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QUE.—Can the paymaster of a battalion withhold government pay from an enlisted member to satisfy a debt contracted on an unlicensed pool table in a gambling den? **ANS.**—No. 2. Would the debt be classed as a gambling debt? **ANS.**—No. 3. Can government pay be withheld to satisfy a legal debt? **ANS.**—No.

IAN MACLAREN'S VIEWS.

Dr. John Watson (Ian MacLaren) has declined the call to Kensington Presbyterian Church, London. In addressing his people on the subject, which he did at some length, he told them that he should state with all frankness the two strong convictions which had led him to consider the desirability of a change. One was that after any man had ministered to a congregation as large as his for seventeen years, it is almost necessary for him to be released and to begin afresh elsewhere. His leisure hours he had given to writing, so that he had been working every hour from Sunday to Sunday, with no break. Although his visit to America had wonderfully revived him, he had found the strain very heavy. "No one who is not a preacher," said he, "can ever imagine the agony of production. To preach to the same people three times a week, and to depend upon so feeble, and in my case, so slow an instrument as the brain—how can one continue without losing power and becoming stale and unprofitable? What a relief to begin again, to recast and improve one's message for unaccustomed ears and new hearts." The other conviction was that the people would be the better for a change. But Dr. Watson found that the Sifton Park congregation will be likely to consider measures of relief so that their pastor will not long be burdened with the preparation of three discourses a week.

DEATH OF A FORMER LONDONER

Mr. John G. Chick, of Rockford, Ill., who had many friends in this part of the country, died quite suddenly after an illness of six weeks. The trouble was chronic bronchitis, complicated by an attack of Bright's disease. Mr. Chick was born in Devonshire, England, on Nov. 14, 1853, and when a youth of 16 he came to Canada, and learned the mill business. In this land, on Nov. 14, 1885, when he went to Rockford, Ill., where he followed the milling business up to the time of his death, having two of the largest flour mills in that city. Mr. Chick leaves a wife and two daughters to mourn the loss of a beloved husband and father. He also leaves two sisters, Mrs. Jas. Dunn and one brother, Mr. Thos. Chick, of Rockford, Ill.

GOOD TIME AT LIDERTON.

On Tuesday evening a very successful tea meeting and entertainment was held in Liderton in connection with the Church of England. More than 400 people sat down to tables overflowing with the good things provided by the ladies of the congregation. The talent and scholarship of London was well represented. The Rev. Prof. Burgess of the Western University, genial in presence and well-timed in remarks occupied the chair. The Rev. Canon MacLaren, of the Memorial Church, delivered a kindly address, and a kindly address was given by Miss Sheldon, of the Conservatory. The music, sung by the audience with her attractive manner and pleasing recitations. With her art and her natural gifts, it is no wonder that Miss Sheldon is a favorite. Mrs. H. de M. Harvey, one of London's best known actresses, rendered her part of the programme with splendid ability.

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FAIR WEATHER.

Toronto, Jan. 6-11 p.m.—The low area, which was moving southeast from Manitoba last night is now north of the lower lake region. It still shows signs of increasing in energy, and will probably move to the Maritime Provinces as a shallow depression. Another low area now in the Northwest is likely to be over the lakes on Saturday. Light local rain and snow has fallen in Ontario. The weather is comparatively mild throughout the Dominion. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Esquimaux, 24-44; Kamloops, 23-34; Calgary, 12-44; Edmonton, 11-28; Qu'Appelle, 6-23; Winnipeg, 6-18; Port Arthur, 24-34; Harry Sound, 26-36; Toronto, 22-38; Ottawa, 14-32; Montreal, 15-30; Quebec, 6-30; Chatham, 10 below-22; Halifax, 14-24.

Probabilities: Toronto, Jan. 7-1 a.m.—Winds mostly westerly; fair; stationary or a little lower temperature. Local Temperatures: The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory here yesterday were 35 and 24.5 above.

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News About Town.

—Mr. E. H. Macpherson, city editor of the Saginaw Courier-Herald, is in London, visiting a relative who is ill.

—Books and pamphlets of every description printed neatly and on short notice at Advertiser Job Printing Department.

—A. B. Munson, 30 degrees, T.P.G.M., London Lodge of Perfection, spoke at the Scottish Rite banquet in Hamilton on Tuesday night, and had a very warm welcome.

—The remains of the infant child of Mr. Jos. Allen, of London, was taken to Springfield for interment on Wednesday. Mrs. Allen is a daughter of Mrs. Geo. Udell, of Springfield.

—Mrs. J. K. Hutchinson, of Norfolk, Neb., is visiting her mother and brother in Westminster, besides calling on numerous friends in various districts through the township and vicinity.

—Many friends of Miss Elsie A. Skinnings, the well-known Godefrich student, regret to hear that she recently fell on a slippery sidewalk and dislocated her wrist. She is now recovering.

