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Births, Marriages, Deaths

MARRIED.

STEVENSON-FRASER — On Thursday, Dec. 23, at the residence of the bride's parents, 293 Dundas street, by the Rev. Robt. Johnston, B.D., pastor of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Evangeline I., daughter of Mr. Donald Fraser, to Orlando J. Stevenson, M.A., of St. Thomas, Ont.

Amusements and Lectures

Advertisements under this heading, two cents per word, or ten cents per line each insertion.

AUDITORIUM

—Under the auspices and patronage of officers and members of the Y. M. C. A.—Three nights and Wednesday matinee,

DEC. 27, 28, 29.

—Engagement of the Gilbert-Gordon Company, including Miss Bessie Gilbert, renowned lady cornet virtuoso; Mrs. D. Louis Gordon, dramatic soprano; C. Le Roy Kennedy, monologue artist; Frank Kidner, phenomenal boy baritone, and others. Positively last visit and only opportunity of seeing the original marvelous Cinematograph, presenting Queen's Jubilee Procession and new views. Admission 25 cents. Reserved seats 35 cents. 6i tzy wv

THE PRINCESS—ICE SUPERB. GRAND skating and band Christmas afternoon and evening. b

JUBILEE RINK—SKATING TONIGHT. Ladies, 5c; boys and gents, 10c. Band Christmas afternoon and evening. Admission 10 cents. b

LIVE PIGEON SHOOT AT LONDON Gun Club, London West, Christmas afternoon, 2:30. Members and friends invited. b

SKATING—CENTRAL RINK—AFTERNOON and evening. Good ice. Usual prices. 7n

PRIVATE LESSONS IN DANCING BY Mr. R. B. Millard, at his residence, 345 Princess avenue. Special attention given to teaching the waltz and two step. Lessons any hour.

10,500 TONS—NEW STEAMER CASTILIAN will soon be in commission for the Allan Line. Mongolian sails Saturday, Jan. 1. F. B. CLARKE, agent, Richmond street, next door to Advertiser office.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SEASON tickets for advanced class now ready at special low rates. Meets Wednesday evenings. Learn the new dances as taught by competent teachers. Circular mailed on application. DAYTON & McCORMICK.

Meetings.

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AUDITORIUM—SUNDAY, 4:15—LAST meeting for 1897. Rev. Robert Johnston concludes the series of talks on Pilgrim's Progress. Seats for 700. Boys not admitted. Illustrated talk to boys in Auditorium, Jan 7, 1898. 11u

NOMINATIONS FOR ROMAN CATHOlic separate school trustees will be held in St. Peter's school at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 29, 1897. P. MULKERN, returning officer; M. O'SULLIVAN, secretary. 11c

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS cost 1 Cent per word for first insertion and one half cent per word for each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than 10 words.

Domestics Wanted.

WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT—552 Wellington street. 10c

GOOD GENERAL SERVANTS WANTED at the Osborne Intelligence Agency, 76 Dundas street. Phone 286.

HEADQUARTERS FOR RELIABLE help. We have them: Man and wife as cook and coachman, housekeepers, nurses, dining-room girls, kitchen girls to suit all. We want hotel cooks for out of city. DWYER'S Employment Agency, 591 Richmond street. Phone, 1,123.

Male Help Wanted.

BOY WANTED—TO TEND FURNACE—Board, lodging and $2 a month. Reference required. T. J. G., Advertiser Office. 11c

Wanted.

WANTED—THREE HUNDRED GOOD second-hand overcoats. Highest price paid. A. P. SAINSBURY, 90 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Lost and Found.

SPECTACLES LOST ON OXFORD OR North Richmond street, Wednesday. Reward at 256 Oxford street. 11u

LOST—YESTERDAY IN FRONT OF Mar.'s store, lady's purse. Owner's name on inside. Good reward. Return to this office. b

Miscellaneous.

