

## IS "DEBORAH" IMMORAL, DAMNABLE, MORAL OR WHAT?

'GOD HELD THEM' WILL BE TAUGHT  
IS COBURN'S TO AUTHOR'S  
PRAYER CHILDREN

"It Is Damnable With a Capital 'D,'" Says Minister, "And the Worst Play I Have Ever Seen In Toronto—Strikes at Base of All Morality."

Toronto, May 22.—"If you want 'Deborah' summed up in short form, it is damnable with a capital 'D.' More, it is the worst play I have ever seen in Toronto; it strikes at the very base of all morality." Such was Rev. John Coburn's strong-willed and somewhat persons' way of thinking, uttered criticism of the problem play staged for the first time anywhere, at the Princess Theatre on Tuesday night. Moreover, Mr. Coburn, who is secretary of the committee of forty, by no means intends to allow matters to end with a mere denunciation of "Deborah." There is to be a meeting of the committee some time today, when the whole question will be threshed out.

Concerning the line of action to be taken thereafter, the pastor of Zion Methodist Church was extremely uncommunicative.

"You are asking me a pretty straight question," he said, "and at present, I cannot answer it. However, as soon as we have come to a decision, you will be informed."

Thought of It.  
"Is it true that the local Council of Women, the W. C. T. U., and several high ecclesiastical dignitaries will be asked to co-operate in an effort to have the play suppressed or modified?" he was asked.

"Well, I do not know where that information came from, but we did think of working along those lines. That, of course, will be left to the judgment of the committee."

Mr. Coburn then proceeded to conduct an autopsy on the theme selected by the playwright, W. Legrand-Howland. "The philosophy of the play is that every woman, married or single, should be a mother," he explained. "I have nothing in my vocabulary strong enough to express my disapproval of its moral teaching."

Mindful of the minister's preliminary exhortation, the reporter hinted that the pastor undertakes a bold venture in debating this point, Mr. Coburn continued:

"The curtain in the second act comes down on a scene which is terribly suggestive—in fact, too suggestive to discuss at all."  
Mr. Legrand-Howland's letter was read, and asked for the minister's comment.  
"God help them!"

"The moral sentiment conveyed therein is vastly different to that which is expressed in 'Deborah,'" replied Mr. Coburn. "If his play contained the same sentiments, you would find no fault with it. But if our young women are to be taught the lessons he seeks to teach, where will our standard of morality be? I cannot imagine anything more outrageous, and the offence is aggravated by his attempt to justify the moral attitude of the heroine of the play. If he teaches his own girls such doctrines, all I can say is, 'God help them!'"

## 30,000 Orangemen Coming This Year

Problem of Caring For Crowd Is Bothering Committee.

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[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Sarnia, May 22.—Orangemen, 30,000 of them, will invade Sarnia on July 12, and where a town of about 11,000 inhabitants will put 30,000 people is a problem in municipal housing that will keep more than one guessing.

Members from all parts of Western Ontario will be present, as well as their American brothers from the various places in Michigan. The local lodges are figuring on giving the visitors a royal good time, and an excellent program will be prepared for the occasion.

So many people will make a big revenue for the town, and on the 12th every place will likely flaunt the yellow streamers.

The town's assessment roll shows Sarnia's assessment as \$5,598,213, and an increase in population during last year of 818, making the present population 10,886.

Sarnia will receive \$1,600 for improvements to the public building here, that amount appearing in the appropriations in the supplementary estimates of the Dominion. Just what will be done with the money is a matter for conjecture.

## HOUSES SCARCE

Building Society May Be Formed To Supply Need.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Sarnia, May 22.—A building society will likely be formed in Sarnia by some of the town businessmen to supply the demand for houses. More men are needed by the manufacturing industries here, but labor cannot be induced to come here when those already in town have a hard time finding homes to live in. The idea to establish a society similar to those in the States by which so much money is furnished to the person desiring to build, and the money paid back in monthly instalments, the society retaining the title to the home until paid for, "this appears to be the most adaptable plan that can be utilized to cope with conditions here, and its unqualified success across the line should assure a similar success here."

DEATH OF MRS. BRODERICK.  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Sarnia, May 22.—The funeral of Ellen, widow of the late Daniel Broderick, was held from the family residence, 105 St. Catharines Church, and thence to the Catholic Cemetery for interment.

