

EDUCATIONAL
ADVANCEMENTTo be the Policy for the Year
1909.Thomas Hobson Elected Chairman
of the Board.Messrs. Wilson, Lamoreaux and
Allan Committee Chairmen.

In his inaugural address, last night, when the Board of Education met to organize for the year and elected him chairman, Thomas Hobson outlined a progressive programme for the trustees to deal with. After thanking the board for the honor conferred upon him, Mr. Hobson declared that Hamilton had a system of Public schools not surpassed by any in the Province and he hoped to see the scheme of improvements and increased accommodation discussed last year followed up. The enlargement of the Picton and Sophia street schools, which will be ready to open shortly, will furnish adequate accommodation in those districts, but there are one or two other buildings which Mr. Hobson thinks should be remodelled or torn down and new schools erected. Last year's board passed a resolution which provided for increasing the accommodation this year and next year and this would be one of the matters for the new board to deal with. Reference was also made to the matter of playgrounds for the children. This had been brought before the trustees last year and the chairman hoped it would be taken up in a businesslike way this year. There was no foundation, he declared, for the charge of extravagance made against the board. The only thing attacked was the salaries and Mr. Hobson said that the city was paying men who had no educational training twenty cents an hour while the board paid its teachers less than forty cents an hour. The following striking committee was appointed: Trustees Ward, Howell, Armstrong, Laxier, Wilkes, Holden, Bell, Wodell, Clark and Allan. Its report was adopted without amendment, and was as follows:

Internal Management—Trustees Wilson, Callaghan, Laxier, Clark, Armstrong, Holden, Wilkes, Watkins, Bell and Wodell.

Building Committee—Trustees Allan, Carr, Ward, Linger, McCullough.

Finance Committee—Trustees Lamoreaux, Howell, Booker, Blanchard, Lee.

Trustee Wilson was elected chairman of the Internal Management; Trustee Lamoreaux was elected to preside over the Finance Committee, and Chairman Allan will again have charge of the Building Committee.

Practically the same committee that looked after the technical school last year was re-appointed. The only change was the addition of Trustee Lamoreaux and McCullough to represent the manufacturers. Trustee Wodell thought that the name of Trustee Wilkes should be added as the only official representative of labor on the board, but Trustee Allan said that it was the intention to ask the Trades and Labor Council to appoint a committee of three to confer with the board's committee.

There was a debate as to the powers the special committee should have. Some of the trustees thought that it would be permitted to appoint teachers, but a majority was against this and it will have to report to the Council.

W. L. Ross was re-appointed the Board's solicitor and Charles Smith the messenger.

Last Day of Stock-Reducing Sale.

R. McKay & Co. announce the last day of their great stock taking sale, and will place before the women of Hamilton to-morrow bargains of such a nature that will crowd the store all day long. Such as 25 dozen silk waists, worth regular \$4, for \$1.98. Black taffeta Underskirts, in a great clearing sale, worth regular \$2, for Saturday 98c each. 50 dozen women's kid gloves, excellent quality, perfect fitting, mostly small sizes, all colors, including black and white, worth regular \$1.15, sale price 69c pair. Also don't forget elbow length kid gloves, small sizes, assorted white, worth regular \$1 and \$1.25, sale price, only 89c pair. Also to women who like swell dresses, should visit our great dress goods section and view the exclusive cashmere lengths on sale at one half regular price. R. McKay's.

HOME OF THE FRIENDLESS.

The Committee for the Home of the Friendless and Infants' Home acknowledge with thanks the following donations for the month of January: Gospel Hall Sunday School, quantity of bread and butter; Dr. McGuire, Brantford, basket of pears; Mrs. Chillum, buns and bread; Mrs. Slater, 50 cents; Mrs. H. Greening, basket of apples; Central Church, sandwiches; Mr. Fearman, 31 worth of sausage; Mrs. Walter Woods, wicker crib and chair; Mrs. C. W. Hawkins, clothing; Mrs. Brierley, boots and clothing; Mr. Gage, crate of oranges; Wm. Lees & Son, percentage of bread account; R. B. Hill, buns and scones.

The monthly meeting will be held at the Home on Tuesday, 2nd of February, at 10 a. m.

SWEARING.

