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TO SETTLE STATUS OF TELEPHONE PURCHASE

Ontario Railway Board Will Hear Anguments On Blyth Case Today.

BLYTH, April 18.—The vexed question of whether the purchase of the Bell Telephone Company interests in Blyth by the Blyth Rural Company, was legal or not, is to be settled in Goderich on Monday, when the Ontario Railway Board will hear both sides and give its decision.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. McCaughey held a very successful dance at their home on Friday night. There was a record attendance and all had a most enjoyable time. The Clinton Orchestra furnished the music.

Trinity Church Dramatic Society put on the play, "The County Doctor," in Industry Hall, on Friday night, before a large and appreciative audience. The acting was very good, all those taking part doing exceptionally well for amateurs. Mrs. T. E. McTaggart and Messrs. A. M. Carthene and E. E. Robinson rendered some excellent musical selections. The receipts amounted to $62.75.

Although the weather still keeps cold, the farmers are starting to get on the land, and next week a great many of them will be at their seeding, as most of them had the land plowed last fall, which gives them a good start this spring.

Word was received in town on Friday of the death of Mrs. (Rev.) Cooper, of London. The remains arrived here on Saturday morning for burial.

The directors of the Blyth Agricultural Society held a special meeting last week for the purpose of electing a new secretary-treasurer to fill the position caused through the death of William Jackson.

James Cuming received the appointment.

The bowling club has appointed Joseph Carter as the caretaker of the green, and it has made a good selection. He is now busily engaged at leveling and seeding it, and if he is favored with good weather, it will not be long before he will have it ready to play on.

The sawmill finished this season's cut of logs on Friday.

LEASING FLAX LAND

East Williams Factory Has 300 Acres Under Bond Already— Ailsa Craig Plant Busy.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

EAST WILLIAMS, April 18.—Dan McKellar, manager of the local flax mill which has just been taken over by the Ontario Flax Company, of Toronto, from the Standard Flax Company of the same place, is busy leasing flax land. Nearly 300 acres have been placed under bond already, and another 100 and more will be added to this at once.

Owing to the condition of the money, flax and tow markets none of last year's crop at the Ailsa Craig factory was worked up, but the mill has again started running full time, and the staff is busily engaged in threshing the crop and spreading it out for the rotting process.

J. J. McNaughton is ploughing about seventeen acres on Dave Shirton's farm for the Ontario Flax Company.

THEATRE BURNED.

[Canadian Press.]

Paris, April 19.—A Havas dispatch from Madrid says the Comedia Theatre, one of the finest and most aristocratic playhouses in that city, was destroyed by fire yesterday.

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ENGLISHMEN PLAN MONSTER PARADE

Will Observe St. George's Day By Attending Cronyn Memorial In Body.

The members of St. George's English Benevolent Society, meeting in St. George's Hall, Richmond street, completed arrangements for an annual gathering of Englishmen on St. George's Day. Owing to the war it was unanimously decided not to hold the annual banquet this year, but to hold a monster church parade on Sunday, the 25th. Rev. R. W. Norwood has consented to conduct the services in the Memorial Church, corner of Queen's avenue and William street.

The various English societies will be asked to parade with flags and banners on Richmond street at the post-office in the afternoon. An open invitation to every English man, woman and child in the city to attend is extended. Arrangements will be made with local florists to have on sale on Friday, St. George's Day, a plentiful supply of roses at reasonable rates, so as to enable everyone to wear the national emblem of Old England on this occasion, it being felt by all that some special effort should be made this year in acknowledgment of the great work England and the Empire generally is engaged in.

The collection at the church service will be devoted to providing beds for wounded Canadian soldiers at Shorncliffe Camp, England. The military is to be invited to take part.

The meeting was a most enthusiastic one.

President Thomas Holmes, regimental sergeant-major of the 7th Regiment, occupied the chair. Those present included R. Cadwallader, secretary; Ronald R. A. Emery, Jas. Wilkins, Geo Benbow, Harry Benbow, E. Bugler, H. Fountain, Geo. White, H. Newman, Miss E. Penwarden, secretary Daughters of England; Mrs. L. Burt, Miss E. Bent, E. Andrews and Mrs. K. Vining.

