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ALL THE NEWS OF EUROPE.

A DRUNKEN MOB RESPONSIBLE FOR A HOLOCAUST.

Two Members of Parliament Indulge in a Free Fight—Sligo Surgeons Busy Bandaging Up the Wounds of Those Injured by Parnellite Pebbles in Sunday's Fight—A Shocking Crime.

LONDON, March 30.—During a fire at Portsmouth to-night a mob of drunken sailors gathered about the burning building and prevented the firemen from raising ladders in order to save the lives of the occupants remaining in the house. A desperate fight ensued between the firemen and the mob, in which many on both sides were injured. The mob was finally driven away. Meanwhile, however, a boy and a servant girl, whose lives might have been saved had the firemen not been interfered with, were burned to death in their rooms on an upper floor.

THE REUSS EPISODE.

A Phase of the Case Which Does Honor to the Young Princess.

LONDON, March 30.—Marie Glasier is the name of the pretty circus girl who charges M. Rudolph Vacaresco, son of the ex-minister to Roumania, at Vienna with stealing her diamonds, having first borrowed and afterwards pawned the jewels. The young man, it seems, who belongs to a noble family in Roumania, gave the girl the impression that he would make her his wife, and managed to borrow from her not only her jewelry, but all the money she earned while at Vienna, and, what is looked upon as making the matter worse, he used a portion of the money thus obtained in paying court to the daughter of an attache of the German Embassy.

The latter discovered his perfidy and made the facts known to the Princess Reuss, with the result before stated of Vacaresco's expulsion from the ball. The Princess Reuss persists in his refusal to fight a duel on the subject.

THE WORKMEN'S CONGRESS.

A Sweeping Program Adopted and a General Strike Promised.

PARIS, March 30.—The Workmen's Congress has adopted a program embracing the following propositions: That eight hours constitute a day's work; that the minimum of wages be fixed; that children under 14 be prohibited from working; that everybody declared by workmen's syndicates to be unable to work receive public support; that masters be held responsible for accidents to workmen; that municipal butchers, baker houses and bazaars be formed; that communes be allowed to borrow money without consulting the central government; and finally that every trade organize in readiness for a general strike to vanquish the opposing employers. The Socialist Allemane dominated the Congress.

A CORNER IN LINT.

Sligo Surgeons Busy Bandaging Up Sunday's Election Fight Wounds.

DUBLIN, March 30.—Roche and Conway (members of Parliament) engaged in an altercation followed by a scuffle at Easkey and police had to separate the combatants. Quietness has prevailed in North Sligo to-day, however. The surgeons of Sligo have been kept busy dressing the wounds of those struck with stones in Sunday's fights.

Messrs. Davitt and Sexton addressed a large meeting in the dark to-night from the steps of the town hall. Mr. Sexton announced that Mr. Smith, the First Lord of the Treasury, had consulted with Mr. McCarthy on the question of the appointment of an Irish delegate on the labor commission and that Mr. McCarthy had recommended Michael Davitt as the Irish representative.

Robbery Made Easy.

LONDON, March 29.—A man obtained admission to Viscount Cranbourne's London residence in Park-place on the pretence of being sent to examine the telephone wires. Once in the house he made his way to the Viscountess Cranbourne's room and stole her diamond necklace and some brooches, as well as studs belonging to Lord Cranbourne. He then walked out, saying it would be necessary to fetch another man in order to finish the work, and was never seen again.

Three Moonlighters Arrested.

QUEENSTOWN, March 30.—On the arrival of the steamship Servia, from Liverpool to New York, at this point to-day she was boarded by the police, who arrested three moonlighters, Healy, Scollard and Brosnan, charged with firing into a hut at Trslee, which was occupied by a number of constables. The police have been looking for the men for some time, and learned that they had embarked at Liverpool yesterday for America.

The Sight That Greeted Mary Cooper.

LONDON, March 30.—Returning to her home at Great Marlow from a visit to a neighbor last night, Mary Cooper found her aged father and mother lying side by side upon a bed with their throats cut. The woman was dead but the man was alive. The room presented a dreadful appearance. The fearfully wounded man managed to confess that he had killed his wife after a desperate struggle and attempted to kill himself. After cutting his throat he plunged the knife into his abdomen, and would have inflicted other wounds upon himself but for weakness from loss of blood. He will die.

A Drunkard's Horrible Work.

BERLIN, March 30.—At Mulhausen, in Alsace, last night a drunken cooper attacked his wife with a knife and killed her. He then turned upon his mother-in-law, who had tried to save her daughter and killed her, after which he cut his own throat and fell dead on the floor. The horrible scene was enacted in the presence of the man's five little children, and one of them, frantic with terror, jumped out of a window to the pavement and was killed.

Snow in France.

