THE LAST DAYS OF THE CRADLE OF METHODISM IN TORONTO.

If there is a building in Toronto that I look so with reverence and awe, it is that square ald pile with massive grimy pillars in front, which for more than 40 years has stood on which for more than 40 years has stood on Richmond street, a short distance west of Yonge, and which is known to thousands as the Richmond-street Methodist Church. Indeed, it seems almost an act of sacrilege that this old Temple of God should be devoted, as it will be in the hear future, to other than the purposes of prayer and praise, but I console myself with she thought that if it will be no longer used as a church its use will be devoted to the next best thing, vis: the home of a religious publication commany.

Had anyone hinted, five and twenty years ago, that Richmond-street Church could ever be aught else than what it then was, the fash-onable Methodist meeting house of the Queen City, they would have been laughed at. But of late years the old church has been forsaken by the wealthy who now worship in the Methodistan, Carlton-street, and other offshoots from the parent tree. In fact for the past ten years Richmond-Street has barely held its own; its congregation have been unable to fill the pews, but few wealthy communicants have own; its congregation have been unable to all the pews, but few wealthy communicants have been in the habit of bowing the knee there, and while all were eminently respectable and full of enthusiasm, from the pastor down, there was a something wanting that prevented a great prosperity for the old church.

Amongst these who remained teadfast to Richmond Street were Mr. Pearson, Mr. Clark, Mr. Marshall, Mr. Burns, Mr. Ashfield, the late Mr. Walson, Mr. Clorf, Mr. Coyell, Mr. Mountain, Mr. Dever and a number of other families who delighted to worship in the old church tedifice although it was no longer fashiousble, and many of them even now regret that no more will they be able to sit before the unpretentious but familiar pulpit from which for so many years has preacher after preacher thundered forth Gospel truths or exhoused simes during revival times to come forward and declare themselves on the side of Christ. The congregation will, however, be able to say when they enter the new shurch of McCaul-street that they go there free of

Although I have not been noted of late years as a particularly attentive Sunday School scholar, yet I almost felt like beginning again when I opened an envelope brought to me by the postman a few mornings ago and saw a card therein, on which appeared the following learned:

Richmond-street M. Sunday School. VALEDICTORY SERVICE On Sanday, March 18, 1888, At 2.80 p.m.

Admit Mr. Rounder. ... 10

I expect there will be an immense gashering to-morrow, and if one-fourth of all the old scholars could be brought together from the four quarters of the globe, a great throng would be present which would speedily overflow the church and a couple more of equally large dimensions. I dare say that even as it is there will be a joyful reunion for many whose ways have been far apart since their Sunday-school days. Old times will be talked over, long ago Sunday-school days will be discussed. The virtue of friends who have crossed the further Jordan will be dilated upon, while the old clock in the organ loft will go on tick, ticking just the same as it did when we were boys together," some twenty years ago.

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There was one thing I always objected to in Richmond Street, although of course the same grievance exists elsewhere; that was the continual changing of preachers. It used to take me about a year to get accustomed to a minister; for another year I was kept busy comparing him with his predecessor, and then just about when I was making up my mind that he fulfilled my requirements of a pulpiteer, the Methodist Conference would meet and my ideal would be drafted to some other sphere where it was impossible for me to follow him. Such an experience I had with Rev. George Young, who was one of the best beloved pastors Richmond-Street ever had. Mrs. Young, 600, was most popular with the congregation, and I could not refrain from shedding a tear when long after her departure from this city I stood beside her grave on the prairie near Winnings.

On Tuesday evening next a valedictory old time ten meeting will be held in the basement of the church, followed by interesting addresses and music up stars. Many a one of these teameetings have I been present at, and many a good time I have had there too. In fact I never knew of a church where one could make themselves so much at home at a tea. "fight." The young ladies vied with each other in looking after your wants. And even if the teams was not just exactly as strong as 16 might be, one could put up with much on receiving it from such fair hands. The literary and musical portion of the programs that invariably followed the tea ware also generally good, and I hope to see the last tea meeting in the old church well patronized.

To-morrow and the following Sabbath will be the last days on which the old church doors will be thrown open for public worship, and the services will be of unusual interest. The best pulpit talent in the city will be on hand morning, afternoon and evening; sacraments will be administered for the last time and at the faithfulfew who stood by Richmond-Street through sunshine and shadow stand up to hear the benediction and then slowly file out of the sacred edifice taking their last look at the familiar surroundings, I venture to say there will be many eyes moistened, as with grief in parting from some-dear old life-long friend.