To the Editor of the Times:
Sir,—It is apparently considered among the younger generation of this city that to use filthy language and swear profanely adds something to their stature. To take a walk down any of the busy thoroughfares in the evening and be obliged to listen to the "slang" remarks and insinuations passed by gangs of young men on the women passing is a thing to be abominable, and, surely, when so much is "in the air" at present to make Hamilton a cleaner city to live in, this "moral" question might also be considered.

No Danger.

(Toronto Star.)
A mountain in Pennsylvania has sunk into the earth, a circumstance which causes concern in Hamilton, a place whose sole claim to recognition is the existence of an alleged mountain, which is liable at any time to sink into the earth from shame at the scandalous language of the Hamilton newspapers.

AMUSEMENTS

"When the Harvest Days Are Over," a pastoral comedy drawn by Neil Trowey, was presented by the Partello Stock Company at the Grand last night, and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. The company is offering an unusually good list of plays this week, and is deserving of liberal patronage, as the performances are above the average. To-night and to-morrow matinee "Lena Rivers" will be repeated owing to the success it achieved on Wednesday. The company will close its engagement to-morrow evening with "The Girl of Eagle Ranch."

THE VITAGRAPH CO.

One of the subjects to be shown in motion pictures by the Vitagraph Co. to-morrow is entitled "The Reprieve," and the operator claims it to be one of the best films he has ever shown on canvas. The episode is drawn from the life of President Lincoln, 1863. A sentinel is found asleep at his post, and after a long sentence to death. While in the guard house he is permitted to write to his wife, who is shown in her home with three children, whom she leaves in care of the oldest, and after securing a horse rides for miles across country to the President's headquarters, and there his pleadings are at first unavailing, the President finally relents and signs a reprieve. With this she flies to the general's headquarters, and finds her husband being led out to be shot. She has arrived in time to save his life, at least for the time being. "The Policeman's Visit" is one of the amusing kind to be shown to-morrow.

AT THE SAVOY.

It is a long time since Shakespeare's immortal love tragedy, "Romeo and Juliet," has been produced in Hamilton, and as the offering of the Savoy Company next week should prove one of the most attractive plays of the season. Miss Lasche and Mr. Selman in the leading roles ought to appear to excellent advantage, and the other members of the company will have opportunity to display their versatility. The play has been rehearsed under the direction of Lawrence Barbour, the stage director, and an exceptionally smooth and pleasing performance is guaranteed. The costumes will be elaborate and the scenic effects in keeping with the general excellence of the production. There has been a satisfactory advance sale, and the indications are that the house will be sold out at the matinee performances during the entire week. For Tuesday a reserved large section of seats has been reserved for a theatre party from Brantford.

This week's offering, "The Land of the Midnight Sun," which has been pleasing large audiences, is one of the most ambitious productions the company has attempted during its engagement. It is an interesting and dramatic play, and should play to big business at both performances to-morrow.

AT BENNETT'S THEATRE.

"The refinement of vaudeville has caused it to become a staple article, with a standard of value as intrinsic as there is in wheat or steel or oil," said Edward Davis, the actor-corymban, recently in discussing the variety stage. "It is an enterprise now of millions and millions, a public benefactor for the millions of an amusement-loving world." "Vaudeville is not the cunning, it is a device of the charlatan; it is an enduring temple of decent pleasure, and has been built by men of keen perception, who long before it was realized anticipated the want of the people. These men are benefactors who have given as much to society as Rockefeller, for Bennett's next week in his playlet, "All Revers Meet at Sea," said to be the most elaborately staged sketch in vaudeville. Other big attractions next week include Hickman brothers, the famous "The Three of Us," in their farce "Detective Detected"; the Five Mizkoff-Sanders, Russian singers and whirlwind dancers, and the Olivetti Troubadours.

The theatre was packed again last night, when the Hamilton Rowing Club gave a benefit. The boxes were prettily decorated and the show thoroughly enjoyed. The headliners, Butler and Bassett, in their artistic skating novelty; the three Bims, musicians and comedians, and Alcide Capitaine, divided the honors.

A GOOD COMEDY.

