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St. Mary's.

At the official meeting of the quar

terly board of Victoria Avenue Methodist Church, last night, J. W. Humphrey was appointed to represent the church at the coming conference at

Jos. Reeves, the talented harp play-er of Chatham, left last week for Con-

neaut, O. Mr. Reeves, having winter-ed in Chatham, has now gone to re-sume his old situation in the orches-

tra at one of the swell American sum-mer resorts. The clever music of the Maple City harp player will be much missed this summer by many Chat-

MRS. LATIMFR'S FUNERAL

The funeral of the late Mrs. Latimer took

DAMAGED BY FROST.

Windsor and Detroit markets all got caught in the late frost. Corn, beans, potatoes, and other garden stuff were in most cases above the ground, and the frest made a claim great so that

the frost made a clean sweep, so that replanting is necessary. This will

replanting is necessary. This will cause the crop to be very late, and residents of Windsor will have to pay higher prices than in former years, as the merchants will have to import

early vegetables from the United States.

GOOD BUT TOO MILD.

non's sermon on swearing was exceedingly good but altogether too mild. "Swearing,"

said Mr. Barfoot, "is one of the worst habits in the world. You can make allowance for a man doing anything by which he is going

a man doing anything by which he is going to make a gain but swearing profits nothing. When one is suddenly provoked or hurts I mail, there is more satisfaction in keeping his mouth shit and saying nothing,

for when he grows calm again he has no thing to be sorry for. At the Sunday

SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

ments is \$700.

The Separate School Board held its

The secretary treasurer was in-

structed to notify the teachers, one

and all, that their respective terms of

engagement expire on June 30th next

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x, who raise early vegetables for the

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Oor. 6th and King Sts., Over Geeo, E. Young's Grocry.

Fishing in the river is good. Barrister R. L. Gosnell, Blenheim, i in the city to-day on business.

Mrs. Jno. Thompson, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Linton, Park avenue east: The Chatham Brewery this morning

The funeral of the late Mrs. Latimer took place yesterday from the residence of her sister, Mrs. Symington, West street, to Maple Leaf cemetery. There was a large attendance of sorrowing friends. The services at the obsequies were conducted by Rev. Dr. Hannon. The pall-bearers were, Albert Sheldrick, J. A. Wilson, ex-Ald. G. W. Cowan, Dr. Thornton, W. L. G. Snell and James Garrinage. shipped a consignment of beer Ridgetown via the Lake Eric. Barrister Charles Macdonald was in Ridgetown over Sunday bidding friends good bye, prior to starting for Dawson City next week.

During the heavy thunder shower early this morning 52 tons of rain to the acre fell. The rain was a fine, warm one and will do a world of good

throughout the country. Mrs. C. R. Atkinson, sr., is about the same to-day. Her condition, since her last rakly, has not showed any perceptible change. Her attendant physicians, however, hope for the the best.

The loss on the residence of Mrs. Park partially destroyed by fire yesterday will be it is estimated in the neighborhood of \$300. The insurance is in companies of which W. H. Harper is agent. The house was insured for \$400 and the contents for \$300.

Employees of the Chatham Gas Co. began yesterday to lay pipes from Mc-Connell's grocery on Park St. to Wat-erhouse's bakery. The gas will be used to run an engine. Machinery is being put in for use in mixing the bread.

James Talbot, who has been employed all winter in the barber shop of Taylor & Simmons, will leave this week to again conduct the barber shop on the Anchor Line steamer India. Mr. Talbot will meet his boat at De-

The team attached to one of the Lake Erie drays ran away this morning. They took down Cohorne St. to the weedlen mills where, in making the turn, they broke the tie-post in front of the mill. In front of the C. P. R. Hotel they collided with another and were standed. and were stopped.

A large congregational meeting of the members and adherents of Christ Church is looked for in the S. S. Hall this evening. This meeting promises to be one of the most interesting ever held in connection with the church. The chair will be taken ah 8 of clock.