I HEREBY FORBID ALL PERSON OR persons whosoever from giving credit to my wife Mary Ardie Gibson, she having left my bed and board without just cause or provocation. Dated at London this 4th day of December, A.D. 1897. GEORGE F. GIBSON. 9c

Houses, Etc., To Let.

GREAT CHANCE FOR NEWLY MARRIED couple—A month's rent free to a tenant for that nice brick cottage at 711 Queen's avenue. Key at 353 King street. 9c

TO LET—185 ST. JAMES STREET—NICE 2-story brick; 4 bedrooms, bath, grate; very convenient; choice location. Apply 410 Princess avenue. 3tf

Agents Wanted.

WANTED—INDUSTRIOUS MEN OF character. The Linscott Company, Toronto. 11h

AGENTS—BOOK BUSINESS IS BETTER than for years past; also have better and faster selling books. Agents clearing from $10 to $40 weekly. A few leaders are: Queen Victoria: Life of Mr. Gladstone; My Mother's Bible Stories; Progressive Speaker; Klondike Gold Fields; Woman; Glimpses of the Unseen; Breakfast, Dinner and Supper. Books on time. Outfits free to canvassers. Bradley-Garretson Company, Limited, Toronto. 11h

WANTED — CANVASSERS — QUEEN Victoria, Her Life and Reign, has captured the British empire. Extraordinary testimonials from the great men; send for copy free. Marquis of Lorne says: "The best popular life of the Queen I have seen." Her Majesty sends a kind letter of appreciation. Selling by thousands; gives enthusiastic satisfaction. Canvassers making from $15 to $40 weekly. Bradley-Garretson Company, Limited, Toronto. 11h

Educational.

LONDON BUSINESS UNIVERSITY—Shorthand and Typewriting Academy, Higgins' Block, 212 and 214 Dundas street. The winter term will commence on Monday, Jan. 3, 1898. Comprehensive course, thorough and practical instruction. Very moderate charges. Evening classes meet Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. This institution presents unequaled advantages to young men and women desiring of obtaining a good business education. W. N. YERKS, B. C., Principal. 2h ytsxvzxv

Religious Services.

DUNDAS CENTER METHODIST CHURCH—Special Christmas services Sunday, Dec. 26. The pastor, Rev. E. B. Lanceley, will preach. Morning subject, "Bethlehem's Babe." Evening subject, "The Mother of Jesus." Morning—Anthems, Sing, O Sing (Leslie), and Come Near Ye Nations (Watson); solo and chorus, Hail Christmas Day (Warren); solo, How Brightly Dawns the Morning (Shelley). Evening—Anthems, Sing and Rejoice (Barnby), and It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Sullivan); solos, Glory to God (Rotoli), and The Birthday of a King (Neidlinger), Hallelujah Chorus, (Messiah.) Handel. 11u

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH—LOVE feast service in Wesley Hall, Christmas morning, from 11 to 12. b

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL—CHRISTMAS Day. Matins: Venite, Gregorian; Te Deum, C. Lee Williams; Jubilate, C. Lee Williams; Anthem, Unto Us a Child Is Born, F. Adlam; Kyrie Eleison, C. Lee Williams. Preacher, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron. b

DIVINE SERVICE WILL BE HELD at St. James' Church, London South, at 11 o'clock Christmas morning. Special Christmas music will be rendered by the excellent choir of the church; and on Sunday following the music will be a feature of both morning and evening services. All welcome. b

Articles For Sale.

FRESH OYSTERS — EVERY DAY — wholesale and retail. Any orders received by mail given prompt attention. CATALANO & SANSONE, 305 Dundas street.

X'MAS CARDS AND CALENDARS—UP-TO-DATE—CHEAP, CHEAP. R. V. S. SAUNDERS, 650 Dundas street, East London.

MINING STOCK—Ruby Reef will be withdrawn from sale in a few days. At the present price it is the best thing in the market. Send your orders at once. J. F. SANGSTER, 403 Richmond street.

