

BISHOP DEDICATES NEW PARISH HOUSE

Rt. Rev. David Williams
Opens \$40,000 Cronyn Memorial
Building.

Warner hall, the new \$40,000 parish house erected by the Cronyn Memorial Anglican church, was formally opened last night with ceremonies befitting such an auspicious occasion. The new auditorium was taxed to the limit of its capacity.

Rt. Rev. David Williams, bishop of Huron, officially dedicated the building. His lordship in his congratulatory speech complimented the rector, Rev. G. Quintin Warner, B.A., B.D., the congregation and the city of London upon the erection of such a splendid building and so completely equipped.

Mr. Warner presided at the brief vestry meeting held during the evening, when authorization was given to the church wardens to execute a five-year mortgage of \$15,000 upon the hall and rectory, which is all that still remains to be raised on the cost of the building.

Strengthen Contribution.
From the congregation's action in building Warner Hall, the bishop contrasted three meanings. It showed, he held, that the people believed in God and that to their religion was a reality. It showed also that the congregation realized the importance of educating the young in the Christian life.

"It will serve more to emphasize and make strong the contribution the Church of England has calculated to make to the moral and spiritual life of the dominion," observed Bishop Williams, "a contribution which no other communion can make."

Throughout his history the Anglican church has stood, religiously and socially, for stability, order and for freedom, and it is the peculiar glory of the Church of England to combine all three of these objects.

"I hope that that contribution will be more intelligent and stronger in the future than in the days of the past," concluded Bishop Williams, "though perhaps the contribution of the Church of England has been greater than that of any other communion in Canada."

Very Rev. L. Norman Tucker, D.D., dean of St. Paul's cathedral, commented upon the spiritual service Mr. Warner had rendered the city of London as juvenile court judge, and the provision, largely through his efforts, of such remarkable equipment for still wider service to the young people of the community.

Music Provided.
Rev. W. Leslie Armistage, M.A., rector of St. James' Anglican church, and a former curate of Cronyn Memorial church, averred that "the whole boy and the whole girl belong to God, and that it is just as essential for children to learn to play as to learn to pray."

Other speakers during the evening's program, presided over by H. I. Childs, included F. P. Betts, K.C., Ald. Edwin Smith and F. J. Jewell.

Mr. Warner was assisted in the short service in the church, presiding during the program by Bishop Williams, Dean Tucker and Rev. Canon C. R. Gunne, M.A., rector of Christ church.

Cronyn Memorial church choir, under the direction of C. E. Gilmour, rendered in splendid manner two unaccompanied choruses, "Cherubim Song" (Gretchenhoff) and "Pierce Was the Wild Willow" (T. Tertius Noble).

The concert orchestra of the Royal Canadian regiment, under Lawrence K. Harrison, I.R.A.M., conductor, played "Valse" (Three Four) (S. Coleridge Taylor, Opus 71) and "Gopak," from the opera, "The Fair of Sorochinsk" (Moussorgsky), as well as several other pieces.

The evening was brought to a happy close by the serving of refreshments.

KI-Y BOYS ARE DINED BY KIWANIS DADDIES

Annual Father-and-Son Banquet
Held at Y.M.C.A.
Building.

The annual father and son banquet of the Kiwanis club was held at the Y.M.C.A. last night, when twenty-seven "Ki-Y" club boys were entertained at a jovous dinner by thirty-three Kiwanian "daddies."

Each speaker drew a word picture of the way to happy manhood. They all emphasized the fact that clean living, prompt attention to studies and attendance at church constituted the paving on the road to successful manhood.

During the course of the evening many songs were sung and several of the Kiwanians entertained with witty sketches. The Kiwanian Tiddling Toot band provided the music.

SPRING IS ON THE WAY AS MARBLES JINGLE AGAIN

The lure of spring, together with the warm weather lately, has been sufficient to attract London boys to the popular springtime game, namely marbles.

