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A NEW MONTHLY MAGAZINE.

Neith is the name of a new magazine to be issued monthly in this city, the first number to come out in January. It will contain about 50 pages devoted to editorial, special articles, poetry and literary notes. Among the contributors for the January number are Rev. W. O. Raymond, Rev. F. Gaynor, Rev. Dr. Wilson, Dr. W. P. Dole, Hon. E. A. McKeown, K. C., Charles Campbell, and George G. Walker. It will be edited by a well-known scholar and critic.

DR. JOSEPH PARKER DEAD.

LONDON, Nov. 28.—Dr. Joseph Parker, for 30 years minister of the City Temple, who had been seriously ill for some time past, died this afternoon. Doctor Parker was one of the world's most famous divines and England's greatest Non-Conformist preacher. Doctor Parker was born at Hexam-on-Tyne, April 9, 1830, and was educated at University College, London. He had been settled in London since 1860.

ANOTHER ABATTOIR.

The St. John Abattoir Company, Ltd., will apply to the slaughter house commission at its meeting on Friday for permission to erect a modern abattoir and a license to allow it to slaughter animals. The company proposes to erect a modern abattoir outside the city limits on land contiguous to the I. C. R.

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WORK TOGETHER.

Scheme for Church Federation Proposed by Evangelical Alliance.

Dr. Fotheringham Says it Will Solve Boy Problem Better Than Any Other Plan—His Objections to Playgrounds, Compulsory Education and City Missions.

The Evangelical Alliance in regular session this morning adopted a resolution favoring the federation of city churches for the better prosecution of the work that comes under their province. While no definite steps were taken toward such organization, the committee having the matter in charge have been instructed to carry the matter forward, and later, when further details are secured from similar federations in the States, it is probable that the plan as sketched below will be carried out.

In presenting the report of the committee appointed to consider the scheme of church federation Rev. Dr. Fotheringham spoke of the desirability of closer co-operation among the various churches for obtaining the best results in Christian work. There were already in St. John several inter-denominational organizations all doing good work and it was not proposed to federate the churches as such for the systematic carrying out of organized territorial work. The speaker told of the origin and growth of such federation in the States. In all, he said, denominationalism was respected and no interference was made with the individual work of any church. The plan in outline consisted of having all organized bodies existing for the good of the communities in a certain district represented in a council which should direct the work of these districts. Each church in the district should elect two delegates to act with their pastor and these accredited delegates with representatives from sympathetic organizations should form a council a part of whose duties it would be to thoroughly canvass the district and obtain all information regarding the church and Sunday school connection of every person in it and have the non-church goers assigned to the care of some pastor who in a measure would be morally responsible for them thereafter.

Dr. Fotheringham thought that such a federation was practicable and desirable in St. John. It would afford one of the solutions of the boy problem. None of these offered so far had been adequate. Public playgrounds had been suggested. They would be good places to keep decent boys away from. They could not help becoming hot beds of profanity and other vices. Compulsory education was a good scheme on the face of it, but there were many objections to it. For instance, if a compulsory law were in force how could a teacher expel a boy who became incorrigible. And if boys like those in the tanyard gang were made to fill the public schools the children of more careful parents would be removed to private schools.

All such schemes, he said, had sufficient drawbacks to prevent their endorsement by the Alliance. The most of the trouble was really in Godless homes and here the proposed federation would do the most good. It would put an end to independent mission work which was generally disappointing in its results. There was no need for missions in St. John, he said. There were enough churches to do the work. Missions did not tend to cultivate a habit of reverence nor to establish any permanent church connections. The proposed federation would do all their work with none of their drawbacks. He moved the following resolution:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Alliance much good could be accomplished by a cordial and organized co-operation of the several evangelical churches of the city, especially in the direction of searching out and looking after non-church goers.

Therefore, Resolved that a committee be appointed consisting of representatives of each denomination to collect information in regard to the success of church federation in the United States, to publish such information when obtained, inviting discussion of the same, and to formulate a practical scheme, such as a federation of the St. John churches for discussion at the next regular meeting.

After a brief speech from Rev. W. O. Raymond, who was in accord with the spirit of the plan, the resolution was carried and the committee which prepared it was instructed to go forward with the matter.

The meeting was well attended. Rev. Dr. Fotheringham presided and delegated the chair to Rev. Dr. Gates while he was presenting his report.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

Pro. Castro of Venezuela has practically agreed to the demands of Great Britain and Germany, and a peaceful settlement seems assured.

The United States estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1903, for government services, are \$30,000,000,000, a decrease of \$1,000,000,000 from the appropriations for the previous year.

The American liner St. Louis arrived at New York today after a very stormy passage. One seaman was washed overboard and drowned. The Boer general Viljoen was a passenger.

KILLED THEIR CHILDREN

In Order to Get Their Life Insurance.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30.—After a long investigation into the cause of the death of James Williams, aged nine years, and her three year old sister, Josephine, on October 21 and 22 respectively, the police authorities have deemed it proper to detain the parents of the children. The police claim the children were poisoned. Williams and his wife deny their guilt. Both the dead children were insured, the elder for \$150 and the other for \$30.

