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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Miss B. MacMicking has returned to her home in Fergus after a brief sojourn in this city.

—A very sudden death occurred in Spokane, Wash., last Wednesday, when Mr. B. B. Wilson was stricken down with heart failure. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn his loss; also his mother, who resides here; and three sisters, Mrs. M. Reifer and Mrs. C. Ferguson, of this city, and Mrs. R. Poulton, of Port Huron, Mich.

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

During the week ended yesterday, the London Clearing House returns totaled \$14,528.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Hamilton Times: The London Advertiser takes exception to a statement made by the Times about the purity of London's drinking water, and says, "London has the best drinking water in the country." We are pleased to learn that conditions are so good. Our source of information was the London Free Press, and it never occurred to us to think that it would misrepresent the facts to the city's disadvantage.

WILL BE BURIED HERE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Georgina Hill, whose death occurred in Detroit on Wednesday, will be held today at the residence of Mr. James Calder, 529 Hill street. Mrs. Hill was formerly a resident of London, and was a sister to Mr. Higby. She had been ill for some time. Mrs. Hill's first husband was the late Mr. Calder, of this city. The following four children survive: James and Leonard Calder, of this city; Miss Lily Calder, of Toronto, and Mrs. Robert Small, of Wingham.

METHODIST DISTRICT OFFICERS.

The officers elected for the ensuing year by the London district Methodists are as follows: Chairman, Rev. A. H. Going, B.A.; stationing committee, Rev. J. Livingstone; Sunday school committee, Rev. F. J. Gault, E. S. Hunt; Epworth League, Rev. D. E. Martin, C. J. Beale; contingent fund, Rev. H. J. Fair, Alderman Wyatt; sustentation fund, Rev. J. Veale, A. Venning; temperance, Rev. J. Freeman, Mr. McDermid; memorial, Rev. A. G. Harris, J. H. Chapman; Sabbath observance, Rev. R. Rogers, J. M. Kaiser; church property, Rev. A. McCullough, Dr. Reynolds; state of the work, Rev. Wingham.

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W. G. Howson, George McMillan, nominating committee, Rev. I. B. Wallin, Mr. Bowie.

HERE'S A NOVEL
REQUEST BY CLERK

City Official Asks That More Work Be Transferred to His Department.

Of all the officials in the city hall, City Clerk Baker is the one who now above all others stands out in the great white light. Last night he sent a communication to the board of works, which for a while caused the aldermen to wonder whether it was a bolt from the blue or a message from Mars. Unique in his generation, unique in the world of officialdom, Mr. Baker stated that he has not enough work to do, and with tears in his eyes the aldermen promised to take his grievance into consideration.

Mr. Baker explained that in other cities the sending out of notices in connection with local improvements is done by the city clerk's department. In London the assessment commissioner sends out the notices, and Mr. Baker asked that the work be transferred to his department.

"No doubt, Mr. Kingston, with his limited staff, was very anxious to have the work done by the assessment commissioner," the city clerk concluded, "but as we have not enough work to do now, we would be greatly pleased if the council could see its way clear to make the transfer."

The aldermen were spellbound for a while, and then Ald. Garratt looked the problem boldly in the face. "I move Mr. Baker's salary be reduced \$500 per annum," he said. "If what Mr. Baker says is true," said Ald. Wyatt, "I think there must be something to investigate in this matter. If he has too much help, why does such a state of affairs exist? I know that at least five times the year some of the departments have not enough work to do, and I also know that we have too many heads of departments in the city. The city hall houses with fully as much business as the city have not half as many heads of departments."

The letter was finally laid over till next meeting. The sewage beds at the sewage farm are to be completed. The committee employed by the city to look to purchase coke to the value of \$2,000, to fill the beds. At the time of the coal famine the city used all the coke in the beds for fuel, and since then has only replaced one-half of it. Now an additional two feet is to be placed on the beds.