CANARIES FOR CHRISTMAS — IMPORTED direct from Germany. Well worth $7 or $8. To advertise the only food fit for trained canaries, will sell five only at $4 75 each, provided you agree to feed them "Cottams" seed. B. COTTAM & Co., Dundas and Talbot streets, upstairs. 9c

FOR SALE — SKATES AND SKATE parts; bicycle enameling and general repairing at lowest prices. D. McKENZIE & Co. 374 Richmond street.

IRON AND LEAD PIPE, STEAM AND water fittings of all kinds. SMITH BROS., 265 Dundas street. y

ENGINE FOR SALE—A BARGAIN—Thirty horse power; can be run at 90 revolutions; is in capital order; can be had at a very low figure. Address Engine, care "Advertiser" Office. 5ctf&62tf

CUSTOMS PAPERS OF ALL KINDS always on hand at Advertiser Job Department. You can have them in large or small quantities.

TIMBERS, TRUSS RODS AND PLATES. PATTERSON & JOLLY. 72tf

STOVES AND SECOND-HAND FURNITURE for sale cheap at KEENE'S Furniture Store, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

Business Chances.

FOR SALE OR RENT—GOOD ESTABLISHED shoemaking business, house shop, fruit garden, occupied by the late Hugh McCallum, Dutton. Apply MRS. McCALLUM, Dutton. 4bu

Situations Wanted.

EXPERIENCED COOKS, DINING-ROOM girls, general servants, housekeepers, ladies' companions, saleladies, etc., are waiting situations.

London Employment Bureau, 372 Richmond.

Massage Treatment.

MISS SHUFF—GRADUATE OF DR. S. Weir Mitchell's Hospital for Nervous Diseases, Philadelphia. Massage and Swedish movements. 437 King street, London, Ont. Phone 562.

Pawnbrokers.

WANTED—100 GOOD SECOND-HAND overcoats, pants, suits. Money loaned on above; also diamonds, watches, jewelry. J. FOX, pawnbroker, 209 King street, opposite fire hall.

Livery Stables.

THOMAS TREBILCOCK—STAR LIVERY—233 Richmond street. Best hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. Careful attention to orders. Phone 423. Open night and day.

LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone No. 666.

Marriage Licenses.

WM. H. WESTON, 64 STANLEY STREET, issues marriage licenses; open evenings; take belt line car.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY J. G. Shuff, chemist, 540 Dundas street (corner William). Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED AT Strong's Drug Store, 184 Dundas street. Residence 289 Dufferin avenue.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN jeweler 402 Richmond street.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED BY W. H. BARTRAM, 99 Dundas street.

Real Estate.

London Real Estate Exchange.

BUILDING LOTS—For sale cheap on William, Oxford and St. James streets, or to exchange for work or building material. Easy terms.

To rent—Handsome modern brick residence, 378 Central avenue, 9 rooms; also 110 Cartwright street, good furnaces, everything first-class.

Cottages for sale—No. 182 Oxford, 7 rooms, splendid lot, near C. P. R., monthly payments; No. 51 Alma street, good frame cottage and large lot; price only $700; rents for $7 per month.

Loans—If you want to borrow money see W. D. Buckle. Loans on real estate at low interest and easy terms of repayment.

W. D. BUCKLE.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES Consul has been removed from the Tecumseh House to Dr. Kingsmill's terrace, Queen's avenue. 7n

Agricultural Savings and Loan Co

Dividend No. 51.

NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of 3 per cent. upon the paid-up capital stock of this company has been declared for the current half year ending 31st December, and that the same will be payable at the company's office on and after the 3rd day of January next. The transfer books will be closed from the 16th to the 31st instant, both days inclusive. By order of the board.

C. P. BUTLER, Manager.

London, Dec. 8, 1897. 6o tvx

Veterinary Surgeons.

J. H. TENNANT—VETERINARY SURGEON—Office, King street, opposite Market House; residence, corner King and Wellington. Telephone.

The Policy of Britain.

Guesses as to Her Course in Regard to China.

Italy Said to Have Declined to Co-operate.

