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**LONDON AND DISTRICT**

The Wilton Grove Women's Institute will hold an oyster supper and concert in the First Presbyterian Church on Wednesday evening, Jan. 31.

**Vote on Church Union.**

A vote on church union will be taken shortly by the Methodist Churches in London. There are some 12,000 Methodists in the city, the majority of whom it is expected will strongly support the basis of union.

**Death of Infant.**

Matthew Mote, the 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Mote, of 523 Bathurst street, died Friday morning at the home of the parents. The funeral was held this afternoon at Mount Pleasant Cemetery, and Rev. H. A. Graham, of Wellington Street Methodist Church, conducted the services.

**Jail Report.**

Governor Carter's report to the jail committee of the county council shows that 27 prisoners are now incarcerated in Castle Carter. Twenty-six are men, 11 of whom are there for short, 10 for indeterminate, 2 for vagrancy, 1 for murder, and 1 for drunkenness.

**A Treat.**

A lecture that is in store for the Forsters of London and their friends who will attend the anniversary concert given under the auspices of Court Orient, 331, C. O. F., in the East End Town Hall, A splendid programme has been prepared. W. G. Strong, superintendent of organization, of Brantford, will be present and act as chairman.

**Katherine Hale Here.**

A lecture recital by Miss Katherine Warnock, the noted woman journalist of Toronto, better known as Katherine Hale, spoke in the Normal School on Thursday afternoon on "Music in Literature." She dealt with the poetry of Browning, Lanier, Tennyson, Keats, Shelley, Whitman and Yeates, and her recital of illustrative poems was greatly appreciated by the audience. Principal Radcliffe presided.

**The Bateman Case.**

The Bateman case still occupies the attention of the Middlesex County Council. A new appeal having been entered, all of the decision of the court's sustaining the judgment of £12,500 for Dr. Bateman for injuries received while driving over a defective road, a committee was appointed by the council Thursday to conduct the defence. The members of the committee are Councilors Hodgins, Ulen, McDonald and McGugan.

**In the Sunny South.**

Mr. William Bland, of this city, who left on a three months' trip to the south, arrived in San Antonio, Texas, this week, after an enjoyable trip. Speaking of San Antonio he writes: "This is a quaint, historic city, full of Mexican negroes and mulattoes. The streets are narrow and dirty, but the weather is warm and fine. We will go to El Paso from here."

**Soldiers' Wives' League.**

The Soldiers' Wives' League was re-organized Thursday afternoon at a meeting held in the Armories. The league was first instituted in 1899. Officers were elected yesterday as follows: President, Mrs. Hodgins; vice-presidents (representing the different corps), Mesdames Campbell, Leonard, Kelly, Bolton and Burnham; secretary, Mrs. Arthur Little; treasurer, Mrs.

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**Watson—Brown.**

A quiet wedding was solemnized on Thursday evening at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Watson, of 155 Tecumseh avenue, when Mrs. Denie's sister, Miss Minnie Brown, became the wife of Mr. Amos Watson, of this city. Rev. H. H. Bingham, of Talbot Street Baptist Church, officiated, and was assisted by Rev. Mr. Pike, of Tecumseh avenue. The bride and groom were unattended, only a few friends of the couple witnessing the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will take up their residence on Cathcart street.

**Congregational Tea.**

The annual congregational tea of the First Presbyterian Church was held Friday evening. Addresses were given by Rev. Richard Whitting, of the First Methodist Church, and Rev. Canon Tucker, of St. Paul's Cathedral. Rev. J. Gibson Inkster presided. Vocal selections, which were much appreciated, were rendered by Mr. E. Madge, soprano, and Mrs. E. Madge, soprano. Refreshments were served at the close of an enjoyable evening.

**HAMILTON ROAD****MAN BADLY INJURED**

William Lowman Met With Accident at Strathroy on Friday.

William Lowman, of 463 Hamilton road, a carpenter employed on the Grand Trunk auxiliary crew, suffered a concussion of the brain Friday afternoon while at work repairing a freight car which had become disabled at Strathroy.

Lowman was brought to this city, and is now at Victoria Hospital, under the care of the company's physician, Dr. P. P. Drake. During the afternoon a journal was broken on the freight car, about a mile from Strathroy. Temporary repairs were made and the car was skidded into a Strathroy siding.

London auxiliary crew was sent out and while the men were at work a heavy iron bar slipped in some manner and struck him on the head.