City Engineer Gordon recommended that no action be taken in the claim of Robert Brooks, a wholesale butcher, who was injured in a runaway accident on Gliche street some time ago. The engineer stated that he had investigated the claim and had found that the accident was caused through Brooks' horses. The engineer advised that the contractor who was building material placed on the street by Contractor John Hayman. If Brooks enters suit, the engineer advised that the contractor should be held responsible. The committee accepted the recommendation.

It was decided to allow Manager Turton, of the Grand, to erect a porch in front of the theater on Richmond street, the porch to be built satisfactory to the city engineer.

Advertiser Correspondence

An Election Undesirable.

To the Editor of The Advertiser: There is a feeling in the city against the holding of another election. Could not some arrangement be made whereby such an event could be avoided? The leaders of both parties have agreed to accept the result of the election, and the city would be spared the expense of the election, which led to the unseating of either member would be to the disadvantage of the city. For London to be represented in the cabinets at Ottawa and Toronto must certainly be a great benefit. Yours, etc., COMPROMISE.

DEATH WAS ACCIDENTAL

Verdict in the Case of Wm. J. Plant—Funeral at Popular Hill.

The jury empaneled by Coroner Ross, of Hyde Park, to inquire into the cause of the death of the late William J. Plant, who was killed while riding a hand car, gave a verdict of accidental death last night. Plant was struck by the handle of the propelling gear.

The remains of the late Mr. Plant were laid at rest yesterday afternoon at Popular Hill Cemetery. The funeral, which was held at a member, attended in a body, and conducted services. Bro. J. N. Atkin, P. C. R., was in charge at the grave, and Rev. Bro. E. J. Bridgman, pastor of the Baptist Church, officiated at the house. Among the floral offerings was a beautiful basket from the lodge. Honorary pallbearers were chosen from deceased comrades on the railway as follows: Messrs. Fletcher, Livingstone, Westbrook, Ryan, McLean, and Kirk.

The pallbearers chosen from the order

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MUSICAL FESTIVAL
BROUGHT TO CLOSE

"Faust" Rendered by the London Chorus and the Theodore Thomas Orchestra.

The rendition of the opera "Faust" in the princely rink last evening by the London Festival Chorus and the Theodore Thomas Orchestra of Chicago brought to a close the two days' big musical festival, which has been conducted so successfully under the St. Andrew's Society auspices. A good musical festival enjoyed by the Londoners has wanted for a long time, and the city's music lovers sincerely trust that it is an institution that will continue to be held in the future.

The society is to be congratulated as the founders of a festival which may become an annual affair, judged by the large support which it received from the citizens.

Considering the huge size of the princely rink, it may be said that the festival drew a large audience, and last night, despite the wet weather, the crowd was even larger than on the two previous occasions. No musical event in London has ever been so largely attended, and it cannot be said that there is any other city in America that has a larger proportionate number of listeners of good music than London. To musicians who deplore the extent to which people seek music of a light or merely carnal character, the way in which such a large number of citizens have listened so appreciatively to the world's best music for the past two days must have been pleasing.

Regarding the Theodore Thomas Orchestra not much need be said, further than that it is generally regarded as the finest in America. The magnificent symphony work done by the orchestra was a revelation to many, while the way in which it accompanied the chorus in the "Elijah" and the "Faust," left nothing to be desired.

The conductor, Conductor Siegel, looked the baton for several orchestral numbers, which were given in intervals—a variation from the programme which delighted the audience greatly. The Theodore Thomas people will be given a hearty welcome whenever they return to this city.

In regard to the chorus, it can safely be said that the great crowd of singers, under the direction of Mr. A.

DAME NATURE HINTS

When the Food Is Not Satisfied.

When nature gives her signal that something is wrong it is generally with the food; the old dame is always faithful and one should act at once.

To put off the change is to risk that which may be irreparable. An Arizona man says:

"For years I could not safely eat. I tried all kinds of breakfast foods, but they were all soft, starchy messes, which gave me distressing headaches. I drank strong coffee, too, which appeared to benefit me at the time, but added to the headaches afterwards. Toast and coffee were no better. For I found the toast very constipating."

