THE HAMILTON TIMES

SATURDAY, FEB. 1, 1908.

CHARITY'S TASK. The problem of the relief of indigence in the community is beset with many difficulties. This is especially so in large centres, where that a laudable desire to prevent which would not be found to be true.

We have no desire now to be found to be true. munity's efforts having a pauperiz-ing influence which tends to culti the evil sought to be avoided.

We should not like to be misunderstood. In large communities there are always cases which appeal for in-stant help and which beneficence must not delay in rendering. Those cases of the sick and helpless poor do not admit of an inquiry into the of their condition; humanity's first act must be to relieve their immediate distress and in such a way to conserve health and comfort. But beyond these there is a large class, the treatment of which demands It is to be remembered, too, that

not all the suffering poor permit their condition to reach the knowledge of the public. There is a class of poor people who will bear much before they will appeal for help. They suffer in silence, wearing their fingers to the bone, as long as they can earn a pittance. Perhaps some of our well-to-do-people little think how incapacited men struggle along from year's end to year's end, barely able to main tain life, yet with honorable determin- power whenever the plant is ready. ation not to seek charity. Too often this class will endure the real pangs of life-before they give any sign of their condition to their neighbors. In deed, cases have been known where persons have actually perished in silence when a word, a hint, would have opened the springs of charity. It is well that in casting about to discover what Plenty can do to re-lieve Want, this deserving class of be overlooked. But there is in every community, and especially in large cities, a numerous class that does not concern itself too closely with indusenjoyments. The future can take care of itself. Doesn't the world owe it ney is easy, when the pinch comes is usually the first to line up in eeking donations from public charity. mmunity and it offers to the char-Itable, a problem of no small diffi-

which charity is sometimes concerned, the really industrious, but for the time unfortunate and out-of-work This is thoroughly deserving of the community's help. That is, not to say that the people should open the public purse and dole out to each so much per diem. Very far from it. To do so would be neither wise public policy nor just and considerate towards the recipients. All they ask is that they should be given a chance to help themselves. It should not be denied to them, and the best interest of all are to be served by enabling those willing to be their own helpers to exercise their industry in that direction. We should carefully guard against any course which would break the spirit or degrade the manhood of partizan politics from municipal afof the community's help. That is, not the spirit or degrade the manhood of any in the community. The purpose our assistance should be to uplift.

depend upon the industrious and on the Liberals of Hamilton for the frugal, and for whom help should be mixing of politics with civic affairsing the assistance given; and the large and the Grits the scheming rascals. class, eager and willing to work for tried to show our bucolic friend that he what they need, and who ask only was talking nonsense and that that sort an opening to earn a living. Obvious-Jy, to treat all these alike would be for decent people to fight the evil that a mistake, and would result not only has been forced upon the city by the in waste of effort and abuse of charity, but in educating to imposition knew that it was misrepresenting the is necessary if we are to secure the best results. It will require all the care that individuals, the charitable pledged to vote for party first and the societies and the public officials ento avoid imposture lic gaze are cared for. We think. however, that if proper judgment is charity for the first class that we have of the proposed independents in return for necessaries immediately re

Oh, yes! It will be a "brighter educational day" for the Ontario teachers when on them is placed the onus of sing on pupils in professional and courses without examinationsthat is, of course, if the teachers are infallible, and the parents and pupils are all models of justice and consideration, But, if not-1

THE TIME FOR CAUTION.

A lot of good reading will be found in the report printed in this issue of the meeting of the aldermen with Chief Engineer Sothman, of the Hydro-Electric Commission, last evening. The stage has been reached in which the utmost care must be exercised. made last night clearly proved what the Times said during the power campaign about statements being made by-law met with the ratepayers' approval, and it is our only desire that the very best interests of the city will be served in the long run. With that end in view it is wise that every step should be carefully considered now. It would be good policy for the city not to rush into anything that will tie the city's hands. Ald. McLaren, a strong advocate and supporter of the by-law, takes the proper stand when he advises the Council not to contract for power until it knows exactly where it stands in the matter of plant. It is quite clear that, even if a start were made to-day, it would be the spring of 1909 before Hy dro-Electric power would be available for use in Hamilton. Many things now unforeseen may happen in the meantime, and it is well to have a free hand. The idea of having a conference of municipalities interested is a good one, and it should be held before the city enters men contend, the city is committed to a nunicipal power plant, there should to no fear about the city's ability to get

THE CITY'S BALANCE SHEET.

