



ON AMUSEMENTS.

The Last Meeting In Evangelist McHardy's Series.

At the last of the services conducted by Evangelist McHardy in Charlton Avenue Church, the preacher spoke on the interesting subject, "Popular Amusements." While he spoke plainly, he did so in a kindly manner and his talk was entirely free from abuse. As had been the custom through all the services, a short musical service was held. Miss E. Carey sang a solo very sweetly and with feeling.

Before opening Mr. McHardy made a short speech, thanking his many friends for their kindness during the services. He said he had been in Hamilton so long that he felt almost one of us. He had an invitation to stay longer, but could not. Mr. McHardy's remuneration comes entirely from voluntary offerings, he has no stated amount given to him. He said he heard a great deal of talk about evangelists getting rich quick. His income is not princely, but it was it would only be the more for his Master's work. He had spent 24 years in trying to save souls for God, and if anything happened to him now he would be on the parish in twelve months. He knew one of Canada's most noted evangelists spends every cent he makes in the Lord's work. He had reserved this statement until the close so it could not be said of him he did it for mercenary reasons.

In dealing with his subject, he said it was no easy task to discuss this great question in the time at his disposal. He might give over an hour to the three principal divisions, "Theatre," "Circus," and "Dancing." If he took a text he would take one from Matthew, "Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them." He looked on cards, dancing and the theatre as an institution in social life of the people. The tree is antecedent to the fruit, and it is by the fruit, the tree is judged. He was not opposed to all pleasure by any means. "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy," and more than a dull boy. There is a place for everything. Amusements rest the mind, and place before it both body and mind. If the mind runs further than it should, it will grow rusty and snap. The housewife needs often to get away for a change, it will save doctor bills in many cases. As a Christian we may play for fun, but we must not let things, but we ought not to participate in any pleasure that may be called in question, if in doing so we cause our weaker brother to stumble and fall. The highest type of Christian, says Paul, is one who will not do a thing, "lest he should give offence." It is not always the highest type of manhood to demand one's right, there is a higher right to forego right sometimes. An amusement or pleasure that will blunt the spiritual nature, anything that lessens one's use to Christ, is injurious to the Christian. No man can put pleasure first, and the Kingdom of God last. If the time spent in useless amusements could only be used in active Christian work, how this world would illuminate the country in work for Jesus Christ. There is enough energy wasted in this way to turn the city of Godward. In dealing briefly with the theatre, he said one man or woman might go and receive no harm, but some one, who used them as an example, might receive much harm. He quoted from Scripture "Thou shalt abstain from all appearance of evil." He said the common clean sportsman was dealing with games of chance, and pleasures that tend to harm the spiritual nature. Some mothers say "I do not allow my boy to play cards at home he will go to the theatre and learn to play cards." "Mothers," said Mr. McHardy, "if you teach your boy to play cards, you teach him the art of gambling." John Philip Quinn taught his four sons to play cards, and they all became gamblers and landed behind prison bars, and he, their father, learned from a church member. He also spoke of the evils of playing progressive cards for prizes in private homes. Several states to the south of the United States have made playing for prizes, gambling. Dancing, he says, is largely becoming a thing of the past. It is gradually dying out. There is not a church in Canada whose higher councils do not condemn dancing. He gave many arguments against all three pleasures, and quoted from great men, both laymen and preachers, short condemnations of the pleasures he was speaking against.

That Charles Dickens, the great novelist of the English-speaking people, remains a powerful hold on all classes, was well demonstrated at the interpretative reading given by Mrs. Dunn in the Conservatory of Music recital hall last evening. The gifted elocutionist took for her interpretation the famous writer's "David Copperfield," and the announcement was sufficient to attract an audience that filled the hall. "David Copperfield" is too full of characters and incidents to be readily encompassed in a short reading, and Mrs. Dunn was, necessarily, restricted to typical portions of the book. To indicate David's earlier years, she gave the scenes in which he left home, visited the Peggotty at Yarmouth and returned home to find his mother married to Mr. Murdstone. The next stage of his career was typified by Davy's running away to his aunt, Miss Trotwood, and the efforts of the Murdstones to take him back to London. Then followed Copperfield's elopement with the Peggotty, home and the elopement of Emily with Steerforth. To close her reading, Mrs. Dunn gave fragmentary scenes from the doings of the great Micawber and his loyal, but hysterical, spouse, causing a good deal of laughter.