"The Three of Us" is not a comedy, as might be supposed by the title, but is a high-class drama of life, as it really is in a western mining camp. Mention of the west leaves one to look for a lurid melodrama and gun fighters, but there is nothing of the sort in "The Three of Us." Though possibly little known to the playgoers by Hamilton theatregoers, it had a long and successful run in New York at the Madison Square Theatre, and also toured with success last season, playing at the Princess Theatre, where it was highly spoken of. It drives the name from three of the principal characters, Rhy Macchesney and her two younger brothers, Clem and Tounie, who struggle through years of hoping in a small Nevada mining town, waiting until someone will buy the mining claim left them by their father, Miss Janet Waldorf is said to give a capital portrayal of the heroine, Rhy Macchesney. The play is to be seen at the Grand next Monday and is one that can be recommended.

"A MAN AND HIS MATE."

H. R. Durant, the author of "A Man and His Mate," in which Hilma Spong was seen at the Grand last Friday and Saturday, is a young man but a few years graduated from Harvard, and has recently been practicing law in Waterbury, Conn., in addition to writing rather fascinating short stories for the leading magazines. "A Man and His Mate" is a story of the life and its plot and construction opened up a new vein in literature. He developed and dramatized the story and presented it under his own management in several of the leading New England cities, where it attracted such remarkable interest that Mr. Sire, after seeing it, at once purchased the producing rights, with a view to giving it a lengthy run at the Bijou Theatre, which just at present happens to be playing to about the biggest business in New York, and it being out of the question to immediately move the current attraction he is giving, "A Man and His Mate" a tour of the more important cities.

"RORY OF THE HILLS."

"Believe me if all those endearing young charms" is the greatest song known, except its next door neighbor, "Home, Sweet Home," and in "Rory of the Hills" which will be presented at the Grand next Wednesday matinee and

The Last Day of the January Sale

SWEEPING REDUCTIONS

A Rush Price for Dress Skirts

Stock-taking has brought to light a lot of Dress Skirts that have been left after tremendous selling. Old sizes, new styles, etc. They rush out to-morrow at these prices:

\$6.50, reduced from \$10.00 Skirts
\$4.25 reduced from \$7.50 Skirts
\$2.50, reduced from \$5.00 Skirts

They are in brown and navy Voiles, Cheviots, Venetians, Annarose, Panamas, Lustres and Fancy Types. Colors in wine red, brown, green, navy and black. Self, silk and braid trimming.

8.30 a. m.—10 dozen Women's Moire and Sateen Underskirts in black, brown and navy, full skirts. Regular \$1.25 and \$1.50, Rush Sale 79c.

8.30 a. m.—12 only Women's Winter Tweed Coats, in all styles and sizes. Regular \$10 to \$16.50, Rush Sale price \$2.39

Forcing Out the Winter Coats

To-morrow's offering is the biggest "round-up" of Coats this season, so you can look for some extra good saving chances. They are being forced out at these half prices and less.

\$8.99, reduced from \$12.50 to \$15.00
\$9.99, reduced from \$16.50 to \$20.00

They are in Kerseys, Cheviots, Frieze and Broadcloths, in brown, navy, green, black and fawn; tight, loose and half-fitting styles; faultlessly tailored garments with the latest trimming effects. See these coats to-morrow.

Surprising Millinery Prices Now

All remaining Trimmed Millinery now in two lots for a final clearing. Even trimmings are worth double the prices we are asking. All new styles in all colors and black, with trimmings of wings, tips, mounts, plumes, flowers, ribbons, etc.

At \$2.49, reduced from \$ 8.00 to \$10.00
At \$4.49, reduced from \$10.00 to \$15.00

UNTRIMMED SHAPES—Napped Beaver and French Felt shapes in all styles and colors. Former price \$2 to \$3.50, clearing to-morrow . . . 49c

SPECIAL—A few only Children's Flop Hats, trimmed with silk, flowers and ribbons. Be early. Formerly \$3.50 to \$5.00. Sale price . . . \$1.79

Many New Goods

Now Showing

FINCH BROS.

29 and 31

King Street West

THE WORLD AND A WOMAN.

(Ethel M. Chapman.)

