

Year of Great Prosperity for Church Chalmers Congregation Hears Report

Assets Are Over \$17,000 and
Liabilities Less Than
\$7,000.

The annual meeting of Chalmers Church was held last evening in the school-room, at which a large number of the members and adherents of the church were present.

The reports from all the committees were read and were found to be highly satisfactory.

In every fund except the missionary funds there were substantial increases.

There was a marked increase in the giving of the church-members, and the increase in membership during the year was the largest in any year in the history of the congregation.

Other reports were most encouraging, and the managers were most gratified.

The ministry of Rev. Walter Moffatt is meeting with splendid success.

Financial Statement.

The finances of the congregation were shown to be healthy.

The financial statement showed the following:

Managers—Income, \$1,438 17; expenditure, the same.

Building Committee—Income, \$5,766 expenditure, \$5,723 48.

Interest fund—Income, \$349 25; expenditure, the same.

Ladies' Aid—Income, \$372 95, all of which is in hand.

Band of Hope—Income, \$34 63; expenditure, \$25 05.

Columbia Mission Band—Income, \$16 79; expenditure, \$14 80.

Session Statement—Income, \$20 40; expenditure, \$6 60.

Sabbath School, ordinary funds—Income, \$114 06; expenditure, \$110 82.

Sabbath School, building fund—Income, \$252 24; expenditure, \$240.

Church schemes, \$40 80; all of which is in hand yet.

The total receipts for the year were \$3,352 99, with an expenditure of \$3,281 43.

The assets are: building, \$17,000; cash in hand, \$367 89; subscriptions yet to come in, \$360; total, \$17,727 89.

Liabilities—Mortgage, \$6,800; R. Wilson, contractor, \$25; W. G. Murray, \$50; total, \$6,875.

The meeting discussed lifting the mortgage at once, one member agreeing to contribute \$500 for that purpose.

Nothing definite was done, however.

The meeting adjourned until Wednesday next, when the officers-bearers will be elected, and other business transacted.

Mr. Martindale's Pointers for London

Mr. Thomas Martindale, of Philadelphia, the well-known London Old Boy, is in the city for a day or two. Mr. Martindale says his Canadianism permits him to enjoy the present cold spell, though he does not think it will last long.

Every autumn he goes deer-hunting in Maine, and hazards a weather prophecy for the Philadelphia papers on the strength of his observations of the habits of animals, birds and insects in the northern woods. In the fall of 1906 he predicted a long winter. Last autumn he predicted a late and mild winter, which has come to pass. He has not been out in his reckoning for over twenty years.

Mr. Martindale says that London is coming to her own, but the process would be more rapid if citizens realized their advantages and co-operated.

Mr. Martindale, who has been in London for over twenty years, is much in booming the city. He is much

pleased that one of his suggestions, the conversion of the C. P. R. station grounds, into a sunken garden, is bearing fruit. Another of his suggestions at the Canadian Club banquet was that specially selected apples should be packed and shipped from London in 100-pound boxes, each box to contain a pamphlet descriptive of London, and each apple to be wrapped in tissue paper. This is done by a city in Colorado, where the apples cannot compare with those grown in this district. It would be a rare advertisement and a profitable business.

Mr. Martindale hopes that London will not throw away the advantage of its spring water. The experience of filtered river water in Philadelphia had been very unsatisfactory. "You cannot get first-class drinking water out of a stream like the Thames," he said to The Advertiser today.

Peg-Leg's Sister Didn't Want Relic

Governor Carter, of the county jail, has received a letter from the sister of "Madie" Brown, the peg-leg, who was hanged here in 1899, for the murder of Policeman Toohy, stating she does not wish to have the wooden peg-leg of her brother sent to her.

The leg has been around the jail ever since Brown was hanged, and recently Miss Brown, who resides in Texas, was written to, asking if she would like to have it sent to her.

Wilcox Plant Was Offered for Sale

This afternoon the sale of the plant and buildings of the Wilcox Manufacturing Company, of Chelsea Green, is being held by public auction at the rooms of Mr. J. W. Jones, Dundas street.