Mrs. Dunn had thoroughly mastered the book, and her delineations of character were admirably done—pathos and humor being agreeably blended, as the various people of Dickens' brain were introduced and revived. The selections were divided into four parts, and after each the applause was hearty and well merited.

Miss Hattie Greening and Dr. Glasco before and between the readings delighted the audience with several beautifully sung solos, which were given with excellent piano accompaniments by Miss Herald.

Stoney Creek Concert.
The following artists will take part in the concert to be given at the Institute Hall in Stoney Creek a week from Wednesday night, in aid of the organ fund of the public school:

Miss Bessie Smith, Winona; Miss Tweedle, Pruitland; Mrs. J. Paskin McDonald; Hamilton; C. L. M. Harris, Mrs. Doe, Hamilton; Master Gordon Flett, Highland dancer, Hamilton; Mr. George Campbell, piper, Hamilton; J. W. Springstead, Stoney Creek; J. Faskin McDonald, Hamilton.

DICKENS FELLOWSHIP

Admirers of Charles Dickens in the city are moving for the formation of a Dickens fellowship here, and a meeting has been called at the Y. M. C. A. on the evening of Feb. 5, at which Mr. E. S. Williamson, President of the Toronto Dickens Fellowship, will speak, and a fellowship for Hamilton, will be organized. The lovers of England's favorite novelist should make it easy on that occasion to form a fellowship to perpetuate his name and emulate his good deeds.

A Poser—Willie—Uncle, what did the Dead Sea die of?

ST. PAUL'S HAD A GOOD YEAR.

Annual Meeting of Congregation Last Evening.

Increase of Salary For the Rev. D. R. Drummond.

New Organ and Enlarged School In the Future.

The annual congregational meeting of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church was held last evening in the school room, and although not largely attended the interest in the church's welfare was as keen as ever. Mr. John Knox was again made chairman and Stanley Mills, secretary. The different reports presented showed the church to be in a flourishing condition. The total amount of money raised during the year was \$15,810.13. The report of the managers was as follows:

Ordinary collections, \$4,800.10; average per Sabbath, \$92.30; pew rents, \$2,645.85.

Including \$1,400.00 the cost of the chiming machine, the total expenditure in preparing the tower for the installation of the chimes was \$2,271.16, which exceeded the collections and subscriptions by \$1,109.

The policy of the Managers for 1908 will be to wipe out the present floating debt before undertaking any new work involving expenditure. Appreciating the faithful and zealous services of the Minister, the Managers, by unanimous resolution, decided to increase his salary ten per cent. 1904 is the seventy-fifth milestone since the congregation was first organized and will be specially observed.

Your Board has been advised by the secretary of the Hamilton Presbyterian Church Extension Union, that at a recent meeting of the Union, a resolution was passed asking Presbyterian congregations in the city to contribute a sum not exceeding three per cent. of the yearly revenue for a period of five years from January 1st, 1908, to be applied for the purchase of extending the Presbyterian cause in the outlying parts of this city. Your board would recommend to the congregation the approval of the scheme.

The financial statement of the church for the year is as follows:

RECEIPTS:
Pew Rents \$2,645.85
Collections by envelope 2,613.10
Collections by plate 2,187.00
Special Collections 130.27
Use of School Room 20.00
Other Collections 348.79
Balance due, being overdraft at bank 1,233.00
Total \$9,178.01