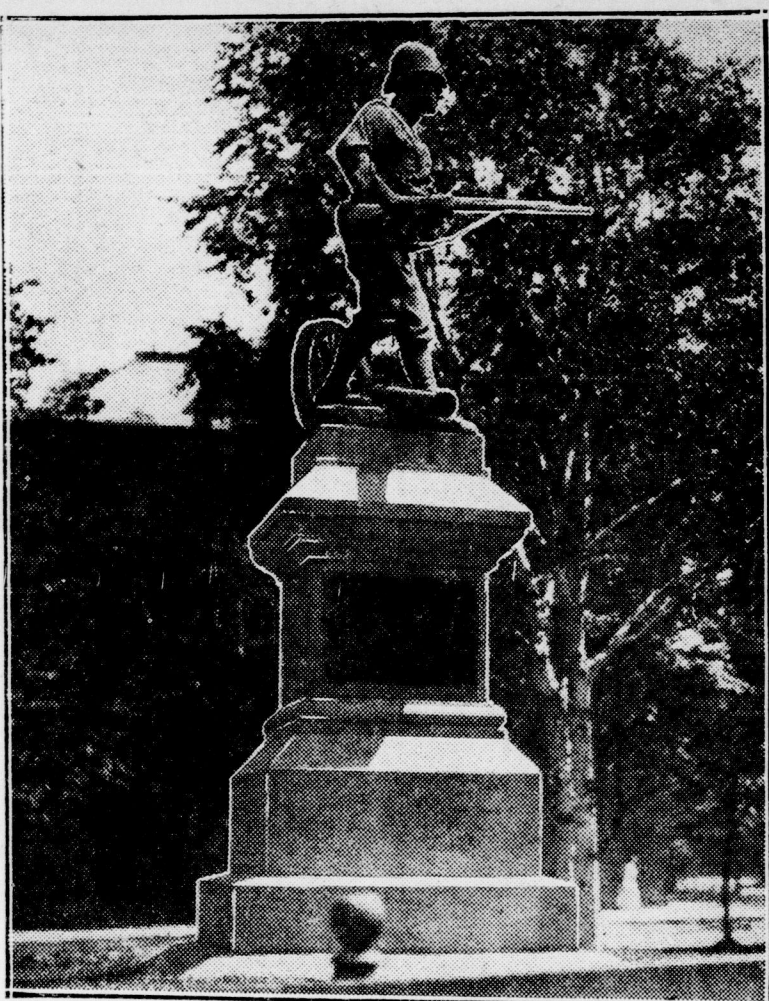
Walking down any of the residential sections of the city at the present time brings pleasant recollections of boyhood days when big glass "alleys" were eagerly sought after and traded perhaps a dozen times before the season was over.

Most of the smaller boys of the city seem to be taking advantage of the sidewalks and their conception of a game is to "shoot for the cracks in the sidewalks."

Advertisements in many stores offering marbles for the first time in a year and the merry jingle of the "miggles" in youngsters' pockets is a sure sign of spring being near.

WILL PRESENT PLAYLET

The playlet, "The Key of Jack Canuck's Treasure Home," will be presented in Warner hall on Friday night next. The entertainment is being given by a number of the pupils of the Lorne avenue public school under the auspices of the mothers' club of the Lorne avenue school.



HONOR HEROES OF PAARDEBERG.

South African days and heroes are remembered today, the 25th anniversary of the battle of Paardeberg. It was on Feb. 18, 1900, the officers and men of the Royal Canadian Regiment stormed the Boer trenches at Paardeberg. The picture shows the monument to the men of the Royal Canadian Regiment who, by their valor and efficiency, have made manifest their ability and willingness to share with the motherland the duties and responsibilities of empire.

Londoners Today Recall Triumph of Paardeberg

R. C. R.'s Fought Great Battle
Against Boers Twenty-
Five Years Ago.

STARTED VICTORY

"At 10 a.m. A and C companies reached the firing line about 1,800 yards from the Boer trenches. D and E companies formed the support and B, F, G and H formed the reserve."