It is likely that there will be a

number of bidders, as the plant is a well-equipped one.

Mayor Stevely is in receipt of a communication from a very large American firm, with which he has been in correspondence, with a view to taking over the concern.

If conditions are favorable it is not improbable that this firm will seek to secure the plant.

SOMERVILLES WON

Defeated Ramblers Last Night in Close Contest by Three to Two.

At the East End rink last night an exciting game of hockey was played by the Somervilles and Ramblers, resulting in a victory for the former. At the finish it was 3-2.

The line-up:

Somervilles: Goal, Campbell; Goel, Cooch; Point, Quick; Cover, Kennedy; Right wing, Smith; Left wing, Tooke; Duane; Center, Hayman; McLeod; Referee, Brodison.

CHARGED WITH THEFT

Young Fellow From Strathroy Lodged in London Jail.

Chief of Police Fraser of Strathroy, this morning brought Frank Shaycroft, a young man of that place, to the county jail.

Shaycroft was committed for trial yesterday by Magistrate Noble on a charge of theft, preferred by a prominent citizen of Strathroy, who claims that he lost a 22-caliber revolver, a silver watch-case and a suit of tweed clothes.

Shaycroft will probably elect trial tomorrow.

THE PLAYERS ILL

F and B Company Basketball Game Has Been Postponed From Tonight.

The game of basketball, which was to have been played this evening at the arena between Companies F and B, has been postponed owing to sickness among members of the former team.

JAPAN PROCRASTINATES

Proposals for Telegraph Convention Not Yet Forwarded to China.

Peking, Jan. 30.—The proposals from the Japanese foreign office regarding a telegraph convention with China, which were promised for Jan. 10, have not yet been received, and Japan explains to China that it has been impossible to forward them on account of the cabinet crisis at Tokyo.

China at present has under discussion the postal proposals already submitted by Japan. These, however, contain demands for special privileges, and China fears their acceptance is impossible, because, if granted to one power, they would provoke similar demands from all the powers.

The policy being pursued by Japan with regard to the mails is embarrassing the Chinese postal service in Manchuria, and since Japan obtained a monopoly of the Siberian mail service connections she has made very material increases in the sea postal rates.

HACK DEFEATS ROGERS.

London, Jan. 30.—Geo. Hackenschmidt, Russian, defeated Joe Rogers, American, in the wrestling match here today for the world's Championship. Hackenschmidt gained the first two falls in 7 minutes 35 seconds and 6 minutes and 45 seconds, respectively. Hackenschmidt consequently retains the title of champion. The match was under the catch-as-catch-can rules, best two out of three falls, with ten-minute rest periods allowed between the bouts.

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Local Items

—The Misses Paul, of St. Catharines, are visiting Miss E. McLeod, John street, city.

—Miss Jennie Andrews, 12 Alexander street, is absent on a month's visit to friends in Chatham, Windsor and Detroit.

The marriage took place quietly on Tuesday in the Park Street Methodist Church, Chatham, of Mr. Edward M. Byrne, of Richmond Hill and Mayle, and Miss Edna M. Martin, daughter of Mr. W. J. Martin, Fairview, Chatham. Mrs. Will Robinson, of this city, was matron of honor.

Mayor Returns.

Mayor Stevely returned last night from Hamilton, where with a number of other Londoners, he attended the annual reunion of Masons.

—The board of works meets tonight.

—At the Knights Templars' ball to be held in the city hall tomorrow evening, the officers of the Seventh Regiment will be present in full dress.

A Big Job.

Mayor Stevely today signed a bundle of checks as thick as a city directory. Tomorrow the police, firemen, school teachers, and civic officials will be paid.

Liberal Whist.

Attention is called to the Liberal whist match, which will be held in the rooms of the South London club, corner of Craig street and Wortley road, on Friday night. Everybody is invited. Good prizes will be offered.

Delayed at the Tunnel.

