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

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"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 Co-burn's strongly-worded and to some persons' way of thinking, unclerical 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 straigh

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

"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 philosophy of the play is that every wo-

Mindful of the minister's preliminary excoriation, the reporter hinted that the pastor underrated his powers, but without debating this point, Mr. Coburn con-"The curtain in the second act comes

ouss at all.' and asked for the minister's comment.

"God Help Them." "The moral sentiment conveyed therein venge for it means race suicide. The s vasily different to that which is ex- woman who refuses to bear children by his attempt to justify the moral attitude of the heroine of the play. If he teaches his own girls such doctrines, all for the life for which God made I can say is, 'God help them.' "

30,000 Orangemen

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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 in-habitants will put 30,000 people is a

keep more than one guessing.

problem in municipal housing that will

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

royal good time, and an excellent pro

gram will be prepared for the occasion

revenue for the town, and on the 12th

The town's assessment roll show

year of 818, making the present popu

that amount appearing in the appro-

priations in the supplementary esti-

HOUSES SCARCE

Supply Need.
[Special to The Advertiser.]

Sarnia, May 22.- A building society

some of the town businessmen to sup-

duced to come here when those already

in town have a hard time finding homes to live in. The idea to estab-

lish a society similar to those in the

States by which so much money is fur-

nished to the person desiring to build, and the fachey paid back in monthly

appears to be the most adaptable plan

DEATH OF MRS. BRODERICK.

lation 10,866.

for conjecture.

So many people will make a big

Members from all parts of Western

"To Prepare Them For the Life For Which God Made Them," Says the Author of the Play, Who Says Evil Exists Only in Evil Minds.

Toronto, May 22.—W. Legrand-Howland, author of "Deborah," the play now appearing at the Princess Theatre, which has aroused the ire of the Rev. John Coburn. who has instigated a campaign for its suppression, last evening issued the following statement in reference to the attacks made ipon his play:

"The whole thing," said Mr. Howland, "to my mind, is simply another case of evil existing only in minds. Those persons who are attacking my play are evidently seeking self-advertisement in the newspapers and are really scarcely worthy of notice. It seems rather peculiar to me, however, that they have singled me out instead of a musical comedy, whose chorus girls are allowed to go on the stage wearing towels draped over the upper portion of their bodies, so that they will fly back and expose their person at the slightest movement."

Indorsed by Censor. "The censor, after witnessing our ppening performances, made a few suggestions and changes, which were complied with at once, and he now indorses my play as it is appearing at the Princess

"My object in writing 'Deborah' was give an example of what happens when the natural laws are disobeyed. If it is wrong, immoral and immodest to bring up the subject of maternity, then the ethics of modern civilization are wrong. The fact that Deborah committed a great sin was purposely an autopsy on the theme selected by the put in the play, for when great laws playwright, W. Legrand-Howland, "The of nature are suppressed there is bound to be an explosion, and this in man, married or single, should be a itself is another vital example, and mother," he explained. "I have noth- the madness that came to her and ing in my vocabulary strong enough to forced her to do this is liable to come express my disapproval of its moral to any woman of intense nature who has led an artificial life of suppres-

Should Be Ostracized. "Thousands of women are mental and physical wrecks because they have not married, owing to the fact that the need of marriage and motherhood down on a scene which is terribly sug- has never been impressed upon them for their education. The modern so-Mr. Legrand-Howland's letter was read, clety woman no longer desires chil-nd asked for the minister's comment. dren, the suffragettes think the same out gature takes and will take its re-

pressed in 'Deborah,'" replied Mr. Co- or neglects to educate her children "If his play contained the same should be ostracized from society. I sentiments, I would find no fault with believe that my play is a message for But if our young women are to be women, and a plea for mothers, and taught the lessons he seeks to teach, that any attack upon it is simply the where will our standard of morality be? work of notoriety-seekers. If there cannot imagine anything more out- are still people who think that my rageous, and the offence is aggravated play is immoral, let me answer them by saying that my children shall be

Throngs on Streets. taught these things to prepare them DEANERY OF NORFOLK CONVENED AT SIMCOE Rev. H. J. Johnson, of Port Dover, Was Chosen President.

Problem of Caring For Crowd Is [Special to The Advertiser.] Simcoe, May 21. - The Rural Dean-

ery of Norfolk Sunday School Association held its annual meeting in Trinity Church, here, yesterday. The president, Rev. H. J. Johnson, M. A. of Port Dover, occupied the chair. Miss M. Martin, the secretary, gave her report in concise torm, dealing

with the standing of the work in the deanery. Those who had been made responsible for the different departments gave an account of the work of their departments in the deanery and showed the progress being made in them. These reports were followed by

others from all the Sunday schools in the deanery, given by some appointed All showed an encouraging state of affairs and a greater interest in the work of the school. Mr. A. W. Chrysler, of Delhi, gave

every place will likely flaunt the yellow the first address, and in it he dealt with the working of the home depart- ville ment. He told of its organization in his own parish, and urged that that Sarnia's assessment as \$5,398,213, and an increase in population during last which promises so much for the advancement of religious life should be promoted in all the other schools of Sarnia will receive \$1,600 for imthe deanery. provements to the public building here,

the diocesan secretary for chool and young people's work, Rev mates of the Dominion. Just what will T. B. Howard, of Woodstock. The be done with the money is a matter newer developments of the Sunday school work were discussed, and ways and means of getting them organized in every parish of the deanery made