Such is the official statement covering a decisive battle in the Boer war. It was the battle of Paardeberg, fought on Feb. 18, 1900—just 25 years ago today. Surrounding the brief war office facts is the story of gallant achievement; a proud record left by Canadians.

The companies mentioned were those of the Royal Canadian regiment with headquarters at Wolsley barracks here. C company is situated at the London station, and veterans of South Africa as well as those of the recent conflict are today remembering the struggles with Cronje near Paardeberg.

Such was the actual fighting going back to the march to Paardeberg which began four days before the battle.

On Feb. 13 the 9th division commenced a march which lasted a week. Their first objective was the town of Jacobsdal. It was captured without difficulty and the way for the Boers cut off part of a large convoy of men which left the town. The first day's march was a hard one, the Canadians had 91 officers and 850 non-commissioned officers and men when they broke camp. So trying was the first day's march that 50 stragglers fell out in the 12-mile movement to Ram-Dam. The heat was unbearable. The men were dying of thirst.

Overcome By Heat.
The next 12 miles were covered with a loss of ten soldiers from prostration. The heat was so great that the Canadians were forced to march at night. On Feb. 18, at 6 o'clock in the morning, the weary troops reached Paardeberg. Drift after a forced march of 23 miles made during the night. They were first on the heels of Cronje, the indomitable Boer general. There he was brought to bay. The Boer leader decided to make a stand at a strategic position. The bend of the Modder river, which was in flood.

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This necessitated a fording of the Modder river. The rushing water was four feet deep. It rushed westward with the speed of a mill race. With the aid of ropes and human chains the soldiers made two crossings and valiantly advanced across the open plain toward the entrenched foe. They moved forward until they were within 400 yards of the enemy.

Lacked Shelter.
There was shelter neither from the burning sun nor the Mauser bullets. In the afternoon a Canadian Maxim gun was brought across from a position 1,000 yards to the left. This helped to keep down the Boer fire.

At 5:15 the Canadians were on the firing line with the exception of G and H companies. Col. Aldworth of the Cornwall Regiment ordered a general advance. There was a wild rush for the enemy trenches. It was halted by a withering fire from the Boers. The Canadians had gained 200 yards. Col. Aldworth was killed and was on the ground for the remainder of the day.

Eighteen men were killed and two missing. During the night General Cronje retired to a stronger position four miles further up the river and on the 20th the battle was resumed. The Canadians had the support of the Shropshire Regiment on the right and the Gordon Highlanders on the left. From then until the 27th the Boers were pursued until Cronje, the Lion of the Veldt, was vanquished, and the backbone of the Boer offensive was broken.

Chimes, Organ Gift To Church

Canadian Press Despatch.
Guelph, Feb. 17.—St. George's church here has just received from Mr. Arthur W. Cutten, a former resident of this city, now in Chicago, and one of the most noted operators on the grain market there, two magnificent gifts. Announcement of these was made last night by the rector, Rev. Canon Scoville, at a banquet to the men of the parish, at which Rev. Canon Cody of Toronto was the principal speaker. The gifts are, in the words of Mr. Cutten, "the best organ obtainable and the best chime of bells ever constructed."

NOTED M. P. ORATOR WILL SPEAK IN CITY

Conservatives and London Club
To Fete Hon. Dr. R. J.
Manion.

Hon. Dr. R. J. Manion, one of the most eloquent speakers in parliament and one of the youngest members of the house, will be the guest of honor at a banquet to be given by the London Conservative association and the London club on Friday of this week in the Tecumseh house. Dr. Manion is the M.P. for Fort William and was minister of soldiers' civil re-establishment in the Meighen government.

Dr. Manion had a brilliant record overseas in the C. E. F., returning in 1917 to run as a Liberal Unionist candidate. In 1921, along with other Liberal Unionists, he elected to follow the leadership of Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen, and was taken into the cabinet. Despite the landslide against the Meighen government, he was returned by a large majority.

