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HAMILTON NEWS.

A PARSON ON NEWSPAPERS

Rev. Mr. Rutledge of Hamilton Tells How to Run Them.

Death of Mr. George S. Counsell, County Clerk, and an Esteemed Citizen—Some of the Happenings in Police Circles—Personal and General News From the Ambitious City.

Hamilton, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—Rev. W. L. Rutledge, B.A., pastor of the First Methodist Church, preached to-night on what he considered the daily newspaper should be; (1) Up to date in news; (2) truthful, without playing Paul Pry into private lives—when men and women sinned their names should be published, however; (3) clean and wholesome, keeping out all betting news and details of police court, racing items should be debarred as much as possible and pigeon shoots; (4) fair criticism of public men. At present one paper made a man out just short of an angel, while according to a paper on the other side it would be unsafe to leave your purse near him. The rev. gentleman considered The London, England, Chronicle came nearest to the mark.

Death of an Honored Citizen.

Mr. George S. Counsell, Clerk of the county of Wentworth for 37 years, died suddenly early yesterday morning. He was in his accustomed health on Friday, and attended the meting of the Roads and Bridges Committee. The work was long and arduous, and he retired to bed early. While at his bath the next morning the family was alarmed by the sound of some one falling, and, hastening to the room, found deceased unconscious on the floor. The death was due to heart failure. Mr. Counsell was a man of sterling character, of much ability and absolutely without an enemy. Mr. C. M. Counsell is a brother, and Mrs. Edward Martin and Mrs. McGiverin are sisters. The funeral will be held to-morrow afternoon.

Died From Pneumonia.

Mrs. G. W. Johnson, wife of the commercial teacher in the Central School, died early this morning of pneumonia. She took sick yesterday. She resided on Spring-street.

Encyclical Letter Read.

The encyclical letter proper of the Holy Father on the Manitoba school question was read, but without comment, in all the Catholic churches of the city this morning. At St. Mary's Cathedral Rector E. P. McEvoy prefaced the reading with a brief sketch of what the Catholics of the country based their claim on. Catholics, he said, discovered Canada, and every form of death to bring it civilization and the light of the Gospel, and established the first church, the first library, college, university, hospital and charities. The Catholics of Canada were neither strangers, foreigners or slaves, and it behooved them to act accordingly.

A Moulder's Sudden Death.

Yesterday afternoon Jeremiah Donovan, a moulder employed in Barron, Stewart & Milne's foundry, died very suddenly in Daly's Delmonico Hotel, John-street. He returned to the hotel about noon, and later he was found sleping near the closet in the cellar. He was carried upstairs and laid on a couch. In about an hour he was cold in death. Dr. McCabe was called in, but he simply pronounced life extinct. Coroner Woolverton was notified, and ordered an inquest, which will be held to-morrow night. Donovan was about 55 years of age, and his wife and children are dead. He has boarded at this hotel for several years.

The County Clerkship.

With the strong feeling there is in the county, it is probable that the next holder of the position of County Clerk will be a county man. The late clerk, Mr. Counsell, was a city man, who stepped into his father's shoes. There are a host of ex-county councillors who would not object to a salary of over $1000. The probabilities are further that the man who will enjoy this income will be a Conservative. The warden, reeve and deputy reeve are all Tories, and it is believed that the majority of the council are of the same belief.

The council has also the appointment to look after of a high constable to succeed A. Hunter, recently resigned. A. C. Springstead, J. Littlehales and William Hunter are applicants for the position.

Purple and Gold.

The Hamilton and Wentworth Christian Endeavor Union Executive has chosen purple and gold as the colors of the big C. E. convention which will be held in Knox Presbyterian Church of this city on Feb. 24.

Police Items.

Early last evening Mrs. J. Harris, wife of Constable Harris, locomotive-street, heard a noise in her cellar, and she went outside and asked a boy to telephone for the police. The patrol wagon with officers soon arrived, and Henry Getecel, a tramp, was found stored away amongst the winter's supply of vegetables. He was arrested on a charge of trespass.

A drunken driver in charge of a herd of cattle created a disturbance on King and John-streets last night. On John-street he drove his horse and cart on the sidewalk after a steer that strayed from the herd.

Minor News Notes.

It was noted by the large audience that attended St. Paul's Presbyterian Church to-day that the pastor, Rev. Neil McPherson, did not preach any worse sermons for having his salary increased by $500 last week.

