheim

WANTED-A Female teacher, Ca-WANTED—A Female teacher, Catholic, holding a second or third class certificate, must be able to teach French and English, for 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. 2sd 3w

FOR SALE OR TO RENT. TO RENT—One large unfurnished room, also a stable. Apply 30 Barthe street.

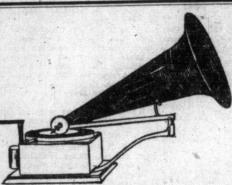
CATTLE FOR SALE.—Five head milch cows, one coming in in one week, and and four milking, all in first class ion, Apply to A. F. CROW,

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To-night

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Mantle department.

Ladies' Heavy all Wool Frieze and
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in black and Oxford grey, sizes 32 to 14, clearing at

Ladies' Coats, fine heavy beaver, in fawn and black, latest cut, storm col-lars, rich Surah twill linings, perfect fitting, sizes 30 to 42 in., special at

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Ladies' 3-4 length Coats, all wool Canada, at \$5.00 and Frieze cloth, superior quality in grey and black, semi-box or fitted back, double front, silk faced or plain lapels, storm or coat collars, lined, and unlined, sizes 32 to 42, regular value up to \$8.50 each, price

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\$13.50

Ruffs-Pretty styles in fashionable, furs, special at \$2, \$2 0, \$2.75, \$3.25, \$4, \$5, up to \$24.00 Caperines-Newest styles in plain

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special at \$24.50, \$29.00 and 835,00 Best Quality Electric Seal Coats-Smart style, 23 in. long, storm collar, superior quality, satin linings, special

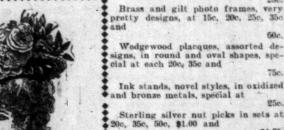
\$40,00 Ladies' Russian Lamb Coats-Beautiful curls, handsome styles, guaran-teed in wear, best grade linings, worth \$50,00

Fur Capes—Rich, bright curls, with high collars, well lined, wide sweep—fine lawns, beautifully trimmed with scarfs. suggenders, handkerchiefs, 25 inches long, at \$10.00.
28 inches long, at \$12.50.
30 inches long, at \$14.50.

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