

DIocese OF HURON BUDGET AGAIN SET AT \$80,000

LOCAL MINISTERS OPPOSED TO DANCING IN CHURCHES

Approve N. Y. Bishop's Action in Demanding Explanation From Rector.

LOWERS STANDARDS

People Here Would Not Stand for Innovation, Declares Rev. Mr. McIntosh.

The action of Bishop Manning of New York in asking the rector of St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery to explain why he allowed interpretive dancing in his church is approved by London clergymen. Several stated this morning they were vigorously opposed to dancing of all kinds in churches.

"When a minister begins to use his church as a dance hall it is time he got out of the ministry," a local clergyman said. "As far as I can see, there is no justification for dancing, especially so-called interpretive dancing, which is often an excuse for being objectionable."

Rev. Dr. Bowley Green holds similar views. "Most emphatically am I opposed to dancing in the church. History shows that whenever the church has conformed to the standards of the world she has lost her power. In proportion to the spirit of worldliness in the church is found the decline of its spiritual power," he said.

"Dancing lowers the standard of the church. I don't think anyone can make the spiritual side of life more attractive in this way. As long as I am pastor of Talbot Street Baptist, no dancing will be held."

Rev. W. R. McIntosh did not think the people of this community would stand for dancing in churches. He understood a few of the city churches allowed certain forms of clog-dance, but interpretive dancing had never been tried.

"It would be most unwise for any London clergyman to let dancing be done in his church," Mr. McIntosh

Six Perish In Blizzard

Associated Press Despatch. El Paso, Texas, Dec. 14.—Searching parties in New Mexico, following the worst blizzard in 35 years, have found the bodies of six persons who were frozen to death during the heavy snowstorm of the last few days, according to word received here.

The body of a Mexican was found between Corona and Vaughn, in Guadalupe County, standing beside a pile of brush, a match clutched in his hand. Four other members of his family and a sheep herder had been frozen to death a few yards away.

"The prejudice against it is extremely strong here. I personally oppose dances of the extreme type anywhere, and there will never be anything of the kind held in my church. The heads of the St. Mark's-in-the-Bowery Church claims to be a class of people to deal with, mostly foreigners. Persons who are brought up to such amusement probably cannot see any harm in church dancing."

"It may be possible that the St. Mark's pastor sees the situation in a different light and should be excused for his behavior. There is positively no reason for that kind of thing."

"Far from interesting young people in the church, dancing and that type of amusement keeps them away," a local Anglican clergyman said. "The sanctity of churches must be preserved if they are to maintain the respect they are entitled to," he added.

FINED FOR M. V. A. BREACHES.

A few minor cases of breaches of the M. V. A. and city bylaws were dealt with in police court this morning. The customary fines being levied.

FULL ATTENDANCE MARKS MEETING IN CRONYN HALL

Proposed Canon for Women's Guild Defeated by Executive.

REQUEST ALLOWED

The sum of \$80,000 will again be the budget fund for the Diocese of Huron. After lengthy discussion and separate consideration of each item, the executive committee of the synod, holding its quarterly meeting in Bishop Cronyn Hall yesterday afternoon, decided upon this sum as the yearly budget.

Matters relative to the work of the entire diocese were brought before the numerous committee meetings held in connection with the quarterly session. There was a full attendance of the clergy, and nearly every layman was present. Judge Sutherland of Owen Sound, and Sheriff Johnston of Sarnia, two prominent lay figures, were unable, however, to be present.

Financial reports and land and investment reports went through without change.

Defeat at the hands of the executive committee met a proposed canon which at the last synod, held here in May, aroused a great deal of interest among the women of the diocese. This was proposed by Rev. Henry Smith of Port Rowan, to provide for the drawing up of a constitution or canon in connection with the work of women's guilds. The result of this, as the Port Rowan rector saw it, would be too have the plans of the guild referred in a large measure to the rector of the parish. The resolution was referred from the synod to the executive, who in turn appointed a small committee to deal with it. A constitution as proposed was drawn up, but was defeated by the executive committee yesterday afternoon.

To Represent Synod.

With regard to the finances of the synod, the secretary-treasurer, Venerable Archdeacon Doherty, was appointed to represent the synod at all meetings of shareholders of companies in which it is interested.

Two important items in connection with local parishes came before the committee. St. George's Church, West London, was given permission to mortgage its new parish hall for a sum of \$8,000 to cover immediate expenses of building. The building of the hall was covered by contributions, a number of which, however, are spread over terms, terms ranging from two to five years. The action of the bishop in promising a grant of \$1,000 to the new church at Knollwood Park was approved, and the bishop was requested to appoint a committee to delimit the boundaries of the parish.