General William Booth, head of the Salvation Army forces, will be in Hamilton on the 31st inst. He will address audiences at Centenary Church, Commissioner Eva Booth, his daughter, accompanies him.

Director Steele and the corve company who did so well in "Dorothy" took in upwards of $1250. The expenses ran up to about $1000.

Bishop Sullivan of Toronto preached a very eloquent sermon to-night at St. Thomas' Church on "What is Meant by Heaven."

His Lordship Bishop Dowling is confined to his house with a bronchial trouble.

TROUBLE HAS BEEN BREWING

And Mr. Blair Will Have Some Questions to Answer.

He Has Been Filling Places on the Intercolonial With Tories, While Good Liberals Are Wanting Jobs—Corriveau Has a Canal Scheme—New Steamships Coming to the St. Lawrence—Montreal News.

Montreal, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—There are strong indications here of big trouble that has been brewing for months past over Hon. Mr. Blair's appointments on the Intercolonial, and it is said that the Government's Quebec supporters will enter an emphatic protest, if not something worse, at the opening of the session. The ministerial members declare that the Drummond Railway deal was a bitter pill for them to swallow, but for party's sake they voted straight. Now they state that Mr. Blair has put the new extension into the hands of Conservatives, and that all of their protests have so far fallen upon heedless ears.

A Canal Scheme.

Mr. Albert J. Corriveau, well known as the first promoter of the Montreal Park and Island Railway, has a big scheme on hand. Notice is given for a demand of incorporation of the Montreal and Champlain Canal Company, asking powers to construct a canal from the St. Lawrence to the Richelieu River, beginning either at Longueuil, St. Lambert or Laprairie, and ending at St. Johns, a distance of eighteen miles. The company is to have a capital of $6,000,000 and the canal is to be 14 feet deep. It is said that leading Canadian and American capitalists are at the back of Mr. Corriveau's scheme. He contends that with the completion of the Canadian canal system to 14 feet and the endorsation of the Lake Champlain route by the International Waterways Commission, the scheme cannot but be a success. It is estimated that the canal can be built with two locks, or four at the most.

A "Greater Montreal" Idea.

Mayor-elect Prefontaine is credited with having a "Greater Montreal" scheme in view, and which will be put through during his worship's term of office. The idea of bringing the whole of Montreal Island under one government, at the City Hall, is not a new one, but no one has yet had the courage to push the scheme ahead. All agree that the amalgamation will take place some day, and Mayor Prefontaine, it is said, believes the sooner the better.

New Steamships Coming.

Several new steamships will visit this port next year, among them the Allan liner Castilian, of 8000 tons. The Dominion line are also having a new one built for the St. Lawrence trade. It will be a large twin screw vessel, of about 10,000 tons, and will be something after the style of the Scotsman. It is being built by Harland & Wolff, Belfast, and will be out here early in the spring. She will be called the Dominion.

The Allan line also have a new vessel at Belfast, in the yards of Wortman & Clark. The Tunisian, as she will be called, will be of 10,000 tons, and will be fairly fast, having a speed of 16 or 17 knots. Her passenger accommodation is of the best, and her cabin will take at least 200 passengers. She may not be out till late in the season.

WARD THREE CONSERVATIVES

Meet and Elect Delegates to Both the South and North Toronto Conventions.

Ward 3 Conservatives on Saturday night appointed delegates to the North Toronto and South Toronto conventions. The attendance at the meeting, which was held in the hall at the corner of Yonge and Alice-streets, was very large. The delegates were:

North Toronto.

Messrs. W C Phillips, John Bain, George Roxall, William Pearson, R. Millichamp, Wallace Nesbitt, A H McConnell, A J Bryan, G W Grote, W K McNaught, W B Newsome, A Patterson, James Baird, W S Lee, Harry Vigeon, A B Lee, J W Bain, A W Smith, William York, W A Lyon, G H Gooderham, J J Foy, R L Fraser, C A B Brown, W B Bleasdell, Frank Arnoldi, George Musson, J S Donaldson, H K S Hemming, C H Ritchie, J D Coulter, Arthur Ardagh, John Fletcher, Henry Robinson, James Gray, Jacob Rain, H Scott, W H Randall, G Castle, J Castle, J B Tasker, P W Clarke, W J Randall, J J Wainwright, F Woods, J Shone, J Loudon, E W Powers, M Glenister, J Cambridge, J Cantwell, F Johnson, J Harris J Kennedy, A Derry, W Sheppard, W Saul, F Attrell, F Hunt, R Staunton and J Lawson.