Grand Trunk trains from Sarnia were delayed an hour and a half this morning by the breaking of one of the electric wires that conduct the electric current through the tunnel. The break was repaired very quickly, considering the state things are in just now, and the fast expresses were not in any way held by the freight, as the break occurred before they came along.

Change of Street Name.

In the month of December the London township council passed a bylaw, approving of the change of name from Ash street, London Township, to Armstrong street, which change has been sanctioned by Judge Macbeth. The bylaw has been registered in the county offices. Some time ago Ald. Armstrong purchased the whole length of the east side of Ash street.

A Great Entertainment.

The entertainment to be given in the College Institute tomorrow by the Lord Tenbyes, who are a family of the Empire, promises to be one of the best of the season. Miss Pauline Johnston, Mr. Walter McRae, Miss Edna Mortimore and Mr. G. Wilson, will all take part in a splendid programme, which has been arranged. The proceeds will be devoted to the fund for an isolation hospital.

Died at the Age of 94.

Mrs. Margaret McDonnell, one of the oldest and most esteemed residents of Warwick Township, died in this city yesterday at the age of 94 years. Mrs. McDonnell had lived in Watford for some years, and about three months ago came to this city to undergo treatment for a disease from which she was suffering. Her remains were sent this afternoon to Watford, where interment will take place.

Death of Esteemed Resident.

Mrs. John McGuire, a much-esteemed resident of this city, passed away this morning at her home, 508 Nelson street. Mrs. McGuire was 54 years old, and had lived in London for a long time. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, James, Thomas and William. The funeral will take place on Friday morning to St. Mary's church, interment being made at St. Peter's cemetery.

Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip.

On Tuesday evening a meeting of the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, of the Egerton street Baptist Church, Chapter 39, was held, presided over by a number of men were present. The chair was occupied by the president, Mr. George Graham. After the opening devotional exercises and the usual business had been carried out, a very interesting programme was introduced. The speakers of the evening were Mr. Fred Stevenson, of this city, and Mr. Harry Edwards, of Winnipeg, both of whom gave very stirring addresses, which were greatly appreciated. The music was furnished by the ideal stringed orchestra of this city, after which a dainty luncheon was served by the ladies of the church.

STORM IN COUNTY COUNCIL.

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The Financial Report.

Other recommendations of public interest contained in the report of the finance committee were:

That no action be taken in reference to a grant to the Prisoners' Aid Association.

That one-third of the account of Moss Township be paid.

The account amounted to \$43 75.

That the Hospital for Sick Children Toronto, be granted \$25.

That the account of Victoria Industrial School, re Indians, be laid on the table.

The customary accounts for supplies, etc., were all ordered paid.

A bill from Contractor S. Pearson for \$284 87 for extra work done on the Plover Mills bridge, was referred to the board of road directors.

Victoria Hospital Bill.

The annual report of the Victoria Hospital created much discussion in the council. Some of the members thought that the hospital trustees should be called upon to explain certain cases in which patients had apparently been sent to the hospital by township officials now out of office. The report was referred back to the hospital trustees.

Trustee Jackson explained that the accounts for the patients in question had been carried over from last year.

An application for an increase of salary from Miss Jane Doyle, matron of the county jail, was referred to the finance committee.

Mr. Edmund Wold, the newly-appointed deputy clerk of the crown, wrote to inform the council that the vault accommodations for documents in

his office were inadequate. Sent to the jail committee.

Engineer's Report.

The annual report of County Engineer Talbot contained the following recommendations:

Contract should be awarded for the erection of earth viaducts at the Willey bridge, in which Elgin County is jointly interested.

The Campbell bridge, west of Moss Township, must be rebuilt. The structure is 50 feet in length, and Lambton County has half-interest.

Bothwell bridge requires a new floor and joists. The span is 220 feet long. Middlesex owns 27 per cent of the structure, while Elgin and Kent Counties control the remainder.

Both Komoka and Kilmory bridges require repairs necessitating the purchase of a carload of rock and a quantity of oak joists.

Many of the steel bridges need repainting, and this should be done by day labour.

