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A GOOD EXAMPLE.

Ald. Austin is to be commended upon his frank statement as to his stand upon the temperance questions that are said to be hovering over the coming Council. Whatever a candidate's convictions on public questions—especially when they are emphatic ones—the electorate should know them in order to vote the more intelligently, and a man is honest with himself and the people he seeks to represent when he frankly takes them into his confidence. Ald. Austin has set a good example, which there is still time for other candidates to follow.

A GREAT STEP FORWARD.

The report of the Joint Committee on Church Union, representing the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches, is a document of unusual importance. It would not have been surprising if the committee had been unable to agree on church polity, arrangements for pastoral service, and other matters of government and organization; but the setting forth of the common doctrines held by Presbyterians, Methodists and Congregationalists is a bold proceeding; and if, after being published to the world, it stands the test of criticism, and is accepted by the people of all these denominations, it will be difficult to exaggerate the extent of the progress thus made in Christian union. And this progress will be an accomplished fact, even if organic union should be long delayed. The mere fact that there is a document in existence to which the members of the three Churches can point as containing a clear and satisfactory statement of their common belief is one of immense importance.

It may be said that these and other Protestant denominations have always found this common ground in the Bible. But it was once supposed that they were divided by varying interpretations of the Bible; and this has been described as a serious difficulty, an obstacle to the progress of Christianity and even a matter of reproach. Here we not only have a general declaration that common ground is to be found in the Bible, but we have that, ground marked out, a common interpretation agreed upon, and the common doctrine set forth in a document of remarkable clearness and brevity.

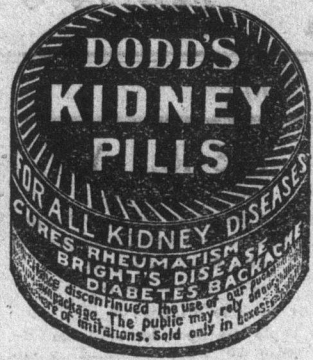
Its sufficiency is not a matter for off-hand judgment. Upon that point we must have the deliberate judgment of the whole community, lay and clerical, represented by these three Churches. Although this is a Canadian movement, the matters dealt with are not bounded by political or national lines, but are of universal and eternal moment. For this reason the judgment of members of these Churches and of kindred Churches in Great Britain, in the United States and all over the world, will be awaited with deep interest.

Nor is the importance of the step confined to these denominations. It will be interesting to know how far this statement of doctrine agrees with that of the Anglican Church, and even how far it agrees with that of the Roman Catholic Church. It may be found that the differences are not so formidable as they appear; and even if it is not possible to extend the range of organic union to other denominations, a great work may be done in preventing misunderstanding and promoting Christian fellowship and Christian charity.—Toronto News.

S. S. FESTIVAL

Holy Trinity church held its annual Sunday school festival last Wednesday night and it was a great success. About one hundred children sat down to an excellent tea at six o'clock and, after the tables were cleared, the chair was taken by the rector and a program of nearly two hours in length was given by the children, consisting of recitations, songs and instrumental music. The performance of Master Willie White—who is only 11 years old—on the piano, stamps him as a musical prodigy not equalled in the city. A unique feature of the evening was a competition in answering questions in the Church Catechism, in which Master Leonard Hatch won first in the junior classes and Master Rodger Butler first among the seniors, answering every question. Miss Francis Baldwin being a close second. The Matthew Wilson prize for regular attendance was won by Robert Herr, while his sister, Gerie, who attended an equal number of Sundays, was awarded a prize by the school. The Infant class all received toys and books and every child a bag of candy and oranges. The Sunday school is now in a very prosperous condition.

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DRAINAGE DECISION

Kerby vs. Township Pelee—This is a proceeding to collect from defendant \$8,500 damages claimed to have been caused to his land and crops by the drainage scheme initiated by the late Dr. Schudder on Pelee Island, which scheme was taken over and assumed by Township in year 1892. The plaintiff complains that in the years 1902-3 the three pumps with which the system is furnished were not properly run during the month of June, 1902, so as to keep the water in the canals or dredge cuts as low as possible according to the provisions of a by-law of the Township. He further complains that the rainstorm that began on June 28 was not properly guarded against by having the pumps started promptly, run night and day and Sundays as provided by law and that the pumps were not in proper repair and could not be operated to the full capacity. He further complains that the quantity of fuel was not sufficient to run the pumps during the wet season and after the fuel ran out the commissioner of the works was forced to purchase oil and use it as fuel without success and in consequence the pumps had to be stopped. He claims that his crops were in good condition before the rainstorm and they were to a large extent if not altogether destroyed by reason of the negligent operation of the pumping scheme. The Referee found that the different causes of complaint were amply sustained by evidence and that in consequence of such negligence the plaintiff sustained damages to his land and crops. He further finds that the year 1902 was an unusually wet season, but if the pumps had been properly operated according to the provisions of the defendant's by-laws the greater part, if not all, of the damages could have been avoided. He further finds that the crops of that locality was not more than 50 per cent. of ordinary crop, and as to corn much less and this upon lands in no way affected by drainage works and under all the circumstances of the case he assesses damages against Township at \$1,000 and costs to be taxed, which he directs under the statute to be paid out of the general funds. He follows the decision of Bradley vs. Raleigh, which was decided by him and affirmed in appeal.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At The Grand—
The Lighthouse Robbery—Dec. 29.
The Vitagraph Co.—Jan. 1.
Serio-Comic Girl—Jan. 3.
Knocker's Ponies—Jan. 4, 5, 6.
Nelson-Brett Pictures—Jan. 8.
Arrival of Kitty—Jan. 10.
The Way of the Transgressor—Jan. 12.
Devil's Auction—Jan. 15.
(Supplied to The Planet by Press Agents).