She was just at that stage when we all see life through a rose-colored mist, that softens and bedims its little ironies; and as she stood, with dreamy eyes, watching the airy bubbles that floated just out of her reach, how was she to know that their beauty would have vanished the instant her fingers touched them? They were the ideals and ambitions of her girlhood dreams, and to her they were golden, but in the distance, the heights of Fame rose high against the heavens, their snowy summits dazzling in the sunlight; but their rocky slopes were bristling with white grave-stones, for multitudes had perished before the heights were gained.

DIVORCE CASE.

Capt. Stirling Accuses His Wife and Lord Northland.

Counter Suit for Divorce from American Girl.

Edinburgh, Jan. 29.—The court to-day began the hearing of Capt. Stirling's petition for divorce, having devoted the last week to hearing Mrs. Stirling's petition. Capt. Stirling stated that it was on Mrs. Stirling's suggestion that Lord Northland was included in the party of four, the witness, Mrs. Stirling, Mrs. Atherton, and Northland, that visited Paris.

Capt. Stirling went on to tell how, on returning unexpectedly from Scotland, he went to his town house and found the door on the chain. He rattled the door and rang the bell. Finally his wife came and opened the door. She appeared greatly confused. He went straight to the smoking room and found Lord Northland there. He ordered Northland out of the house, but Mrs. Stirling continued to meet him.

When he told his wife she was at the party of the ways he received the reply that she was madly in love with Northland and he with her. Stirling said he next sought an interview with Lord Northland and said to him: "You have taken my wife's affections absolutely. She tells me she is in love with you and you with her. What have you got to say?"

"If you divorce your wife I shall stick to her," Northland replied. He would not say anything else, would not explain, and refused to make any apology.

"I told him I would arrange to have her go to her mother in America," Capt. Stirling continued, "and said, 'If after a period of months you and she find it impossible to keep apart I shall not be able to stand further between you.'"

On board the Adriatic while she was on her way to the United States Mrs. Stirling wrote suggesting a separation, and concluded:

"Don't think me an absolute rotter; I am not, but near it."

On her return to England Mrs. Stirling eventually abandoned her husband, he testified.

So she followed the path where he led her, and she found that his flowers were far sweeter than any she had seen before; but she learned, too, that its thorns were far more cruel. Day followed day, and she grew more and more beautiful. The brown of her hair was deeper, the light of her eyes more tender, for the touch of love had often bathed them in tears. Every day brought its happiness, every day its self-sacrifice, every day its fresh springs of affection. Here the path wandered through luxuriant plains, there it led through the narrow crevices of poverty, and then, lo! to a tiny grave, and a mother's bleeding heart shivering above it. Yet still she whispered as her trained eyes gazed into the eyes of her love, "We saw a little of heaven when the gates opened let him into the world, and the vision was into the sacrifice."

So the years went on, and with each fresh trial she grew nobler, braver, sweeter. The great world might smile and throb at will, but it was her world no longer. Hers was bounded by the four walls of home, where half-unconsciously she was moulding into other young lives the strength and beauty of her own sweet personality. But as she neared the Elysian gates of the sunset, and looked over the past stretching away into the indefinite shades of memory, she whispered gently: "What have I done? My talent was given to me, and I buried it, when the world needed it so much. But if the world could only have heard her it would have answered, 'It is not talent the world wants; it is not genius nor intellect it lacks; but its empty heart is craving for character. Ah! the noblest part is by love and self-sacrifice for others, to form a soul worthy to be a ministering spirit in the courts of heaven.'"

Sin beginneth pleasantly.—Bible.



A group of Eighteenth Century Dolls.

PERPETUAL MEMORIAL.

Hon. Colin H. Campbell, Attorney-General of Manitoba, has presented to Knox Presbyterian Church, Burlington, a five hundred dollar debenture, bearing a per cent. interest, to be held in trust for the congregation by the session, interest only to be used, the principal to remain as a perpetual memorial to his mother, for many years a member of the congregation.

HANGED FOR MURDER.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Jan. 29.—Dave Edwards was hanged in the county jail here yesterday for the murder of J. W. Davis.

MENELIK ALIVE.

Rome, Jan. 29.—A special despatch received here from Abyssinia says that while King Menelik is ill his condition is not so bad as has been reported. Italy, France and Great Britain have reached an understanding for the protection of Europeans in Abyssinia in the event of an uprising in case Menelik should die.