**"THE REDEMPTION."**

Tomorrow night, the First Methodist Church choir will present the splendid work of Charles Gounod, "The Redemption." This great oratorio is one of three parts. The first part includes an instrumental introduction descriptive of chaos. This is followed with the creation of man, who is set forth as priest and king of nature. The next division gives the promise of the Redeemer, and ends with the solemn scene of the crucifixion and the cross. The work is under the hand of Mr. Jordan, and the soloists for the night are Miss Beatrice Hunt and Mrs. W. J. May, soprano; Miss Elsie Green, contralto; Mr. G. W. Dixon (Toronto), Mr. Arthur Greenwood and Mr. P. W. Harding, baritone. The Rev. Mr. Whiting, pastor, preaches from the theme, "The Secret of the Cross."

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WILL BOOST THE CITY

Legislature Will Be Asked to Sanction the Issuing of the Sum Mentioned Above.

The Legislature will be asked to allow the City of London to set aside \$5,000 for industrial purposes. At the special meeting of the city council, held Friday afternoon, the matter was brought up and carried through. This sum is expected to pay the salary of a commissioner of industries and the expenses of the department.

Ald. Spittal presented the motion, and spoke favorably of the project. He pointed out that the committee now had but \$1,500 for such purposes, and that was not sufficient. There was a great need of a progressive policy in the city, and a live commissioner of industries, or promoter, as he might be called, could do much to advance London.

Ald. Richter thought the amount much too large. The council could pay the salary of the commissioner out of the general fund, allowing the committee to use \$1,500 for expenses. This sum, he agreed, was not adequate, and should be increased. However, he would not oppose the suggestion, although he thought the legislature would not favorably receive it. He thought it might result in a revision of the municipal act, by which cities of different sizes would be allowed to expend on this feature of civic business a sufficient sum to meet their requirements.

Ald. Murphy thought that the motion should go to the Legislature in the form of a suggestion to amend the act, doing away with the whole system of public utility, and compelling all corporations to abolish the office of commissioner. However, the addition of this clause in the City of London bill might have the effect of bringing on a discussion of the whole question.

After some further desultory discussion the motion carried.

Ald. Coles presented the report of the special city hall committee, and it was recommended that the sum of \$2,000 be set aside to alter the auditorium of the city hall in accordance with the plans of City Architect Nutter.

The London Rolling Mills Company was given exemption from taxes for the year 1912, in accordance with an agreement with the company.

A Debenture Issue.

The debentures issued by the water commissioners last year for \$57,000 for waterworks purposes, and \$90,000 for electrical purposes, were passed and the by-law authorizing the issue was read a third time. These debentures were sent to the Ontario railway and municipal board for validation, and were held up owing to lack of information. The issue for this year was not dealt with.

There was no report from the board of works regarding the transference of the parks to the water commissioners, and they will remain under the jurisdiction of the council for another year.

Those present were: Mayor Graham, Aldermen Richter, Spittal, Johnston, Bennett, Wright, Ashplant, Murphy, Cole, Blanford, Robinson and City Clerk Baker.

**CORRESPONDENCE****An Editor's Experience.**

From Winnipeg west to Edmonton, I travelled over the new line of the Grand Trunk Pacific. To my mind the Grand Trunk Pacific is the last word in the railway world. A finer roadbed, more luxurious trains, or more courteous and efficient employees, I have never seen on railways, either in this country or in the country to the south of us.

It seems to me that a few personal experiences on the Grand Trunk Pacific may be of some use to you here. These incidents will explain what I mean when I say that I was delighted with the service.

I left Winnipeg at 6 p.m. I had my seat reserved in Winnipeg, and boarded the train at 8:45. I removed my coat and hat, and was about to follow my usual custom of hanging them up, when the train porter approached and took them from me. I noticed he did this with all the other passengers. Later made an inquiry, and learned that the instructions to the porters are that no clothing, parcels, hats or baggage are to be permitted to disfigure the "parlor" car. All that can be removed by the porter will take charge of. Passengers may retain such as they wish in their seats, but nothing is to be hung up or placed in the aisles.

This may seem a small affair, but you have no idea how much a parlor car looks when lighted up, if there is nothing to disfigure the beauty of the interior. It was a revelation to me, and I could not but admit that this was a striking example of what attention to small details meant in the operation of a great railway.

The Grand Trunk Pacific has a new system of collecting tickets and fares on the train.

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The whole duty of the "train agent" is to look after tickets and fares, and to keep a close record in this regard. He is an official that was new to me, and I was particularly interested in him. I was more particularly interested in him because of his extreme politeness and consideration for his passengers.

In the west today the "train agent" steps up to you and make a pleasant remark about the weather, or bids you "the time of day," and concludes with "Your ticket, please." He waits patiently till he gets it, and then invariably says, "Thank you."

If you are going far on his train he will tell you about the hour you will get to your journey's end. If the trip is short he will tell you two, three, or four stations, as the case may be, and hand you a hat check.

I watched the first "train agent" I travelled with, and he treated every passenger in the car in the same courteous manner. It was pleasing to see it, and I tell you it pleased the travellers a mighty sight better than the old-time poke in the ribs.

