

otherwise. Last year 8,168 grooms, or about one-third of the total number of men, married between the ages of 20 and 24, while 47 per cent., or nearly one-half the women who entered the bonds of matrimony were between those ages. With both sexes the next greater number were in the 25-29 group, and then come the 30-34 for the grooms and 15-19 for the brides.

Under the age of 20, 453 men were married, one taking a bride in the 30-34 group, one selecting a lady whose age comes in the 35-39 class; one married a lady of the discreet age of 70, while two grooms showed a predelection for the same maturity of their brides.

Fifteen women between the ages of 15 and 19 married men between 40-44; two became brides of men between 45-49; one married a man over 55; two men over 60, and one a man over 70, as did also a lady of 25-29.

Cupid drives his bolt athwart denomination and conventions. Just at the present time the question of mixed marriages is holding a certain amount of public attention, but many of the good people who discuss the matter of persons of different faiths marrying will be surprised to learn to what an extent such marriages are contracted in Ontario. It appears that in one year alone Methodists married Roman Catholics; Jews married Gentiles, while in many cases May wedded December.

Out of the total of 7,351 Roman Catholics no less than 1,509 married out of their denomination. Of the grooms 665 married non-Catholic brides, and 844 professed Catholic girls became brides of non-Catholic grooms. Of these marriages, the larger number were between Catholics and Anglicans; then came Methodists, Presbyterians, Baptists, Lutherans, in the order named, but, rather strangely, no marriage between a Roman Catholic and a member of the Salvation Army is recorded, yet two married Jewesses, and five brides threw in their fate with as many Jews.

In addition to this, two Jews married Anglicans, two Presbyterians, six Methodists, two Baptists, one a Congregationalist. The Jewish ladies did not show such a variety of taste, but exhibited a strong Anglican leaning, for, of the seven who married out of their faith five married Anglicans and two Roman Catholic husbands.

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