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Those Interested
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Kindly attend meetings at the following committee rooms on Monday, Dec. 24:

WARD 1.
Trebble's Hall, corner Bruce and Wortley road.
WARD 2.
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GETS BRIEF LEAVE AFTER SERVICE OF THREE YEARS' TIME

Young London Officer Home for Few Days.

ON NAVAL PATROL NOW

Invalided From R. F. C., Lieut. Howard Yates Joined Mosquito Fleet.

Lieut. Howard Yates, son of William Yates, 251 Hale street, who returned to this city Thursday night after experiencing three years' service in various branches of the imperial service, is now in Hamilton on a brief visit and will leave Canada to report for duty next Friday.

Lieut. Yates was studying law at Toronto at the time of his enlistment with the Royal Flying Corps three years ago. He went to England shortly after the outbreak of war and saw some months' service with the R. F. C. He was taken ill with pneumonia from exposure to the wet and cold in the performance of his duties and became unfit for further flying duty. After recovering from his illness, Mr. Yates was transferred to the navy, where he received an appointment on a torpedo-boat destroyer as a lieutenant. For two years he did patrol service on the lookout for submarines and on one occasion his boat was ordered to send to the bottom one of the German under-sea craft.

For the past six months the young officer has been at the Gibraltar station, and it is from that fortress that he sailed to New York for seven days' leave in Canada. Mr. Yates came over on an Italian boat and landed in New York last Monday. He saw his parents in this city and then journeyed to Hamilton on a brief visit.

Lieut. Yates secured leave of absence owing to an accident to his torpedo-boat which was sent to drydock for repairs.

He will revisit the city on Christmas Day and will leave for Gibraltar, via New York, Friday next.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC
FEATURED SERVICES
IN LOCAL CHURCHES

Many Fine Sacred Programs
Rendered by Choirs.

The coming of the Christ child to bring peace on earth and good will to man, was the subject of sermons preached in practically all the pulpits of the city yesterday, the theme on which anthems, carols and hymns for the musical services were built.

At the morning service in the Presbyterian Church was the sacrament of infant baptism. The whole service was arranged especially for the children, and instead of a sermon a talk with child illustrations was given.

At the morning service in Hyatt Avenue Methodist Church, a reception for new members took place. The children of the primary department of the Wellington Street Methodist Sunday School presented an interesting program at an open session of the school yesterday, very much appreciated the privilege of joining the older boys and girls of the main school. The tots had been thoroughly trained for the great occasion by Miss Woolley, Mrs. W. J. Ashton and Mrs. Bailey. An address by Mr. Ashton and answers by the orchestra were also features.

A feature of the musical service in the Colborne Street Methodist Church was the support of the Sunday School orchestra, conducted by Prof. J. Tirri. At First Presbyterian Church, a cantata, "Hymn of Peace," by Coumbes, was effectively rendered by the choir of the First Presbyterian Church at the evening service, Miss Weston, soprano, taking the solo parts. In addition the orchestra by Pastrina, "He Humbled Himself," and a solo by E. Crawford.

Several numbers from "The Messiah" were included in the Christmas Sunday evening musical service of both Askin Street Methodist Church and New Hamilton Road Presbyterian Church at the evening service a number of Christmas hymns were sung, the minister, Rev. Dr. McRae, relating the story of the Christmas music of these churches have been rendered for Christmas Day and next Sunday.

CAMEO LAVALLIERE
FOR POPULAR PIANIST

Mrs. Wilson, pianist in the Winter Garden Orchestra, was pleasantly surprised Saturday evening by the other members of the fine musical organization, when she was presented with a lavalier set with a cameo. There was no formal ceremony, the boys of the orchestra desiring to express their esteem quietly to the lady who does so much to make for goodwill and human as well as musical harmony among the members of the orchestra. One of the finest programs of the season was given Saturday by the Winter Garden musical society under the leadership of Professor Wilson. The orchestra stage was beautifully set with a winter scene, and various lighting effects were applied, with appropriate music.

SPECIAL SERVICES.
Special Christmas services were held at the Empress Avenue Methodist Church on Sunday, J. D. Richardson preaching at both services. In the morning he spoke on "The Gift of the Son," and in the evening on "The Christmas Spirit." Appropriate music was rendered by the choir, while the soloists were Mrs. McBride and Walter Greenwood, whose numbers, rendered in splendid voice, delighted the large congregation. A gold-handled umbrella was presented with a gold-handled umbrella by the choir. The presentation was made by R. G. Howie.

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TO MEET AT GUELPH
ON JANUARY 8 AND 9

Important Agricultural Problems Will Be Discussed.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Agricultural and Experimental Union is to be held at the Ontario Agricultural College on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 8 and 9.

In spite of the great scarcity of labor throughout the country there were fully 1,000 more co-operative experimenters throughout the province in 1917 than in the year previous. This was likely due to the fact that the farmers were anxious to secure pure seed of the best varieties as foundation stock for crop production, and also that they may keep in touch with the best methods of farming operations.

At the annual meeting results of co-operative experiments will be presented, such as varieties of farm crops, mixed grains for grain production and for fodder, quantities of seed per acre, farmyard manures and commercial fertilizers, the eradication of weeds, the testing of cattle for tuberculosis, reforestation of waste places, etc.

In addition to the reports on co-operative experiments the following subjects are to be discussed at the meeting: "Ontario's Agriculture in the Present Crisis," "Root Seed Production in Canada," "Seed Potatoes From Northern Ontario," "Soils of the South," "Co-operation in Wool Marketing," "Underdrainage and Tile-making," "Trace of Food Materials for the Coming Year," etc.