"A friend persuaded me to quit the old coffee and the starchy breakfast foods, and use Postum Coffee and Grape-Nuts instead. I shall never regret taking his advice. I began using them three months ago."

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D. Jordan, organist of the First Methodist Church, carried through their part in the festival excellently. Never has a chorus of its size been brought together in this city, and never has a chorus worked harder or more faithfully. Very little fault can be found with their rendition of "Elijah," and still less fault with "Faust."

The "Kermesse" act by the chorus was given with the enthusiasm which is necessary to make it a success, and the way the climax was worked up was very commendable. The favorite "Soldiers' Chorus," "Glory and Love to the Men of Old," also drew great applause from the audience. Music lovers will be glad to hear Mr. Jordan and the chorus render "Faust" again, some time in the near future.

Regarding the soloists, there was, as there always must be, a great deal of difference of opinion. There are few soloists who please everyone, and the more the listener knows about the art of singing, the more he can criticize in his own mind the rendition of solo parts in such large undertakings as the one in question, for unless the soloists are at the very top of their profession they always leave something to be desired. The soloists who took part in "Faust" and "Elijah" were not "at the top," and yet they deserve credit for the good things.

The difficult role of Faust was undertaken by Mr. Holmes-Cowper, tenor. Tenors are scarce these days, and Mr. Holmes-Cowper was one of the best that have ever appeared in this city. Mr. Marion Green, baritone, took the part of Mephisto and carried it through well. He has a voice of good rich quality. "Even the Bravest Heart May Swell" was the best effort of the evening. Mr. Arthur Garthwaite, who took the part of Valentine, and who has a baritone voice of sympathetic quality, Mr. Arthur Garthwaite, the only local singer who took part, was thrown into comparison with soloists who have studied the art longer and who have had experience in larger musical organizations. Mr. Garthwaite did not suffer from the comparison to any great extent. He carried the part of the soloist with dash and vigor, and his splendid quality of voice pleased all his hearers. Mr. Garthwaite's voice is undoubtedly capable of good things.

Mrs. Fish-Griffin, soprano, took the role of Margarita, and was perhaps the favorite with the audience.

A NEW "JIM THE PENMAN"

Raissa Check to Large Amount and Completely Fools Bank.

New York, May 25.—So cleverly had a check which made its appearance in the Tombs court today been altered that detectives say there are only five known men in the country, if not in the world, capable of doing the work. Those five men are in receipt of a regular pension from the American Bankers' Association in return for which they have agreed to refrain from exercising their unlawful and dangerous talents.

All of them have been kept under constant surveillance for years, and the police say it would have been next to impossible for any one of them to have altered the check without their identity becoming known. They are convinced, however, that this has been done by a new and unknown "penman" equal in every way to the most accomplished forgers of the past. He began work in this city, Frank Clifton, a bartender, was arraigned in the Tombs court today charged with attempting to pass the check, which had been raised from \$110.58 to \$2,800. The police are convinced that even if Clifton had any guilty knowledge regarding the check, he was only a tool for the real criminal. He was held for further examination.

According to statements made by detectives and Assistant District Attorney Kresel in the police court, the original check was stolen while in transit through the mails. It was then taken in hand by an expert, photographed, and tracings were made of all the handwriting in the body of the check. Next, with the aid of powerful acids the check was washed of all the handwriting with the exception of the signature, and the cleaned check filled in for the larger amount. This was done by using the tracings already made, letter by letter, and using the photograph of the original check for reference and as a guide. By using the individual letters in the words of the original check, the forger secured all the letters needed except A and G, and the figure 2. These letters and figure give clue to the method of operation. The finished check was done so cleverly that the official of the Second National Bank, on which the check was drawn, certified it without question when it was presented several days ago.

An Elizabethan ever of rock crystal, mounted on silver, only 6 1/2 inches high, belonging to the Marquis of Anglesey, has been sold at an auction of Christie's, London, to a London dealer for the sensational price of \$20,000.

General Buller has brought from South Africa the horse that carried him through the Boer war, and it will spend the rest of its days at the general's home, in Devonshire, England. It was shot in the neck in one of the battles.

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