Other speakers will be R. V. LeSueur, M.P. of West Lambton; Frank McKillop, M.P. of London, and Hugh McKillop, M.P. of West Eglinton. He has been decided to invite the ladies and reservations can be made by phoning 5388W, 5601 or 1690. The banquet will be held at the Tecumseh house, 5388W, 5601 or 1690. The banquet will be held at the Tecumseh house, 5388W, 5601 or 1690.

MACHINE GUN INSTRUCTION OFFERED OFFICERS HERE

Military men in Western Ontario who are taking up machine gun work will have an opportunity to attend the provisional courses which begin early in March. One school will be opened at Sarnia on March 2. A second series of classes will open in Chatham on the 5th. Each course will last six weeks, according to an announcement made by Lieut.-Col. E. C. Dean, Bvt.-Capt. R. G. Whitehead, B Company, Royal Canadian regiment, has been detailed to conduct the school.

INSURANCE IS PLACED ON SCHOOL BOILERS

The board of education has placed the insurance on school boilers, expiring March 5, with the Employers' Liability Assurance Corporation, Ltd. The premium of \$1,558 covers \$50,000 protection on each of the public school boilers, \$75,000 on boilers in the central college institute and technical high school, and also to include the cracking of sections in Krollwood Park school cast iron boiler.

A. Norton Udy is the local representative of the Employers' Assurance Corporation.

TELEPHONE SHOWS STRIKING ADVANCE

Invention of Canadian Has
Developed Into Huge
Business.

Alexander Graham Bell's original telephone instrument has proven a child of extraordinary exuberance. Today the Bell Telephone Company of Canada has in the dominion 540,000 instruments. It has 1,465,822 miles of wire strung from sea to sea. It has 13,669 employees, makes 3,816,900 exchange connections a day, and 41,873 long distance calls. So the child of the old Scot's brain has been a "bonny bairn" of wonderful vitality.

The forty-fifth annual report of the Bell Telephone Company shows that the company has invested in its business \$29,434,833, representing reserves, surplus and premiums on capital stock, on which the company is not required to pay interest. This amount is over 46 per cent of the present capital stock and outstanding bonds. While 1924 was a period of very quiet general business, the number of stations increased by 50,607, and has now reached a total of 536,848. The gain in 1923 was 52,018 stations.

There were placed during the year 128,372 stations, the greatest number in the history of the company, but against this is the large total of 78,265 removed through cancellation or transfer.

Of the total net gain in stations, above 70 per cent were in the homes of Ontario and Quebec.

Increases in Stations.
As showing the proportion of the total number of stations placed in the two largest cities of our territory, the following figures are interesting: Toronto increased its number of stations by 13,796, and Montreal by 16,335. A station is a telephone instrument used for service through an exchange. Addition to the plant in 1924, included the automatic equipment of the Grover Exchange, Toronto, which by the end of the year was serving 7,281 subscribers. The long toll cable in Canada from Toronto to Hamilton. This cable is 42 miles in length, and is capable of making up 396 circuits.

The number of subscriber stations has increased from 40,094 in 1900 to 536,848 in 1924, and the number of pole miles city territory has increased from 6,525 in 1900 to 9,595 today.

GRADING RESTRICTIONS ON TEACHERS EASED

Recommendation of Executive
Committee Adopted by
Education Board.

The recommendation of the executive committee has been adopted by the board of education, whereby, under certain conditions, teachers on the collegiate institute staff will be raised from grade 2 to grade 1. Three or four years ago regular salary schedules were drafted by the board, and the association of teachers at that time on the collegiate institute staff were laid down as to the grading of teachers and the raising from lower to higher grades on account of long-term of service or outstanding merit. Hereafter, teachers who have always been placed in grade 2 and no higher, but whose teachers of grade 2 could not be raised to grade 1, by reason of the board's latest regulations, teachers who have always been placed in grade 2 can now be recommended by the principal to be raised to grade 1.

C.S.E.T. BOND DRIVE SHOWS \$324 TOTAL

William Young Raises \$50 of
Funds Collected to Date
Here.

The results of the bond selling campaign of the Canadian Standard Efficiency Groups of the city show that \$324 has been collected to date. Of this \$50 was raised by William Young of First Methodist church.