At the sessions of the synod, held here last May, much controversy ranged around ways and means of collecting the arrears in the Forward Movement subscriptions. A committee of two clergymen was appointed to try and collect these arrears. Yesterday afternoon they gave a most optimistic report as to their success throughout the diocese. Conditions in some families have altered substantially since the subscription was made, but the report indicated that in every case where it was all possible payment was being rapidly made.

Permission Granted. Action was taken with regard to several applications from parishes in the diocese. St. George's Church, Stanley, was given permission to mortgage their recently renovated church for the sum of \$3,500 on condition that this mortgage be made the first obligation of the parish.

The parish of Ford applied for tentative permission to obtain a mortgage, which was granted.

Permission was given the parishes of Onondaga and Middleport to purchase a rectory, and the sum of \$300 was awarded from the diocesan rectory building fund.

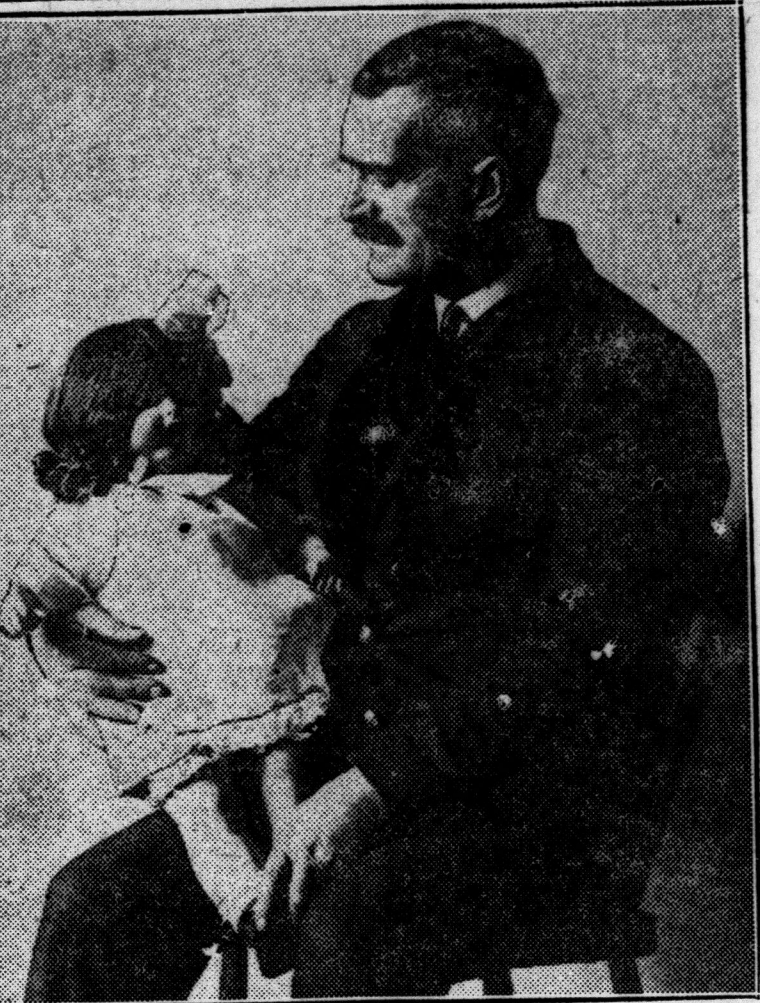
Sombrs applied for an increased grant of \$400 to build a Sunday school. This was allowed.

The greater number of out-of-town clergy and laymen attending the executive meeting left the city by 9 o'clock last evening, amid the first advent of real Christmas weather. Bishop Williams presided over the session and concluded it with his expression of a "Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year" to the executive, together with an expression of gratitude and appreciation for the success which has attended the work of the diocese during the past year.

ONTARIO TRAVELERS WILL MEET TOMORROW

To Announce Result of Balloting for Officers of 1924 and Other Important Matters.

At the annual meeting of the Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association, which is to be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock in the O. C. T. A. rooms, Dominion Savings Building, the result of the balloting for officers for 1924 will be announced. The financial statement for 1923 will also be presented and auditors' representatives to the Western Fair board for 1924 will be appointed. The meeting tomorrow will be one of the most important ones in the O. C. T. A. history, as it will be then decided whether the association will be represented at the imperial conference of travelers to be held in London, England, next year. This conference will be represented by nearly all of the various commercial travelers' association in the British Empire.



JOHN ASHTON VISITS THE DOLL SHOP. The Doll Lady's dolls are such wonderful affairs that grown-ups are attracted as well as little girls. For example, here is Ex-Ald. John Ashton, admiring a creation in pink organdy who rejoices in the name of "Betty Lou." Ex-Ald. Ashton says he understands why little girls are so anxious to have a doll from the Doll Lady.