The Ladies' Aid of St. Andrews Church had a very successful and well attended meeting at the residence of Mrs. Charles Greening, Wellington street. It was decided to give a house social at the manse a week from to-night, May 15th. The contract for a new carpet for the church was also let. After the business part of the received desired was also let. meeting, dainty refreshments were

Ernest Erastus Hitchcock passed Ernest Erastus Hitchcock passed away on Monday at his home on the 5th concession, Raleigh. Mr. Hitch-cock caught a cold in the early spring which developed into pneumonia. He was a good citizen and was respected was a good citizen and was respected by the entire community in which he lived, and his death at the compara-tively early age of 39 years is regretted by all. A widow and nine children survive. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to Maple Leaf Cemetery.

Richards' Bread

Which the British Did not Fall Into--News From Mafeking.

London, May 8. - The following de- 1 spatch from Lord Roberts has been received at the War Office:

"Smaldeel, May 7 .- The railway from Brandfort to this place has been considerably damaged and the bridge over the Vet river has been hopelessly damaged. This delays supplies coming up. Every few yards charges of rackarock have been laid under the

Highland brigade,

In spite of these wrecked railroads, the British advance goes on steadily. Lord Roberts' outposts are apparently about 12 miles north of Smaldeel.
Gen. Brabant has joined Gen. Rundle
at Thabanchu, whence they are movings
forward. The country is all quiet in

that direction. A reconnaissance made by Gen. Rundle of the Boers' recent positions at Thabanchu resulted in their being pronounced impregnable,

BOERS FEAR BA DEN-POWELL.

London, May 8 .- The Boers are said to be moving northward, but their immediate destination is not known. The whereabouts of the British cav-alry under Gen. French is still a mystery, wirle Gen. Kelly-Kenny's and Gen. Chermside's divisions are also unaccounted for.

A despatch from Caps Town, dated to-day, says: "Lord Roberts' phenomenal advance is not only utterly de-moralizing the Boers, but is striking terror into the rebel colonists. The relief of Mafeking is expected at any

The Cape Town correspondent is slightly optimistic as regards Mafeking, judging from the direct despatches the Brirish forces south of Mafeking are still nearly 200 miles from their objective, while the latest advices from Mafeking itself, dated April 29, show little amelioration in April 29, show mere the conditions there. "With the ex-

The despatches say: "With the exception of a little rifle fire at the out lying trenches, everything is quiet. The slight epidemic of typhoid is abating as a result of the medical precautions. The enemy's artillery, with the exception of two 5-pounders, has apparently been withdrawn.
"It was learned on April 24 that the

Boers intended to attack and the entire garrison stood to arms. When day broke Col. Baden-Powell took up

of life, but was fortunately discovered have been due to the receipt of an by a West Australian infantryman. urgent message from President Steyn.

boom of four guns convinced us that an attack was about to occur. But it became apparent that the Boer offi-cers could not persuade their men to advance. Through glasses we saw the officer vainly urging the infantry for-ward. The enemy reformed and retir-tired. Our men fired a shot in the hope of inducing the enemy to come to close "quarters."

"The native distress has been alleviated, many of them slipping through the lines. The men of the garrison forego their sugar nation for the benefit of the women and children. After the hombardment April 24 all was comparatively quiet."

FOR A FINAL ASSAULT. Lorenzo Marques, Sunday, May 6.— dispatch received here from Col. Plumer camp, bearing date April 26, states that the Boers around Mafeking have been gradually reinforced and their strength is estimated at 3,000. Col. Plumer has succeeded in communicating with Mafeking by means of carrier pigeons and is endeavoring to com-municate with the southern relief column.

NEXT STAND OF THE BOERS. Smaldeel, Orange Free State, Monday May 7.—Gen. Hutton's advanced camp of colonial regiments is to-night settled Welgelegan siding. According to reports the Boers intend to make a big stand near the Zand river. The railroad has been re paired to the south side of the Vet river and the paired to the south side of the Vet river and the engineers are busy making a deviation across the bed.

It is Now in Session in the

Transvaal Capital

President Kruger Fays he Still

has Implicit Confidence in the

Afrikander Cause.

Pretoria, Monday, May 7. - The

Boer Valksraad convened here to-day.

All the diplomatists and foreign at

President Kruger, in his speech op

ening the session, alluded feelingly to

the vacancies. Referring to Gen.