Pre-election assurances that the civic overdraft for 1907 would not be more than \$14,000 or \$15,000 are made to look quite sickly in the light of the City Treasurer's statement, printed in this issue. The city was once more enabled, by collecting a good deal more from water users than value for the service given; by obtaining a large sum from the Street our unfortunate fellows should not Railway Company that was not looked for, being the payment of long disputed accounts, and by receiving more through the medium of the Police Court and the City Hospital than had been looked for, try and frugality. It is a "grasshop-per" class. If it works-which it does 000, although the civic departments oversemi-occasionally-it is to supply itself expended their appropriations by \$65,000. with the means of present creature When money is tight and there are such small appropriations for road repair and construction work, water extensions, a living? Haven't some foolish people and other necessary improvements, it is who worked steadily and hard and not a pleasant thing for the Council saved their money, accumulated board to face a deficit of \$42,000 to be-wealth? If poverty overtakes it, won the gin with, and know it has to be made up This class has a joyous life while fathers spent a little over a million and a quarter dollars last year, 20 per cent. of which was made up of water rates, and over 50 per cent, general taxes, It becomes a heavy burden upon the The completion of the report for 1907 clears the way for the estimates for this To allow the spending con what they are reasonably entitled to expect and to keep within a 20-mill tax rate looks like a more difficult proposi-

A VOICE FROM DUNNVILLE.

cribed as "bigoted bosh," the separation of partizan politics from municipal af-fairs is very beautiful in theory, but the hypocrisy of the Times and its par-ty has done more than anything else to render it impossible in practice.—Dunn-ville Gazette. Briefly, then, we have to consider

three classes of needful: The victims of misfortune, who are helpless to aid themselves, and who must be promptly succored; the idle and the promptly succored; the idle and the improvident who are too prome to be endeavored to place the whole blame.

In a former article the editor of the diamount? The directors are doing that amount? The directors are doing that amount is the directors are doing that amount is the directors are doing that amount is the In a former article the editor of the ompanied with conditions of earn- the Tories were the guileless innocents and the public officials en-with this duty can to avoid imposture Times did not oppose the Tory candiand to ensure that really de- dates because they were Tories, but beserving cases which shrink from pub- cause they were pledged to do the behest of the Tory Executive instead of the citizens of Hamilton. The Gazette is exercised the demands upon public in error when it declares that "not one described will not be extraordinar- field received a good word from" the The second class should be Times. It recommended several of them required to earn its bread. As for to the favorable notice of the electors. The Gazette would be in better busines should see that it does not want. It were it to try to remedy the evil instead has work enough to do, and which of trying to defend those responsible it must pay for, to make the task of for it. Many thanks for the kind comsupplying the wants of a few out of pliments so gracefully expressed by an work, needful men, willing to labor in old friend.

> In Toronto the other day an estate which was being wound up realized from the assets nearly \$6,000, but when the law costs, fees, etc., were paid only \$512 388 creditors-about 316 cents of dine the creditors and enable them to pass a vote of thanks over the wine to the considerate chaps who remembered

EDITORIAL NOTES.

It is one thing to make charges of scandal in connection with timber lim its, but quite another thing to prove them. Wait for the proof.

Complaints reach us of horses being eft standing in the streets without any covering these cold days. Such treat-ment of dumb brutes is criminal.

There would be little poverty in Can ada to-day were it not for the strangers within our gates, attracted thither by the prosperity of the country.

The Spectator suggests that the Health and relief departments of the

Toronto and some other cities. It does not seem to comprehend that the organs that would gladly attempt such a task see too clearly that it would be futile. In the words of the Toronto News: "The present condition is happily not chronic, accordingly."

The Labor leaders had many things to ask of the Government yesterday One of the most important was that of technical education. From the Prem ier's response to the deputation it is een that a commission to consider the question may be appointed, showing that the Government is not averse to giving the matter favorable consideration. Technical education is one of Can ada's crying wants, and it is hoped the Dominion Government will be able to do something to put it within the reach of the youth of the land. But that should not relieve the Provincial Gov ernment of its duty in the premises.

The rapid increase in the number of ut-patients at the City Hospital raises some interesting problems. Just who are to receive treatment free, is not the easiest of questions, and even if a considerable part of the money which goes to support the hospital comes out of axes, it would be fair neither to the axpayers nor to the physicians of the that hospital treatment should be free to all. When we pass beyond the begins. Emergency cases must be considered, of course, and the helpless must be helped; but who shall authorize the man who can pay his way to charge the public for his doctoring?

