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God's in his heaven,
 All's right with the world.
 —[BROWNING.]

THE LONDON ADVERTISER, with its morning and evening editions, covers the ground. With one exception, it is the ONLY EARLY MORNING DAILY IN ONTARIO, outside of Toronto.

London, Monday, Dec. 3.

—Toronto is having its civic boudlers investigation, and now Hamilton is talked of. Westward the star of empire takes its way.

—The Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw, who lectures in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church tonight, is one of the best speakers of the continent. She combines charm, culture, and consecration.

—Mr. Marten's Hamilton organ is again attacking the people of London in connection with the London election, and it is rather pitiable to see, through the cowardly anonymous letter method.

—In the new Legislature of Michigan there are no fewer than nine Canadian-born members, two—Mr. John A. Matthews, of Detroit, and Mr. T. H. Parkinson, of Yale—having started their careers in this city.

—The Halifax Chronicle points out that the duty on rice is 70 cents for every dollar's worth purchased. Why should any worker in the community object to that when under the new treaty with France he will be able to import his sparkling wines and only pay 25 per cent duty?

—The Toronto World (Conservative), quoting the ADVERTISER's statement that a panic has set in at Ottawa, and that the Ministers dare not meet Parliament with their huge deficit, necessitating new taxation, says that the weight of the evidence is in favor of an immediate general election.

—Indications increase that the men now in power at Ottawa will refuse to face the House of Commons at the usual time, and will go to the country as soon as possible. It is so much more easy to talk loosely on the hustings about what they intend to do than to confess to Parliament that they have, by lavish and corrupt expenditure, landed the country in trouble. A prospective deficit of FIVE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS, with the increased taxes that it will necessitate, they dare not fairly face.

A GOOD CITIZEN GOING.

Mr. H. E. Nelles, who leaves on Wednesday for San Diego, California, has been compelled to seek a milder climate. Citizens generally will regret his departure and its cause. Mr. Nelles has been one of the most esteemed residents of London, and we doubt if he has an enemy. When he was Official Assessor some few years ago, he was the soul of honor and of promptitude. In his management of an important local financial institution, he has made new friends. As an official member of St. Andrew's congregation, he will be missed in church circles. For many years he was the efficient treasurer of the Y. M. C. A. of this city. In short, Mr. Nelles is the sort of citizen London dislikes to lose, and that San Diego will be glad to welcome. The ADVERTISER wishes Mr. Nelles and his family health and prosperity in their new home.

ABERDEEN IN NEW YORK.

He is Warmly Welcomed at a Great Public Dinner.

Interesting Address on Scotchmen and Their Characteristics.

New York, Dec. 3.—At the St. Andrew's Society banquet here, Lord Aberdeen and Dr. Chaucery Dewar were the principal speakers. The last-named said it was a great delight to meet that unassuming and audacious being, a Scotchman. There was no place in the world where one would not find two men, one a Scotchman and the other carrying his trunk. Other people died of fever in India, or were frozen to death in the Arctic regions, but there were so many kinds of climate in Scotland that a Scotchman was acclimated wherever he was. He would fry in the tropics and climb the North Pole in the same suit of clothes. But, wherever he might roam, he always at last settled in the spot where he could live best.

The Governor-General was received with great applause. He began his remarks by expressing cordial thanks and appreciation of the friendly references to Canada. He then attended to the Scottish features of the occasion. It was St. Andrew's night, and they were mentally on their native heath. He hoped that any non-Scottish friends who were present would excuse them if they used the occasion as a safety-valve, for this indeed was one of the advantages of such a festival. After narrating in a popular way some of the supposed taunts and gibes which Scotchmen have to endure patiently, he continued as follows: Even our church-going tendencies are

sometimes made fun of; for instance, when some Southern pretender that he overheard the following conversation between two elders returning from church:

"First Elder—Did you hear Duncan snoring?" the sermon?

"Second Elder—Fairly disconcerting; he awakened us."

But, Mr. President, it was perhaps indiscreet on my part to quote that particular dialogue, because some amiable friend may possibly suggest that I was the Duncan referred to. Certainly, I noticed some time ago in certain newspapers a story which represented me as being like Duncan, a disturber of the public repose, though not in a church, but in a car.

The accusation was, I believe, a calumny, and the story certainly a fiction. But while we may admire the imaginative inventiveness of the fabricator of such a story, I confess I think he might have given a Scotchman credit for the proverbial characteristic and privilege of answering one question by putting another, which, in the case of an impertinent inquiry, would naturally be to ask what right or reason a stranger could claim for an interrogation as to a traveler's income or anything else.