The following officers will guide the association for the coming term: President, Rev. H. J. Johnson, M. A., Port Euilding Society May Be Formed To Dover; vice-president, Rev. Canon Hicks, Simcoe; secretary, Miss M. M. Martin, Port Dover. Superintendwill likely be formed in Sarnia by ents of departments-Font roll. Miss B. Taylor, Simcoe; home, Mr. A. W. Chrysler, Delhi; teacher training, Mr. ply the demand for houses. More men are needed by the manufacturing in-J. D. Christie, Simcoe; missionary, Mrs. Ward. Waterford; adult Bible class, Mr. J. H. Summerhill, Vittoria. dustries here, but labor cannot be in-The annual convention will be held

### in Simcoe next year on the same date. CAMERON---LEWIS

Installments, the society recoining the Popular Ingersoll Couple Celebrated Their Nuptials.

title to the home until paid for. This [Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, May 22.—A pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Lewis, King street, esterday afternoon, when their daugh ter, Miss Clara H., became the bride of Mr. William H. Cameron, also of ngersoll. They were unattended, and the ceremony was performed in the presence of immediate friends by Rev C. J. McLean. Following a wedding a honeymoon trip to eastern points.

# CZAR AT BERLIN FOR WEDDING OF PRINCESS VICTORIA

Closely Guarded by a Multitude of Special Russian Detectives.

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 Luise, only daughter of the Emperor William, and Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, on Saturday.

The Russian emperor was met at he 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 rontier station at Eydtkuhnan to Berlin had been made in the Russian mperial armored train, and passed off without a hitch.

The arrangements made by the Berlin police authorities for the proection of his majesty were very comprehensive, and they were assisted in carrying them out by a considerable

force of Russian detectives. The inhabitants of Berlin, whose assion for spectacles is unsurpassed, were today able to obtain full gratification of their desires in that re-The crowds were even greater than those of yesterday, and people packed the sidewalks, the windows, he balconies, and the roofs, whence hey had an almost constant view of passing and repassing royal processions from half-past eight in the morning until after no

Emperor's Aunt Present. Very early in the day the Dowager Juchess 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 Cumber. land. On each occasion the Emperor William, the Empress, Prince Ernest August of Cumberland, and his brideto-be, the Princess Victoria Luise, to gether 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 ame route from the Anhalt terminal

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 punc tuality, was late, probably for th first time in his life, and vere 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

through Koeniggratz street and the

Beside the principal guests a swarm of minor princes and princesses arrived at the other stations 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.

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 ines 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'S IN TITUTES

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 President-Mrs. Thos. Knight.

Vice-President - Mrs. W. H. Brad-

Secretary-Treasurer - Mrs. J. J Organist-Miss Mattie McLean,

Board of Directors-Mrs. W. R. Hickey, Mrs. James McLister, John Millson, Miss Mattie McLean Mrs. W, H. Bradley was appointed as delegate to attend the district

# LEAVING PARKHILL

D. W. MacLeod Presented With Handsome Masonic Pin. [Special to The Advertiser.]

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

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. Mac-

Leod 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.

hase of a piano.

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

Mr. Geo. McDonald was in Chatham esterday on business connected with the ownship. Mr. M. A. Jackson has taken a posi-

tion in W. H. Goodhue's hardware store.

# A Big 'Scoop' of Clothing

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# Every Man in London and Middlesex Will Be Interested in This Money-Saving Event

We do not want to see one Suit of them on our hangers Friday night. These Suits are the "overmakes" of over a dozen lines, picked up by us at practically our own prices from some of the most up-to-date makers, who clear out their "overmakes" to the large retailers every season. The colors are browns, grays, tans, blue, in worsteds and several ranges in imported and domestic tweeds, and will be sold exclusive of our regular stock.

# Lot No. 1---\$12.20

Navy Blue Worsteds, pure botany wool, \$16.00 quality, with wool lining, hair cloth and canvas-stayed fronts, hand-molded shoulders, semi-peg and regular trousers: sizes 34 to 44.

# Lot No. 2---\$11.80

Worsted and Tweed Suits, tailored to retail at \$15.00 and \$16.00. All new styles, right up to the minute and splendid fitters. Good wool lining. You get the benefit of our special purchasing.

## 20TH CENTURY BRAND.

Clothes with a national reputation; bear a year's absolute guarantee of shape-retaining. You save the worry of try-on and fuss, and you see the goods as it looks made, besides you save from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Suits...\$15 to \$28

## 100 "BENCH-TAILORED" SUITS.

British blues, grays and black have been placed in stock this week. "Better than I have ever had on from a tailor," is the verdict of every wearer. A fit for every figure, long, short or stout.