Hon, J. S. Hendrie made a very in-teresting statement yesterday in the course of an interview. "The Federal Ministers," he said, "admitted that the Dominion Railway Commission has no Power to do the same work the Ontario Board is doing." When the Federal Min-isters made that admission they virtuadmitted that local railwa under the contorities.—Herald.

We are inclined to think that perhaps he "admission" alleged to have bee made is interpreted as too inclusive, And est difficulty. What is to be regarded built as a merely local railway always remain such, even when it is extended into other Provinces, or into foreign ountries? And, if not, how about jurisdiction and local agreements?

The Young Men's Christian Associaion has almost come to a standstill for want of room in its present building, and it has made an appeal to the public the difficulty. A new and larger building is needed, which would entail an expenditure of, say, \$100.000 or more. The question is, will the citizens put their hands in their pockets and hand over that amount? The directors are also as the morning service.

Rev. Robert Atkinson, M. A., of Chesley, Ont., will conduct both services in Knox Church, Sabbath schools and Bible classes at 3 p. m. H. R. Pickup, B. A., will conduct the services in North End Mission. to come to its aid and help it out of a good deal more. What the directors ask for is that some one set the ball arolling. If some rich Christian friend would head a subscription list with perhaps \$20,000, the directors would buckle down to the job of raising the needed Af Charley Avenue. amount, trusting to others to come to their assistance.

OUR EXCHANGES

Must Have Whitney's. (Kingston Whig.) -Hamilton must not let this talk of technical education under federal aus-pices deprive it of the technical college which the Whitney Government prom-

(Brockville Times.) A Hamilton paper announces that the most productive gas gusher in Ontario has been found near Leamington. We take it for granted that the gas gushers of the House of Commons are not included in that statement.

Steam Heated.

(Toronto Star.) Some of the advertised cold waves this season were steam heated in trans-mission, but this last one was not.

The Poor Merchant

and once honored but now nefarious individual, the merchant, would have his opportunities so curtailed that he would be a comparatively insignificant evil.

(Tornoto Telegram.) Canadians did not really feel the cold yesterday because they were kept warm by the tendency of their blood to boil over at Kipling's allusions to their na-tive land as Our Lady of the Snows.

Razoring Women

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) Slashing women with razors is a fine old foreign sport that should be very severely dealt with when practised in Canada. We shall be interested to see if the law considers it a more serious offence than the stealing of money from letters.

In Sympathy With Gibson's Work.

Health and relief departments of the City Hall be put underground. Now list en to the noise Dr. Roberts and Mr. Me Menemy are making.

The Spectator seems to be disgruntled because some political capital is not to be made out of the cases of distress in and Mr. Kelso inaugurated some years ago.

Winnipeg's Luck. (Montreal Gazette.)

(Montreal Gazette.)

It has been discovered in Winnipeg that the city will lose some \$9,000 a year in taxes through the telephone system having been taken over by the Province. Other municipalities will lose in proportion, and the total of their losses will be included in the cost of the working of the system. The thing is a mere nothing, however, to a place which pays 6 per cent. on the money it borrows, and which can feel it has struck a telling blow at the head of corporate enterprise within its bounds.

Roosevelt's Special Message.

(Buffalo Courier.) (Buffalo Courier.)

President Rooseveut's special message tent to Cnogress yesterday, urging "aditional legislation as regards certain to the relations between labor and apital, and between the great corporations and the public," was an intensely emphatic reiteration of the Roosevelt policies. In both Senate and House at reveated a profound impression and ed a profound impression and was talk of all. Some of its passages cheered on the floor of the House embers of both political parties.

CHURCHES TO-MORROW.

SPECIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO-MORROW.

At Gore Street Methodist Church, 11 m. sacrament service. The pastor ill preach in the evening on "A Seriss Defect."

To-morrow morning in the Gospel Tabernacle Pastor Philpott will preach on "The Gift of Tongues," a subject that is perplexing many Christians at this

Rev. R. Martin. D. D., of Stratford. will preach anniversary services at James' Presbyterian Church on Feb. morning and evening. Special music

Services in Erskine Presbyterian hurch will be conducted by Rev. S. B. Russell, Special evangelistic service in he evening. Subject, "How Christ Saves." At Simcoe Street Methodist Church Rev. S. A. Laidman will preach in the morning, and the pastor will preach in the evening. Reception service and com-munion in the evening.