PARIS, March 30.—The northeast department has been visited by heavy snowstorms. The local railways are blocked with snow. The mountain road in the Vosges is impassable.

Russia Shows Her Hand.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 30.—The Russian newspapers concur in the opinion that the Baltchieff incident is proof that it is necessary for the powers to intervene in Bulgaria. The Novoe Vremya declares the time is near at hand when the duties involved by the Berlin treaty will require fulfillment.

Foreign Brevities.

Russia's winter wheat crop is unpromising.

Earl Granville, who has been sick for several weeks, is now reported to be entirely prostrated.

Andrew Carnegie has donated $2500 to the Kirkwall Free Library in the Orkney Islands.

Sergeant Meyer of the Reserves has been sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment for inciting men to Socialism in Berlin.

The Italian Minister of Agriculture has introduced a bill in the Chamber of Deputies to require workingmen to insure their lives and against accident.

Prince Victor and Prince Louis Napoleon met at Turin yesterday and proceeded together to Moncalieri, where a family council is to be held.

A new French law suspends sentence of first-offence criminals for five years, and the sentence becomes void if there is no second offence in that time.

The man whom the gendarme cut with his sword at the time of the assassination of Minister Baltcheff at Sofia is reported to have been arrested on the Servian frontier.

The dynamite seized by the police of Seraing, Austria, yesterday consists of 72,000 noeble catridges, and were stolen from a miller near Liege. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of certain Anarchists who have disappeared from Onegree village.

SEPARATED BY PRISON BARS.

A Bride of a Day, Who Married Her Husband's Slayer, Asks for Divorce.

MONTPELIER, Vt., March 30.—Mrs. Laura A. Caswell is suing for divorce from her husband, James S. Caswell, who is serving a life sentence of imprisonment at Windsor for murder. Caswell and George Gould worked on the Cutter farm and in September, 1888, Gould and Laura drove down to the village and were married. The next morning they returned home, and in less than half-an-hour afterwards the newly-made husband was shot and killed by Caswell.

Caswell was found guilty and sentenced for life and six days before Caswell was committed to the prison at Windsor, Laura Cutter Gould went to the county jail and was married to him.

Whatever her reasons were for marrying him, she has evidently tired of posing as the wife of a man who can never be a husband to her. Caswell asserts that it was with an eye to securing his pension that Mrs. Gould, the bride of a day, was willing to marry her husband's slayer.

RABIES KILLED MISS LEARNED.

A Spinster Whose Finger Was Scratched by a Sick Dog's Tooth Dies in Agony.

HARTFORD, Conn., March 30.—The terrible death this afternoon of Miss Ella G. Learned is asserted by her physicians to have been, without any question, due to genuine rabies. A dog, an Italian greyhound and a great pet of Miss Learned, had been sick and restless for several days. In springing toward a door the dog ran against Miss Learned and one of its teeth struck her finger, making a slight scratch, from which a drop or two of blood oozed. Four days later the dog died quietly, without having exhibited other than ordinary symptoms of sickness. Miss Learned, who was a spinster, aged 50, suffered terrible agonies.

Toronto's Muddy Water.

At the Wilson scale works on the Esplanade yesterday the drinking water was undrinkable. After the tap had been turned on for a minutes a quantity of the water was bottled and a specimen sent to The World office, where anyone interested may see it. It is of a drab mixture with thick sediment of slime and sand. Several citizens who saw the specimen testified that a similar condition of affairs obtains in their respective neighborhoods.

On Saturday a citizen in the East End was somewhat startled with the muddy look of the water from the kitchen tap. He allowed it to run for half an hour, but there was no improvement in the color of the liquid. During the half hour two live worms, each about two inches in length, came through the tap, and in one quart of water, which had been allowed to stand for an hour, he found over two teaspoonfuls of grit and sand. The water was again tested yesterday morning, when the earth and sand were again found as plentiful as before.

We Drink Diluted Sewage.

[From The Eastern Standard.]

So we drink diluted sewage? Horrible! Coghill's story in Wednesday's World demands prompt attention by Superintendent Hamilton and the Waterworks Committee. As an ex-employe of the department, Coghill ought to be able to throw a lurid light on the interior condition of things, so far as the waterworks system is concerned. Speak out, Mr. Coghill, and give us the facts. The people of this city are not going to sit down quietly and be poisoned through the wretched management of a few office hogs. The truth should be ascertained immediately. There is not an alderman in the City Hall who can afford to delay one moment in getting at the root of this thing. Come, Ald. Leslie; you have been a thrifty agitator for waterworks improvements. Sift this matter out. The city pays for and has a right to be supplied with pure water.

A Successful Anniversary.