DEXTER, Me., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Hattie L. Whitten, arrested yesterday on suspicion of having poisoned her nine year old daughter from whose funeral she had just returned, committed suicide today by hanging, while in the custody of Deputy Curtis. Mrs. Whitten also was accused of having caused the death of an eleven year old daughter, who died suddenly September 18th, last. The deaths of the children were given in the certificates as meningitis and heart failure, respectively. It is pointed out that Mrs. Whitten's husband died suddenly two years ago. Both the dead children were insured, the sums aggregating \$141.

A BRAVE YOUTH

Lost His Life But Foiled the Bank Robbers.

LAFORT, Ind., Nov. 30.—Wesley Reynolds, aged 16, employed as clerk in the bank at Westville, in this county, was shot and killed at an early hour this morning by robbers who had broken into the bank and were about to blow open the safe and were about to examine the premises. More than twenty shots were exchanged. From the trail of blood left by the robbers it is believed one of the men was wounded. Sheriff Small and a posse of men are scouring the country for the men. A reward of \$1,000 has been offered for the apprehension of the robbers. Pinkerton detectives are also working on the case.

Reynolds received three bullet wounds, one through the head, the second through the neck and the third through the heart.

KILLED HIS WIFE

And Forged a Letter Saying She Had Taken Poison.

ELWOOD, Ind., Nov. 30.—Mrs. Charles Dubois, a bride of but a few months, was found dead in her room late yesterday afternoon with a bottle of carbolic acid lying at her side and a note in which she stated her intention of taking her life. An autopsy was held last night and no poison was found in her stomach. The side of her head was crushed, apparently by the blow of a blunt instrument. The coroner held an inquest today which led to the arrest of Charles Dubois, the husband of the dead woman, who is charged with her murder. After his arrest Dubois made a partial confession.

RIGHT ABOUT FACE.

Irish Parliamentary Party Assent to Views of Heirarchy.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—In deference to the strong view of the Irish hierarchy voiced by Archbishop Walsh and others in their protests against the Nationalist members of parliament abstaining from supporting the Nationalist bill, John Redmond, the Irish parliamentary leader, has sent a letter to the members of his party notifying them to be in readiness to return to the house of commons immediately if summoned after the bill passes the house of lords.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—Maritime—Fresh to strong northerly winds, cloudy; local showers or sleet; Tuesday, northerly and northerly winds; cloudy and a little clearing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1.—Forecast—Eastern states and New York: Partly cloudy tonight, warmer in interior; Tuesday, partly cloudy, probably rain or snow in north and rain in interior of South portion, variable winds.

WHAT BAPTISTS HOLD.

The second in the monthly series of talks on "What Baptists Hold," will be given this evening in the vestry of Leinster Street Baptist church at 8 o'clock, by Rev. Alex. White on "The Untrammeled Interpretation of the Bible." The public are heartily invited.

A WEEK IN A NIGHT.

Under this title the young people of Brunswick street Baptist church intend giving a novel entertainment tonight and tomorrow night, in the vestry of the church. The idea is to represent the days of the week in booths and sell articles appropriate to the days they represent. Those in charge of the booths are as follows:

Sunday—Mrs. Nobles and Miss Marsh, assisted by Misses Daniels, Burpee and Cameron, and Messrs H. Nobles and S. Riley.
Tuesday—Misses Park and Stillwell, assisted by Misses Rice and A. Plummer and Messrs Wallace and Allwood.
Wednesday—Messrs. Hoar, Belger and Beland, assisted by Misses McKay and Dunn and Messrs. Waring and Belyea.
Thursday—Mrs. Waring assisted by Misses Smith and Goodwin, assisted by Misses Layton, Clarke, Nobles and Blanche and Messrs. R. Stillwell and W. Hopper.
Friday—Misses Corvan, Titus and Marsh, assisted by Messrs. G. Hoyt, A. Stillwell and G. Smith.
Saturday—Misses McElroy and Miss Elliott, assisted by Miss McElroy, Kavanaugh and Clarke and Messrs. Hurd, Eley and H. Dykman.

The vestry has been tastefully decorated for the occasion, and a musical programme arranged for each evening.

CIRCUIT COURT.

Circuit court, adjourned since Friday, resumed this afternoon, when the case of Smith v. Cushing again comes up. The evidence in this case is practically all in, and it will probably be concluded today.

HIS ONLY CHANCE

Frank Higgins's Life Hangs on the Clemency of the Crown.

Mr. Mullin Decides Not to Appeal to Supreme Court—Summary of Evidence Which Minister of Justice Will Consider—Youth the Only Extenuation.

The only thing which can now save Frank Higgins from the rope in the shadow of which he lies, is the mercy which it is the prerogative of the crown to exert in cases where circumstances seem to call for that mercy.