EXPENDITURES:
Balance due Treasurer at 31st December, 1906 \$ 791.75
Minister's stipend for year 3,000.00
Pulpit Supply 180.00
Church Office 1,534.50
Harold Cummings, chimist 72.00
Church officer's salary 300.00
Salary, Miss Peppiatt, Bible Woman, Laidlaw Mission 73.49
Taxes, water rates 158.70
Advertising Sabbath Services 45.00
Printing 129.46
Insurance 80.50
Flowers 21.60
Interest on overdraft at bank 23.51
Repairs and betterments 1,573.67
Assembly, synod and Presbyterian Funds 76.20
Sabbath School accounts 138.56
Tuning piano 5.00
Special collections per contra 348.79
Total \$9,178.01

Below is a summary of the amounts contributed by the various organizations of the church during the year:

Board of Missions, per congregation \$3,560.00
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Laidlaw Memorial Mission 518.13
F. M. S. 260.38
H. C. M. B. 212.53
Juvenile M. B. 22.93
W. H. M. S. 383.92
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Sundry miscellaneous educational and benevolent objects 1,400.00
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The report of the Session showed that the work of the Laidlaw Mission, in charge of the Young People's Society, has been efficiently looked after. A Young Men's Guild has been formed, and is being successfully carried on. The membership of the church during 1907 was 706. Added during the year by certificate, 50, on profession of faith, 11, by order of Session, 1—total 71. Removed during the year, by certificate 34, by death 11, by order of Session for non-attendance, 9—total 54. On roll at Dec. 31, 723. Baptisms, infants 12 and adults 1. The average attendance at communion was 436.

Those who have been removed by death are: F. McConnell, Mrs. Peter Armstrong, Miss Margaret Napier, Mrs. J. Vallance, Mrs. William Allan, Mrs. A. Russell, Miss Mary Allan, Mrs. A. G. Farquharson, Mrs. J. Stephen, Wm. Ronald, A. G. Farquharson, James Milne, Miss Maggie Turk, J. H. Havill, Mrs. Davidson, Mr. Neilson, Mrs. A. Sharpe, Mrs. Fotheringham, and William Bamberger.

The receipts of the Session were \$429.33, leaving a balance of \$124.33. The report of the Sabbath School Association showed that excellent results were being accomplished for the past year. There are now on the roll 61 teachers and 300 scholars, a slight decrease from the previous year. The average attendance was 45 teachers and officers

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

To-morrow is the last day of the great black silk sale

Great bargains in good furs

THE greatest Fur bargains of the season are ready for you now. Every Fur piece and garment is on sale at final reductions for a quick and decided clearance. Every piece of Fur measures up to Right House quality and style standards. Here are price hints:

\$7.00 Marmot Stoles and Throws at \$3.95
\$12.50 Marmot Stoles and Throws \$5.95
\$10 Natural Alaska Sable Throws \$6.95
\$16 and \$18 Western Sable Stoles \$11.69
\$13.50 Large Alaska Sable Muffs at \$9.85
\$75 Black Broadcloth Fur-lined Coats \$56
\$30 Black Astrakhan Coats at only \$22.50
\$38.50 Natural Mink Muffs at \$29.85

White lawn blouses 98c

NEXT summer's new styles specially priced for the January White Sale. Made of fine lawn; new V-shaped yoke of embroidery and Valenciennes insertions, finished below with pin-tucks and lace insertions in a number of pretty and effective designs; new baby back; ¾ sleeves with cuffs of insertion and lace edging. Real \$1.35 value. January sale price only 98c each.

\$9 silk blouses on sale at \$3.95 ea.
Made of fine quality Ivory China Silk and trimmed in effective styles with Val. laces and fillet medallions; ¾ sleeves; worth up to \$9.00 each. January sale price while they last \$3.95.

Beautiful fascinator and scarfs
50c, were \$1.88 \$1.25, were \$2.50
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\$7 skirts \$4.50

A great bargain

RIGHT House made Separate Skirts for street and business wear. If you are in need of a skirt for now, for spring, for summer, don't rest until you see these \$4.50 ones. They are fresh from our own workrooms.

Grey Tweeds, Black Vicunas and Navy and Burgundy Panamas. All in handsome pleated styles. Earlier in the season their prices would have been from \$6.50 to \$7.50 each. Young choice to-morrow at only \$4.50.