The first anniversary of the northwestern branch Y.M.C.A., situated in Spadina-avenue, near College-street, was celebrated last night in the Broadway Tabernacle. There was a large and successful meeting. Mr. Robert Kilgour, president, occupied the chair. Music was kindly furnished by the choir of Sherbourne-street church. The clergymen who took part were Rev. J. Philip and Rev. William Patterson. Mr. Ferdinand Schiverea delivered an address. The solos of Mrs. Wright and Messrs. Warrington and Hewitt contributed much to the success of the meeting.

Erskine's Pleasant Night.

The evening of readings and sacred song in Erskine Presbyterian Church last night under the auspices of the choir met with well-merited success. Every seat was occupied and the audience showed its appreciation by liberal applause. The talent was of an unusually high order and excellent judgment was displayed in the selection of the numbers. This was the program: Piano solos, Mr. Deper; readings, The Bugles' Christmas Dinner, The First Quarrel, The Day of Judgment, Commencement Day, The Widow Cummisiney, The Dash for the Colors, by Miss Laura McGillivray; solos, The Rainy Day, With Verdure Clad, Hear Us, Father, by Mrs. Caldwell.

In his report to the North American Life Assurance Company the consulting actuary said: "I have observed that during the past five years your mortality experience has been very favorable, thereby indicating that great care and experience have been exercised in your Medical Department. From an examination of your plans I know of no company having a better earning power and confidently believe that the future results will prove alike satisfactory to your policy-holders and all interested in your company." 246

The Day His Wife Had Twins.

NEWTON, March 30.—Charles Kutner, a frescoer and decorator, who has a wife and 10 children in Finesville, Hunterdon County, eloped with Miss Annie Cinderbox, a pretty girl who lived with her father in Water-street. On the very day of the alleged elopement Kutner's wife gave birth to a pair of twins. He left his family in great destitution.

A Bachelor Burned to Death.

WINNIPEG, March 30.—A despatch from McGregor, Man., says that an old bachelor named John Gibbs, living four miles north of that town, was burned to death last night. The fire, it is supposed, originated through a defective stovepipe, and the unfortunate man appears to have been suffocated and burned while insensible.

Buried Under Red Hot Iron.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., March 30.—A furnace full of molten iron at the blast furnace in the southeastern portion of the city burst this afternoon. Two men were instantly killed by being buried under the red hot iron, and much damage to property resulted.

He Wrote "The Breadwinners."

CHICAGO, March 30.—In the course of a talk on literary style before the Methodist Ministers' Association of this city to-day, Rev. Dr. Mendenshall of Cleveland set at rest the mooted question of the authorship of "The Breadwinners," by announcing himself as that man.

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THE EASTER STOCKTAKING.

WHAT WAS DONE AT THREE DOZEN ANGLICAN VESTRY MEETINGS.

A General Note of Progress—Home Wants Considered and the Foreign Field Not Neglected—The Year's Balance Sheets—Election of Churchwardens, Sidesmen and Delegates.

At the annual vestry meeting of Holy Trinity Church Rev. John Pearson was in the chair. Mr. William Hill presented the churchwardens' report and financial statement. The total income from all sources, omitting the poor funds of $177.25, was announced by him as amounting to $5794.11. The mortgage of $3500 on the church has been reduced by $1000. The estimates for the ensuing year amount to $3626.46, and this will require an increase in contributions of $5.56 per Sunday over last year. Mr. W. E. Brownjohn presented the Sunday school report, and it was a very satisfactory one. The following officers were elected for 1891-92: Churchwardens, William Hill and W. P. Broch; sidesmen, Edmund Wragge, A. White, G. S. Holmested, W. R. Cavell, R. T. Blachford, S. J. Bull, F. Hall, N. E. Rudge, C. P. Sparling, C. J. Agar, E. Brownjohn, H. P. Blachford, C. H. Thompson, J. J. Clark, F. Coyne, T. B. Jones, T. A. T. Telfer and H. P. Morrison; finance committee, William Ince, C. J. Campbell, R. H. Bethune, E. Wragge; auditors, S. J. Bull and Aubrey White; assessors to revise voters' lists, J. H. Jose and C. E. Rudge; envelope committee, F. A. Hall, S. J. Bull, H. E. Rudge, J. C. Agar, C. P. Sparling and W. F. Spink; endowment and advisory committee, R. H. Bethune, W. Ince, J. A. Worrell, G. S. Holmested, S. G. Wood and E. Wragge.

St. James' Cathedral.