South Toronto.

Messrs. W B Bentley, James Hovenden, E F Clarke, A B Lee, James Hales, H M Pellatt, E B Ryckman, E Pearson, Herbert Capewell, George Greene, John Tytler, Charles Pearson, C E Macdonald, Joseph Johnston, W E Burritt, J H McGibbe, C M Henderson, George Nelson, H Arnold, N T Lyon, F H Herbert, Thomas Graham, Dan Fitzgerald, George Parkinson, John Aird, Jacob Cohen, W T Jennings, W H Bunting, R H Bowes, J A McGillivray, W J Franks, F C Cooke, J A Worrell, W J Wallace, Joseph Rogers, W T Murray, S D Lander, R Macdonald, W S Alley, R Northcote, W McCutcheon, C H Corton, T J Reid, S Baird, W W Vickers, J Cluff, Thomas Spence, George Bell, W M Angus, C A B. Brown, J Akers, Richard Tew, R J Gagen, William Ince, jr., C T Mead, T G Blackstock, T G Foster, W D McIntosh, Alex Dixon, John Rowatt, James Jackman, Alex McCord, J A Meyerhoffer, John Cuthbert, William Aggett R Patterson R J McBride, E Bacon, John Armstrong, Charles Somers, John Trebilcock, Charles Cockshutt, F A Humphrey, C N Sutherland, J T Johnston, M Lloyd, Nicol Kingsmill, Johnston, D M Stevenson, George Pearsall, G C Dees, W H Apted, M C Ellis, W J Townley, C Thrush, Arch Brown, R J Score, Robert Willis, Thomas Watkins, H Jackman, G Patterson, Alex Patterson, R Patton, F F Armstrong, Thomas Brown, William Lee, Thomas Colby, G A Sherris, E J Walsh, J Thomas, Dr Barrick, Joe Lamb, R Colby, W H McConnell, J H Dower, Robert Jones, Frank Townley, F Tooze, James Somers, Thomas Gill, jr., W H Tooze, Robert Cross, Thomas Cross, Peter Stewart, James Wright, F C Fernley, J A Murray, Dr Adam Wright, R A Johnston, Eugene O'Keefe, Alfred Essex, Dr Norman Allen, J R Kirby, H H Williams, James Bayley, W F Busteed, J H Meath, J D Coulter, Dr W H B Aikins, Dr Greene, T W Squires, C V Snelgrove and C A E McHenry.

CANADA'S HARDY FISHERMEN

Would Make Good Naval Reserve Men for the Imperial Service.

Navy League Men Have a Lever in Sir Michael Hicks-Beach's Intimation—Ladies Objected to Using the Yankee Flag in Sunday School Decorations—Ottawa General News.

Ottawa, Jan. 23.—(Special.)—The outspoken utterances of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach on Canada's obligations towards assisting in naval defence of the Empire will, it is thought, greatly strengthen the efforts of the Navy League to induce the Government to undertake the training as a naval reserve of the hardy fishermen of our Atlantic coasts during the winter months, when thousands of men are idle. Some time ago Capt. Spain, commandant of the fisheries protection fleet, drew up a scheme of this kind for the information of the Government, and it is now reported that the Government will ask Parliament at the coming session for $50,000 towards putting it into effect.

Targets Not to be Changed.

The secretary of the Dominion Rifle Association has received information that notwithstanding the very high scoring and a large number of ties with the highest possible scores made with the Lee-Metford rifle at the last Bisley meeting, the Council of the National Rifle Association has decided not to make any reduction at the next prize meeting in the size of the targets or any of their parts.

Ladies Object to Yankee Flags.

Several ladies at the West End Methodist Church objected on Friday night to the use of any American flags in decoration of the Sunday school room. A Sunday school festival was in progress and a number of the ladies assisted in decorating the church with flags. Two American flags were noticed among the others on the wall, and some ladies brought other American flags from their homes. When the flags were noticed, immediately several of the ladies declared they would not remain if any American flags were used, and in consequence the American flags on the wall were taken down and laid aside, and only Union Jacks used. The incident lasted only a few minutes, but excited some comment afterwards.