WIPE OUT LIQUOR UNDER SOCIALISM

Would Go Farther Than Government Humbugging, Says Dr. Barklie.

"I believe that under Socialism, we would wipe out absolutely the liquor traffic. As long as it exists, men's minds will be held in thraldom. I don't refer to the petty, little, humbugging temperance measures introduced by the present Government. Under Socialism we will stop the traffic," said Dr. R. C. Barklie, speaking at the Socialist Lyceum in Sherwood Hall, Sunday afternoon. Replying to a "personal liberty" argument, he said no man had a right to train a rattlesnake to follow him down the street. Under the subject of "Sociological Problems," Dr. Barklie also spoke in favor of the abolition of child labor, the improvement of factory buildings, the reduction of the hours of labor and other humanitarian movements. Referring to old-age pensions, he said there was something of charity about them, and that under Socialism they would not be needed.

He did not believe that woman should be obliged to compete with man in the industrial and business world. Woman, he held to be physically and mentally not equal to man. The one essential duty of woman was motherhood.

The Lyceum is held under the auspices of the S.D.P., Local No. 44.

BREAD IS SCARCE.

[Canadian Press.]

Ancona Italy, via Paris, April 19.—Information received here from Fiume (the chief seaport of Hungary) is to the effect that the food shortage there is assuming serious proportions, especially the lack of bread. While the bread which is supplied costs sixteen cents a kilo (2¼ pounds), its chief ingredients are potatoes, barley and ground straw with a very little wheat.

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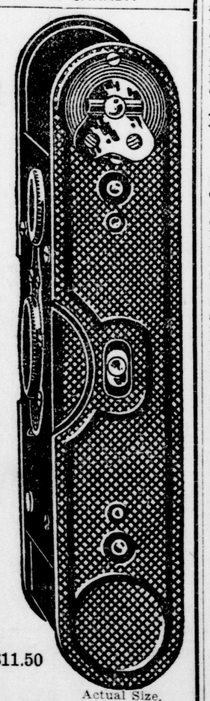

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INGRATITUDE MOST POPULAR SIN HERE

Rev. H. H. Bingham Speaks From Experience Gotten In This City.

CHURCHGOERS BORROW

But Those Who Did, Are Missing From Pews, Pastor Says.

Ingratitude.

That is the most popular sin in London today, declared Rev. H. H. Bingham, in the Talbot Street Church, Sunday night. The speaker listed intemperance, drunkenness, blasphemy, worldliness, and gossip as being terribly prevalent, but these, he said, were fortunately not popular.

"Ingratitude is the most popular sin in any community. Nine-tenths of any community fail in the matter of gratitude. There are eight millions of us in Canada, and we are mostly ingrates," said Mr. Bingham.

"Gratitude is not cultivated in the child. How can you expect it in the man? We are brought up to be forgetful. There are few persons in London who thank God for their daily meals. Perhaps if we had to eat war-bread, we would remember the better fare we used to enjoy, and be grateful. When our desires are achieved we forget to be grateful. When we get what we want, we think we have a perfect right to it.

"There are many people who used to come to this church every Sunday. Then they got out of work. They came to my house and borrowed money from me. Now I never see them in church any more. Perhaps that was a good way to get rid of them," the speaker remarked. "Give them a dollar or so, and then watch for their gratitude.

"But you can't pay all your obligations with dollars and cents; there are some things that are payable only in gratitude. Can we ever pay the debt we owe in gratitude to the boys who are at the front? The war tax will not begin to pay. Sometimes we make a man sit on a red-hot stove of embarrassment while we press him with our gratitude. That is not gratitude; we do well if he forgives us for that kind of thing. Gratitude in the homes is lacking. Too often there is a constant nagging between the husband and wife, and then the children begin to realize gratitude by its absence. There is the ingratefulness of sons and daughters who are breaking their mothers' hearts. Thank God that there are some children who are grateful to their parents, and who are paying a contribution to them in love. If there is any one on God's earth who deserves everlasting gratitude it is your loving mother and father. Nothing can gladden the heart and take the wrinkles from an aged face like the charm of gratitude."