Joubert he said: "Future generations

will be able to judge the work of the

deceased; whose demeanor inspired the

enemy with respect, and whose hu-

mane and brave conduct gave fame

and importance to the state among

He was profoundly struck, he said,

by the proof of sincere friendship giv-

en by the people of the Free State,

who had fulfilled their obligations to

the Transvaal under the treaty. They

realized that a united front was re-

quired, as an attack on the indepen-

dence of the Transvaal meant a threat

against the Free State. He had im-plicit confidence in the future of the

After alluding to the deputation nov

on a mission to Europe and the United States, and the presence of so many attaches, proving the intense interest

and that their friends were united in endeavoring to alleviate the distress caused by the struggle. After references to the a deged viola-tions of the Red Cross convention and

to the consequent protests of foreign powers, President Kruger continued: "Notwithstanding the difficult cir-cumstances, I am glad to say that our finances will enable us to bear the

great expense of the war and that the mines are flourishing."

Fifty out of a total of 60 legislators were present, several of them still suffering from wounds.

Troubles of a Minister.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Vernon, of Hartwell, Ga., writes: "For a long time I had a running sore on my leg. I tried many remedies without benefit, until I used a bottle of Electric Bitters and a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, which cured me sound and well." Sores, Eruptions, Boils, Eczema, Tetter, Salt Rheum show impure blood. Thousands have found in Electric Bitters a grand blood purifier that absolutely cures these troubless Satisfaction is guaranteed or money refunded by A. I. McColl & Co. Large bottles only 50e.

To benefit others Rev. J. T. W. Ver-

civilized nations."

LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT.

An Aged Couple Wedded at Til soaburg-The Groom's Fourth Venture.

thing to be sorry for. At the Sunday school we alway teach the little one that there are two doors to the mouth, lips and the teeth, nd that these doors were given us to help us the better to keep it shut. The mouth is the worst organ we have and we too frequently open it when we have no business too. The lesson thus taught to young children can be cogitated on by elder members of society with profit. When inclined to swear just remember that the mouth has two doors and close both." Woodstock, May 8 .- A unique wed woodstock, May c.—A unique wedding has just been celebrated at Til-sonburg, this county. The contracting parties were Mrs. Sarah Hayes, a lady well known in town, and Charles E. Babcock of New York state. The bride and groom had both passed the allot-ted span of life, the former giving her age as 70 years, and the latter 71. It was a case of love at first sight, the enamored pair having met only once. All the diplomatists previous to the day of their marriage. taches were present: Mr. Babcock came over from Nev York State last fall and spent the win ter at Houghton, a near-by village He had figured as bridegroom in three regular meeting last night. The members present were the chairman, Jas T. O'Keefe, Messrs. Wm. O'Brien, Ed. Reardon, John Stephens, John Welsh, previous marriages, and was anxious to enter into a fourth matrimonial alliance when he met Des Hayes. She was not averse to a second marriage, and they forthwith determined to spend their remaining days together. James Flynn, Jas. A. King and Frank E. Gerber. The supply committee sub-mitted a sketch of the contemplated improvements, prepared by James W. Carswell, which was referred to Rev. Fr. Solanus, for his approval. The estimated cost of the improve-

OFFICIALLY VISITED.

The regular meeting of Wellington Masonic lodge was held last evening in their hall, Fifth St., when Rt. W. Bro. J. T. McKillop, D. D. G. M. for Erie District, No. 1, paid the brethren an official visit. There was a very good turnout of the members of the craft, but it would undoubtedly have been much larger had it not bee for the shower which came up just about 7.45. The officers conferred the degree in first rate style and were highly complimented by the visiting Rt. W. brother on the excellence of their work. When it is taken into consideration that the officers have only-held their respective chairs since only held their respective chairs since January they certainly deserved the nice things said about them.

At the conclusion of the regular business of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the ante-rooms, where refreshments were served and a very pleasant hour spent in a social way.

A STRIKE IN ST. LOUIS. St. Louis, Tuesday, May 8.—All, but one of the street car lines in this city, are tied up to-day. At 2 o'clock this morning all the employees of the various lines went

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IN OLD LONDON

This Former Chatham Paster No.