Riflemen Getting Anxious.

Members of the militia are beginning to feel anxious as to the provision of a new rifle range for the coming spring. At the last D. R.A. meeting in September great emphasis was laid by the officials and members of the Government upon its being the very last meeting on the old Rideau range, and this was made by competitors from a distance, etc., to view the new range at Rockliffe, though even at that time no authoritative statement of the actual purchase of the latter was put forward. The land has still to be acquired.

Colored Convict Dying.

The Minister of Justice has under consideration a petition for the release of George Freeman, a colored convict in Kingston Penitentiary, who is doing a life sentence for murder committed five years ago at Chatham. Freeman is reported to be in galloping consumption. Three Freeman brothers, George, Alexander and William Henry, were convicted of brutally murdering Policeman Rankin of the Chatham force, who had gone out with a fellow policeman to assist the county constable in arresting George.

Want a Dominion Charter.

The Montford Colonization Railway, now incorporated under the laws of Quebec, is seeking a Dominion charter and asking permission to change its name to the Montford and Gatineau Colonization Railway. Permission is asked to continue the line from the present terminus on Rouge River to a point of junction with the Ottawa and Gatineau Railway in Wright County.

Personal and General Notes.

Sir William Van Horne was in town yesterday.

A special meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association will be held here next Saturday, when important business will be considered, including the selection of localities for the garrison artillery competitions this year, and invitations to be extended to British detachments to be invited to Canada to take part in the garrison and field artillery competitions.

New postoffices have been opened at Atkin and Middlesex. The following offices are closed: Gladstonbury, Addington, Marble Rock and Leeds.

Deposits in the Postoffice Savings Banks last month exceeded withdrawals by $210,000.

Quebec is considering the advisability of sending a special representative to the World's Fair in Paris in 1900. Converse will be held shortly between the Provincial Minister of Agriculture and Hon. Sydney Fisher upon the subject.

The St. Vincent de Paul Penitentiary Commissioners are here putting the finishing touches to their report on the state of that institution.

Judge Mitchavish has been appointed by the Ontario Government as chairman of the board for the registration of voters for the city of Ottawa.

Cotton seed oil, when imported by manufacturers of liquidannatto to be used in the manufacture of the same, is transferred to the list of free goods.

Lieut. H. G. Joly de Lotbiniere, Royal Engineers, a graduate of the Kingston Royal Military College, and now stationed at Nagpur, India, has been ordered to join the Tirah Field Force.

The bills to come before Parliament now number 81. Thirty of these are for Yukon railway charters.

After four years' faithful service on The Ottawa Citizen, Mr. Bernard Mullen has severed his connection with that journal. Mr. Mullen has accepted a position as official stenographer of the Superior Court, Hull.

The Canada Gazette contains the appointment of Hon. Francois Langelier, Q.C., to be a puisne judge of the Superior Court of Quebec.

Last night Ottawa revelled in the worst snowstorm of the season. Nearly a foot of the beautiful fell. Electric Railway sweepers were kept busy all day.

Gave the Lieutenant a Hearty Send-Off.

The officers of the Royal Grenadiers on Saturday evening gave a farewell dinner in the mess-room of the Armouries to Lieut. E. R. Street, who is leaving the city and the regiment to join the 1st Battalion of the Hampshire Regiment (37th), now stationed at Mooltan, Punjab, India. Col. Mason presided, and Mr. Justice Street, father of the young Lieutenant, was an honored guest. The gallant chairman referred in eulogistic terms to Lieut. Street's sterling qualities and capabilities, and then presented him a wish watch, with suitable engraving. Other gratulatory speeches were given, especial reference being made to the bond of union between the Canadian army and the Imperial army, which has so many times been proved to be more than sentiment. Of course the health of Lieut. Street and the Hampshire Regiment was enthusiastically drunk.

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PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

The Only Indian Actress.