Ingratitude to the church, the speaker dealt with in conclusion.

"You hear of it in the workshop all over. The ministers do nothing but draw a salary.' Show me one of those men," the speaker demanded, "and if he will follow me for a week, I'll give him a good, hard tussle. Real estate would be worthless in London if it were not for the church. The churches and their Christian influence make it possible for your daughter to walk on the streets unmolested; it stands for the blessings to mankind, and London as a monetary consideration would not be worth a quarter of what it is if it were not for the church and its influence."

Baptismal services were held immediately after the evening service, when three persons were made members of the church. The congregation was large, the church being filled to its capacity. Next Sunday evening the pastor, Rev. H. H. Bingham, preaches on the subject, "The Dancing Damsel."

LIFE AFTER DEATH, WHAT WILL IT BE?

"Life after Death," was the theme of Rev. R. W. Norwood's sermon at the Cronyn Memorial Church last evening, a result, he explained, of scores of questions he has been asked recently. He stated that he does not believe that the deaths are either immediately glorified or punished, but that there is an intermediate stage during which those who die good, reach an even higher stage of perfection. He believes, he said, that we shall know one another in the future life and that all the faculties that we have at present, we will still have only in an intensified state. The human ear he said can only hear certain sounds and the human eye is responsive only to certain vibrations. Our other faculties, which are similarly limited, will in the future life be unlimited. Heaven and hell, he thought, are both places. Only those who lead pure upright lives can hope to attain the perfection, which will enable them to qualify for a place in Heaven. All impurity and filth in human hearts can only be cleansed by living the Christ life. He urged young men especially to heed this.

Mr. Norwood announced a new departure in regard to his sermons in that he wants all members of the congregation to write him regarding questions they would like to have him discuss from the pulpit. If questions come in as he expects they will from his parishioners he hopes to preach a while series of special sermons on subjects suggested by his congregation.

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Canon Howett Foresees Them Driven From Empire They Now Hold.

PROPHECY COMING TRUE

Reassembling of Old Roman Empire, Not Including Germany, Predicted.

Rev. Canon Howett, of Hamilton, the speaker at a men's meeting in the Y. M. C. A. Auditorium on Sunday, sees in the war in Europe a gradual working out of Biblical prophecy. Many people had asked, he said, if the great struggle were not indeed Armageddon, but this he did not believe. Armageddon would be still more terrible and would involve every nation in the world, the East fighting the West. He did not believe, either, that the Kaiser was the anti-Christ or the Pope the False Prophet, although this possibly might be the case.

The speaker foresaw as the probable outcome of the war the re-assembling of the old Roman Empire, which included the provinces of Alsace and Lorraine, but not Germany, indicating that the latter would revert to France, with Ireland, which did not form a part of the Roman Empire, again out of the combination, and with Turkey driven out of Europe and Western Asia.

This result, he said, would fulfil the prophecy made by Daniel in his interpretation of Nebuchadnezzar's dream of the colossus with a head of gold, the arms and chest of silver, the trunk of brass and the legs of iron, which, at the feet, was mixed with miry clay. Daniel likened the component parts of this image to four world empires which should all be broken up and supplanted by the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

Babylon, the first of the world empires, the speaker pointed out, was succeeded by the Grecian Empire, which in its turn gave way to the Medo-Persian, and this was followed by the Roman. The latter no longer existed, but he thought it would be re-established as one result of the present war, in order that prophecy might be fulfilled.

Canon Howett said the dream of Nebuchadnezzer and its interpretation indicated the human conception of world empires, while God's conception was given in the seventh chapter of Daniel, in the description of the four beasts. God looked upon world empires as beastliness.