Attempt to Stir Up Anti-British Feeling in Germany.

France Ambitious to Become Mistress of the Nile.

English Transportation Companies Preparing for a "Klondike Rush" in the Spring.

HOAXED.

London, Dec. 24.—The Tablet, the leading Catholic journal in England, wants to know who has hoaxed the London Daily Chronicle in Catholic affairs, when the latter is induced to gravely give the public what purported to be the terms of the papal brief on the Manitoba school question.

FIGHTING IN CRETE.

Candia, Dec. 24.—There has been a recrudescence of conflicts between the Mussulmans and Christians. The former attacked a caravan near Armiro and killed twelve Christians.

A Toulon dispatch says: In view of the disquieting news from the Island of Crete, two French cruisers are ready to sail for the island at a moment's notice.

TRANSVAAL'S GATEWAY TO THE SEA.

London, Dec. 24.—President Kruger, in the course of a speech at Krugersdorp on Tuesday, dwelt upon the danger of the so-called constitutional methods of Cecil Rhodes, and upon the importance of keeping out of Rhodes' clutches Delagoa Bay, which the president characterized as "the Transvaal's only gateway to the sea."

CABLE NOTES.

Charles Helmbold, son of the late Dr. Helmbold, of New York city, who was arrested in London on Tuesday last, charged with having threatened to kill United States Consul-General Osborne, has been confined in an asylum, under the name of F. C. Evans.

Lord Salisbury says the report that the Duke of Norfolk, postmaster-general, had approached him with the view of obtaining the admission of Cardinal Vaughan into the House of Lords is absolutely unfounded.

The Bengal Chamber of Commerce has sent an address to the government, urging that the time has arrived to adopt the gold standard.

The reception at the Vatican Thursday was largely attended by Catholic Church dignitaries. Replying to the Christmas greetings, the pope deplored the conflict between the state and holy see. The pope, who was in excellent health and splendid voice, blessed all present, including 23 cardinals.

A Paris dispatch says the initial step has been taken in the long-projected demolition of the fortifications of the city. It is estimated that the land will realize 150,000,000 francs, 60,000,000 francs of which will be devoted to the construction of a short rampart further out.

Mr. William Kenny, solicitor-general for Ireland, and M. P. for the St. Stephen's Green division of Dublin, has been appointed a judge on the Irish bench. He will be succeeded as solicitor-general for Ireland by Mr. Dunbar Plunket Barton, Q.C., M. P. for Mid-Armagh.

Hotel Cards.

GRIGG HOUSE, LONDON, ONT.—Refurnished and renovated throughout. Large and light sample rooms for commercial men. Rates $1 50 and $2 per day. M. O'MEARA, proprietor.

O'NEIL HOUSE—CORNER TALBOT AND York street; new and convenient; stables. WM. COLLINS, proprietor.

CITY HOTEL, LONDON—BEST $1 DAY house in Canada; good stables in connection. J. McMARTIN, proprietor.

THE ST. LAWRENCE HOTEL, MONTREAL—Centrally located and first-class in every respect. H. HOGAN, Proprietor.

"THE RICHMOND" — CORNER KING and Richmond streets. JAMES FALLAHE, new proprietor. A call solicited.

TECUMSEH HOUSE—LONDON, ONT. Largest and best hotel in Western Ontario. No charge for baggage or sample rooms. Rates $2 and $2 50 per day. C. W. DAVIS proprietor.

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START FROM VANCOUVER BECAUSE . . .

1. VANCOUVER is the best outfitting point on the coast, goods being considerably cheaper than in the United States.
2. VANCOUVER is the nearest port of departure to the Yukon district.
3. VANCOUVER is the terminus of the C. P. railway, whose steamers will start from VANCOUVER this spring.
4. All northbound steamers call at VANCOUVER.
5. Direct steamers to Yukon ports have now commenced to run from VANCOUVER.
6. VANCOUVER is the only Canadian port where passengers transfer direct from train to steamer.
7. KLONDIKE is in CANADA. OUTFIT IN VANCOUVER, AND SAVE 30 PER CENT CUSTOMS DUTY.