Miss Go-Won-Go Mohawk, who makes her reappearance at the Toronto Opera House to-night, after an absence of six years in Great Britain, is said to have created a perfect furore in the large cities of England, Ireland, Scotland and Wales. At the close of her first engagement at the Shakespeare Theatre, Liverpool, she was the recipient of an unsolicited letter from Mr. George W. Harris, the well-known manager, who operates a large chain of theatres in England. He said: "I cannot close this present engagement without testifying to the excellence of your play, 'Wep-Don-No-Mah,' and its drawing capacity—it is bright, striking and effective, and, though powerful, it is at the same time free from ultra-sensationalism. Your own performance of the hero is especially clever, distinguished by all the marked characteristics peculiar to your race, given with a great charm and irresistible attractiveness." Miss Mohawk's engagement at the Toronto is for one week, with "bargain matinees" as usual, on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

At the Bijou.

The theatre-going public will be guaranteed a good time at the cosy little theatre this week, as the management have engaged a very strong show. Star features are the Millett & Thorne Comedy Company, headed by one of the best known comedy-teams of the present day, Miss Maggie Millett. Mr. Harry Thorne has a reputation second to none. The balance of the company are two clever people, Miss Lulu Theis and Mr. Fred Breton; Mr. C. Garvin Gilmaine, a character actor and mimic, will amuse and instruct with his marvelous impersonation of Shakespearean characters. Miss Anna Wilks, a sunbeam, will delight her audience with her sprightly dancing and sweet singing. Raymond and West, as America's champion cake-walkers, are very amusing. Lee Ingham, in his difficult feats of hand-balancing, will be followed by Mrs. Cara Cameron, who will sing and illustrate that well-loved song, "Down Upon the Suwanee River."

Princess Theatre.

The Cummings Stock Company has a splendid drawing card at the Princess Theatre this week, when "Frou-Frou," Augustin Daly's splendid comedy-drama, will be presented for the first time at popular prices in this city. "Frou-Frou" is well known to all, and has always been well received. It has probably been the most successful of all standard modern plays and the version that the Cummings company presents is the same as that which made the same as presented here by Modjeska a few years ago. Miss Helen Byron will have in the title role, in which this favorite young actress is said to have already achieved success elsewhere, the best opportunity she has had to display her cleverness, and her conception of this famous role is said to be thoroughly natural and lifelike. "Frou-Frou" is a play which appeals to everyone. An especially attractive staging is promised and every detail of a first-class production.

"Julius Caesar" Revived.

London, Jan. 22.—Beerbohm Tree's revival of "Julius Caesar" at Her Majesty's Theatre this evening proved to be one of the most gorgeous productions ever seen in London. It was a succession of beautiful pictures, historically correct, the costume and scenery being designed by Alma Tadema.

The play was received with marks of approval by an overflowing audience, including Lord Londesborough, Sir Squire Bancroft and Lady Bancroft, Sir George Henry Lewis, Arthur W. Pinero, and the usual crowd of first-nighters.

Despite the compression of the play into three acts, the performance lasted until after midnight and proved somewhat tedious. Neither Mr. Tree, nor his company were seen to the best advantage.

ORIGIN AND USE OF NOVELS.

Admirable Lecture by Prof. Alexander in Students' Union Hall on Saturday Afternoon.

To one of the largest audiences ever seen in the Students' Union Hall, Prof. Alexander lectured on Saturday afternoon on the subject, "Novels, Their Origin and Use." In introducing his lecture, Prof. Alexander said that he felt that on the subject which he had chosen to speak, his audience would be well informed, since the novel was the most popular form of literature of the day. In answer to the question, What is the typical novel? the lecturer said that hard and fast lines could not be drawn between the novel and its kindred forms of literature. In the first place, the object of the novel is solely to give pleasure. Although such stories as the Pilgrim's Progress and Gulliver's Travels resembled novels, they were not so in the real sense—one taught religious truths, the other satirized certain life and customs.

Should Have No Special Purpose.

The ideal novel has no purpose, and in so far as the author writes with a purpose, in so far does he miss the aim of the novel. Between the novel and the story it is difficult to differentiate. In the latter the element of the marvelous, the unusual, is necessary, whereas this is not essential to the novel. For example, "Solomon's Mines" and Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde are not novels in the same sense in which Pendennis is. The essential characteristic of the novel is its realism—its faithful depicting of the ordinary incidents of life which touch our feelings, with which we are familiar; and though anyone may tell a story, it requires great ability, even genius, to make ordinary everyday life interesting.

The Growth of the Novel.