Several groups of boys from the different city churches set out to raise \$450 for boys' work in Ontario. There are a few groups to hear from. The standing to date is as follows: Trail Ranger groups—Midgents, First Methodist, \$58; Pilots, St. Andrews, \$31; Seneca, \$29; Onwego, Knox, \$24; Rovers, St. Andrews, \$29; Alerts, Chalmers, \$15; Gordons, Dundas Centre, \$13; Tecumseh, Centennial, \$9; Comets, King street, \$7; Cubs, Knox, \$6.

In the Tuxis groups—Beavers, First Methodist, \$56; Cwils, King street, \$26; Greyhounds, Askin street, \$15; Vikings, St. Andrews, \$11; Nikators, Dundas Centre, \$6; Olympians, St. Andrews, \$3; Arrows, St. Andrews, \$2. Following are the groups to hear from: Argos, Talbot, Meteors, Askin, Hawks, Askin; Wingfoots, Knox; Olympians, Knox; Optimates, First Presbyterian; Hornets, New St. James; Jets, First Presbyterian; Radios, First Presbyterian.

AUTHORIZE REPAIRS.
Repairs to the registry office at Glencoe to the extent of \$300 were authorized by the county council committee at Glencoe yesterday. A new pine building was deemed necessary and the office will be painted and repaired. Those present at the meeting were Warden Allan McClelland, and Messrs. Gordon, Duncan, Gordon, Bernie Galbraith and County Engineer Charles Talbot.

PLEASE PLAY PRESENTED BY LONDON DRAMA LEAGUE

"The Valiant" Exceptionally
Well Staged at University
Auditorium.

For those who like drama in every sense of the word, an exceptionally fine bit of playing was presented last evening by the Drama League, when they put on "The Valiant" at the University of Western Ontario.

Too much cannot be said of the play, and the original cast played with even more ease and depth than when the play was given several years ago. "The Valiant" was written by Hawthorne Hall, and the play is centered around James Dyke, who is to be hanged just after midnight. The leading role was taken by Vincent Perry, who handled the part with a great deal of ability, his facial expression impressing the large number present.

Miss Kitty Mundy, who played the part of the girl, gave a splendid portrayal of an affectionate sister, and her sweetness and earnestness throughout the play carried the feeling of the audience with her in her illness. Mrs. Charles Ivey, who played the role of the warden, while Frank Emery portrayed the part of Father Daly, Dr. E. S. Detwiler was a warden, and Miss M. J. French, who played the role of the sister, was assisted by Reginald Payton.

Assisting in the program was Miss June Warren, whose personality and vivacity won over a great deal of applause. In the singing of "A Lullaby" from Josephine, Mrs. Ernest Bleuthner played a soft obligato, owing to the illness of Mrs. Charles Ivey. The choral music was also played by Walter Rennie, violinist; Bill Haslett, flutist, and Vernon Sims, pianist.

City Churches

ASKIN MISSION CIRCLE.
The regular meeting of the junior mission circle of the Askin street Methodist church was held at the home of Miss Bess Orchard, Stanley street, last night. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were given, and the Bible lesson was read by Miss Elsie Courtenay. A donation of \$10 was received from the Up-Stream class of the Sunday school, and the corresponding secretary read a letter from the Italian mission at Copper Cliff, Ontario, which was given by the girls for the quilt they sent some time ago. An item from Japan was read by Miss Myrtle Foster, and Miss Marian Pearson gave a reading of the story of the blind men and a elephant. The meeting was closed by a prayer given by Miss Verna Cobby, who contributed a piano solo, and the president closed the meeting with a prayer. Refreshments were served.

KNOX Y. P. S.
Stewart Kennedy presided over the regular meeting of the young people's society of the Knox Presbyterian church, held on Monday evening. It was missionary night, and Miss A. H. Kelso gave a splendid paper on "The Missionary Work in the World." Following the meeting, refreshments were served under the direction of Miss Evelyn Haylock and John Argo.