W. GODFREY,
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Pronounced by
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ABSOLUTELY
the most elegant instruments he had seen anywhere.
Bell Piano Warerooms,
167 Dundas Street, London.

OCCUPATION OF EGYPT.

France Is Getting a Good Foothold in Africa.

Paris, Dec. 24. — The Gil Blas publishes a letter from Major Marchand, the French officer, whose expedition was recently erroneously reported from Brussels to have been massacred. The letter, dated from Semio, on June 17, says the work accomplished is enormous. He adds that the French hold Domziber, strongly occupied Meshraerrek, and that by Aug. 14 France would thus be firmly established on the Nile, without firing a shot.

Commenting upon this communication the Gil Blas says the rivals of France can no longer prevent her from becoming mistress of the Nile.

The British desire an open Nile from the Mediterranean to the lakes. But the French are said to be furtively moving to "effectively occupy" Fashoda, a town on the Nile some 400 miles south of Khartoum. This town is situated at a point between Gondorka and Khartoum, and should it fall into the hands of the French the most valuable waters of the Nile would be lost. The Nile is navigable all the year round from Berber to a point within ten degrees of the equator. Fashoda in the hands of a foreign power blocks the way of access to the Albert Nyanza. By pushing their way down the Nile to the great lakes, and by projecting the railway in South Africa even farther north, the British expect, in due time, to join together Cape Town and Cairo. The French seem to be getting in the way to hinder the consummation of such magnificent schemes of the British in Africa.

Will Bide Her Time.

Britain in No Hurry to Occupy Chinese Territory.

But Will Be Ready for an Emergency — Co-operating With Japan.

London, Dec. 24.—A dispatch to the Daily Chronicle from Rome says it is rumored there that owing to her obligations to Germany, Italy has declined England's proposal for common action in the far east, including a joint occupation of Chusan. According to the same dispatch, England has proposed to Russia a conference on the Chinese question, with a view to avoiding dangerous rivalries.

The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail says: The Chinese government is helpless. It is mobilizing a few troops under the least incapable generals who conducted the campaign against Japan. The British fleet at present is at sea.

The Daily Chronicle says it has good reason to believe that the government has decided upon a watching policy, and will refrain from occupying any Chinese territory for the present, but it will give its moral support to Japan and distinct warnings to China concerning England's action in certain contingencies. It is understood, says the Daily Chronicle, that Japan will protest in the strongest manner against Germany's action; while diplomatic circles ridicule the idea of a Russo-German entente concerning China.

Berlin, Dec. 24.—The press is evidently deeply interested as to the attitude Great Britain and the United States are likely to adopt in the Chinese affair. Every attempt is being made to create ill-feeling against England and to represent her as isolated. The official newspapers pretend that Japan has acquiesced in the German and Russian moves, and will take no aggressive action. Everything indicates the anxiety that hinges upon the ultimate groupings of the powers. Japan's action in withdrawing her protest with reference to the course of the United States at Hawaii is interpreted as showing a desire to be unencumbered abroad and to have her hands free to deal with the Chinese question. The Berliner Tageblatt ridicules the idea of an Anglo-Japanese-American alliance, yet seems to fear it. The Kolnische Zeitung thinks America will side with Russia, leaving England in splendid isolation.

A special from Rome says that the Italian cabinet has declined to dispatch a squadron to Chinese waters.

The French cruiser Pascal sailed from Toulon for China yesterday.

The Sealing Award

Eminently Satisfactory to the British Authorities.

Charge of Bad Faith Will Be Revived if Congress Fails to Sanction the Agreement—Canada Blamed for the Delay.