—At the request of Mayor Little Mr. P. W. D. Brodick and Mr. J. D. Clark summed up the returns relating to the hospital levy, as compiled by City Clerk Kingston, and found the figures to be correct. This verification is called for by the act.

—Bro. R. J. Avery, of Stratford, D. G. M. of the I. O. O. F. for this district, with his staff of officers, visited this evening the officers of the four city lodges, Forest City, Eureka, Dominion and Thorndale, at the volunteers' Hall. After the installation ceremonies, the visiting brethren will be entertained in the camp room.

—At the meeting of No. 2 committee of the board of education last night, Mr. Bayly moved that the committee's appreciation of the chairman's services be placed on record, and it was carried unanimously. Mr. Burdick returned thanks and invited the committee to enjoy his hospitality. A number of accounts passed. There were present Messrs. Burdick (chairman), Wilkins, Evans, Greenlee and Dr. Campbell.

FLORIDA IN LONDON.

The Southern State Car Has Arrived. The beautiful exhibit attracts numerous visitors.

The State of Florida is splendidly represented by the specially constructed car now in the G. T. R. yards here, and the products of that beautiful country are displayed in a manner both pleasing and artistic. No one should miss taking in the sights prepared at such great expense. Bear in mind the alligators are firmly chained, so the splendid specimens of that large-mouthed saurian need have no terrors for the most timid man. The state products shown include all descriptions of fruits peculiar to Florida. Then there are panels of various Florida woods, views of Florida scenery, and a collection of Florida shells. Among the curios are specimens of a porcupine fish, a round ball of a creature, with spikes all over it, two eyes and a mouth; a model of a hyacinth, a beautiful fairy-like prehistoric creature, resembling a huge frog with a tall, which used to, before the flood, stand on its hind legs and bite off the tops of the palm trees; a gar fish, the nose of a sawfish, the original of which weighed 575 pounds, and countless other wonderful things that will delight every visitor. The car is sent out under the auspices of the state department of agriculture, and having been all over the United States, and doing the Grand Trunk system in Canada. Later on the Canadian Pacific will be thoroughly advertised the state and its products from one end of the country to the other, will have been fully carried out.

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and the applause which her solos elicited did as much honor to the people of Liderton and vicinity in testifying to their powers of appreciation as to the cultivated sweet singer herself.

The Rev. Mr. Garbutt, of Birr, and the Rev. Mr. Lawrence, of Yarnock, added much to the evening's enjoyment by characteristically pleasing addresses, and the high reputation of the local talent was admirably sustained by the singing of Mr. R. S. Robinson and Capt. Thomas Robson, and the whistling of Mr. Charles Goulding. All these gentlemen called forth a hearty and unreserved applause in fact, exemplary order, undivided attention, genuine good feeling, numerous encores and vociferous bursts of applause were features of the evening. The receipts were not announced, but must have been between \$70 and \$80.

A GREAT DEMAND FOR BOOKS.

Meeting of the Public Library Board—Interesting Report—304 Volumes Given Out Daily.

The librarian's report, presented last night at the regular meeting of the Free Library board, showed a great demand for literature. It was as follows:

Circulation for five weeks ending Dec. 31, 1897, was: Adult fiction, 4,818; juveniles, 1,546; miscellaneous, 1,530, and magazines, 1,466; total, 9,350.

Average circulation of books per day, 208; average circulation of magazines per day, 56½; total, 264½.

Receipts for December: Sale of cards, \$1.15; sale of catalogues, \$3.70; time \$20.24; books lost, \$2.25; books damaged, \$1.15; incidentals, \$1.30; total, \$30.59. Average fine per card, 10 cents.

New cards issued for December, 22; cards issued to date, 5,354.

Three rhymic verse works donated by Charles A. Colt were acknowledged with thanks.

About \$2,000 worth of new books will be purchased.

The finance committee's report recommended payment of the following accounts: Field Bros. & Co., \$13.34; Book Supply Company, \$172.26; W. J. Wallis, \$89.41; water commissioners, \$8; Lion Electric Light Company, \$28.99; Catholic Record, \$52; John Mills, \$40.67; James Reid & Co., \$3.23; Bell Telephone Company, \$12.50; petty accounts, \$3.93—\$323.63.

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It is not generally known that the phonograph has now been adopted by one of the largest hospitals in the south of London. It is used in cases of epilepsy, and the patient in coming into the hospital is requested to speak into the instrument. During his stay in the hospital, his voice is recorded again at intervals, say, of a fortnight, until his cure is complete.

In this manner his utterance at different periods are compared, and the doctor is thus enabled to ascertain whether the patient is making any improvement or the reverse. Also messages are sent from patients in fever wards to their friends in the out-patients by means of the phonographic cylinders. These messages could not be transmitted through the medium of the post, as that is calculated to carry the infection.