But, gentlemen, I shall not dilate upon Scottish characteristics in detail; at a gathering like this, however, where our nationality is fully and conspicuously represented, it may be allowable to express the hope that we shall never think it necessary to disguise, still less to be ashamed of that nationality. (Applause.)

I know that it may be and has been suggested that the maintenance of these societies may hinder that fusion, that harmonious co-operation which is so much to be desired in every community. But I have no apprehension on that score; rather should the celebration of our love for the land of our origin be a stimulus and an incentive to take a real share in promoting the country of our adoption. (Applause.)

And, besides, the individuality of a race is a thing not lightly to be lost sight of. If we aim at getting rid of our distinctively Scottish features in order to acquire similarity to others of a different nationality, we shall probably only succeed in becoming commonplace. There is, so to speak, a soul belonging to a nation as well as to individuals. Rob them of what is distinctively their own and you rob them of their soul-like quality. I trust, both here and in Canada, which I am proud to represent tonight, Scotchmen will show that they appreciate not only good business, but good government—(loud applause)—and that what we claim to be a Scottish trait, namely, the love of right, will be carried into practice in supporting every well-directed movement for securing more and more of righteousness and of equity in the administration of our public affairs. (Continued applause.)

Remunion of English-Speaking Peoples.

The discussion of a possible Anglo-American reunion by Lord Charles Bessford and Captain Mayhew has attracted wide attention in the United Kingdom. The latter pointed out in his recent article that the two nations have a large degree of community in inherited political tradition and habit of thought and an identity in the moral forces governing and shaping political development. Moreover, the geographical dependence upon sea communications, together with a corresponding exemption from the burden of maintaining great land armies, must "tend to lead them toward a similar course of action in the future."

In reviewing the articles the other day a leading provincial journal said: "The prospect, however remote, of healing the vast mischief done by the one great imperial blunder committed by our forefathers, and drawing the whole English-speaking race throughout the world into one mighty union, is so splendid that the acceptance by a philosophical writer with Capt. Mayhew's reputation of something like it as within the ends for which the stars in their courses are fighting, seems almost too good to be true. Lord Charles Bessford holds, however, and we cannot but believe rightly, there is not as yet sufficient realization of the national interest in the sea to induce American public opinion to demand the creation of the naval force necessary to make a naval alliance with England practical and effective."

We must not therefore go in for "forcing processes," but, doubtless, by drawing together the British Empire itself into an effective union for defense, we shall be likely at the right time to make the British alliance eminently and cogently attractive to our American cousins."

A Disastrous Failure.

The Manchester Ship Canal, the greatest experiment in municipal enterprise ever attempted in England, is proving a disastrous failure. The total earnings in the past eleven months amount to \$420,000, being \$85,000 less than the working expenses. The trade of the canal is steadily dwindling, and there is no reasonable prospect of an adequate return ever being obtained for the \$70,000,000 expended. The failure will involve widespread financial trouble, especially in Manchester, and an effort will be made to induce the state to take the canal over, but no government will dare incur such a responsibility.

Discovery of a Queer Race.

Signor Robbetti Brichetti, who has been exploring Somaliland for the Italian Government, reports that he discovered on the coast of the Indian Ocean a degraded and wretched race of men, without weapons and proper dwellings, and living exclusively on bivalves and fish, whom he believes to be the descendants of the supposed fabulous Ichthyophagi. In other sections he discovered numerous primitive constructions which local tradition affirms to be the tombs of a gigantic race long since extinct.

A Felicitous Speech.

Thos. F. Bayard, United States ambassador, presided Friday evening at the annual dinner of the London Scottish Corporation. In the course of his toast to the Queen, Mr. Bayard said: "Her practice of domestic virtue and dignified private life has been justly to the admiration of her own people and all civilized mankind the world over." (Cheers.) In proposing the health of the Prince and Princess of Wales, mentioned by their Scottish titles, the Duke and Duchess of Rothesay, the ambassador said in part: "This is a reminder that the kingdom is yet a union. (Cheers.) The three-fold bond is the rose, thistle and shamrock. Such a union will not be broken easily."

Interesting Proposals.