## JUNE WEDDING SUITS.

Specially tailored by the Lowndes Company, 20th Century Brand makers. The cloths are cheviots, vicunas, worsteds, in blacks, blue and gray, too...\$16.50 to \$28.00

## RAINCOATS! RAINCOATS!

Absolutely waterproof, Paramatta and Glengarry. Four 

# Lot No. 3---\$16.20

Suits worth up to \$22.00, all good colors, and styles fresh from the tailor's irons, tailored up to the minute. These are exceptionally strong values. Blue, black, brown, gray, tan and fancy.

# Lot No. 4---\$8.90

Handsome Tweed Suits. All the season's make. Solid wear. Tailoring, fit and cloth equal to \$15.00 tailor-made suits.

## OUR MASTER SUIT.

Designed by an artist, tailored by experts, for particular young men. Every young man in London with an eye for good taste in clothes should see this line. We show it in blue, brown, gray, lavetti and olive mixtures. Specially priced......\$10.80, \$12, \$14, \$16, \$18

BOYS' DEPARTMENT—SATURDAY SPECIALS. All sizes, 24 to 34; broken lines from our big season

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Boys' "Bell" Blouses, New York make, fast colors...... 35c, 50c, 75cBoys' Fast Color Jerseys, long and short sleeves.....25¢ Boys' Hose, with a six months' guarantee of color, and two 

The King, The Borsalino, The

Stetson, The Prince; bows on back or

sides; black, green, brown, nutria...

\$1.50,\$2, \$2.50, \$3, \$3.50, \$4

# Hats---Panama

FIVE CASES OF PANAMAS.

\$6.00 quality (special) ..... \$4.80 \$8.00 quality (special).....\$6.00 FURNISHINGS THAT ARE IN GOOD TASTE, KEENLY PRICED.

The latest "Bulgarian" Neckwear ..... 50¢ and 75¢ Exclusive styles direct from New York. 50c Silk Hose. Special ...... 3 pairs \$1.00 Holeproof Hose, 6 months' guarantee..... 6 pairs \$1.50 6 pairs Lisle......\$2.00 3 pairs Silk, guaranteed 3 months. Special......\$2.00

# THE HOSE HOUSE OF LONDON.

300 dozen English Cashmere Silk Spliced 35c Hose. Special ......4 pairs \$1.00

# SHIRT SALE.

A shirt tale plainly told in the exceptionally classy Shirts, in negligee and dress, Cluett's, Lion, Starr, Regal and a Pyjamas and Night Gowns, to keep men in nights ...... ..... \$1.25 to \$3.50

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Overalls, Work Pants, Work Shirts, Gloves, Mitts. The best values in London.

50 dozen Standard 40c Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers. 75 dozen fine French Neck Two-Thread Balbriggan 

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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 heds which was reinforced by chairs. A special coffin must be made for the

The late P. T. Barnum gave Mrs. Ridgetown, May 22.—A concert entitled several years she was an attraction in A Breach of Promise" will be given in his side show. She is survived by the opera house on Friday evening under the auspices of the public school. The proceeds are to be devoted to the purplia. 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 Vanneck, motored over yesterday and spent a few hours with Major I. L. Berdon.

Neil Watson, of Mull, was here a few hours with Major I. L. Berdon.

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, af- in the Township of Adelaide in Angus visiting friends in Port Huron for McCabe's house. Mrs. Wm. Johnson and Margaret spent

couple of days in Sarnia this week. The carpenters have commenced work on the house they are to build for Mrs os. Cairns.

Jas. Fisher, jun., visited with his par ents 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 86. 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. Wine-

WALLACEBURG. Wallaceburg, May 22.-Miss Elsi Forbes has resigned her position with S D. Crothers, and leaves on Monday fo 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. 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 instru-mental, and Miss Bessie McDonald a violin solo. The proceeds are in aid of

'How did you list the money that fortune-teller got from you?"

Steve McCormick, of West Williams, had his barn moved recently. Mr. Geo. Winegarden had the contract.

The waterworks 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.

# MAY IS BUILDING HER HOUSE. May is building her house. With appla

She is roofing over the glimmering rooms;
Of the oak and the beech hath she builded its beams, And, spinning all day at her secret looms, With arras of leaves each wind-swayed wall

wall
She pictureth 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 tossed and trodden gold she is making the young year out of the old; Yea! out of winter's flying sleet

She is making all the summer sweet, And the brown leaves spurned of Ne vember's feet She is changing back again to spring's.

—Richard le Gallenne, in Harper's

Magazine. "What brought you to this sad ituation?" inquired the Jailer. aught between stations," answered the Grafter. "I couldn't be on the level. and I wasn't strong enough to figure as the man higher up."-Washington

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### that can be utilized to cope with conditions here, and its unqualified suc cess across the line should assure a similar success here.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Sarnia, May 22.-The funeral of Elfen, relict of the late Daniel Broderick, was held from the family residence today to the Catholic Church, and thence to the Catholic Cemetery for inter-