HYATT AVENUE LEAGUE.
Miss Mabel Case was in charge of the regular meeting of the young people's league of the Hyatt avenue Methodist church, held on Monday evening. The entire evening was taken up by Mrs. Jack Brooks, who gave a splendid paper on "How We Got Our Bible."

CHALMERS SUPPER.
In connection with the 19th anniversary of Chalmers Presbyterian church a supper and concert was given last night at the Chalmers church. Over 300 people sat down at the tables, attractively decorated with California poppies, green strips and green candles, and a splendid program was given. The ladies' aid of the church, Mrs. Albert Webb was the general convener and was assisted by Mrs. D. Macpherson, Mrs. Gordon Scott, Mrs. H. Watson, and Mrs. A. B. Bice, of All Saints' church, acted as chairman, and after the opening devotional exercises the chairman's address was given. The program was given by Gordon Scott, followed by a vocal solo by Mr. Hoover; a reading by Miss Nelson; a piano solo by Miss Elma Wilkey; a piano duet by Miss Elma Wilkey and H. E. Watson, and another solo by Mrs. Watson. Rev. J. Richardson then gave a splendid address on "The Kingdom of God." A solo was then given by Frank Emery, followed by a reading by Miss M. Keiman, an address by Rev. James Mackay, of New York, and a reading by Mrs. H. E. Watson. A piano duet by Miss Elma Wilkey and H. E. Watson, and another solo by Mrs. Cornell, Accompanists of the evening were H. E. Watson and Mrs. H. E. Watson. Following the program the ladies' aid and the choir entertained the assisting artists at a delightful supper. The choir of the church was responsible for the program.

TALBOT B. Y. P. U.
The members of the B. Y. P. U. of the Talbot street Baptist church enjoyed a delightful social evening on Monday night.

Refreshments were given by Miss Melissa Bryce, and Miss Muriel Ivison, and Miss Ila Chelev contributed a piano duet. An impromptu debate featured the evening when it was "Resolved, That the London Street Railway is a Detriment to the Human Race." This was followed by a game of cards, and refreshments were served from a table prettily decorated with hearts and streamers.

CENTENNIAL W. M. S.
The regular meeting of the W. M. S. of Centennial was held at the home of Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Lorne avenue, with a good attendance. The meeting was interesting and inspiring, and was presided over by Mrs. George St. Clare, the president. The opening devotional exercises were led by Mrs. Watkins, with the group singing "The Wisdom of Love." They also gave a responsive reading, closing it with a chorus. After the officers' reports were given, Mrs. T. B. Thompson gave a Bible reading, and reports from the members were responded to by Mrs. Watkins for the Orientals and Mrs. T. B. Thompson for the English. A splendid reading on "Christian Stewardship" and an address from Miss Courts of Japan was read by Mrs. T. B. Thompson. During the afternoon pleasing solos were given by Mrs. Fred Manning and Mrs. Swift, and also readings by Mrs. Leitch and Miss McLeod, which were greatly appreciated. Mrs. R. R. Wright closed the meeting with prayer.

MASONVILLE CLUB.
The Masonville community club will hold its regular monthly meeting on Friday evening, Feb. 20, when Mrs. James Chambers of London, will take the topic on "The Wisdom of Love." A splendid program is being arranged, and the hostesses of the evening will be Mrs. Wm. Westlake, Mrs. M. J. French, Mrs. T. B. Thompson, Mrs. Arva, and Mrs. Hurst. Mrs. Reagle and Miss Alice Mason. Sing-songs will also feature the meeting.

JOINT MEETING.
Westminster and London townships are holding a joint meeting this afternoon in the office of Miss Mary Grant, clerk of London township, to discuss town planning matters.

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PROFESSOR L. SILBERSTEIN,
of Rochester, noted scientist, who is
writing Eastern Canadian cities this
week.

WILSON HAD EYE ON SUB-TREASURY

Former London Evangelist
Tells of Plans Formulated
For "Big Job."