After tracing in his usual scholarly fashion the growth of the novel as it passed through such hands as John Bunyan and Addison, through Spanish writers, who were the first to approximate the modern novel, through French writers, such as the author of Gil Blas, to our own English De-Foe, whose marvellously realistic Robinson Crusoe is so familiar, and to Richardson and Fielding, who were of contemporary English life, and actual men and women talking in the ordinary way, Prof. Alexander said that 200 years ago there was no such thing as a novel; and accounting for this late development of this form of literature, he explained that people had their human interest gratified through poetry, ballads, stories, and chiefly by the drama, which was then in its glory. The decline of the drama led to the emergence of the novel. The printing press was being perfected about the beginning of the 18th century; periodical literature began to circulate and education to spread to the country districts; the influence of Puritanism had shut off many from the pleasure of the drama, so that it was natural that the novel should take its place.

Its Theme Human Nature.

The novel is the artistic presentation of human nature; the reader, through the power of the novelist, enters into real life. He makes the acquaintance of different aspects of life. The broadening of the imagination we get through the reading of novels is good. The fundamental desire of men is for adequate scope, but the conditions of life are such that the lives of most are narrow; now, through the imagination, there is an escape from narrowing influences, and by it we may range through experiences which broaden the mind and sympathies, and give something of that culture which otherwise would not be open.

Novels may be understood by many to whom other forms of literature are sealed books, and in them intellectual men find rest and recuperation. Of course, said the lecturer, there may be dangers in false novels to weak-minded, unthinking people, but they were no greater than the dangers in false history, science or theology. He who becomes acquainted with life through the eyes of Thackeray or Scott or George Eliot will see wider and understand more deeply.

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ECHOES OF THE PULPIT.

Leading Thoughts in the Discourses Given in Toronto Yesterday.

Rev. W. W. Weeks on Divine Sonship and Hardness of Heart—Rev. Mr. Barkwell on Canada's Curse—Dr. Thomas on God's Word—Rev. Father McCann on Intemperance.

The pastor, Rev. W. W. Weeks, preached at both the morning and evening services. The subject of the morning sermon was "Divine Sonship," from the text found in Romans 8, 14: "As many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God." He said: There are just two spiritual families in this world and to one or the other every human being belongs. These families are known as the children of God and the children of the devil, the seed of the woman and the seed of the serpent. Special emphasis is laid on this division of the race by Christ and his Apostles. When the persecuting Jews claimed to be the children of God, Jesus said unto them: "If God were your father, ye would love me; ye are of your father, the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do." John in his first epistle says: "In this the children of God are manifested and the children of the devil. Whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God." Our text gives an infallible mark by which God's children are known; that is, they are led by the Spirit of God. He leads them to true repentence for sin; that is a turning from sin rather than from its penalty. The Spirit leads to a personal faith in the Word of God, and an unfaltering trust in Jesus. Then He leads to prompt and unquestioning obedience to the commands of Christ and an earnest effort to please Him. This life is the most honorable and the most blessed to which any creature of God can attain. It is possible to all those who are willing to be led by the Spirit. He may lead us through dark valleys and over rugged mountains; He may take us by solitary ways or along roads beset with fierce enemies, but at last He will lead us home.

The evening sermon was from Hebrews 3, 7—8: "Wherefore the Holy Ghost saith, to-day, if ye will hear His voice, harden not your hearts." The speaker began by the necessity of putting God's claim first. The speaker is the Holy Ghost. While leading known children, He is calling to the unsaved. He makes no promise beyond to-day. To-day is the time accepted and to-day is the time limited. The peril to men is hardening of heart. Every rejection of a Gospel offer makes the soul less liable to ever yield. In this lay the supreme power of sin and the supreme peril to souls. They who would be saved must act now.

Metropolitan Methodist Church.

The missionary anniversary yesterday was a great success. In the morning Rev. A. B. Leonard, D.D., preached an eloquent sermon from John 1, 45: "We have found Jesus, etc." He presented Christ as the Redeemer, the conquering Messiah, who shall have universal sway. In the evening the pastor, Rev. R. P. Bowles, preached an impressive sermon on "The Cry of the Nations for Christ" to a congregation which filled the church from floor to gallery, while rendered a very excellent missionary concert service under the efficient leadership of Prof. Torrington, the contributions show a considerable advance on last year's.

"Canada's Curse."