Paris mounts

NOVELTY Mounts and Wings, direct from Paris for trimming the midwinter or spring hat. A very wide assortment of styles and colorings in the newest ideas.

10c, formerly \$1.50 to \$2
25c, formerly \$2 to \$3
50c, formerly \$3 to \$4

\$1.50 Paris flowers 35c

A very large assortment of beautiful flowers, direct from Paris manufacturing milliners. Just the thing to give the hat an added style touch. Roses, Pansies, Heads of Wheat, Mums, etc., etc.

Flannelettes

Your chance to-morrow

WHITE and cream Flannelettes, our own regular good quality lines in superior English makes and wide widths 30 to 33 inch. They are wonderful values for to-morrow's lucky buyers. Don't miss them.

Heavy warm qualities in nice soft English weaves that wear well.

9c, real value 11c
10c, real value 12½c
11c, real value 14c
14c, real value 18c

Corner King East THOMAS C. WATKINS Hamilton and Hughson Sts. Ontario

EDUCATION IN VALLEY CITY.

Board of Education Considering Salary Re-adjustment.

Some of the Present Teachers Are Dissatisfied.

Temperance People Are Becoming Quite Active.

Dundas, Jan. 21.—The last meeting for the year, of the Board of Education, was held last evening and the members present being J. J. Steele, (Chairman), N. McPherson, John Douglass, F. C. J. Minty, W. A. Davidson, W. H. Knowles, Thos. Reid, M. T. Sullivan, F. A. Latshaw and D. W. Nelson. A communication from the Town Clerk informed the Board that F. A. Latshaw had been elected for the unexpired term of H. C. Davis, and D. W. Nelson to fill out the term of J. G. Collinson.

The High School report for December was a very gratifying one. It showed the number of pupils registered to be 106, nine more than same month last year, and an average attendance of 103, 14 more than same month last year; fees collected \$65. The fees received during the year amounted to \$636; \$316 from the town and \$320 from the county.

The Public School report showed a decreased attendance owing to prevalence of mumps. The number enrolled was 483; average attendance 432; fees collected \$9. The banners for principal Moore and Miss Swanson.

The following accounts were presented and order to be paid when certified to: F. A. Latshaw, \$8.25; James Hodges, \$5; A. Weatherspoon, \$2.50; H. W. Rain, \$14.94; G. C. Wilson & Co., \$1.30; Dundas Electric Co., \$6.96.

The Internal Management Committee recommended the following Public School schedule of salaries to supersede the one now prevailing.

Principal's salary be \$950.00; \$375.00 be the minimum and \$500.00 be the maximum salary for assistant female teachers; qualifications to be at least second-class professional certificates.

Salaries be based on the following schedule: First year, \$375.00; second year, \$400.00; third year, \$425.00; fourth year, \$450.00; fifth year, \$475.00; sixth year and over \$500.00. That teachers in order to obtain the advantages of this schedule must be graded according to the reports of the inspector and principal. Sept. 1st shall be considered the beginning of the school year.

The report was discussed clause by clause at some length, and then left over for future consideration.

A petition from Miss Hendrie, Miss Moore, Miss Severson, Miss Kent and Miss Ferguson asked that their salaries be readjusted without delay, as they were unjustly treated, inasmuch as the experience they had gained in other schools counted for nothing under the schedule now in force in the Dundas school year.

The petition was referred to the Internal Management Committee. A complaint was made that too much business was being done by some committee chairmen without consulting the committees, and judging by the lively protests made the practice will have to stop.

The discovery that all copies of the school statutes in possession of the board are ancient ones, it was decided to

secure six copies of the latest edition of the act.

Reference was made to the death of Charles Boyle, a former member of the board, and it was decided to attend the funeral in a body.

The board adjourned to meet on Wednesday, 31st of February, the date fixed by statute.

Temperance sentiment has resulted in the reorganization of the Royal Templars, and a movement is now on foot, promoted largely by the W. C. T. U., to organize a Band of Hope. With this object in view a meeting was held yesterday in the school room of the Baptist Church. The attendance was a surprise, over fifty families desirous of joining being present, and a score or more of ladies desirous of giving a helping hand being also on hand. The success of the movement is already assured.