Following are the short courses arranged: "Ck and seed judging, January 8 to 10; poultry raising, January 8 to 10; dairying, January 9 to 10; drainage and dairymaking, January 9 to 10; business and marketing, January 9 to 10; horticulture, January 21 to 22; farm power, January 21 to 22.

LATE MRS. WILSON WAS
FROM HYDE PARK

On December 18, 1917, Jeannette Barclay Wilson, beloved wife of Wm. Estelle Wilson of San Francisco, Calif., died at Glendale Sanatorium, Los Angeles, from a paralytic stroke.

Funeral services will be held from the chapel of Forest Lawn Cemetery, Tropic, Calif.

Besides her husband she is survived by one sister, Mrs. E. C. Cummings, of Hyde Park, and two brothers, McDonald Barclay of Hyde Park, and Judge J. H. Barclay of Los Angeles, Calif.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

A VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN OF AGGRESSIVE EVANGELISM, URGENTLY NEEDED.

To the Editor of The Advertiser (for publication):

The 1917 anniversary of the birth of our Saviour is a time for serious thinking, rather than for frivolous amusement.

When we think of the casualties and terrible death toll on the battlefields of Europe during the past three and a half years, and the misery and distress and havoc that have been produced by devil-driven ambition and fiendish avarice, when we think of the pirates profiteering of certain classes of people war time, when we think of the deceit and intrigue and craft practiced by men in official positions, when we think of the deliberate cultivation of racial and religious prejudices and the promotion of racial hatred, and mutual misunderstanding; when we think of religious leaders joining with political leaders to uphold a deliberate attempt to rob the people of their rights, when we think of the government through an unjust act; when we think of the general lack of response to religious appeals and the general disregard of Bible teaching; when we think of the sectarian bigotry and bitterness, and cleavages, and inefficiency of college-trained clergy, and the general indifference of church members in regard to the salvation of souls, it is surely reasonable to conclude that a vigorous campaign of aggressive evangelism is urgently needed to arouse Christian people of all denominations to their duty and reconviction and true repentance.

Let all true Christians of all denominations unite in fervent prayer, and earnest personal work to carry forward the much-needed campaign of aggressive evangelism.

WM. E. DeFOREST
Springford, Ont.

DENIES PERSONAL FEELING.
To the Editor of The Advertiser:

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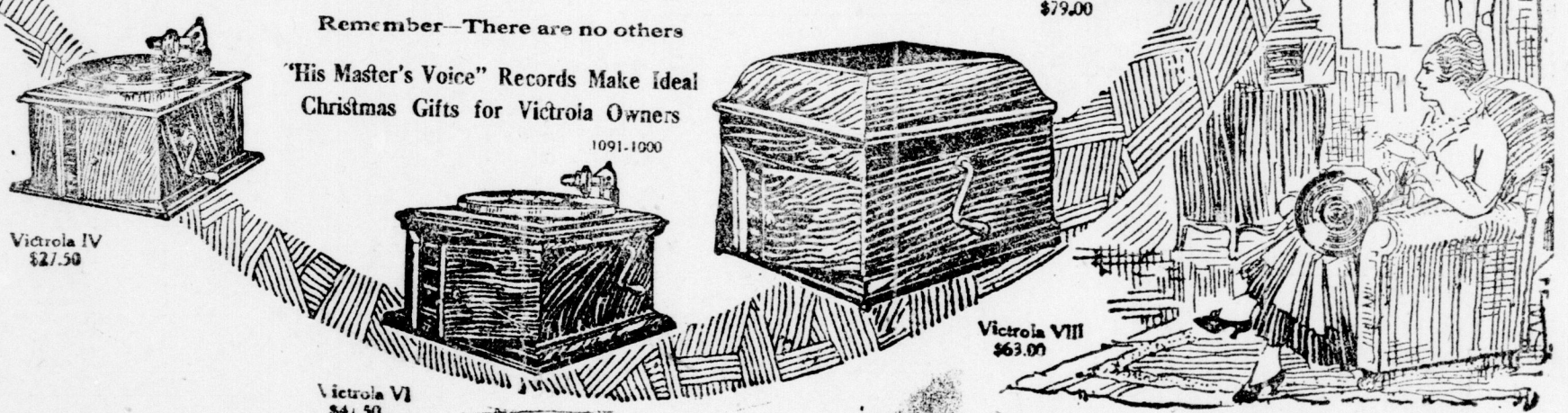
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the meeting of the Ministerial Alliance. Just a few words in acknowledgment of Mr. Snell's letter in this morning's paper. I have absolutely no personal paper to pour out on Mr. Peever. I have only spoken to him once that I remember. I refer to him as pastor of the First Methodist Church, purely in his official capacity, and had his name would have been the same to me. The essential fact is that as pastor of a leading church he attempted to influence votes for a certain political party—in itself an absolutely tactless and unwise procedure. As a result of his action a deplorable incident occurred, the outstanding facts of which are not disputed. The pulpit is no place for either party. The church is altogether losing its influence on the people as a spiritual force because, instead of intently applying itself to its specific duties, it is gradually but surely allying itself with material interests, and effectively stultifying the work of moral and spiritual regeneration, which is altogether losing its spiritual influence and force. It is time the church the incumbent of the First Methodist pastorate, and it was as pastor of said church I criticized him. I do not intend to reply in these columns to any more letters. If the editor wishes to print any further castigations of my humble self, I do not ask him to withhold any that may be submitted to him for insertion. Yours sincerely, HAROLD PEVEER.
London, Dec. 22, 1917.