The northwest wing of Doty's creek bridge, between Nissouri and Dorchester, is in need of an extension in the form of a breakwater about 30 feet in length.

Muncie bridge floor requires repairs necessitating the purchase of 4,000 feet of rock and plank.

A new deck is required on the Wharmcliffe bridge between Westminster and London.

The McKellar bridge, between Lobo and Carleton place, in all probability be so injured this winter as to necessitate its rebuilding.

A committee, including the county engineer, and Varden Graham, examined two bridges, one between Exkford and the Carleton Indian reserve, the other between the Elgin and Kent county lines, and found that as both structures were under 20 feet in length, they were not county bridges.

Generally speaking, the county bridges were found to be in good condition, and while considerable repairs will be required, the total expenditures, unless unforeseen conditions arise, will be much lower than in years past.

The above suggestions were approved by a majority of the directors. In its first report, and it was recommended that the county engineer, the warden, and the chairman of the road directors, act as a committee, with power, to act in conjunction with the representatives of Elgin County in the Willey bridge.

The committee will also act in conjunction with committees from the other counties mentioned re new or rebuilding of bridges.

The following other committees were also recommended to act on bridge repairs:

County engineer, and Councilors McEwen and Turnbull—Komoka and Kilmory bridges.

County engineer and Councilor Brown—Wharmcliffe road bridge.

Councilors Oak and Harris and county engineer—Concession 5, Lobo bridge.

Councilor McFarlane and county engineer—Doty Creek bridge.

Other recommendations contained in the board of road directors' report were:

That account of J. J. Poore be paid. That communication re Kettle Creek bridge contract be filed.

That a further amount of \$10 be paid to Mr. McPhail, for part of right of way privileges during construction of bridge between Moss and Brooke.

Mr. McPhail entered a claim for loss of right of way at the December sessions, and was paid \$7 50. Since that time additional evidence has been added to the effect that his loss of time was more extended than at first shown.—Adopted.

A motion by Councilor Hodgins, seconded by Councilor McEwen, that County Treasurer A. M. McEwen be and had lived in London for a long time. Besides her husband, she is survived by three sons, James, Thomas and William. The funeral will take place on Friday morning to St. Mary's church, interment being made at St. Peter's cemetery.

A petition from the village of Lambeth, asking that the place be made a police village, was referred to the police committee. The document was largely signed.

Councilors Knapton and Gillies moved that the council appoint valuers for the purpose of ascertaining the value of real property and inspecting at least six per cent of the real property throughout the county. Carried.

This action should have been taken previously, as provided for by section 10 of the act relating to the assessment act, and was recommended by Judge Macbeth a year ago.

Moved by Councilors Kimball and Gillson that the matter of the liability for maintenance and rebuilding of the public bridges in London Township, be referred back to the board of road directors.

Under a ruling given some time ago Judge Macbeth offered the opinion that it was unjust for the township of London to rebuild and maintain the structure, owing to the fact that had the county constructed three bridges on the town line, as it might have done, the bridge would never have been built.

At the January session, 1907, no action was taken by the road directors. Carried.

The council meets again this afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

ANTI-BACHELOR PAPER

Panna Will Fight Prague's Paper of Man's Emancipation.

Prague, Jan. 29.—Mladence (the Bachelor), the Prague newspaper which has devoted itself to the emancipation of man from the thrall of women, has chosen its thirteenth number to celebrate its enormous success.

Not only has it awakened the Czech population of Europe, as it alleges, to a new sense of manhood, but in addition it has stirred up Poland, Hungary and Germany with signs of revolt against feminism.

It is in German-speaking countries that it seems to have caused the greatest awakening. It says after the Frankfurt Zeitung directed attention to its programme, papers all over Germany printed long articles, many of them indorsing, at least inferentially, the crusade.

The publication office in Prague has been stormed with letters demanding a German edition of the "Bachelor." Hundreds of letters have been written to the editor, citing instances of feminine tyranny and urging that the fight for masculine authority be made red-hot.