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Artistic Ferniture.

All houses should be well turnished Sheby, worn-out furniture not only looks bad but is ap to make a man or woman lose their temper whenever they cast their optics on the objectionable article. Messrs. G. W. Tickel & Co. of King-street west, almost opposite the Rossin House, have in stock the finest lot of really modern furniture that has ever been placed on view in Toronto. Ladies and parpliced on view in Toronto. Ladies and parkies furnishing should visit their warerooms.

WALKED OVER THE JAIL HILLS. The members who attended the meeting of the Markets and Health Committee yesterday were Chairman Johnston, Ald. Frankland, Woods, McDougall, Macdonald, Harvie,

Hawitt, Gibbs and Hill.

Jail Surgeon Richardson wrote telling the committee that there were a great number of cases of ulcerated soar throats among the prisoners, and the general health of the inmates was bad. Unsanitary ventilating arrangements caused the sickness.

Ald. Frankland said the letter was a re-

every morning.

Architect Willmot said the jail could be ventilated by placing a self-feeder stove in each tower. A draft would be created and the air much purified.

A sub-committee will report.

W. W. Jackson will build street watering carts at \$242 each.

King William's War Equipment.
On a campaign Emperer William's entourage was simple even to plainness. His head-

age was simple even to plaimess. His headquarters cortege in its meagre utilitarianism
contrasted strongly with the elaborate train
of luxurious carriages and ponderous gaudy
fourgons that followed Napoleon out of
Sedan. His traveling carriage was a
plain, strongly built landau drawn by
four sturdy, useful horses, whose postilions
wore plain blue liveries with hats covered
with oilskin to pretect them in bad weather.
He seldom had more than one companion on
his journeys in this vehicle, sombtimes Moltke,
but more often his favorite aide-de-camp,
count Lehndorff. The royal escora consisted
of a dozen huzzars, commanded by a lieutenant, and he chose his time of travel so as not
to interfere with the march of troops along
oxowded roads.

There was no fuss about his quarters. As
often as not he put up in an hotel. In the
villages around Sedan, the house of the cure,
or the plain, snur house of a local merchant
was quite good enough for him. On the night
after Gravelotte he slept on a sofs in a
wretched little pothouse of Rezonville, and
would have gone supperless to bed but for a
chance fowl found roosting in the back yard.
The only luxury he carried with him, if luxury
it can be called, was his narrow little camp
bed, which his old valet could set up in five
minutes.

The Frince and His Pipe.

From The Pail Mail Gasette.

There are many anecdotes concerning the love of the German Grown Prince for his pipe.

The Hamburg Fremdenblatt adds a new one, which is now obtained "from a source worthy with the control time." adds that of credit. It is both new and true," adds that

resided for nearly a quarter of a century. I resided for nearly a quarter of a century. I tended there myself at one time, and a full course was always the order of the day. The Sunday School was one of the hist glories of Richmond-Street, and hist glories of Richmond-Street, and mong those who have attended are accessed to the sunday such as the sunday his box, to which he could retire between the acts. One evening Herr Buchholz entered this little cabriet, according to his custom, to give the Prince a loyal greeting. He observed that his patron, with a sudden action, shrust something behind his back, but an instant afterwards drew it forth said exhibiting with a smile a burning oigarette. "You will betray me, Buchholz," says he. "Smoking, as the notice board says, is prohibited in the theatre." "But, Your Imperial Highness," expostulated the manager, "this is your private sitting-room." "That is all one," retorted the Prince; "I claim no privilege. You have the right, to denounce me to the police. I see only one way of escapayou must be particeps criminia." So saying the Prince handed his ofgarette case to the manager. Herr Buchholz bowed, took a cigarette and stuck is in his vest socket. "If Your Imperial Highness will allow me, "said he, "I will keep it as a memento." "Ah!" replied the Prince, "you will escape yourself and will betray me. You must take a second and light it. "The manager obeyed and the Prince said, "Now you are a fellow-criminal!" This habpened long before the fire at the Ring Theatre, at a time when the prohibition of smoking was not very strictly carried out, when there was not a little smoking among the actors themselves, according to the narrator.

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