Stanley Mills & Co. LIMITED

Final Disposal of

Winter Coats

This is without exception the best news yet for Winter Coat buyers.

Our determination to clear out all of the few-of-a-kind Coats in our stock before Feb. 1st brings about the biggest coat values of the season.

With the bulk of real cold weather ahead—and with the best selected, best tailored, most up-to-date styles to choose from—(although quantities are limited)—with prices practically cut in two—to-morrow sale offers inducements that no prospective buyer can afford to overlook.

Space will not permit of individual description. Briefly there are all sizes from misses' size 14 up to the large size of 44. Materials include Kersey, Cheviot, Chevron, Frieze Covert, Tweed and Broadcloth. Colors, navy, brown, green, grey, fawn and black. And here is the price bulletin:

Regular \$8.50 and \$9.00 Coats, Saturday at \$4.50
Regular \$10.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$5.95
Regular \$12.50 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$6.95
Regular \$15.00 to \$18.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$9.00
Regular \$20 to \$25 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$14.75
Regular \$35.00 Coats, clearing Saturday at \$24.00
Children's Coats, worth up to \$10.00, clearing at \$5.00
Children's Coats, worth up to \$5.50, clearing at \$3.25
4 Fur-lined Coats, regular \$40.00, clearing at \$24.75
2 Fur-lined Coats, regular \$65.00, clearing at \$43.00
2 Fur-lined Coats, regular \$55.00, clearing at \$40.00
1 Fur-lined Coat, regular \$70.00, clearing at \$50.00

\$1.50 Underskirts for 98c

These Underskirts are of a fine satin-finished black sateen, made with an accordion pleated flounce, finished with a small ruffle and fancy stitching. Sturdy well made skirts for general service. In sizes 38, 40 and 42. Good value regularly at \$1.50. Clearing on Saturday at all one price . . . 98c

Smart Styles in Neckwear

Embroidered Linen Collars, some embroidered edges, others embroidered in dots and floral designs, 1½ to 2 inches high, at . . . 25c and 35c

A special lot of Embroidered Linen Collars, in dainty floral designs, 1½ inches. Worth regularly 25c each, Saturday . . . 15c

Neck Frilling Saturday 19c yd.

Choice of pink, sky and black Neck Frilling, worth regularly 35c yard, Saturday for . . . 19c

Children's Hose Saturday 15c

Pair
Odd sizes in Children's two and one Ribbed Cashmere Hose, with double knees, double heels and toes; fast black. Worth regularly 25c pair, clearing Saturday at . . . 15c

Saturday Grocery Sale

Several hundred dozen Navel Oranges, regular 30 and 35c value, on sale Saturday at . . . 25c
Choice Black Ceylon Tea 27c lb.
50 only 7-lb. pails of Jam, regular 60c value, Saturday . . . 49c
Choice Fancy Biscuits, special for Saturday, 3 lb. tin, 25c
25 lb. of Gold Medal Flour 65c
Baked Beans, regular 15c can for . . . 10c
White Beans, 6 lbs. for . . . 25c

Sale of Dress Goods at 39c

All Wool Satin Cloth and Panama in navy, brown, green, red and purple, for shirt-waist Skirts and Children's Dresses, 42 inches wide, worth regularly 50c yard, on sale Saturday at . . . 39c

Black Voiles 59c

Rich black all wool Voile, a fine close even weave, made from a tight cloth and singed thread, produced from a fine staple yarn, width 42 inches, worth regularly 75c yard, Saturday . . . 59c

Panamette Cloth 75c

Good, firm all wool Panamette Cloth for suits and skirts, a quality that sheds the dust and keeps its shape, navy, brown, green and black, to choose from, 48 inches wide, worth regularly \$1 yard, Saturday . . . 75c

Sale of Kitchen Goods

6 dozen Strassburg Saucepans, covered, blue and white pattern; worth regularly 50c each, Saturday 39c
4 dozen Improved Globe Wash Boards, fine corrugated zinc, regular 30c each, Saturday . . . 14c
2 dozen genuine Cocoa Door Mats, extra thick, regular \$5 each, on sale Saturday at . . . 59c
3 dozen long-handled Fire Shovels, regular 10c each, on sale Saturday at . . . 7c

ESSAY ON DEATH

Left by New York Suicide Who Feared Life.