There are now no fewer than 25 phonographs in use among the leading firms of solicitors in Lincoln Inn Fields. These are used by clients who are unable to see the solicitor. So that instead of waiting perhaps hours in the hope of seeing him personally, they state their business in the phonograph and depart. When he has leisure, the solicitor examines the phonographic record, and advises accordingly.

The phonograph is now used by several barristers, including two or three Q. C.'s. If by any chance their short-hand clerk should not happen to be at hand, and they wish to state a lengthy "opinion," they dictate it into the phonograph, the clerk taking it down in long hand afterwards.

The members of the staff of one of our leading weeklies invariably record their articles into the phonograph, the cylinders then being taken straight to the printers and their contents put into type.

The phonographic company also engage the services of leading vocalists at the stipulated rate of 25s. for eight songs, which have to be sung into the instrument. No fewer than thirty "records" can be taken at one time if needed.

A new use for the phonograph was discovered a few years back by W. S. Penley, in the amusing comedy, "The Judge." Every night during the progress of the piece the shrill cries of a baby had to be heard by the audience, and it was found impossible to guarantee that a real live infant would always cry at the right moment. Therefore, for the comedy, the services of the management, after much trouble, selected a baby with a tremendously powerful pair of lungs, whose wailings, after being once duly recorded, were transmitted by the phonograph to amuse the audience for many nights afterward.—Tid-Bits.

THE LANGUAGE OF EDEN.

The Scottish Highlanders have always been firmly convinced that Adam and Eve used "Gaelic," and it is gratifying to find that philologists, who grow wiser, are coming round to the same opinion. It is true that they have made a wrong guess as to the language of the human race.

The latest deliverance on the subject, if it does not altogether silence the skeptics and scoffers who derided this article of Highland faith, ought to at least make them give pause. Dr. Lassen, a distinguished German Orientalist and philologist, has declared Gaelic to be a "contemporary or derivative of the Prakrit, closely allied to the spoken language out of which Sanskrit became a written language."

Clearly this points in the direction of the Highland contention, and the present acknowledgment, therefore, although tardy, and not, perhaps, quite so full as might be desired, will no doubt be welcome.

But Gaelic has another distinction. It is, as even the Sassenach knows, the language to swear in. "The distinction, however, is that one does not quite harmonize with the theory of its Paraisitica origin—Scottish Gaelic can.

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CURIOUS CONTENTION.

Queen Victoria Not a Confirmed Member of the Church of England.

A writer in the Century Magazine makes this statement: "Curiously enough, neither the birth, baptism nor confirmation of Queen Victoria is a matter of public record."

A communication in the Press, of Philadelphia, also referring to this matter, says: "Considerable sensation has been created in Great Britain, especially among the members of the Established Church, who constitute the vast majority of the people of the United Kingdom, by the discovery that no record exists either of the baptism or the confirmation of Queen Victoria, who is the supreme head of that church."

"That is a very important matter, and, many directions, far-reaching fact, it may seem strange that no such record was made, or, if made, cannot be found. In the absence of such record, there is no evidence that the head of the Church of England is a confirmed member of it."

History may probably furnish an easy solution of the apparently difficult problem.

It is well known that the Queen is a descendant of the German House of Hanover. She was the niece of William IV., who preceded her as ruler of England. Her father was the Duke of Kent, who, with the duchess, removed from Germany but shortly before the birth of Victoria. When Victoria was only a year old her father died, and she was said to be an orphan.

2. The progenitor of the House of Hanover was a man of such religious life as to be called "William the Pious." His father, it is recorded, sat under the preaching of Dr. Martin Luther, and the son was said to be an ardent follower of the great reformer.

3. This stream of pious blood, as it were, continued in the Duke of Kent and continues in Queen Victoria. 4. The solution, then, of the apparent difficulty noted above, seems to be this: that the matter of the baptism, and of the confirmation, were not overlooked, or neglected, but that Victoria was baptized and confirmed—not in the Church of England, and hence no record—but in that of her father, the Church of the Reformation, the Lutheran, of which the ancestors and parents were devout members, and before she was thought of as Queen of England.

5. On this account her baptism and confirmation do not appear upon the records of the Established Church of England, but might be found on the records of the Lutheran Church.

SANDY'S WIVES.

Old Sandy McPherson had laid his third wife to rest in the village churchyard. It was the evening after the funeral, and the old man, who had come over to smoke a pipe and act as comforter. The two smoked in silence for some time, till at last the friend, whose mind had been busy with the fact that the three deceased ladies had all been "well-to-do," broke the silence. "I'm thinkin', Sandy," he said, "that ye maun have made a guld thing o' out o' 'thae wives o' yours.' Sandy smoked on for some time, sighed slowly, and answered: "Na, man, na. What w'd takin' them in an pitten them o' there haens been sae muckle profit ye w'd thinkin'."

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