

BANQUETTED 'EM.

Epworth Leaguers Entertain Mr. and Mrs. Kaburagi

Previous to Their Departure for the Mission Field in British Columbia—The Toasts.

The lecture room of the Methodist church was filled last evening with representatives from all the Epworth Leagues of the Chatham and Ridgeway districts. The occasion was the banquet tendered Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Kaburagi before their departure to their field of labor in British Columbia. The Epworth Leagues of these two districts have undertaken to continue the support of Rev. Mr. Kaburagi in his missionary work among the Japanese in that province.

Shortly after nine o'clock the company were invited to take their places at tables that spoke volumes for the zeal and taste of the young people of Park St. Methodist church. This part of the entertainment was under the special direction of Miss F. Massey, as convener of the social committee. She was ably assisted by Misses A. Humphrey, E. Turner, M. Turner, J. Redford, C. Gammon, G. Wanless, F. Tindall, I. Powell, C. Gill, D. Tarnish, and Messrs. J. Martin, J. Hillman, G. Adams, A. Snell, F. Sheldrick, G. James H. Westman, I. E. Brock and Earl Sheldrick.

After full justice had been done the dainties provided, W. Green, of Dresden, who held the toast list, proposed the first toast of the evening, "Our Queen," in connection with which he mentioned the name of Rev. Mr. Haylock, of Dover. Rev. Mr. Haylock, on rising, said: "When I tell you that I am the son of a soldier, born in the royal town of London, you will understand something of the feeling with which I respond to this toast of our white-soled and beloved Queen. I was born and brought up in the very metropolis of our empire, accustomed from my childhood to seeing the noblest woman of all the ages driving in and out among her people. It would have been the proudest moment of my life had I been permitted to serve her in her present war as chaplain of the Canadian contingent. But as such was not the case, I am ready to do what ever is best for my Queen and my country."

A selection from the Mandolin Club followed.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.
The chairman then called upon S. F. Gardner to propose the toast, "The Methodist Church," to which Rev. Dr. Hannan responded. He said: "The Methodist church had its birth in the heart of a young student, John Wesley, many years ago. From that time to this it has gone on increasing until now its influence is felt all over the world."

An instrumental solo by Miss Beate was next rendered in a delightful manner.

The toast, "The Epworth League," was proposed in connection with the name of Rev. Mr. Cobblehead, of Bathwell. Rev. Mr. Cobblehead said: "In proposing this toast the chairman referred to this branch of our church as the youngest daughter of the church, and fittingly so. She has come to fill a long felt want, and although she had to fight for her very life she stands before us to-day one of the strongest, if not the strongest, agent for the advancement of Christianity in our midst."

A vocal solo, "Good Night," by Miss Galloway, of Dresden, was loudly applauded. The next toast proposed was "Foreign Missions," responded to by C. A. Austin, of Chatham, and H. Wallace, of Dresden. Mr. Austin said the Epworth League had made foreign missions a special feature of their work and had decided that the only way to give it a firm basis was by systematic giving. What is now known as the "Forward Movement" was nothing more than an attempt to put our foreign work on as firm a financial basis as our local work.

A flute solo by Earl Sheldrick very appropriately varied the program at this juncture.

THE GUEST OF THE OCCASION.

The chairman then called on Rev. Mr. Kaburagi, who arose amid great applause. The reverend gentleman thanked the different leagues for their kindness and hospitality. At the conclusion of his remarks he was presented with a bouquet of flowers by Miss Weaver, of the Junior League.

The officers of the League, to whom is due a great measure of the success of the banquet, are:
President—Mr. Austin.
First Vice-President—Mr. Westman.
Second Vice-President—Miss Gammon.
Third Vice-President—Mr. Brock.
Fourth Vice-President—Miss Massey.
Secretary—W. Shillington.

Among those present from a distance were Rev. and Mrs. McTavish, Miss Weekes, Glenice; Rev. and Mrs. Galloway, Miss Galloway, Master Galloway, Mr. Wallace, Miss McKellar, Dresden; Mr. W. Green, Florence; Rev. and Mrs. Vance, Haffmans; Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, Raleigh; Rev. Mr. Haylock, Mitchell's Bay.

There were also present from the city the officers of Victoria Avenue League.

The S. O. E. B. S. held their usual weekly meeting in the Oddfellows' hall, Bro. James J. Couzens in the chair. There was a large gathering of the brethren to greet his worship, Bro. T. A. Smith, on his return from Buffalo and other parts in the interests of the city. In his speech, we were gratified to hear, we are gaining the sympathy of the United States in the hour of our need. A large number of tickets have been sold for our annual supper at the Idlewild Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 7. Some of the Grand Lodge officers will attend. Two members were proposed. Bro. T. W. Smythe was declared off the lodge, although not exactly well.

T. H. Scott, of St. Thomas, states that he has assisted and delivered to H. A. Dawson, of Wheatley, a trio of his best Buff Rocks, three cocks, which were shown at the Western Fair, London, and also two of his very best pullets, first prize winners at the same fair.