Two practical solutions have been suggested for the problem of the unemployed in Great Britain. The first is the reclaiming of the Waab, which was declared perfectly feasible 50 years ago. The second is the afforesting of the waste lands of England, Scotland and Ireland, which constitute one-fifth of the whole lands of the kingdom. It is claimed that the adoption of the latter plan would give employment to 70,000 persons for 40 years, by which time a handsome profit would begin to be realized from the sale of the timber raised. As the United Kingdom imports \$90,000,000 of lumber yearly this scheme is being seriously debated. In this connection it is pointed out that the district of Landes in France was a wilderness 40 years ago, but since it has been successfully afforested, \$150,000,000 has been added to the national wealth. So far as the reclaiming of land is concerned, it would pay the local authorities at the various sections of the north and northeast coast to build walls to prevent the further encroachment of the sea. Within the past twenty years hundreds of acres have been swept away, and scarcely a winter passes without the demolition of some old landmark. England can ill afford this loss of home territory, and she could not put her idle classes to better use than to employ them in works which would protect her against the continual ravages of the Northern Sea.

A Compact Broken.

A cablegram from London says that all the Catholic candidates for membership on the school board of the British metropolis were defeated last week. It came about in this way: The Catholic electors generally were prevailed upon to support the Conservative candidates, known as the "Moderates," as against the "Progressives," or Liberals. In return, their candidates were promised the support of the Conservatives. The returns show that though the Catholics supported the "Moderates" the latter deserted the Catholics. There is much indignation over the affair.

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CITY CHURCH CIRCLES.

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A Pastor Who Disapproves of Women Speaking from the Platform—Rev. James Ballantyne Here—Individual Communion—Cups Used.

Rev. James Ballantyne, of Knox Church, Ottawa, was greeted at St. Andrew's Church yesterday by large congregations including many of his old parishioners from South London, to whom he still remains south by ties of affection. In the morning he conducted the first communion service since Mr. Murray's death. He had also assisted the late pastor in the last celebration of the Lord's Supper. Mr. Ballantyne made a sympathetic allusion to the departed minister and to his nineteen years of faithful service. He had seen much of the inner life of Mr. Murray, whose one wish was to love God. He admonished his hearers to take up the work where deceased had left it and prosecute it with all vigor.

MEN ADDRESS BY A WOMAN.

Rev. Dr. Anna Shaw delivered an address, or, correctly speaking, a sermon, to 1,800 men and boys at the Grand Opera House yesterday afternoon. Miss Shaw took as her text a portion of Acts, xxvi, 19. "For I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision."

She encouraged all young men to have a set Christian ideal and to endeavor to work up to that. She also gave some splendid advice in an original and pointed manner on the possibilities of living Christian lives. Mr. Fred W. Dally occupied the chair and Rev. W. H. Clavis assisted in the exercises. Mr. J. Studley Asplund sang a tenor solo in splendid voice. The orchestra, under Mr. F. L. Evans, as usual, furnished some capital selection of music. The Sunday afternoon meetings have been held for ten weeks now and over 10,000 persons have attended altogether. They will be continued until March.

AGAINST WOMEN ON THE PLATFORM.

In the course of his sermon at the King Street Presbyterian Church on Sunday night, Rev. D. Robertson expressed his opposition to women speaking from public platforms, and claimed that their proper place was the home.

NOTES.

Mrs. (Archdeacon) Davis, South London, is recovering from her severe illness.

Rev. Mr. Cullen (Akin Street Methodist) is ill.

The Bishop of Huron is delivering a series of Saturday addresses to a group of students of Huron College.

The Grosvenor Street Baptist Church enters upon its winter's work with every promise of blessing. Large and interested congregations, anxious inquirers, good state of finances, all encourage the church and congregation to hope for good things in the future. All the agencies of the church are in healthy and active operation.

For nearly a year there have been no regular services at the Horton Street (colored) Baptist Church, but this undesirable state of affairs has been remedied by the Young Men's Baptist Missionary Union taking the matter in hand. They are now taking the services every Sunday evening, and their efforts are much appreciated. The same society has also rendered efficient service at the East End Mission, Egerton street.

Rev. Principal Miller, city, delivered his fine lecture on Elizabeth Barrett Browning in Hamilton on Friday night.

The Presbytery of London meets at Wardville on Wednesday next for the induction of Rev. Alex. Wilson, brother of Rev. T. Wilson, of Dutton.

On Sunday next the Rev. J. C. Madill, of Sarnia, will exchange pulpits with Dr. Wild, of the First Congregational Church.

Miss Hutchinson officiated most acceptably as soloist in the Dundas Street Center Methodist Church yesterday.

"Sam" Jones has become one of the editors of the Toronto Methodist.

Rev. Dr. John J. Paton, the famous missionary in the New Hebrides Islands, who visited this city last year, has returned to his work, after visiting the churches extensively in Great Britain, America and Australia.