German men's organizations, it is

stated, have adopted resolutions indorsing the paper and its aims, and several Mladence clubs have been formed in the larger cities. Orders for copies have been received from big hotels in all parts of Europe where people who read the Slavie languages habitually visit.

The greatest triumph of all, in the estimation of Mladence's editor, is the announcement of the appearance in Prague at an early day of a rival publication to combat the male emancipation movement.

This is to be called Panna (the Spinster), and it is to be devoted to exposing the wickedness and injustice of men, asserting the rights of women and proving that the world will be far better when the fair sex gains ascendancy.

EATS PET DOGS' HEADS

Strange Beast Creates Consternation in Small Missouri City.

Cape Girardeau, Mo., Jan. 29.—The discovery within the last week of 30 dogs, the heads of which had been eaten off, presumably by a wild animal, has so alarmed the people of Jackson, a town of 2,500 population, 10 miles west of here, that the city council has passed a curfew law, making it a serious offense for a parent to permit a child to leave the house after dusk.

Business and social affairs of all kinds have been practically suspended for a week.

The animal, which is supposed to be a catamount or panther forced by hunger out of the swamps near this city, introduced itself in Jackson by leaving the headless bodies of three chained dogs in the back yards of their owners' homes. Every night since then from one to a half-dozen dogs have been killed. Apparently, only their heads are eaten.

The only person who has seen the animal is Mrs. Sarah Miller, of Jackson, who says she was attracted by a noise and that when she opened the back door she saw a long catlike animal in the yard. It was accompanied by three young, she said, and slunk away when she made her appearance on the porch.

RABBIT ATTACKS A COLT

New York, Jan. 29.—In defense of her offspring, a mother rabbit attacked a colt belonging to Charles Miller, of Williams street, Jamaica, and sinking her teeth in the horse's foreleg, continued the struggle until she died.

While romping at pasture the colt, which is 6 months old, ran a leg into a rabbit hole. The rabbit was unable to free itself, and was found partly buried in a snowdrift by Miller.

It did not take Miller long to pull the colt's leg from the hole, and as he did so he found the body of the mother rabbit clutching the leg above the hoof. The rabbit's life was extinct, but its teeth were still sunk deeply into the leg.

Miller drew from the hole four rabbits, few days old. He took them and the body of their mother to his home.

LATEST STOCK MARKET REPORTS

St. C. Becker, stockbroker, received the following private wire from Wall Street, New York, today:

New York, Jan. 29.—The English bank statement, after its items are looked at, is strong, and one can hardly see how the 4 per cent rate can be maintained much longer. Two banks of this city closed their doors today, and there were rumors of another one. The opinion of the street is that they wish the matter cleared up, for rumor has outwitted the banks in question for some time.

The Southern Pacific Railway is going to be investigated by the California state commission. Rumor that the U. S. Steel Company will now buy Jones and Laughlin is very important, and it would seem to be a rash proposition to say that the company alone has the ability to buy anything it wants across the industrial companies. Atlantic Coast line center, and it would be a rash proposition to say that the company alone has the ability to buy anything it wants across the industrial companies.

Forecast its future. Mexican Central financing is heard to have been arranged, but there is no news to hand. There was some good selling early, but that has ceased. The President's message and the President's conversation are both very vigorous. Very Rooseveltian, and places more liability on employer, when he is already worrying about liability. Bad news from whatever source it comes will only further improve the right-of-way investment market, for it is there that money will go, and not back into business.

NEW YORK.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

New York, Jan. 30.—

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Amer. Sugar 112 112 112 112 1/2

Amer. Locomotive 37 37 37 37 1/2

Amer. Foundry 29 29 29 29 1/2

Amer. Refining 67 67 67 67 1/2

Amer. Cotton Oil 33 33 33 33 1/2

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Baltimore & Ohio 87 87 87 87 1/2

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Chesapeake & Ohio 29 29 29 29 1/2

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Norfolk & Western 12 12 12 12 1/2

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CHICAGO EXCHANGE.

Reported by C. N. Spencer, Stockbroker, Market Lane, for The Advertiser.

Chicago, Jan. 30.

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