Rev. John F. Porter, of Darnley Road, London, England, pastor of the Primitive Methodist church here 27 years ago, is in the city. Mr. Porter has since leaving Chatham been in charge of a parish in old London, England. Mr. Porter has been in attendance at the International Mission Conference in New York and embraced the opportunity of visiting his old parishioners. He was pleased to see so many of his friends still living and the place improved so much.

The Primitive Methodist Church was situated on Wellington street opposite Harrison Hall and was built while the Rev. Mr. Porter was pastor here. For a number of years Mr. Porter was associated with Professor Huxley on the London school board of which Prof. Goldwin Smith was also a prominent member at one tme, Mr. Porter

prominent member at one tme. Mr. Porter was the guest of Dr. T. K. Holmes last

A son of the reverend gentleman's has just graduated from the English Medical University and he during his course of study has succeeded in taking a greater number of scholarships and prizes than any other contemporaneous student in England. Perhaps it is unnecessary to add boy was born in Chatham.

BITS OF FUN

Though this is the age of the athletic

Who is proud of her palms covered over with blisters, I notice that now, when the snowball

she'd twirl, Her aim is as poor as her fashioned sister's.

Alice-I thought you were going to narry Miss Gruet? 'Algy-Well, I guess not. I prop to her by letter and she accepted me

on a postal card.

Alice—She's just the girl you want. You can bet she'll be careful of your Father-That man should be an ex-

ample to you, my son. He entered a store as office boy and worked himself up until in a few yeas he owned the business.
Son-He could never do that in these days, pa, when they have cash regis

Our new baby is like the grand opera, Though perhaps with diminished de-light; There's the singing, grand marches and encores,

loud calls for the author each night. Jaggles-What did your friend mean

when he said this country would have been better off if there had never been any negroes here?
Waggles—I suppose he meant we wouldn't have any coon songs.

"Let me see the letter," said Kilduff.
"I am familiar with his handwriting." "But this is typewritten," said Ten-"I can tell that, too. I know his

It takes all kinds of curious things To make this weld of ours com

brand of spelling."

Folks in a suite may find life flat, And those in flats may find it sweet

Julius Donath, an old artist, with all the eccentricities of genius, lives in Budapest in a dirty old street. rainy day, sallying forth from his studio, he found the unpaved, unsidewalked street knee deep in filth. As he emerged into the more European Bajea street, he met the mayor of the Hungarian Capital, who inquired at what he was laughing.

"Laughing?" cried the old fellow, "I am not laughing, I am fairly weeping for shame and anger." "Why, what is the matter?"

"Matter enough! See, here is a let-ter" (feeling in his pocket). "I must have left it at home, but that doesn't make any difference. I received a letter saying that his Majesty would honor me with a visit in my studio on Thursday. Now, just look at this street! "Don't make any bad jokes, Don-

"It's no joke. The King wants to see my soldiers' monument."

Afrikander nation.
After referring to the peace proposals of the presidents of both republic The mayor hastily took his departto Lord Silisbury, President Kruger said:
"We have proved by legislation and our dealings with Great Britain last year that it was out desire to preserve peace, and now that war has broken out we will do everything to restore

Late in the night the artist was awakened from sound sleep by the sound of pounding in the street. Pulling aside the curtain, he looked out of the window and saw hundreds of laborers working by torchlight. What could they be doing? Perhaps laying waterpipes. He concluded that was it, and he was cold, returned, to bed. Suddenly he burst out laughing, beatof the powers in the republics, and to their methods of fighting, he said he was pleased to see that the sympathy of the world was on their side in the war, that ambulances had been sent ing the bed clothes and fairly shout-ing his glee.

"I have it-the mayor, ha-the King, ha, ha-what a joke, ha, ha!" In the morning the conscientious mayor came to see how the workmen were progressing, for to-morrow would be Thursday. The mayor was satisfied with the paving and called on his friend, the artist, to inquire at what hour the King was expected. Donath had lost the letter, but re-membered that the King was coming

at 9 o'clock. Needless to say, the King has not come yet. Whenever Donath goes out in the rain he laughs heartily. The street really looks very nice. And now the mayor laughs, too.

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