For his counsel, D. Mullen, K. C., who has earnestly and ably conducted his case since his arrest, has thrown up the fight. He worked him all through the big trial, he carried the case to the high court of the province and there presented it so strongly that even he could not sway the bench to grant his appeal. He won the mind of one of the justices. This gave him the right to carry the appeal to the supreme court of the dominion and it has been understood that this would be done.

But yesterday Mr. Mullin announced that no further appeal would be taken. Seen today he would give no reason for dropping the case at this stage. He said he had been in no direct communication with the authorities at Ottawa. When Mr. Higgins, Frank's father, was told of Mr. Mullin's decision, he said:

"Well, I have done all I could. I went to the end of my means and now I suppose the sentence will be carried out. I had hoped an appeal would be taken. Mrs. Higgins saw Mr. Mullin, Saturday, but he did not say then whether there would be an appeal or not." Mr. Higgins did not express any very strong hope that clemency would be shown, but was inclined to think that his boy would have a better chance of being shown mercy now than if the case was again appealed and lost.

Despatches from Ottawa indicate that the department of justice is still considering the case and that the general impression is that the law will be allowed to take its course. The only extenuating consideration the minister of justice can have is the youth of the prisoner. Against this will be weighed the vast mass of evidence which caused the jury to pronounce him guilty. This may be briefly summarized as follows:

The evidence disclosed:

That the body of the victim was found on the Monday after the Friday on which the murder took place.

That the two boys present at the murder returned to the city, and to all appearances, so far as the evidence disclosed, followed their usual avocations till the body was discovered, and in fact till the following Friday when they both took the train for Portland, Me. They were intercepted at Vanceboro, and brought back to the city and lodged in jail, and when arrested on the train he (Higgins) was told what he was arrested for, and that he was handcuffed to Goodspeed on the way to St. John.

That both Higgins and Goodspeed had a number of companions who congregated often at one or two places convenient to them in the city, and spent much of their time together and that this companionship was not broken after the murder.

That both Goodspeed and Higgins and several of their companions had before been implicated in the commission of crimes; and that the fact of such participation in crime was not unknown to them and to at least several of their companions, if not all of them.

That after the murder the prisoner was questioned as to the absence of the murdered man and answered falsely.

That he frequented his home and kept companionship with his father and mother.

That he visited the dead body at the morgue.

That he first said he did not know the body, then he identified it as the body of Willie Doherty, his former companion in crime.

That he was told by his companions that some circumstances looked bad for him.

That he read the newspapers giving an account of the proceedings being had and the information imparted to the authorities.

That he sought to get denied a piece of published information that told against him, though he knew it to be true.

That he even threatened violence if it was not denied.

That he told the victim's father when asked about Doherty, that his son had likely gone to Springfield.

That he several times told falsehoods when questioned about it as to the last time he had seen the victim.

That he took an assumed name when he left for the States.

That he persisted in declaring himself other than he was, after he was interrogated on the fact that he was in the name of Marshall on the train he told his interrogator it was none of his business.

That he kept in the closest companionship with Goodspeed, whom, on the trial, in his evidence, he charged with having committed the murder.

That he arranged the details with Goodspeed as to the deception to be practised to get away from the authorities.

That at the request of Goodspeed he searched for hidden money concealed by Goodspeed, to be used in their flight.

That he was several times questioned, before the finding of the body, by the authorities as to his knowledge of the



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habits of the murdered man and of his companions.

That he told on being questioned concerning it, that he would assist the authorities in finding out the guilty party if he received any information.

That being afterwards questioned if he had any information on the subject he said he had not.

That on Tuesday he was told by Goodspeed that he, Goodspeed, would tell them he, Higgins, shot Doherty.

That he was told by Goodspeed that the evidence would get them caught in a lie, as to the last time they had seen Doherty, and that he and Goodspeed then agreed to change their story as to the last time they had seen the victim alive.

That he admitted having said to a companion that if he thought he would get into trouble about carrying the revolver he might go away.

That he swore having admitted to a companion that he had a revolver in the graveyard when Doherty was there, and that it looked bad.

That he admitted having asked some of the companions who knew he had a revolver, to say he had not a revolver.

That he became aware that Goodspeed had charged him with the murder, and after all these opportunities to tell what he knew of the murder, he swore he had been silent on the subject of the commission of the murder to everybody but to his counsel.

POINTER FOR TORONTO.

A despatch about the recent fire in Bathurst, is headed by the Toronto Mail and Empire "320,000 fire in St. John, N. B."

The Mail and Empire is requested to take note of the fact that almost the whole length of the Province of New Brunswick lies between Bathurst and St. John. If there are no photographs in Toronto the St. John city council will no doubt forward one on receipt of a request from any newspaper in that village.

The Sharon and Union Steel companies of Pennsylvania have announced that the Union Steel Co., with capital of \$30,000,000.

She—I hope your very polite to papa, dear?

He—Indeed I was, I gave him a cordial invitation to make his house my home.