## CZAR AT BERLIN FOR WEDDING OF PRINCESS VICTORIA

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Royalty From All Parts of Europe Gathers for Royal Nuptials.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, May 22.—Emperor Nicholas of Russia arrived here today to attend the wedding between Princess Victoria Louise, only daughter of the Emperor William, and Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, on Saturday.

The Russian emperor was met at the station by Emperor William and King George of England, and a great gathering of members of the various royal families. The Russian emperor drove with his imperial host in state to the castle. There were no incidents.

No Incidents.

Emperor Nicholas' journey from the frontier station at Eydtkuhnen to Berlin had been made in the Russian imperial armed train, and passed off without a hitch.

The arrangements made by the Berlin police authorities for the protection of his majesty were very comprehensive, and they were assisted in carrying them out by considerable force of Russian detectives.

The inhabitants of Berlin, whose passion for spectacles is unsurpassed, were today able to obtain full gratification of their desires in that respect. The crowds were even greater than those of yesterday, and people picked the sidewalks, the windows, the balconies, and the roofs, whence they had an almost constant view of passing and repassing royal processions from half-past eight in the morning until after noon.

Emperor's Aunt Present.

Very early in the day the Dowager Duchess of Baden, the emperor's aunt, and the senior living members of the royal family of Prussia, arrived, and she was followed shortly afterwards by the Duke and Duchess of Saxe-Coburg. On each occasion the Emperor William, the Empress, Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, and his bride-to-be, the Princess Victoria Louise, together with a large contingent of Hohenzollern princes and princesses drove to the station to meet them and escort them to the castle.

All the processions followed the same route from the Anhalter terminal through Koenigsplatz street and the Avenue of Victory, and along Unter den Linden to the castle.

Duchess Was Late.

At the arrival of the venerable Duchess of Baden the Emperor William, who is always a model of punctuality, was late, probably for the first time in his life, and the few spectators on the station platform, were treated to the spectacle of his majesty in a hasty run, endeavoring to reach the halting place of the railway car before his aunt stepped out. He lost the race.

Beside the principal guests a swarm of minor princes and princesses arrived, and the other states in Berlin, each adding a flash of bright color to the streets while passing towards the castle, the princes' palaces and the hotels where they are to be lodged during the wedding festivities.

Throngs on Streets.

The throngs on the streets were good-naturedly enthusiastic in their demonstrations, and there was an almost constant roll of cheering throughout the day. The weather was again fine and the streets presented a very animated appearance, with the lines of soldiers of the guards' army corps in their most brilliant uniforms, which the members of the budget committee of the Imperial Parliament this week demanded should be abolished in favor of more practical clothing. The police handled the crowds along the routes with suavity and skill.

Women in Titives

Mrs. Thomas Knight Is President of Bothwell Society.  
[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Bothwell, May 22.—At the meeting of the Women's Institute the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President—Mrs. Thos. Knight. Vice-President—Mrs. W. H. Bradley. Secretary—Mrs. J. J. Vincent. Organist—Miss Mattie McLean. Board of Directors—Mrs. W. R. Hickey, Mrs. James McLister, Mrs. John Millison, Miss Mattie McLean. Mrs. W. H. Bradley was appointed as delegate to attend the district meeting which will be held in Thamesville.

LEAVING PARKHILL

D. W. MacLeod Presented With a Handsome Masonic Pin.

[Special to The Advertiser.]  
Parkhill, May 22.—Last evening a very pleasing event took place after the regular meeting of Doris Lodge, A. F. and A. M., Parkhill, when Rt. Wor. Bro. D. N. MacLeod was called to the east-end, presented with a beautiful diamond-set gold past master's jewel.

Mr. MacLeod was completely taken by surprise, but thanked the brethren for their handsome gift.

The members then adjourned to Robinson's Cafe and partook of an excellent fourth degree repast. Bro. MacLeod leaves in a short time for Edmonton, where he with his family will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. MacLeod have both been active members of the Presbyterian Church for some time.

RIDGETOWN.

Ridgetown, May 22.—A concert entitled "A Breach of Promise" will be given in the opera house on Friday evening under the auspices of the public school. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purchase of a piano.

Monday will be celebrated here in old-fashioned style. Starting in the morning, a good program of athletic sports will be held up-town, and a ball game will be held in the afternoon. Horse races will be held at the racetrack. Already some good horses have entered.

Wm. Neil Watson, of Mull, was here yesterday.

Mr. Geo. McDonald was in Chatham yesterday on business connected with the town.