A CONTEST OF BRAINS.

The manager of "The Lighthouse Robbery," which appears at the Grand Opera House to-night offers a most attractive inducement to every boy and girl in this city, to engage in a contest of brains, which will not only stimulate the intellect, but also enable the winners to receive the most impressive of moral lessons, so uplifting as to benefit them all their lives. Every school boy or girl under 16 years of age is eligible to the contest. To the young persons forming the most words from the letters comprising the title, "The Lighthouse Robbery," will be extended the courtesy of the house, as follows: To the highest, three reserved seats, for self and two friends, in any portion of the house desired; to the second, two reserved seats, and to the third, one. The list of words must be carefully and plainly written, and each word numbered. The list must be signed with the name in full and address of the contestant, and handed in to the manager of the Opera House before seven o'clock to-night. The names of the fortunate ones will be announced in this paper.

There is not a single situation in the play, "The Lighthouse Robbery," that is strained or unnatural. Abounding heart interest, intensely dramatic moments, intermingled with comedy of the higher class, make this re-telling of the old, old story of a man's love for a woman one of the most charming plays ever written. The company is composed of eastern artists of distinction, with the exception of P. D. Quin, a young Canadian actor, born in Toronto, who was connected with the Molson's Bank, of Montreal. His brother is well remembered here as the English Lord in the Isle of Bong Bong.

THE VITAGRAPH CO.

The Vitagraph Company that gave such general satisfaction comes to the Opera House January 1st, New Year's Day, for a return engagement. When two performances will be given—one at 3 p. m. and one at 8.15 p. m. No pictures will be shown that were ever seen in Chatham before, unless specially requested, which are so far—Escaped from Sing Sing, Faust and Marguerite, The Buster Brown series will be shown at the Matinee. Seats are now on sale. Prices only 15, 25 and 35 cents.

The bright, breezy comedy with music, "The Serio-Comic Girl," by Israel Zangwill, with those monarchs of comedy, Nellie Beaumont and Richard F. Carroll, will be the big attraction Wednesday, Jan. 3, at the Grand Opera House. They will be supported by a company of exceptional talent. The scenic and stage embellishments of the play are elaborate and a veritable feast for the eye, while the costumes are remarkable specimens of modiste's art. There will be no advance in prices, in spite of the magnitude of this production. Seats on sale Monday.

There is to be an unusual bill of fare provided for the patrons of the Grand Opera House next week, when Prof. E. K. Crocker and his talented company of thirty fine specimens of the horse family will give their world renowned program. Prof. Crocker has earned a high high European distinction, as the greatest exponent of the high art of skilful horsemanship that has ever appeared before the public. Not only does this distinction apply to the present time, but there never has been any one who could fairly lay claim to possess the same high standard of skill in the education of the horse.

The opening performance is on Thursday evening at 8.15, and there will be a matinee performance on Saturday, for the convenience of those living at a distance from the city.

SNIDER-BOBIER

A very pretty house wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bobier, Kent Bridge, December 24th, when their third daughter, Louise Wilhelmine, was united in marriage to Mr. William Henry Snider, of Toledo, Rev. Mr. McKelvey officiating.

At six o'clock the contracting parties took their places beneath an arch of stars and stripes. The bride was assisted by her sister, Miss Clara, the groom by his uncle, Mr. Henry Wing, of Rodney. Only the immediate relatives were present. The happy couple left for their home in Toledo, amid showers of rice and good wishes.

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CALLED HOME

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The deceased lady resided for 53 years on the premises where she died. She was a highly respected resident and loved by all who knew her. She is survived by her husband, who is now dangerously ill, and four sons—Charles, Fernando and Andrew, of Kent Bridge, and John, of Chatham. Ninian Houston, Wesley Shaw and the sons acted as pall-bearers. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Hare, assisted by Rev. Mr. Her, of Ridgeway, the latter being a cousin of the deceased.

Real Estate Sales

E. E. Parrott & Son, Real Estate dealers in this city, report the following sales: The Taylor property on Princess street to Thomas Keys, of Baxter street; the Courtney property on Park street to A. J. Bedford, of King street; the Geller property on O'Neil street to D. F. Roseburg, of Queen street; the Rumble property on St. Clair street to W. H. Courtney, of Fifth street; the Frisby property on Wellington street to Miles Barker, of King street; the Gregg property on St. Clair street to W. E. Connor, of Wellington St.; the York County Loan property on Kirk street to Wm. Duling, of King street; the Cruikshank property on St. Clair street to L. A. Sturdevant, of St. Clair street; the Scullard property on Thames street to W. W. Logan, of Tupperville; the Knight property on Richmond street to John Curriel, of Grey street.

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