A cable dispatch to the New York Tribune from London says: Officials at the foreign office do not conceal their gratification over the result of the sealing award since the amount of the indemnity awarded exceeds that which Congress refused to pay. The English press has constantly been reproaching the United States for not paying their bill for damages after the general decision of the Paris tribunal has gone against them. Inevitably the charge of bad faith will be revived if Congress should again refuse its sanction to the agreement reached by the sealing commissioners. Neglect on the part of Congress to appropriate the money required for settling the compensation for the seizure of Canadian sealers will naturally increase the difficulty of adjusting the Bering Sea question and this is already serious enough.

The Foreign Office, which is now exposed to merciless criticism at home and abroad for its position of isolation and helplessness in dealing with the new and mysterious Chinese question, would be glad to have this chief source of contention with America removed, but it cannot act without the support of Canada, which is not willing to agree to the suspension of pelagic sealing and the preservation of the fur seal herd unless a series of other contentions and questions are taken up by the United States and disposed of.

What is to be apprehended is a diplomatic impasse with increased bitterness between the two nations as a result.

The prompt settlement of the bill of damages agreed upon by Judges Putnam and King will promote the chances of a reasonable adjustment of the chief question at issue. Otherwise the present regulations will remain in force indefinitely under the Paris award, after experience has shown them to be inadequate for the protection of the seals.

CANADIAN INTERESTS.

Arrangements for a Rush to Klondike — Canadian Poultry in Good Demand.

London, Dec. 24.—Arrangements are being rapidly completed here in connection with the spring rush to the Klondike. The two Union Line steamers Athenian and Tartar have been secured for the Vancouver-Fort Wrangel service in connection with the Canadian Pacific. The ships will leave for Vancouver on Feb. 1, after an entire refitting. They are 4,000 tons each, have a speed of 14 knots, and will carry 200 first-class and 1,000 steerage passengers. The government and steamship offices are overwhelmed with inquiries. Between 70 and 80 inquiries are made daily at the Canadian Pacific offices alone, where passengers are being booked through to Telegraph Creek.

London journals discredit the reports of famine in the Klondike.

Canadian poultry in London is held at good prices.

Ottawa telegrams awaken suspicions here as to the possible ulterior motive of the vote of the United States Congress of $200,000 for the Klondike relief expedition. People say: "What if they should prove a second Jameson raid?"

Christmas Cheer In the Homes.

A Day of Joy in the Charitable Institutions of London.

The Form the Celebration Will Take in Each—Good Things in Plenty.

Christmas is always a day of joy in the charitable institutions of London, and tomorrow public and private bounty will be dispensed on a generous scale to cheer the sick, the afflicted and the destitute.

PROTESTANT ORPHANS' HOME.

The day will be celebrated in the usual grand old fashion at the Protestant Orphans' Home. After attendance at the Church of St. John the Evangelist in the morning, the little ones will partake of a great big dinner. Then in the evening a Christmas tree, well laden with candies and toys, will be provided, and a good time generally is expected. Friends of the institution have liberally donated toys and provisions.

AT MOUNT HOPE.

The inmates of the Mount Hope Home will be well looked after. A special dinner will be served, after which two large Christmas trees, one bearing presents for the little ones, and the other with presents for the old people. Special services in the chapel will be held in the morning.

The day at St. Joseph's Hospital will be marked by the usual special dinner.

THE AGED PEOPLE.

The Aged People's Home has been nicely decorated for Christmas, and the inmates will be given a first-class Christmas dinner by the Women's Christian Association. Numberless little treats have been prepared for New Year's Eve, when a Christmas tree entertainment will be given.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.

The general hospital patients will dine on turkey, plum pudding and like delicacies tomorrow. Flowers will also be presented to every inmate. The wards have been handsomely decorated.

THE ASYLUM.

The asylum will be the scene of great rejoicing. Every patient will receive a present from the big Christmas tree tomorrow night, the theater being handsomely decorated for the event. The bill-of-fare will be very choice at all meals.

THE INCURABLES.

The inmates of the Home for Incurables will be entertained by several ladies and gentlemen, who have promised to gladden their hearts with song and music. A Christmas repast has been prepared, and Miss Blake, the popular matron, looks forward to a pleasant time for the sufferers. Through the kindness of friends a large amount of oranges, candy, nuts, etc., have been distributed.