The simile was carried on in Revelations, in the description of the seven-headed, ten-horned beast. It was noticeable that the four animals mentioned in Daniel aggregated seven heads and ten horns also, while the same idea was maintained in the ten toes of the feet of the colossus of Nebuchadnezzer. He took this to mean that the re-constructed Roman Empire would consist of ten nations, which indicated considerable changes in the existing status of the nations of Europe.

But, he said, the prophecy of Daniel was that all four of the empires should be broken by the kingdom of Christ, and in order that this might be carried out, those empires would have to be reformed also. The indications pointed to the realization of this. Babylon was being irrigated and promised to be again a land of plenty. The prospect was that it would become one of the richest wheat countries of the world when the plans already in course of being carried out were completed. Greece had become a kingdom again within recent years; Persia had never ceased to exist, and, as already indicated, Rome was about to be reconstructed.

The speaker believed also that a result of the war would be the renationalization of the Jews. England probably would own Palestine at the conclusion of the war, since she dare not allow Russia to have it, and the Jews quite conceivably might ask that it be handed over to them as a reward for their services in the war, in which millions of them were taking part as soldiers.

He referred to the fact that the hydra-headed beast spoken of in Revelations was mentioned a second time with a little fuller description and as being ridden by a woman dressed in scarlet. This, he believed, portended the temporary re-establishment of the Roman Catholic Church. For the first time for 300 years, he pointed out as evidence that this was about to happen. England had recognized the Pope as a ruler by sending a representative to the Papal court.

A point worthy of notice, Canon Howett said, was that in the present war three great races—the Latin, the Slavonic and the Teutonic—and three great churches—the Grecian, the Roman and the Protestant—were represented. Originally Germany was the greatest exponent of Protestantism, but England had taken her place.

In conclusion, he declared that in his opinion all the signs of the times indicated that are coming of the kingdom of Jesus Christ was near.

ERADICATION OF DISEASE

Dr. Fidlar, acting director of the Institute of Public Health, addressed the Radical Club last night in Sherwood Hall, on the subject of "Diseases and Their Eradication." He strongly supported the specific germ theory of disease and spoke in favor of vaccination for the prevention of smallpox, holding that compulsory vaccination in the past was largely responsible for the mildness and rarity of the disease at present.

Considerable discussion was evoked, the anti-vaccinationists and New Thoughtists taking exception to Dr. Fidlar's views on germs and vaccination, and the economic reformers holding that disease is largely caused by insufficient food and lack of fresh air and sunlight. C. Thorne presided.

MUST OPEN NEW ROOM.

So fast has the new Boyle Memorial school, opened only last Monday, been filling up with new pupils, that another room will have to be opened next week to take care of the children. The school was opened with an original staff of five teachers. The rush of kindergarten kiddies was so great that it was found necessary to add another kindergarten teacher, and now it seems as if it will be necessary to add a seventh teacher to the staff and open another room. The original enrollment of 175 is now up to 205, and a maximum of 233 is expected at the end of next week.

Overcrowding at Chelsea Green school has made necessary the opening of the 14th room at Aberdeen school on Monday. This brings every room in this new educational plant into service.

FOR AEROPLANE FLEET.

[Canadian Press.]

Rome, Via Paris, April 19. — The national subscription for an aeroplane fleet has reached the sum of $740,000.

STRATFORD NURSE NOW SERVING IN A FRENCH HOSPITAL

MISS NANO O'LOANE, daughter of Police Magistrate James O'Loane, of Stratford, now in one of the French military hospitals, ministering to the wants of the wounded. She, with Miss French, also of Stratford, left Canada with the first Canadian contingent. Miss O'Loane is a graduate of a Buffalo hospital.

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Haygarth Is in Grim Earnest To Sell His Semi-ready Store.

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IMPETUOUS ANGER KEPT MOSES OUT

Israelitish Experiences Symbols of Christ.

How the Israelitish experiences during the forty years of wandering in the wilderness en route to the land of Canaan were symbols of Christ and his salvation for man, fromed the theme of an able sermon delivered in St. George's Church Sunday morning by Rev. Canon Howett, of Hamilton. The speaker took for his text several verses from Numbers xx, and, after discussing the scene of the bringing forth of water from the rock by Moses at the command of God, Canon Howett emphasized several lessons which the event taught.