Mr. O. A. Howland presented the report of the churchwardens. The total receipts were $26,082 and the balance on hand at the close of the year on Feb. 28, $2026. On motion of Mr. R. S. Irving, seconded by Mr. M. Baldwin, Messrs. Charles Edward Hooper and William Hamilton were re-elected auditors. The canon reappointed Col. H. J. Grasett as his churchwarden, and the vestry, on motion of Mr. W. H. Beatty, reappointed Mr. O. A. Howland. The following sidesmen were elected: Centre aisle, W. Hamilton, A. S. Irving, F. Wyld, J. R. Mills and F. Rishton. West aisle—Messrs. C. J. Campbell, C. S. Payne, Walter Barwick and P. DuMoulin. East aisle—W. S. Gooderham, G. W. Yarker, A. Nordheimer and Thomas Bradshaw. The following musical committee will be A. Grasett, S. Beadmore, R. N. Gooch, Percival Ridout, Albert Nordheimer and J. J. Hodgins. Messrs. S. B. Hodgins, R. R. Row, W. R. Brock, Dr. Grasett and George Hastings were named to look after the St. James' cemetery. G. Shaw and Dr. Hoopes were appointed a tribunal for determining upon applications and objections to the list of voters at the election of lay representatives of the church, which was held. The finance committee appointed were the churchwardens, J. K. Kerr, W. H. Beatty, W. L. Boyd, W. Gridlay, A. T. Todd, J. W. G. Whitney, Henry Cawthra, G. W. Beardmore, R. N. Gooch, Albert Nordheimer, W. R. Brock. Synod delegates, W. R. Brock, Dr. George Hodgins and R. N. Gooch.

The Church of S. Margaret's.

The congregation of S. Margaret's Church, Spadina-avenue, attended the annual vestry meeting in force. Rev. R. J. Moore presided and was in the chair. The receipts for the year just concluded showed a net revenue of $7038.13, less $594.37 carried over from Easter, 1890. Mr. Moore in opening proceedings explained that the church since its inception had doubled its communicant roll, there being 300 communicants last Sunday. Dr. Burnham and A. Harvard were re-elected churchwardens, Messrs. Beverley Jones, H. Beck and E. Morris were appointed lay delegates to the synod and Messrs. J. R. Code and W. Glass were chosen the parochial tribunal. The sidesmen will be appointed at an adjourned vestry meeting to be held later. A strong committee, with powers to discuss the ways and means of purchasing an instrument for the church, will report at the same meeting. Votes of thanks were tendered Mr. Moore for presiding, Rev. Prof. Clark, Organist G. H. Loud, the Chancel Guild and Ladies' Aid.

St. Luke's.

Rev. John Langtry presided. The report of the churchwardens showed that the expenditure during the past year has been $4783, and the receipts from current revenue had fallen $715 short of that amount. The weekly offertories had amounted to $3407. A special effort to remove the church debt was successful, $1700 being raised for this object during the year $6421. After deducting subscriptions valued at $2200 the total debt of the church is $4700, which consists of a balance of $500 on the mortgage, $572 arrears of interest, and the current deficit of $715. For various funds in connection with the church over $1300 was raised. The churchwardens, Mr. F. W. Holmestead, for the rector, and Mr. F. W. Harcourt, for the people, were re-elected for another year and thanked for their past services. The following sidesmen were appointed: Messrs. C. Jones, W. Tyndall, J. Ireland, H. Thorne, Russell Baldwin, H. J. Caulfeild, H. E. Caston, G. S. Birchall, B. Freer, John Catto, G. M. Rae, M. Rawlinson, E. H. Bedford and E. Fenton. The congregation chose the following delegates to the synod: Messrs. Clarkson Jones, W. G. P. Cassels and R. Baldwin.

Church of the Ascension.

The financial statement showed that the total receipts had amounted to $6104.80, in which is included balance from last year of $87.36, and the disbursements to $5975.31, leaving $129.49 balance on hand. This is an increase of revenue on the preceding year of $245.88. The offices were filled as follows: Churchwardens, A. Worksley Smith, H. Trowin; organist and choir master, Edgar R. Doward; delegates to the synod, Kivas Tully, C.E., T. D. Delamere, M.A., B. C. Blackstock; auditors, J. B. Tizzimmons, C. E. Maddison; sidesmen, Thomas Langton, M.A., H. C. Boomer, C. E. Maddison, Dr. Baldwin, Dr. Temple, R. C. Bickerstaff, M. Currey, John Brown, H. W. Welch, S. E. Townsend, A. G. Strathy, Evelyn Morse, J. H. Freeman, F. G. Gooch, T. D. Delamere, M.A., J. B. Fitzsimmons, Balfour Johnston, W. A. Hargreaves, M. T. Lester, George Clare, John Hargreaves.

St. Stephen's.