Associated Press Despatch.
Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 18.—(Relating details of his career of crime, Herbert Wilson, convict and former criminal, who with three others is on trial in federal court for the looting of a mail truck here in March, 1921, revealed under cross-examination yesterday that he visited the United States sub-treasury in December, 1921, to formulate plans for the robbery of that institution.

The witness testified that he had learned that at certain times of the year large sums of money were kept in the sub-treasury for congressmen. His testimony did not bring out whether he thought the "job" could have been accomplished. Wilson also told of how he, Joe Bertsch, one of the defendants, and Louis Wilson, the witness' brother, spent a day in San Francisco planning to loot the Pacific Gas and Electric Company.

**PROPORTION CALLED
VITAL TO HARMONY**
Edward Lee Hawk Character
Analyst Club Holds Inter-
esting Discussion.

Salesmenagers could have gleaned a lot of valuable information from the matter discussed at the weekly meeting of the Edward Lee Hawk Character Analyst club last night.

Nothing can operate in harmony without proportion, the discussion brought out. If the proportions are wrong the action is wrong. It doesn't make much difference what you are considering you have to consider proportion. When you eat your diet must be properly proportioned, otherwise you will hear from your stomach. You can't work more than a reasonable proportion of your time without feeling the effects. The same thing applies to salesmen. If they are right in their proportion for the job, they don't function right.

The evening's discussion was well handled by Mr. Plewes, and the subject was one of the most interesting of the club's discussions.

Two prominent London women were the guests of the club last night. They were Mrs. P. McNevel and Miss D. Ashton. A short analysis of the guest was made by the class, which proved to be most interesting.

The weekly analysis of one of the club members was well presented, when Miss Nunn gave their analysis of Miss Scott.

**QUEBEC ANTIS LAUNCH
DRIVE AGAINST BILL**
Opponents Feel Like Early
Christians Facing Lions,
Committee Is Told.

Canadian Press Despatch.
Quebec, Feb. 18.—The opponents to church union commenced their task at last night's sitting of the private bills committee of the Quebec legislature following previous presentation of pro-union argument. Lucien Gagnon, M.P., for Dorchester, asked how it was possible for the Quebec legislature to refuse to supplement the legislation at Ottawa, and confirmed by most of the legislators, especially when there was no violence done to the conscience of any of the Presbyterians.

Mr. Cannon recognized that the great majority of the legislators who will give judgment do not belong to the same faith as those of the contracting churches.

"Have you a right to tear up an agreement made by those three churches and refuse to allow them to sign under the new church?" asked Mr. Cannon.

"Those who are present here whether for or against union, gave all their reasons at Ottawa. The point is to establish the new church," asked Mr. Cannon.

He argued that while some of the anti might be actuated by a desire to right what they have, others were impelled by feelings of conscience and felt like the early Christians facing the lions in the Roman arenas, that there was a point to which they could not go.

**DETROIT CURLERS WILL
PLAY THISTLES IN CITY**
Six rinks of curlers from the Detroit Curling club will be the guests of the members of the Thistle club here Saturday afternoon. The Detroiters have accepted an invitation from the Thistles to play here Saturday, according to Harry McCallum.

Before coming to London, the American aggregation will play with Petrolia and St. Thomas. The games will take place on Friday.

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BIRTHS IN CANADA SHOW DECREASE

Rate Drops From 24.1 in 1923
to 21.8 in 1924—Deaths
Are Less.

Births in the dominion are slightly on the wane, according to the latest official figures. The last report on vital statistics from the department of trade and commerce, Ottawa, which apply to August, 1923, show that the birth rate for Canada for 1923, up to that time, per thousand population was 21.8, as compared with 24.1 in 1922, 25.6 in 1922, and 26.4 in 1921.

Infant mortality in 1923 made a much better showing and had a figure of 76.9 per thousand living births among children under one year of age, in comparison with a figure of 100.7 in 1921.

In the matter of maternal mortality the record is not so pleasing. The records are (per thousand living births): 5.2 in 1924, 3.9 in 1923, 5.1 in 1922, and 4.4 in 1921.

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