The Ven. Archdeacon Clark will preach at Christ's Church Cathedral to-morrow morning, and Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., in the evening. The choir will sing

A., in the evening. The choir special music at both services. special music at John Services.

To-morrow morning at St. Andrew's Church, Rev. W. Harvey Grant, missionary, from Honan, China, will preach. The pastor, Rev. J. A. Wilson, will preach at the evening service.

preach at the evening service.

At MacNab Street Presbyterian Church Rev. Beverly Ketchen, M. A., will preach at both services. Morning subject, "The Moral Obligations of Brotherhood." Evening subject, "Abraham the Warrior."

In Zion Tabernacle the pastor, Rev. F. W. Hollinrake, will preach in the morning on the Bord's Supper, and 4n the evening from John iii, 16. Reception of members at the morning service.

Bey Rabert Athinson M. A. of Cher.

they cannot be expected to put up the money. Is the Y. M. C. A. worth that much to the city? We think it is, and vited to this service.

At Charlton Avenue Church to morrow the pastor, Rev. R. H. Bell, B. A., will preach at both services. Morning sub-ject, "Christ's Suffering and Ours," followed by the sacrament of the Lord's supper: evening subject, "Man Made Whole."

Whole."

"The Ministry of Life's Trials" will be the subject of discourse by the minister of Unity Church to-morrow evening. In the afternoon at 3.30 the devotional meeting of the Y. P. R. Union will be held. Subject, "Communion." Leader, Mr. Peter Bertram.

Rev. J. K. Unsworth will give a Snn Rev. J. K. Chaworth will give a Sunday evening lecture in the First Congregational Church on "Christianity and Health," and will discuss what truth there is in Christian Science, mental healing, faith cure and the Christian attitude towards psycho-therapy in general.

Rev. J. Roy VanWyck will preach in Rev. J. Roy vanwyck will preach in the Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m. on "The Atonement and the Kingdom of Ged." and at 7 p. m. series of sermons on the "Social Message of Christianity." No. 2, "The Social Aims of Jesus." At 3 p. m. he will address the young men.

In Fragel Street Methodist Church

In Emerald Street Methodist Church Rev. Dr. Williamson will preach twice. In the morning a love feast will be held at 10 o'clock, with quarterly meeting ser-vice to follow. At night the Lord's sup-per will be administered and revival ser-vice begun, which will continue each even-ing during the week.

Montreal Gazette.

A municipal ice plant has been recommended at Ottawa. If to it, when it comes, there should be added municipal bakeries and municipal but has been with the shops, with municipal tuel yards, and municipal groceries, that ancient in a during the week.

The special missionary services will be continued in Centenary Church to-morrow, the pulpit to be occupied by Rev. W. L. Rutledge, B. A., of the First Methodist Church, London. His morning subject will be "The Supreme Missionary Motive," and the evening "Our

Sensational Piano Sale at Heintzman & Co's.

71 King Street East, Opposite Postoffice

In order to reduce our stock before stock-taking, we intend to cut the price of all our used instruments in half at terms to suit purchasers. Organs that sold for \$75, now \$35. \$50 Organs \$25, payable at 50 cents per week. Pianos as low as \$40 at 50 cents per week. JUST A FEW OF OUR SNAPS:

Dominion Organ

7 Stops **Walnut Case** \$15.00 50c Per Week **Bell Organ** 11 Stops **Beautiful Tone** \$24.00

Bell Organ With Large Mirror Handsome Case, Only \$32.50 50c Per Week

50c Per Week A STOOL WITH EVERY INSTRUMENT

Firth-Hall Piano

Rosewood Case \$42.50

50c Per Week

Chickering Piano \$57.50

Vose Piano Was \$150 Now \$75.00 75c Per Week

Every Instrument Guaranteed for 5 Years

50c Per Week

HEINTZMAN & Co., King East

members and Lord's Supper.

In Central Church service in the morning will be conducted by Mr. Sedgewick, and in the evening by Rev. W. H. Grant, missionary from Honan. Harold Hamilton will sing a solo in the morning and Mrs. Frank MacKelcan will sing in the evening. The quartette and choir will sing at both services.

DR. TORRANCE'S DEATH.

Noted Presbyterian Divine Passes Away at Guelph.