Rev. A. J. Broughall presided. The churchwardens presented a very satisfactory report for the year ending March 15, 1891, during which a large addition was made to the church at a cost of over $8000. During the five months of the year while the enlargement was going on the congregation worshipped in the school house; but, notwithstanding the disadvantage from this, the revenue derived from the offertory for church expenses was $3893.03, being $173.16 more than the previous year. Of the $8516.33 spent in building $3164.39 has been collected and $2500 more promised. The retiring churchwardens, Messrs. W. A. Browne and J. H. Paterson, were re-elected and the old sidesmen, reinforced by some new ones, were again chosen. Messrs. J. H. Paterson, Willoughby Cummings and C. J. McCuaig were elected lay representatives of the congregation at the Diocesan Synod.

St. Mary Magdalene.

Rev. C. Darling was in the chair. The churchwardens' financial statement showed a surplus of $37 after an expenditure of $1020. This is independent of a large amount of subscriptions for the building fund and interest. The value of the church property is $17,648.76, with a total liability of $9500. The rector appointed Mr. H. Chick as churchwarden, and the congregation elected Mr. E. Restal. The following officers were elected: Sidesmen—Messrs. Woodall, Collingwood, Houghton, Perks, Worsdell, Robert Phillips, Charles Phillips and Smith. Auditors—Messrs. Lightbourn and Howard. Parochial tribunal—Messrs. Ambler and Blair, with the wardens. Building Committee—The rector and wardens and Messrs. Toker, Thompson, T. W. Howard and Woodall. A new organ was declared necessary and a committee was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Foote, Callaghan, Read, Thompson, with the churchwardens and organists. Messrs. Thompson, Toker and Perks were chosen lay delegates o synod.

St. Peter's.

Ven. Archdeacon Boddy presided. The financial statement showed the year's receipts, including a bank overdraft of $139.14, to be $6779.70, all of which was expended. The liabilities are $4357, including bank overdraft, mortgage and interest on the school house and rector's stipend in arrears. The assets—pew rent dues—are $657, leaving a debit balance of $3719.64. Mr. Fred. J. Stewart was appointed rector's warden, and Mr. E. T. Carter was elected the people's warden. The sidesmen elected are: Messrs. Walter Fleming, Thomas Lucas, John Lennox, W. H. Boyd, H. Waugh, R. Simmons. These delegates to the Synod were appointed: Hon. Edward Blake, J. Herbert Mason and E. P. Pearson. It was decided to increase the salaries of the rector and assistant by $200 a year.

St. George's.

The churchwardens' report was submitted by Mr. S. Bruce Harman. It showed that the receipts for the year amounted to $8946.10 and the expenditures the same. The report was adopted. Mr. D'Alton McCarthy, Q.C., and Dr. Snelling were elected members of the parochial tribunal. The following sidesmen were elected: Messrs. C. E. Holmes, A. M. Browne, W. B. Close, E. Crackmore, R. B. Street, F. Lightburn, C. Heath, Hugh Langton, J. Miles, W. T. Gordon, C. V. M. Temple, D. Armour, D. Burns, H. Muntz, F. Arnold, J. Martland, E. Henderson, L. McMurray, L. L. Personal, G. F. Harman, H. C. Parsons, A. J. Coson, F. B. Cumberland, C. R. W. Biggar, H. W. M. Murray, Dr. Laugh and R. Lockwood.

All Saints.

Rev. A. H. Baldwin presided at All Saints' vestry meeting, which was of the most harmonious nature. The financial statement showed that the receipts for the year amounted to $8836.64, and after all expenses had been met there remained a balance of $754.23. The debt remaining on the church property, valued at $60,000, is $8000. The average Sunday collections during the year were $127.15. The Sunday school has increased so rapidly that it has been found necessary to enlarge the building, and $3000 will shortly be expended in that way. These officers were selected for the current year: Rector's warden, George Goulding; people's warden, Fred A. Thayer; sidesmen, Messrs. E. Perryman, S. H. Smith, R. C. LeVisconte, W. Logan, J. B. Flemming, F. Holgate, J. R. Gifford, Price Jackes, W. Cook, F. Thompson, H. Blackburn, J. Kerrmann; representatives to Synod, James Haywood, William Logan, Dr. Pyne. A committee was appointed to draft a resolution of regret at the death of Mr. W. H. C. Kerr and sympathy with the family in their sad bereavement.

Church of the Redeemer.

Rev. Septimus Jones presided. The churchwardens appointed were: Messrs. Joseph Harris and Robert Parker; sidesmen, Charles A. Evans, C. Postlethwaite, F. Rolph, jr., W. S. Batten, W. Monkhouse, T. G. Foster, A. Seagram, George Ashworth, J. W. Haworth, W. Bonnell, W. P. Torrence, R. Y. Ellis, F. Somers, T. Shortiss, F. W. Fletcher and Dr. N. H. Ellis; vestry clerk, W. H. Lester; lay delegates to the synod, Alfred Wilson, A. H. Campbell and George Musson. The financial report was read and adopted. According to it there was a balance brought forward from April, 1890, of $1128.97, and the receipts during the year amounted to $7683.78, making a total of $8812.75. The principal items were pew rents, $3534.42; offertory for general purposes, $2776.92. The disbursements totaled $7836.15, of which $706.09 went to missions etc., and $2567.87 to the clergy; $405.19 to the Star Life Assurance Company for interest to July 1, 1890; and to principal account, $1000. A balance of $1426.60 is left in hand. The building fund receipts are: Subscriptions, $1942.50; Easter collections, 1890 and 1891, $173.53; loan to date, $9162.46; total, $10,678.49. Disbursements on account of schoolhouse, $9480; on account of rectory, $4192; loan repaid, $649.14; bank interest, $79.74; architects' fees, $350; balance to credit, $2289.61.