Moses' act in striking the rock, and his words "Must we fetch you water out of this rock," was an act of impetuous anger, which seemed a little thing. It was, however, the means of keeping Moses from attaining his coveted desire of entering the promised land. Moses was the meekest man that ever lived, but for this one act of disobedience God did not withhold punishment. This, the speaker stated, was an evidence of how carefully man must guard his life and actions. One pet sin may be enough to bar us from the kingdom of heaven. We must not become too satisfied with ourselves.

The flowing forth from the rock of the water which gave new life to the wearied Israelites, the speaker pointed out, was a perfect symbol of the blood of Christ which was shed for the sins of mankind. Only in his faith in Christ and in acceptance of the sacrifice which he made did man receive true refreshment and peace for his soul.

Canon Howett referred to the habit of some to refer to the communion table as the altar. To the Christian there was now no altar or need of one, Christ being the "full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice once offered." To come to the communion table regarding it as an "altar" was to offer a sacrifice anew each time.

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SOUL'S WELFARE, NOT MERE MONEY, IS GREAT THING

Dr. Silcox Preaches a Stirring Sermon in First Congregational Church.

Choosing Luke xii., 15: "And He said unto them, take heed and keep yourselves from all covetousness, for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth," Dr. Silcox preached a very strong and earnest sermon on man's worth yesterday.

Jesus Christ was always trying to lift man to higher levels. His thoughts were raised. He elevated and honored humanity.

He assured men that they had within them the germ of a noble and beautiful manhood. He encouraged men to follow the gleam, to live up to the highest and best that was in them. Men's words reveal their character. Yet after all, in the long run, we get just about what we deserve. Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap, and the bitter pills that some people are swallowing today is of their own making. Hosts of men today, in a thousand ways, declare that money, not manhood, is the one thing needful. Jesus read this man aright. He saw that the man was not mourning the loss of soul wealth when he called, "Master, speak to my brother, that he divide the inheritance with me."

But a man's position before God is not determined by his bank account.

"The rank is but the guinea's stamp,
The man's the man for a' that."

Who cares if Gordon of Khartoum or Garibaldi of Italy had stocks or land or died poor! The strong heroism of the manhood is what counts. The noble character of these men is a mighty inspiration, reaching far out.

The rich farmer had barns, but his possessions were all he had. His wealth consisted in "the things" he had. But suddenly God steps in, saying, "Thou fool, this night they soul shall be required of thee."

Moral Bankruptcy.

The most deplorable kind of bankruptcy is moral bankruptcy. "Kind hearts are more than coronets." Some people talk as though the gospel humiliated men.

It is a slander on the great name of Jesus to talk so. Did David think it humiliating to be taken from the sheep fold to be made king over God's chosen heritage? Did Bunyan think it humiliating to be taken from the malarious marsh lands of inlquitous degradation and be lifted up into the sunlit hills of Beulah, where the glory of the city of God burst upon his vision? Is it humiliating to be taught you are a child of God—the son of a king—to be pardoned and purified by the great Christ?

Humiliating! Sin is humiliating. The service of Satan is humiliating. Despoiling man of his manhood, robbing woman of her womanhood. Yes, sin humiliates. But pure religion enobles, elevates! To reach the highest manhood one must be a Christian.

Glorious possibilities are ours, for it doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we shall see Him as He is—and be like Him.

Men and women living under the inspiration of these truths can never be pauperized. Some may live in humble homes, and others may be rich and famous in this world, but their beauty of character, their royalty of soul shine out superior above all their outward possessions.

Manhood Splendid.

Paul's magnificent manhood blazed out in true splendor when a prisoner in the old Mamertine prison at Rome, chained to a Roman, after battling for over thirty years for God and humanity, he takes his pen and writes his immortal farewell:

"I have fought a good fight. I have finished my course. I am ready to be offered up, and time of my unmooring is at hand." Thus in triumph he passed to his eternal reward. No moaning of the bar when he put out to sea.