Guelph, Jan. 31.—The citizens were shocked and surprised to learn this af-ternoon of the death of Rev. Robert Forrance, D. D., which occurred at his Guelph. Jan. 31.—The citizens were shocked and surprised to learn this afterioon of the death of Rev. Robert Torrance, D. D., which occurred at his residence at noon to-day. In fact, only a few intimate friends knew that he was ailing. On Sunday evening he conducted services at the Homewood sanitarium. It was a nasty day for a gentleman of his years to be out. On Monday he was confined to bed, and medical attendance was called in. The doctors pronounced the trouble angina pectoris, a distressing and serious form of heart trouble. He was able to be up and about the house his years to be out. On Monday he was confined to bed, and medical attendance was called in. The doctors pronounced the trouble angina pectoris, a distressing and serious form of heart trouble. He was able to be up and about the house yesterday, not anticipating anything serious. This morning his condition became critical, and he passed away at the hour mentioned.

Dr. Torrance was 86 years of age. He was born at Market Hill, County Arman, agh, Ireland. He spent his boyhood days and manager of the J. B. Armstrong Manu-

Opportunity and Obligation." Appropriate musical services by the choir, with a short organ recital after the evening service.

At James Street Baptist Church the pastor will preach morning and evening. Il a. m., "Discipleship as a Life Career." 12.15, believers' baptism. 7 p. m., "Sermons on Fundamental Questions"—No. 3, "What is the Life Worthy of the Gospel We Profess?" 8.15, reception of new members and Lord's Supper.

In Central Church service in the morning will be conducted by Mr. to Guelph and was ordained and inducted on Nov. 11, 1846, and remained as pastor until 1882, when he retired. He had been clerk of the Presbytery altogether 2rrty years, and was in 1898 Moderator of the General Assembly. He had been Moderator of the Presbytery and Synod of Toronto and Kingston, and for a number of years convenor of the Assembly's Committee on Statistics, having compiled the report for many years. He had as well been convener of the Committee on Distribution of Probationers for fifty years.

All's for the best! set this on your standard, Soldier of sadness or pilgrim of love. Who to the shores of despair may have wandered

Away wearied swallow or heart stricken dova:
Providence tenderly governs the rest,
And the frail bark of his creatures is guldirage Wisely and warily—all's for the best.

All's for the best' unbiased, unbounded, Providence reigns from the east or west. And by both wisdom and mercy surrounded, Hope and be happy, that all's for the best. By the late Anna Hawkesworth Armstrong, June 4th, 1851.

West Huron Liberals have nomina Mr. William Proudfoot, K. C., for Legislature, Mr. M. G. Cameron, present member, declining to stand.

Monday, Feb. 3,

Bargain Day

Our Greatest Winter Clearing Sale

Thousands of dollars' worth of thoroughly dependable goods will be offered on Monday Bargain Day at less than the manufacturer gets for them-Merchan-dise we wish to clear out before stock-taking-Come out to the early sales at

Early Sale of Dress Goods and Silks 59 and 89c Values for 25c

Two of the Best Bargains in Blouses We Ever Offered \$1.50 to \$2.00 Waists for 59c \$1.00 and \$1.25 Waists for 39c

Women's Waists, made of wrapperette print, sateen, vn and fancy wool materials, open front, long sleeves, rth 75c, \$1.00, and \$1.25, all on sale Monday to clear at, the 39c \$1.50 to \$2.00, to clear at, each 59c

Neck Furs at \$1.95 Worth Up to \$6 Women's Underwear 19c Worth 35c Knitted Skirts at 39c Worth 60c A fine lot of them, Marmot, Hare, Ossum, satin lined, trimmed with ails; Stoles and Throws.

Women's Underwear, Vests and Only a dozen or two left for Mondrawers, in good, heavy, fleece lined day, good, dark colored German knit drugster, warm and comfortable, Buy these early; not many of them. tails; Stoles and Throws.

White Quilts Worth \$1.50 for 75c

....

Men's Underwear at 35c Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers, in all sizes, orth 50 and 59c, Monday bargain day each 35c **Bargains in Mantle Department**

Women's Skirts at \$1.50

Women's Coats at \$4.95

Children's Coats-A Slaughter Beautiful Cream Mohair Broadcloth Coats, warmly lined and well made, with capes and without capes, worth \$4.00 to \$6.50, on sale in two lots, for \$1.95 and \$2.95 Window Shades Worth 40c for 29c

Lace Curtains on Sale

A quantity of Lace Curtains that have been used as amples and are a little dust soiled, regular \$1 to \$5 vales, on sale to clear at HALF PRICE. BARGAINS IN STAPLE DEPARTMENT

yard 12½c 36-inch Wrapperette, worth 17c, for, per yard 9½c 32-inch Wrapperette, worth 12½c, for, per yard 6½c