St. Mark's.

The annual vestry meeting of St. Mark's Church was held last evening, Rev. Charles Inglis presiding. The report of the churchwardens showed the floating debt of the church has been reduced from $459 to $93. The balance from last year was $7.36, the income for the year was $3631.61, while the expenditures reached $3291.30, leaving a balance of $17.34 now on hand. The churchwardens for the coming year are Messrs. Joseph Kelk and A. J. Laventure. The sidesmen are: H. P. Heming, S. W. Black, G. D. Perry, Campbell Ridout, F. Boyd, Thomas Mortimer, George Birch, H. Buck, George Pyke, jr., Fred Kelly, E. G. Henderson and C. Brooks. The Envelope Committee are: V. B. Wadsworth, George E. Foster, James Brown, W. A. Shutt, S. W. Black and G. D. Perry. This is certainly a very encouraging showing. Messrs. John H. Dennis, Charles J. Brown and James Scott were elected lay delegates.

Grace Church.

A large congregation assembled at Grace Church last night to hear the annual reports. At the outset, Rev. J. P. Lewis, who presided, remarked that while the past year had been one of great trial in many ways, the congregation might well be congratulated on the fact that the church building had been greatly improved and renovated, and that now it was a more attractive place for which to worship. It was also most satisfactory to be able to state that the work of the church had been progressing in all its branches and much good had been done among the poor of the parish. Mr. Fortier, churchwarden, read the various financial reports, showing that the revenue was very satisfactory. The reports were remitted to an Audit Committee, who will report to a meeting to be held on Monday, April 13, at which meeting officers for the ensuing year will also be elected.

St. Paul's.

The vestry meeting at St. Paul's Church was presided over by Rev. T. C. Desbarres. The financial statement showed that after an expenditure of $4949 there is a balance on hand of $61. The revenue derived from pew rents was $1788, while the offerings aggregated $1995, of which $676 was contributed through the envelope system. For special collections the sum of $974 was raised. The statement of floating assets and liabilities showed a deficit of $79. The estimate for next year showed an apparent surplus of $5.21. The rector reappointed Mr. John C. Gresy as his churchwarden, and Mr. Charles Langley was re-elected people's churchwarden. At a subsequent meeting the following were elected delegates to the synod: Mr. S. Caldecott, Mr. James Roaf and Dr. Elliott.

St. Augustine's.

There was a good attendance at the annual vestry meeting of St. Augustine's Church, Parliament and Sprucestreets, last night. Rev. George I. Taylor, the rector, presided. Mr. R. Flack, the churchwarden, presented the annual report. It was satisfactory and showed a balance on hand of over $72. Mr. Alfred Hall was elected people's churchwarden, and Mr. Charles Warwick was appointed the rector's representative. These were elected sidesmen: Messrs. F. Bowling, Dr. R. A. Pyne, J. May, K. C. Marshall, J. Thompson. Mr. Raymond Walker was appointed delegate to the synod. The meeting was unanimous.

St. John's.

The meeting at St. John's Church, Stewart and Portland-street, was presided over by Rev. Mr. Williams. The following officers were elected: Wardens, Messrs. James Wilson and C. W. Postlethwaite; sidesmen, Messrs. Hills, Wagner, Mascord, J. L. Counsell, R. Capreol, Predam, Allerdice, Lukeman, J. A. Smythe, F. Smythe, Browning, J. Maughan, Stanley, Tighe, Weir, A. H. Campbell, Hartman, Trowin, Harman, Williams and Young; delegates to the Synod, Messrs. A. R. Boswell, J. Wilson and D. M. Hartman.

St. Philip's Church.

Rev. J. F. Sweeney, B.D., rector, presided over St. Philip's Church meeting. The election resulted as follows: Rector's warden, Dr. T. Millman; people's warden, Mr. W. D. Macpherson; rector's sidesmen, Messrs. MacLaren, Moss, D. Hill, Baldwin Taylor, W. H. Scott, Hibbard Hill; sidesmen elected by vestry, Messrs. C. Evans, Pillar, Webber, R. McClelland, Davis, Adams.