THE REFUGE.

At the Women's Refuge and Infants' Home the day will be observed in much the same manner as heretofore. A Christmas dinner will be given, and Mrs. Gregsten's primary class of the First Methodist Church will visit the home in the afternoon and entertain the inmates. There are eleven infants there, whom the little girls of the primary class delight to see.

THE JAIL.

At the jail, as stated before, the prisoners will be given a Christmas dinner and a day off.

THE CONVALESCENTS.

At the Convalescent Home charitable ladies will furnish delicacies for the inmates, and otherwise contribute to their entertainment and pleasure.

THE SALVATION CITADEL.

A happy time was spent at the Salvation Army Citadel last night, when the annual Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school scholars was held. Nearly 300 people were present and the large tree was so weighted down with presents for the little ones that Santa Claus was kept busy for about two hours distributing them. A good programme of songs, recitations, dialogues and choruses was also given by the children. Tomorrow a special Christmas service will be held in the evening. A free dinner of turkey, roast beef, plum pudding, etc., will be a big attraction at the army hotel, the donations for which are gratefully acknowledged. Yet there is room for more, says the captain in charge.

Dainty Odors . . .

—How much one appreciates dainty floral odors in the dead of winter! It isn't for all of us, however, to enjoy them as flung from Nature's censer, but there is always the kind created by perfumers — "sweet meadow fragrance, cased in glass."

Red Roses, Violette Reine, Aromis, Bouquet of Loves, Moss Rose, Violet Flowers, And almost a score of other odors.

A word about our perfum Stephanotis. The freshness and delight of a summer morning seem concentrated in it—one ounce 50c. An excellent display of Ebony Toilet Goods, serviceable for gifts.

Cairncross & Lawrence,
Chemists and Perfumers.
216 Dundas Street.

No Trouble From the Storm.

Railway Tracks Not Blocked — American Connections Make Trains Late — The City Snow Plows Out.

Last night's blizzard was J. Pluvius' Christmas box, and not a bad one, by any means. It caused a little discomfort at the time, but the effects today are splendid temperature, a clear sky, and that best of all Christmas weather delights, good sleighing.

The inconvenience of the storm was only temporary. The Grand Trunk, C. P. R. and M. C. R. experienced no blockade in Ontario. Not a single snowplow was required to be sent out of the city today to clear the tracks. On the London, Huron and Bruce, where trouble was most feared, the morning train arrived here on time to the minute. On the main line of the G. T. R. today, the trains were from one hour to two hours late, owing entirely to American connections.

The street railway company came through bravely. The sweeper was out all night long, and went over miles of the tracks. This morning the cars started on time, and the snow gave them no trouble.

All the city snowplows were out before dawn, and West London streets received just as thorough a sweeping as the other. The storm cost the city $62.

If you have a troublesome cough, don't keep nibbling sweets, and so ruin your appetite. A dose or two of Ayer's Cherry Pectoral will do you more good than pounds of candy, and assist rather than impair your digestion. Always keep this medicine in your house.

The Wabash Railroad.

With its superb and magnificent train service is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in America, the great winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico (the Egypt of the new world), Texas and California (the land of sunshine and flowers). Passengers going by the Wabash new line reach their destination in advance of other routes. Wabash trains reach more large cities than any other railroad in the world. Detailed information will be gladly furnished by any railroad agent or J. A. Richardson, northeast corner King and Yonge streets, Toronto. 44tf

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs, and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice, I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believed it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me any good."

Barkwell's Winterine cures chapped hands. 10m

Your money back if you want it.

With Your Permission

we appoint you a committee of one to ascertain where you can buy Winter Footwear with best advantage to yourself. We believe that if you investigate the subject thoroughly you will buy here; we therefore invite you to call, examine our winter stock, go elsewhere and compare them; and we have not the slightest fear but that you will come back and buy.

J. P. COOK,
173 Dundas Street.

Your money back if you want it.