New York, Jan. 29.—This "Essay on Death" was written by a man who committed suicide to-day: "My blooming years have faded. I am gloomy and despondent. I am tired of wandering around the roaring streets of New York. My only hope is to find rest in another world. I wish no ceremonies over my body. I want it buried. Do with the ashes as you please. Throw them back to earth from which they came."

"It is a man's duty to help nature; to kill off those who cannot fight against human beasts. The United States Government should establish a large park, where those who are despondent can go and end their lives. I'll admit that I am afraid of the future in this world."

The suicide was Albert London, 35 years of age. He lived in West Twenty-fourth street. Before ending his life by inhaling gas London mailed a letter to the editor of a newspaper. While the editor was reading the letter his telephone rang. The man at the other end of the wire was the janitor of the house in which London lived.

"I just found a note from London telling me to call you up," said the man. "Go to his room at once," was the reply.

The janitor did so, and found London's body. Beside it was the "Essay on Death."

IN PRAISE OF WIDOWS.

Generous Tribute to Their Powers to Charm the Sterner Sex.

It has been the habit of men, wise and witty, cynical and stupid, to cast the shaft of stinging ridicule at the widow, particularly if she be young and fascinating. It has been the traditional masculine attitude since time was young, and the so-called miles of the gulfed widow have pointed many a proverb and sharpened many an epigram. And it is a sad fact that all these wise saws are pure buns, save the face of men, who, within their hearts, know the utter folly of resistance when an entertaining widow makes her plans and sets her cap.

Dido, or more properly Elise, of Carthage, was a widow when Aeneas drifted around that way, and we all know that it took the joint efforts of the Olympian syndicate of deities to jar loose her hold on the old Trojan warrior. And when he did quit her Virgil tells us he felt like a man caught in a trap, to evade paying his fare on a street car. But while that romantic courtship lasted the faithful crew of Eneas just sat around and roared widows in general, and the Widow Dido in particular, just as they would to-day.

Heedful Penelope was in widow's weeds when that gay young bunch of riotous suitors lived high on the fat goats and swine of the long-tried, royal Odysseus. One can imagine the biting gossip and cutting innuendoes, and the widows voiced by the deserted maidens at the Ithacan bridge parties of that interesting period. And the list of widows who have made history and sown the seeds of bitterness might be indefinitely extended until it reaches its culmination in the classical utterance of Mr. Weller to his dutiful son, Samuel: "Beware of the widows!"

But the traditional attitude towards widows and their charms which has filled literature with comical words and slings, is not alone due to mere men, who know their helplessness in the premises. Much of it has been inspired by the well-based fear on the part of wives and maids who seek to be wives of the little widow, who knows the man game from A to Z. She is an expert, while her rivals are amateurs or only learners. Be that as it may, one cannot but admire the reckless courage of a woman who, having once or more stemmed the tempestuous tide of matrimony, should dare to take the awful risk of training another husband. Hats off to her!—Washington Post.

THE MERRY HA-HA CURE.

Idea All Right—Trouble is to Get the Prescription Filled.

It is all very well for a German doctor to prescribe hearty laughter as a remedy for nervous diseases, but perhaps he will also be good enough to tell us where we are to get the ingredients for his prescription.

"One cannot well sit down and laugh 'till the tears run down the cheeks" at nothing at all, however anxious to cure a severe attack of neuralgia.

When one comes to think of it, says the Lady's Pictorial, few things make one laugh to this extent, and what is one person's meat where hilarity is concerned may prove so poisonous to another as to plunge him to the very depths of depression.

There are people who will double up with merriment when they see some one else fall down a flight of steps, and afterward describe it as "the funniest thing they ever saw," but most nervous patients probably would not laugh at all if in order to effect cure one attempted to make one's friends laugh by throwing relatives and servants down stairs. Nerve specialists who adopt the laughter cure will have either to practice clowning or keep training fools to set their patients "in a roar."

The widow and mother of the late James Taylor Cooper, Toronto, are at law on the question as to who should receive \$900 insurance due his estate.