Wm. Burton, Nelson VanKerry and L. S. Call, all widely known citizens, who have not enjoyed good health of late, are none of them, doing as well as their many friends would wish.

PAINTER FALLS.

Breaks His Neck in a Fifty Foot Tumble.

Buffalo, Jan. 21.—John Belcher, 27 years old, of No. 22 First Avenue, West Seneca, plunged headlong from a fifty foot swinging ladder at the No. 4 Mill of the Lackawanna steel works. Just how he happened to fall is not known to this time. He was painting on the building, fifty feet above terra firma, when other workmen said that they heard a cry for help, and upon looking up saw him plunging head downward from the scaffold.

Deputy Medical Examiner John D. Howland went to the steel plant later in the afternoon and inquired of the witnesses if anyone could explain the cause. No one seemed able to explain. After viewing the body Dr. Howland turned the body over to the family undertaker.

Big Fire.
Buffalo, Jan. 21.—Fire which burned steadily for four hours totally destroyed a section of the industrial school connected with Father Baker's Home for Boys at West Seneca last evening. The damage is estimated at from \$100,000 to \$125,000.

Died From Exposure.
Brookville, Jan. 20.—Walking home from the house of a neighbor Jason McVeigh, an elderly North Augusta farmer, was seized with a paroxysm of coughing as a result of an attack of asthma, and falling in the snow succumbed to exposure.

K. OF P. OFFICERS

At the regular meeting of Red Cross Lodge, No. 3, Knights of Pythias, Deputy Grand Chancellor P. Armstrong, assisted by Grand M. of A. Fred Huber, P. C. Bro. Beasley and P. C. Bro. Towers, installed the following officers for 1908:

P. C.—John Patterson.
V. C.—H. Merritt.
Treasurer—F. Skerrett.
K. of R.—and S. Frank E. Robbins.
M. of F.—John Burns.
M. of E.—W. Peebles.
M. of W.—J. Davidson.
M. of A.—G. Schieber.
I. G.—E. B. Beasley.
O. G.—W. Hill.

Trustee—F. Leischman.
Physician—Dr. Cockburn.
Grand Lodge Representative—P. Armstrong.

Do not drop greasy, dirty dish towels into hot soup; it will only set the grease. Wash them first in luke-warm water.

WESTINGHOUSE CO.

Shareholders' Committee's Plan to Readjust Debt.

New York, Jan. 21.—A plan to readjust the debt of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co., which has been formulated by a committee representing the holders of a large amount of that debt, was made public in this city yesterday. It provides for a bond issue of \$35,000,000 to for 25 years and paying 5 per cent. interest. Of this amount \$20,469,000 is convertible into stock after January 1, 1910. The proceeds of this issue of \$35,000,000 are to be devoted to the purchase of the convertible 5 per cent. gold bonds to the amount of \$18,500,000 now outstanding, which under the new plan are to be converted into stock to take up the 5 per cent. debenture certificates, amounting to \$1,969,000 now outstanding, to pay off the floating debt of \$4,531,000. The new issue would just be sufficient to cover these three items.

NOTHING IN IT.
Rome, Jan. 21.—The reports received here by cable from Rio Janeiro, that Italians are concerned in the alleged Anarchist plot to destroy a part of the American battleship fleet, are ridiculed, and the entire story is made light of. It is declared that anarchism practically does not exist among the Italian immigrants to Brazil.

TOLSTOY'S BIRTHDAY.
St. Petersburg, Jan. 21.—The Union Congress, which is now in session here, has started a movement for an international celebration on the eightieth anniversary of the birth of Count Leo Tolstoy, Sept. 10 of this year.

JAP DIET.
Tokyo, Jan. 21.—The regular session of the Diet opened to-day, and the various committees were appointed. The Diet will sit on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Premier Saionji's address outlining the policy of the Government will be made, it is expected, on Jan. 23.