Mr. M. A. Jackson has taken a position in W. H. Goodhue's hardware store.

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Two strong lines...\$1.00, \$2.00

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## WEIGHED 600 POUNDS

Mrs. Mary Peters, Circus Freak, Dies Following Operation.

[Canadian Press.]

Chicago, May 22.—Mrs. Mary Peters, weight 600 pounds, who for 20 years was exhibited as a freak, died last night at the county hospital following an operation for the removal of a growth which itself weighed 150 pounds. No bed in the institution was strong enough to hold her, and the patient was laid crosswise on two beds which was reinforced by chairs. A special coffin must be made for the body.

The late P. T. Barnum gave Mrs. Peters her first engagement, and for several years she was an attraction in his side show. She is survived by three children, who reside in Philadelphia. All are of normal size.

STRATHROY.

Strathroy, May 22.—Mr. Sam Demaray, of Dorchester, visited with his father here for a couple of days recently.

Col. Robson and Dr. Robson, of Vancouver, motored over yesterday and spent a few hours with Major I. L. Beaton.

Miss Stella Hill, of St. Thomas, visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hill, Centre street, recently.

CAMLACHIE.

Camlachie, May 22.—Mrs. L. Walker

and Miss J. Whiting have returned, after visiting friends in Port Huron for a few days.

Mrs. Wm. Johnson and Margaret spent a couple of days in Sarnia this week. The carpenters have commenced work on the house they are to build for Mrs. Jos. Cairns.

Jas. Fisher, jun., visited with his parents here recently.

J. J. Baechler, of Goderich, is running the sawmill here now.

Mrs. A. J. Schram has returned from Sarnia, after spending a couple of days with her daughter, Mrs. McNeill.

## PARKHILL.

Parkhill, May 22.—The funeral took place today to Parkhill Cemetery of James Marr, aged 85. He was one of the pioneers of the district.

The farmers of this vicinity at present are busy getting in their corn and potatoes and roots. The land is quite dry and hard for the want of rain, which makes it quite difficult to get it prepared. Crops in general are badly in need of good, warm rains.

Those who are having their barns moved and raised to have basements under them are busily engaged at the work. Steve McCormick, of West Williams, had his barn moved recently. Mr. Geo. Winegard had the contract.

The water-works tower in Parkhill is nearing completion. The work of putting down the piping is progressing rapidly.

Mrs. Sprout and family, of Detroit, are at present visiting with Mrs. Sprout's mother, Mrs. Patrick Ferguson, of the Centre road.

The West Williams Telephone Association installed another new switchboard.

in the Township of Adelaide in Angus McCabe's house.

## WALLACEBURG.

Wallaceburg, May 22.—Miss Elsie Forbes has resigned her position with S. D. Crothers, and leaves on Monday for Vancouver to take a position.

Mrs. W. Scott has left for Port Huron, after spending a week with Mrs. W. Steer. Miss Eva Arnold, of Windsor, is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. Demars.

Mr. Fred Hodge has left for Vancouver, after spending the winter here.

Mr. C. B. Jackson is spending a few days at Port Lambton.

Mr. Claude Morse broke his arm while cranking an automobile yesterday.

The E. E. W's gave a Canadian Tea at the home of Miss Ida Heath on Tuesday evening. The house was beautifully decorated with Canadian flags and red, white and blue bunting.

Miss M. Burgess sang a solo, Misses Zavitz and Sherwood gave an instrumental, and Miss Jessie McDonald a violin solo. The proceeds are in aid of Knox Church.

"How did you list the money that fortune-teller got from you?" "I put it under the head of prophet and lost."

MAY IS BUILDING HER HOUSE.

May is building her house. With apple blossoms she is roofing over the glimmering rooms; Of the oak and the beech bath she has built its beams.

And, spinning all day at her secret looms, With arms of leaves each whirled away, She pictures over, and peopleth it all With echoes and dreams.

And singing of streams, May is building her house. From the dust of things she is making the songs and the flowers and the wings.

From October's trodden and trodden gold She is making the young year out of the old; Yeal out of winter's flying sleet, She is making all the summer sweet, And the brown leaves spurned of November's feet.

She is bringing back again to spring's Richard is Gallienne, in Harper's Magazine.

"What brought you to this sad situation?" inquired the Jailer. "I got caught between stations," answered the Gaffer. "I couldn't be on the level, and I wasn't strong enough to figure as the man higher up."—Washington Star.

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