Mrs. Kennedy, of Philadelphia, a well-known Sunday school worker, will conduct the missionary services of Queen's Avenue Methodist Church Sunday school on Sunday and Monday next. On Saturday night she will hold a meeting for the special benefit of teachers.

On Sunday next the pastors of the several city Baptist churches are to exchange pulpits.

On Wednesday evening next, the Women's Missionary Society will hold an attractive meeting in Dundas Street Center Methodist Church. The programme will be varied.

The anniversary services of the Memorial Church will be held on Sunday next. The bishop will preach in the evening.

Feeling reference was made in Talbot Street Baptist Church yesterday by Rev. Ira Smith to the late J. J. Wilkes, an honored member of the church for years.

The Young People's Presbyterian Union, of Toronto, intend holding a meeting tonight in College Street Church, which will be addressed by Rev. W. J. Clark, of this city.

Speaking of the great increase reported in Christian Endeavor societies in Ontario, the Endeavor Herald says: "We would not be surprised to see that number coming back to Ontario at Boston in '05."

Mrs. H. R. McDonald preached and Mr. H. R. McDonald sang at the Akin Street Methodist Church on Sunday. The twin evangelists, the Colwell brothers, conducted revival services.

The individual communion cups were used for the first time in St. James' Presbyterian Church, Sunday, by Rev. M. P. Telling.

In closing a thoughtful and practical discourse on Sunday morning, from the text found in Acts, xxiv, 22 and 23, Rev. D. M. Miell made a brief and modest reference to the fact that he had just concluded his second year as pastor of Adelaide Street Baptist Church. Mr. Miell expressed his gratitude to God for his blessing on the efforts put forth during the past year in advancing Christ's kingdom, and thanked the members of the church for their co-operation and for the kindness they had shown to himself. In speaking of the progress of the church he said that two years ago the church membership was 227; now it is 320. The increase in the period mentioned included 54 added by baptism, 40 by letter, and 10 by experience. In one respect the church has had a remarkable experience, for though many members have moved away only one has died in the two years of Mr. Miell's pastorate.

The Bishop of Huron held confirmation services in Mooretown and Courtwright a week ago Sunday.

Rev. W. J. Clark delivered the first of his discourses to young men Sunday night. The series promise to be interesting and profitable.

THE BEGINNING

Of every new month is a great occasion with us, calling us to do our best to make it rank with the others as a record breaker.

CHAPMAN'S TRADE

BRINGERS

FOR DECEMBER.

ARE MANY AND VARIED. EVERYBODY SAVE THE BUYER OF TRASH IS SERVED HERE.

Blankets

We bought a lot far below manufacturers' price. They are large and all wool, and would be cheap at \$3, but the price ticket calls for only \$2 25.

Another lot at \$2 75, worth \$3 25, and still better ones for more money.

Our celebrated Lambskin Flannel Blanket, large size, at \$1 and \$1 25 per pair, have made themselves very popular. See these new ones just in.

Never so many fresh goods bought late, never such low prices on superior qualities.

Flannels

Gray Flannels, all the best makes. Early in the season we sold largely by selling cheap, but the tendency has been still lower. 12½c, 13½c, 15c, 18c, 20c and 25c are the prices we ask for good qualities.

Table Covers

4x4 Chenille Table Covers at 75c.

6x4 Chenille Table Covers, \$1 25.

6x4 Chenille Table Covers, superior quality, \$1 75.

8x4 Chenille Table Covers, \$3.

7x4 Jute Table Covers, \$1.

8x4 Jute Table Covers, \$1 25.

8x4 Silk Embroidered Table Covers, \$1 50.

Bleached Table Cloths, 3 yards long, drawn borders with fringe, for \$4 25.

8x10 Double Damask Table Cloths, hemstitched, drawn borders, for \$4 25.

Table Napkins, 45c, 60c, 75c, \$1, \$1 25, \$1 50, \$2.

Table Linen, 25c, 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, 60c and 75c.

Tray Cloths, newest designs, 15c, 25c, 45c, 75c and 85c.

Easy to get larger profits on them if we pleased. Our policy forbids,

Sheetings

36-inch Twilled Sheetting, unbleached, 8c, 10c, 12½c.

72-inch Twill Sheetting, unbleached, 20c, 22c, 25c.

80-inch Twill Sheetting, unbleached, at 25c.

72-inch Bleached Sheetting, twilled or plain, 22c, 25c, 30c, 35c and 38c.

36-inch Flannel Sheetting, gray or white, 25c.

72-inch Flannel Sheetting, 50c and 56c.

No business flurries will tempt us from the settled plan to give our customers more and better for less than they can get elsewhere.

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