Later I travelled on a local train between Watrous and Winnipeg, and I determined to watch it all "train

agents" on the G. T. P. were as polite as the first one I saw. I was not doomed to disappointment. He was even more courteous and considerate of every passenger.—Vankleek Hill Review.

**UNIVERSITY HAS****MANY FRIENDS**

Sir George Gibbons Says It Will

Be On Its Feet in Five Years.

STRONG MAN AT HEAD

Board of Trade Heard Sir George Gibbons, Hon. Adam Beck, and Capt. Murphy Speak on the Institution.

In five years, with a big man at the head of the institution, the Western University will be on its feet, receiving the hearty support of the citizens of London as well as that of the Government.

This was the prediction of Sir George Gibbons at the board of trade Friday night, and his opinion was backed up by Hon. Adam Beck. The discussion was brought about by Capt. T. J. Murphy, who outlined the necessity of every effort being made to make the university a strong institution.

"I fully appreciate the desirability of placing the Western University on a sound footing," said Sir George. "Outside the medical department, the institution has not been very strong. We must secure a head of such standing that not only would we obtain the support of the Ontario Government, but would get the citizens of London to show practical sympathy towards it. It is desirable that a strong university be placed here. London is an ideal spot for it. And I think the prospects are brighter than they have ever been before. The salary of a first-class man is guaranteed for five years. We have buildings good enough for two or three years at least. We must get a man at the head of the university who will give to it character and tone. It has been said that Grant made Queen's, and Dawson made McGill, so we want a man to make the Western. The citizens, I am sure, will respond when they find that good work is being done, and their money is being well and properly spent. We will then be able to appeal successfully to the Government, not as matter of charity, but as a matter of right. We must do our part and the rest will be easy. In five years, the Western should be on its feet, a strong, progressive institution."

Must Show Faith.

Hon. Adam Beck was present, and coincided with the views expressed by Sir George Gibbons.

"I heartily endorse what has been said," he declared. "I have listened with a great deal of interest, not as a member of the Government, but as a citizen of London interested in its welfare from every standpoint. I have been interested in several big projects, and have not been able to devote the attention to the Western that its merits deserve. We must show our own faith in it. As soon as we do our part, the Government, whether it be this or some other, will do its part. I am convinced. Make it an admirable institution, and the Government will feel that it is its duty to assist. When that time comes the citizens will make themselves heard. I am glad the citizens are doing something tangible. When we have at the head of the Western such a man as Sir George describes, the rest will be comparatively easy. I am hopeful of its future."

A Strong Plea.

Ald. T. J. Murphy made a strong plea for the Western. The fact that the degrees of the Western were not recognized by the Government was a great disability to the institution, and the basis of the difficulty. Ald. Murphy took up the case of Miss Dearness, who, although she out-stripped the students of the Hamilton Normal School, was not permitted to teach because the degrees of the Western were not recognized by the department of education. This, he thought, a scandalous condition of affairs, and it was high time that the residents of London asserted themselves in the matter.

He spoke of the great benefit financially and in other ways the West would be to the city. He predicted that in a short time after the institution were properly organized there would be at least 1,000 students in London, attended the university.

Some of the other members of the board of trade expressed their faith in the Western, and hoped that the Government would soon do something to assist in financing it.

**A LECTURE ON SHAKESPEARE**

Boston Student of Bard of Avon Entertained Londoners Last Night.

Mr. Sydney Woollett, of Boston, commenced a series of lectures on Shakespearean subjects at the Sacred Heart Academy last evening, and delighted a large audience by his explanatory discussions and his exhibition of dramatic ability.

Mr. Woollett devoted his attention chiefly to "Much Ado About Nothing," Friday night, and this morning at the second session dealt with miscellaneous subjects, but particularly "Julius Caesar." "Henry VIII." is to be discussed this afternoon.

Mr. Woollett has studied the works of Shakespeare since 1868, and has mastered the master of poets in his tragedies, comedies and histories. He throws many interesting lights on the works of the Bard of Avon, and lovers of the classics who heard Mr. Woollett were accorded a rare treat.

IMPORTANT COURT DECISIONS.

It may come as a surprise to the people of London to learn that two courts in the United States, in different sections of the republic, have, after exhaustive investigation, declared that Joseph Smith, the so-called Mormon Prophet, never taught, practiced or preached polygamy. This news is timely, in view of the fact that a grandson of Joseph Smith, who preaches a series of sermons in this city, commencing tomorrow, at the Saints' Chapel, on Maitland street, between King and York. F. A. Smith, like his grandfather, is a forceful speaker, and bears a striking resemblance to the slain prophet. This church, in justice to its members, must not be confused with the Mormon Church of Utah, organized by Brigham Young, after the death of Joseph Smith. Services and subjects will be announced later.

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