Trinity Church.

Rev. A. Sanson, rector, presided. Satisfaction was expressed at the continued prosperity of the church and its various agencies. Mr. J. J. Davies was elected the people's warden and Mr. A. E. O'Mara was appointed by the rector. The sidesmen elected are Messrs. F. Lloyd, T. R. Clelhoim, E. Atkins, E. Medcalf, C. R. Cooper, J. Rogers, G. A. Lee and George Stagg. Mr. T. McIlroy was re-appointed vestry clerk.

Discussing Church Insurance.

Dr. Pirritte presided over the regular meeting of the Methodist Ministerial Association in Wesley Buildings yesterday morning. These visitors were present in addition to about 40 members: Rev. Dr. Burns, Hamilton; Rev. S. Huntington, North Bay; Rev. A. Cunningham, Galt. The discussion of a proposed scheme for founding a church insurance society was continued and a committee appointed to look into the matter. A committee was also appointed to arrange for the coming conference in June.

A Comet With a 15 mins. Tail.

MOUNT HAMILTON, Cal., March 30.—A small, fairly bright comet with a tail 15 minutes long was discovered by Prof. E. E. Barnard last night at Lick Observatory. Its position was right ascension 1 hour and 30 mins. 10 secs north; declination 44 degs. 48 mins. The comet is moving rapidly southwards.

Through Wagner Vestibule Buffet Sleeping Car Toronto to New York via West Shore Route.

The West Shore through sleeping car leaves Union Station, Toronto, at 4.55 p.m. daily except Sunday, arriving in New York at 10.10 a.m. Returning this car leaves New York at 5 p.m. arriving in Toronto at 10.25 a.m. Sundays leaves Toronto at 12.30 p.m. connecting with through car at Hamilton.

A Famous St. Bernard Dead.

WASHINGTON, March 30.—The famous St. Bernard dog Alton died here last evening of pneumonia. He belonged to E. H. Moore, Melrose, Mass., and was the champion dog of this country until the recent arrival of Sir Bedivere. He cost $4500.

"La Flora!"

To those smokers who prefer a full-flavored Cigar, free from that rankness usually found in the imported article that is offered as fine goods, we respectfully suggest giving our "La Flora" brand of clear Havana Cigars a trial, feeling satisfied that they will fully demonstrate the justifiability of our claim as to their superiority over the imported, and at much lower prices.

Protest in North Middlesex.

AILSA CRAIG, March 30.—The Reform Association of North Middlesex met to-day, and decided to protest the election of W. H. Hutchins at the last general elections.

The Sheffield House Importing Company (Registered).

65 Yonge-street (below King). Wedding presents in solid silver and best English silver plate. C. E. Robinson, Manager.

PRESTON SUES FOR $1000.

Alleged Wrongful Removal of a Letter from Belleville Postoffice.

BELLEVILLE, March 30.—W. T. R. Preston of Toronto has issued against John Roblin and John C. Lake a writ charging libel and trespass to personal property and trover for a letter alleged to have been wrongfully taken from the Belleville postoffice and claiming $1000 damages.

THE SEVEN AGES.

The Fine Performance of Comedian Dixey at the Grand—Other Amusement Matters.

"The Seven Ages, "as already announced, has as a foundation "all the world's a stage, etc." Dixey is first seen in the prolog as Bertie Van Loo, a descendant of an old Knickerbocker family. Embued with the glorious ideas of his ancestors' nobility, he strives to adopt a fashion similar to theirs, and to attain his desire he invokes Shakespeare (which is in fact a statue) to assist him, and so with this (to him supernatural aid) he is assisted in producing "The Seven Ages." Dixey is in "The Seven Ages," everything from the age of infancy to that of the decrepit centurion, and he embraces in his portrayal the baby, the school boy, lover, soldier, justice of the peace, grandfather, and lastly the genial, loveable, dear old fellow of second childhood, who, while relating his wonderful history to us, although he does impress one with a wonderfully white lie, still remains the dear old man whose reminiscences we will not question and whose stories we are glad to hear. Such is Dixey.

In taking Shakespeare's sublime soliloquy of the "Seven Ages" as a groundwork for a combined burlesque, satire, comedy and caricature, the architect has been most clever. The theme implies it is such, and as such Dixey gives it. With the innocence of childhood, the vanity of the lover, the valor of the soldier, the pompousness of justice, and as the decrepit centurion Dixey renders it. He acts it. He costumes it. And if any exception were taken to his performance it would be in its first part, and that would be on account of the strength of the last act. He has the play costumed brilliantly and each scene is filled with appropriate stage setting. The strongest character in his support is Mr. Herbert Gresham, who as the Scholar Van Wart played the butt of school life almost to perfection, received that due allotment of chastisement on every occasion he was provoked with our young English friend. While speaking of this, the school room scene comes before one as a choice remembrance of hours and days spent between the extremes of judgment—the certainty of punishment. Mr. Dixey has, throughout the entire cast, such as will please an audience the most critical, but by his production of his latest burlesque deserves the reputation which preceded him. It is impossible to individualize the cast in one short notice or speak of the innumerable incidents of the play. Suffice it to say that the very large audience was thoroughly pleased, and the entertainment is bound to run through the week to a large business.