At McCaul-street Methodist Church last night the pastor, Rev. W. J. Barkwell, preached on "Canada's Curse," viz., the liquor traffic. The discourse was moderate in tone, but ably argued, and at some points the language used was vigorous. Moral suasion was urged as the best way to work up a prohibition sentiment that would cause a demand from the people on the Government for the day, which could not be set aside. If prohibition be carried on Sunday and on polling day, why not on every other day in the week? he said. He believed he would live enough to see a prohibitory law in this grand country. Before concluding, the rev. gentleman made a reference to the late Victorian Era ball, and said that it was a disgrace to come upon when even a Governor-General would not be upheld by the people in giving a grand display at which young men, probably for the first time in their lives, partook to excess of the intoxicating liquor which was furnished so freely. This sentiment was applauded. The service was concluded with the hymn, "God Bless Our Native Land," and, in view of the threatening aspect of affairs in the far East, the pastor called for the first verse of "God Save the Queen," which was sung with great heartiness.

At Wesley Church.

Yesterday was Epworth League Sunday at Wesley Church. In the morning the pastor, Rev. S. D. Chown, addressed this department, taking for his text, "For what are our prayers?" Prayer, said the preacher prayed especially for the prisoners, guards and the law-makers, together with those who administer justice. The evening service took the form of a platform meeting. Mr. Fitzgerald, president of the League, gave a short account of the work done by this institution. Mr. Hoyles spoke upon "The Training of Young Men." The literary and missionary work was described by Mr. Simpson.

Bloor-street Presbyterian.

Rev. W. G. Wallace last night preached on "Prayer." He said prayer was something more than posture, though some people laid great stress on prostration. It was the offering up of desires unto God in the name of Christ. Petition was the prime element in it. Some people's prayers were indirected letters. They never got beyond the dead letter office. Prayer was an instinct of the human heart; man could not help praying. Hence God did not make it one of the commandments. The first necessity for prayer was a sense of need, which could only be got by looking at the standards of God. To God a sinful man in prayer was the most beautiful sight, and his notes of contrition were the sweetest in God's ear. The Bible was the key of promise and prayer, the means of manipulating it to open the door to a world of light.

Jarvis-street Baptist Church.

The pastor, Rev. Dr. Thomas, preached yesterday in Jarvis-street Baptist Church. The morning's sermon was on "God's Word" as likened unto the snow and the rain. The snow and the rain are divine in their origin, having come from heaven; so also is the Word of God; they are beneficial in influence, so also is the Word of God; silent and mysterious in their workings, as is the Word of God; and, lastly, the snow and the rain are efficient in their ministrations, as also is the Word of God. In the evening the pastor spoke on "Complete Redemption," basing his remarks upon the words, "There shall not a hoof be left behind."

Rev. A. Williams' Discourses.

At St. John's Church yesterday Rev. A. Williams preached at both services. The text for the morning discourse was taken from John xviii., 37. The learned divine strongly impressed on his hearers that everyone had a purpose for which he came into the world, and it was the duty of each one to find out what this object was. In the evening the rector again spoke, urging that self-reliance is essential to success. All having work to do should not forget it, but at all times have their minds intent on it. At this church to-night a combined meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew will be held. Addresses will be delivered by Rev. C. H. Shortt and J. C. Catto. The annual Sunday school entertainment for the senior division scholars will be held on Thursday evening.

At St. Mary's.

St. Mary's Branch of the League of the Cross celebrated the Feast of the Holy Family last evening by attending St. Mary's Church in a body. Rev. Father McCann delivered a powerful address setting forth the objects of the society. During his discourse the rev. father said that when a man grows to a certain age the church assists him to follow the right path by organizing societies to protect him against worldly pleasures. At the close the 100 members present renewed their temperance pledges.

Notes.

A special collection for Congregational Home Missions was taken up in Bond-street Congregational Church yesterday morning, which amounted to $405.

"Prison Sunday" was observed at several of the churches yesterday by special sermons on prison reform and by the offering of prayers for judges, magistrates and all who have to do with the administration of justice.

A paper will be read to-night on "Kipling and His Works" by Mr. Angus Macmurchy in Old St. Andrew's Church.

The subscribers' book which was opened Thursday morning at A. & S. Nordheimer's for Herr Klingenfeld's Orchestra concert had quite a number of names placed on it. The prospects are for a full house, and it will be well to have your name placed early in order to get good seats.

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