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Methodists and the University: The true solution of the university question is that already laid down by the World.

Victoria had a site and building in Toronto: Toronto would not be immeasurably better off than it is today when by far the greater portion of its endowment has to go to the support of a faculty teaching at Cobourg.

Church Bazaar: We were ignorant of how these things were conducted—that is until we went to one (not more than one)—a few weeks ago.

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A CHRISTMAS TALE OF TORONTO.

Specialty written for The World.

The mutual and proper scene of a ghost story, whose better days have long departed, and which is now falling gradually into decay.

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To cut matters short we found ourselves "grabbing" for dolls' shoes; "finishing" for baby's socks; and, once seeing a cigarette case, we rushed for it (\$2.00 a ticket).

More quickly than we have added the interrogation mark to the sentence, there came a sweet looking damsel from out of the throng.

How delightful! At last we were to be in peace; we were to be allowed to look about unmolested; to admire unimpeded; and, not least, to reap the benefits of our fifty cents.

And the sweet looking damsel was as sweet as she looked. She talked to us, was so sorry that we seemed to know few people there. Of course we gallantly replied that under the present circumstances with a tremendous emphasis on the word present, accompanied by a smile such as we had never seen before.

We sprang for another chair and placed it as near ourselves as our modest (our modesty outside the sanctum is not a small thing) would permit us. She sat down and munched a tiny biscuit.

When she had finished we, too, thought we could not continue after that remark of hers and said, "The sweet girl also rose, replaced our untouched dishes on the table, returned and with a smile said, 'Just one dollar, please, nine cents for your tea and ten cents for my biscuit.'"

The table swam before our eyes till we were almost involuntarily clutching the imaginarily falling corker. "I beg your pardon," we said, forgetting in our misery the conventional "Oh! ah, yes."

"It was only a voice to us now, no more a sweet, entertaining girl."

But we thought, that is, we had an idea, that the entrance fee covered the tea.

She disappeared. That, at all events, was what she did not last long, however, and when she came back it was with the sweetest male countenance of the grained and graying head.

Something was up. We took time for the forelock and we said, "Look here, I came here to give you a puff; I have spent five dollars on absolute trash; I have been trifled with by the constant din of shrill voices."

"I have given you a dollar without asking for change; and at this moment for change; our already defiant attitude, we put our hand into our waistcoat pocket, and discovered a solitary ten cent piece remaining; and, 'I will with the remaining pleasure pay for the young lady's biscuit, not a cent more shall you have; allow me to present you with my card.'"

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It remained extended till, nothing happening in the way of my taking it, it retreated.

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Sir: In Friday's issue of your paper I see Cavis is advocating Goldwin Smith as the future mayor for Toronto. I do not wish to say one disrespectful word about Mr. Smith or Mr. Bowell, the present mayor, but I think the present mayor should be satisfied with men of this type.

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Another watered silk and hand-painted lilies. Oh! we were in despair, we confessed.

A bright thought came to us. "Yes," we remarked, when there was a tiny little pause in the reiteration of the fact of the beauty and cheapness of the articles, rapidly commencing to us from all sides, not only by the original five, and the vendors of the said beautiful and inexpensive articles, but by a circle of onlooking and abetting individuals, of a like sex with the original five.

"Yes," we said, "they are very pretty; but suppose we look at some smaller articles first, just to see how far our cash will go." We said, endeavoring to be floodingly pleasant. (Note: The table ran from \$30 to \$55.)

Strangely this remark did not produce the expected result; instead of smiles it led to frowns; strange, very.

But we were persistent, and a few hurried words among the five led to our being jostled along past rows of, counters.

To cut matters short we found ourselves "grabbing" for dolls' shoes; "finishing" for baby's socks; and, once seeing a cigarette case, we rushed for it (\$2.00 a ticket).

Our great-coats, our frock-coats, our overcoats—all in fact all our pockets except our cash pocket were filled. We felt like a walking Lowther arcade or Birmingham toy shop.

The fact of the vacancy of our cash pocket recalled us to our senses. Addressing the least mercurial looking of the five, we politely whispered, "Could we find a cup of coffee and a slice of bread and butter anywhere?"

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