Dixey as a Saint.

After a vain endeavor to break the bank. After repeated efforts, each resulting in failure, to take from the dealer that which some equally unfortunate speculator had dropped. After distributing the earnings of many sessions in a vain endeavor to just one more place for that more by chance Dixey, Dixey with the sleight-of-hand, Dixey of the call, Dixey stops, and as a natural consequence he also stops his career with the full earnings of over $30,000. He likes the success and he likes his new hat, he will stick to it not only now, but also next season, and with good weather and fair winds probably a season more. Those who know Dixey will know what his charge means.

At Jacobs & Sparrow's.

There was a good-sized house at this popular theatre last night to witness "Our Malindy." It is of the laughable kind, the old negro life in the south being prominent. The bright things in it, the author, Walter Fletcher, as "Appetite Bill," has reserved for himself. There also is a very clever and sparkling soubret in the person of Miss Jennie Whitbeck, who sang and danced herself into favor. The "Appetite Bill" of Walter Fletcher was a clever piece of character acting, and Add Weaver's impersonation of the old "coon" servant was most satisfactory. There will be a matinee this afternoon.

Academy of Music.

Considerable interest is centered in the appearance at the Academy of Music to-morrow and Thursday evenings of the celebrated Fitzsimmons, the champion middleweight of the world, in that bright and amusing comedy, "Fashions," written by America's greatest author, H. Grattan Donnelly, author of "Under the Natural Gas," "Late Lamented," and the latest success, "Ship Ahoy!" The company numbers 21 persons, picked from the best companies in America. The play is of three acts, and in the last act a three-round glove-contest for points will take place between Robert Fitzsimmons and Billy Poole in character. The sale of seats opened at the box office, when a large number of tickets were sold.

Robinson's Mec Theatre.

The National Comedy Company is the attraction at this popular theatre this week. Prof. McGuire does some clever tricks with the sword cutting in two apples held in the hand and on the back of the neck of an assistant. Alf Christie and Miss Jennie Pearl introduce some amusing duet songs. The Murray brothers dance in capital style a number of Scotch dances, including the sword dance. The Hazelmore Family, especially the youngest member, a lad of 8, give a clever and amusing musical performance. The performance concludes with some very bright and witty specialties by Walters, Gray and Llewellyn.

In the lecture hall is that great natural curiosity, Rose, half woman, half ostrich, and the wonderful musical lion, Bonney, the musical Albino, imitates a number of birds and animals, besides playing Scotch airs on the bagpipes.

E. H. Sothern Coming.

The eminent comedian, E. H. Sothern, in his new play, "The Maiden of Woodbarrow," will be the attraction at the Grand Opera House the first three nights of next week.

$1000 Per Night.

Taking into consideration that the Philharmonic Society had to pay no less a sum than $3000 for two performances to one man alone, to say nothing of the other artists, this is a practical guarantee that the artists secured for the concerts of April 6 and 7 are of the highest order of excellence. Mr. Charles Santley, the greatest living baritone, is particularly under mention in this notice. His rendering of the solos in the "Elijah" are said by competent judges to be without rival.

Amusement Notes.

The much-talked-of benefit to Manager Greene and Treasurer Strauss of the Academy will take place next week. It promises to be one of the theatrical events of the season.

Dineen's $3 Hats.

This firm started out about five years ago with a specialty hat of the very latest style and made from a quality of felt that was guaranteed to give satisfaction at $3. The popularity of this hat is unprecedented. The sales have been doubled every season and this year the stock which is now open represents the very newest shape—it is known as the Dineen Hat, their dye is stamped on lining. Dineen says if you want a really good hat, buy one of those, the store is on corner King and Yonge-streets.

"La Cadena!"

The success that has crowned our efforts to place before the public a really fine, sweet, mild and mellow Cigar has been much greater than anticipated. Our "La Cadena" brand can better be appreciated by those smokers who have been in the habit of smoking fine "Vueltos" Cigars of well-known and reliable Havana factories, inasmuch as they can more readily appreciate and enjoy them than those who have been accustomed to the heavier grades of tobaccos that are used in the manufacture of the majority of the imported Cigars brought into this market.

Extended a Call.

BELLEVILLE, March 30.—Rev. Dr. George, pastor of the John-street Presbyterian Church, and formerly of Toronto, has been offered the pastorate of