Gordon's Annual December Clearing Sale

As in the past, we again close up the year (and the century) with our Annual Clearing Sale of heavy seasonable merchandise, at such reductions in price as will insure us against carrying these goods over. It will pay you to read our descriptions and quotations below:

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Our collection of Fine Blk. Dress Goods of which we made a notable offering a few weeks since is so unusual that we again call your attention to them as just the thing for present wear or Christmas gifts. See our further reduction to clear:

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42 inch Fancy Silk and Wool Goods, 50c, now.....25c
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\$1.00 quality.....\$1.00
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School Boys' Tweeds, to clear them out
Now 25c
500 yds all Linen Towelings, 16, 18, and 19 in. reg. value 6, 7 and 8c,
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Men's Heavy Ribbed Wool Undershirts
50c and 60c, to clear,
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1 case, 2000 yds. English Prints, dark and light colors, 8c and 10c,
Now 7c

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30 inch special Shaker Flannels, 5c and.....5c yd
Wrapperettes in variety, 9c and 10c goods, now.....6c yd
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Canton Flannels, heavy, from 18c to.....5c yd

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10 only Ladies' Jackets at \$1.00 each. 10 only Coats at.....\$1.50 each
Ladies' Jackets, all-wool fringes, fawn, black or white.....\$2.75
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Ladies' Jackets, black, all-wool curl, velvet collar, misses' and ladies, all sizes.....\$2.75
Ladies' Jackets, fawn and brown beavers, mercurized lined through, large good button.....\$2.75
Ladies' Jackets, fawn beaver, pearl buttons, raised seams, new collar, round front.....\$2.75
Ladies' Jackets, covert cloth, silk faced, dip front, new sleeves.....\$2.75
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A MISTAKE SOMEWHERE.

To the Planet.—You stated last night that the firemen said they got the correct time daily from the C. P. R. office. Now it is most unfortunate that your reporter so misunderstood the firemen, because it might lead the people to suppose that they (the firemen) were given to day dreaming and really thought they got the time as often as stated. As a matter of fact, they do not only not get the time every day, but not even once a week, from the C. P. R. office. The reporters should really be more careful when quoting people. The one o'clock bell has just struck, and it is exactly 2 minutes and 9 seconds fast. (Some two months ago, for awhile, the bell was usually within 15 seconds of the correct time, but since then it has seldom been within a minute, and lately (last three weeks) not even within two minutes of the standard time. But then, this is Chatham, so "Don't you care."

Chatham, Dec. 1. TEMPUS.
While Minnie Kirkham, aged 14, of Bathurst station, near Perth, was playing with her little brother, they got hold of a load of gun. It was discharged. The girl's brains were blown out.

LOCAL BRIEFS

East Richard's Bread.
Over 140 vessels are delayed by the Soo blockade.

Miss Sarah McCaw, Wellington St., is visiting in Detroit.

The new styles of overcoat goods are shown in great variety by Gordon & Coyne.

Girls' Fancy Caps and Children's Tams; nice goods, 50c; just in at Ridley's.

P. J. O'Reilly, of the Detroit College of Dentistry, is visiting friends in the city.

Royal Navy, Britannia and Trafalgar sergeants; fine assortment of imported trousers, Gordon & Coyne's.

Rev. H. W. Locke left to-day for Exeter to preach anniversary sermons to-morrow.

Wear the Tiger Brand of Boys' Clothing at The 2 T's.

By the explosion of a lantern Dr. Anderson's stable at Belle River was burned. No insurance.

See those fine, rough cloth, velvet collar, Oxford Overcoats, cut from Roger Pette's New York patterns and manufactured by the Stratford Clothing Co., and for sale at Ridley's for \$10 each. The finest in the city.

C. P. R. agent Edward Downie reports that six special freights were made up at Chatham this week. There has been an exceedingly heavy and active shipping trade from here this fall.

Wear the Barrington hat, \$2.50. The 2 T's, sole agents.

The regular meeting of Wellington Lodge, No. 46, A. F. & A. M., G. R. C., will be held on Monday evening, and as the election of officers for the ensuing year will take place there should be a very large meeting. Visiting brethren are always welcome.

One of the greatest drawing cards of the season will be presented, Dec. 5th, at Victoria Ave. Methodist Church, Miss Gertrude Mae Swan will appear in her many different and brilliant styles of reading, assisted by the very best musical talent of Chatham.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Wm. Ferguson, of Harwich, will take place Sunday at 2 o'clock, to Maple Leaf cemetery. The Rev. Dr. Battisby will conduct the services. The pall bearers will be Neil McGeachy, R. J. McIntyre, M. J. Wilson, Jos. Zink, Jos. McGarvin, and Peter E. McKellar.

Miss Duran, the celebrated French Palmist and Life Reader, has arrived in the city and is located at 84 King St. east. She will read your past, present and future, as it appears in your palm. Miss Duran gives readings in English, French and German. Ladies, 50c; gentlemen, \$1, and will remain only until Monday evening next. Hours, 8 a. m. to 10 p. m.

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"A STRONG COMPANY."

Mr. Alfred Lee's company of comedians who appear at the Grand on Tuesday, Dec. 5th, in the clever comedy "The Bachelor's Baby," numbers among members several well known and popular play-ers. The cast is headed by Mr. Claude Keene, son of the famous tragedian, and Miss Grace MeLeod, who will be remembered for her excellent work in Charles Frohman's "The Lost Paradise." Other members of the cast are Ellen Boyer, Margaret Lee, Eugene Frederick, Geo. P. Bonner, John X. Morris, A. J. West, and Mr. Lee, making an unusually strong company.

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G. E. Young will have some oysters in the shell on Monday.

The city board of health will hold their regular meeting on Monday afternoon.

A Turkish Bath will break up that cold, and make you feel like attending to business.

A small black purse was lost by a child to-day on King St. The finder will confer a great favor by leaving it at this office.

The Turkish Bath House on Sixth St., is now open every evening. All the comforts of the most elaborate bath, with twice the attention that is given in the crowded baths of the larger cities, can be had here at a moderate cost.

John McColg, a popular member of the curling club, has returned to this city, the India, on which he was purser, having laid up at Buffalo. The India is a passenger boat running between Buffalo and Duluth.

Had she attempted another trip, she would have been laid up now above the Sault Saint Marie canal, owing to the blockade there.

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