The day of doom became to Paul a day of coronation. It is not what a man has, but what a man is that makes him great.

"He kept his soul unspotted, as he went upon his way,
And tried to do some service for God's people day by day."

And the crowd said he was a failure, for the man had little money in his pockets when he died. I don't think Paul had much money his pockets when he died. St. Francis of Assissi had no money in his pockets when he died. John Wesley had no money when he died. Livingstone, Florence Nightingale, Catharine Booth had no money in their pockets when they died. But they left a memory of a holy life, the inspiration of an unselfish devotion to God and humanity, and heaven will show that their lives were not a failure. As they come to the threshold over yonder the martyrs will welcome them, the apostles will welcome them. The poor they have relieved, the sorrowing ones they have comforted, the desolate they have cheered, the prodigals they have reclaimed, the children they have redeemed, all these will meet and welcome them. And the King himself will welcome them, saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy eternal." Then shall they, and then shall we, realize that a man's life consisteth in the soul, qualities in the things eternal.

If I could ring into this message to every man and woman of the city I would entreat everyone to be anxious about their soul's welfare, for the time is short.

NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL FORMALLY OPENED

Rev. H. W. Crews, D. D., President Hamilton Conference, Presided.

The new Sunday school of Wellington Street Methodist Church, said to be the handsomest in the province, was formally opened yesterday by Rev. H. W. Crews, D. D., president of the Hamilton conference. During the day, thousands of people inspected the new Sunday school, and the Wellington street congregation was heartily congratulated on having erected and equipped such a splendid building. Special services were observed throughout the day, and in the afternoon there was an especially large rally. Rev. H. W. Crews was assisted by the pastor, Rev. G. N. Hazen, and by Rev. H. A. Graham, of the Centennial Church, formerly pastor at Wellington Street. During the service the Sunday school orchestra provided a splendid program, and Supt. William Jeffery welcomed many visitors.

It is the plan of the trustees to proceed at once with extensive improvements to the church, and these and the new Sunday school mean an expenditure of over $15,000.

The morning service yesterday was taken by Rev. J. R. Gundy, of St. Thomas, a former pastor.

The celebration in connection with the new school will be continued this evening, when a big entertainment will be given in the new quarters.

OLD RESIDENT BURIED

Funeral of Mrs. Hutchinson, of North Oxford, Held Yesterday.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

INGERSOLL, April 18.—The funeral of Mrs. Hutchison, whose death occurred in North Oxford, following an extended illness, was held to the Ingersoll Rural Cemetery this afternoon. Mrs. Hutchison was the widow of Donald Hutchison, and had been a resident of the township for many years. She was a member of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church of this town. The funeral was largely attended.

The series of special services conducted for a week by Rev. Father Keating, of New York, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, was concluded this evening. The services were largely attended. During the evening service there was a solemn reception of the promoters of the League of the Sacred Heart. The altars were beautifully decorated.

At both services at the Baptist Church today the pulpit was very acceptably occupied by the Rev. Jas. Strachan, of Galt. In the afternoon Mr. Strachan addressed a well attended men's meeting.

WILL BE BURIED AT WALKERVILLE

[Special to The Advertiser.]

ST. THOMAS, April 18.—The funeral of Police Magistrate Horace F. Jell, who died Friday night at his residence, Mitchell street, will be held Monday morning to the Wabash depot, from which the remains will be forwarded to Walkerville, where interment is to be made on Tuesday.

Many intimate friends of the late magistrate will accompany the body and St. Thomas will be officially represented at the funeral services.

Mr. Jell's illness and death have aroused a deep feeling throughout the city. He was a popular man with all classes, and his prominent affiliations with many business, philanthropic and fraternal organizations will make his loss keenly felt throughout St. Thomas and district.

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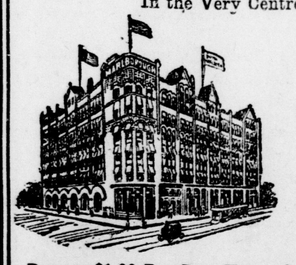

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