News From City Churches

ST. GEORGE'S MEETING.

St. George's Presbyterian Ladies' Aid and W. M. S. held their annual meetings yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. John Kingsborough, King street, with Mrs. George Cairncross and Mrs. George Smythe presiding over the meetings. The election of officers for the Ladies' Aid resulted as follows: President, Mrs. George Cairncross, re-elected by acclamation; vice-president, Mrs. F. Hardy; treasurer, Miss Marjorie Buchanan; corresponding secretary, Mrs. John Little; convener of the committees, Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor. The following were elected for the coming year: The W. M. S. elections, President, Mrs. John Hosie, sen.; vice-president, Mrs. G. Smythe; treasurer, Mrs. John Kingsborough; stranger secretary, Mrs. John Hardy; home helpers' secretary, Mrs. Stanley Grosvenor; organist, Miss Helen Angus. Miss Agnes Tunnah and Miss Ellen Angus were appointed as the hosts for the Ladies' Aid. The meeting was held in January in the Presbyterian Church. Very gratifying reports of the year's work were read by the secretaries of the different departments. Arrangements were made for the Christmas work and a pleasant half hour was spent over the tea-cups at the end of the meeting. The hostess served dainty refreshments, assisted by Mrs. L.

EDWARDS' HEIRS MEET ON TUESDAY

New York Claimants Plan to Fight Opposition in Law Courts.

A meeting of the claimants of this district to the Edwards estate in New York City is to be held on Tuesday afternoon in the county council chambers, George Cook and Miss T. A. Edwards, who are looking after the interests of Western Ontario heirs, announced this morning.

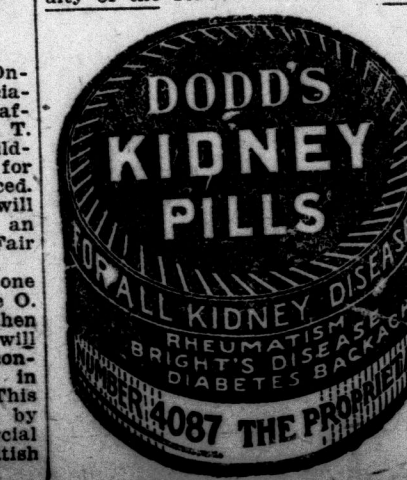
The claimants in New York are preparing to enter American law courts and fight any opposition to the prospective distribution of the \$400,000 property to the heirs. The claim will be filed on a percentage basis, and it is anticipated a final settlement will be made within six months.

It will cost at least \$1,000,000 to bring the Edwards estate affairs through the courts to receive a decision. The Western Ontario heirs will have to decide on Tuesday whether they favor contributing money for this purpose.

TELLS COMMERCE STUDENTS OF MERCANTILE AGENCIES

Clarence May, manager of Dun's, Limited, addressed students in the final year of the school of commerce at the University of Western Ontario this morning. Mr. May outlined the function and operation of mercantile agencies.

The lecture is part of the regular business course arranged by the faculty of the school of commerce.



PRACTICAL GIFTS ARE THE 'MODE' THIS YEAR

Demand Light for Vanity Accessories But Pyjamas—That's Different.

MAH JONG POPULAR

And 'Tis Said Women Are More Conscientious in Choice of Men's Gifts.

"Practical gifts are being bought exclusively," the manager of the hydro shop said. "I think that is a good sign. Electrical appliances, such as percolators, toasters, curling irons, washbuds, etc., are in fairly good demand. Luxuries are not wanted."

The dividing line between penury and opulence has never been quite so pronounced as during the present Christmas shopping.

Persons who formerly purchased medium grade articles seem to be holding in their purse strings, while those accustomed to luxuries are spending more than ever. But the whole tenor of the shopper's desire this season is for practical things. Even the thrill-loving flapper is coming down to brass tacks. Vials of pungent perfume and pearl necklaces have been placed on the taboo list. Practicality is the watchword.

Even so, there remain a few old-fashioned souls who anxiously inquire for the latest styles in earrings and lipsticks. But these are in the minority. "Perhaps it is the hard-ship involved in mastering the intricate art of making both ends meet. Anyhow, dealers who specialize in life's necessities, such as clothing, potatoes and tooth brushes, are doing a big business, while small luxuries, such as manicuring sets and gold toothpicks are being passed up."

Toys and children's playthings are not selling with the old vim of past years," declared representatives of a novelty store. "Horns, stockings, fairy tales, Jack-in-the-boxes, etc., are in decreased demand. The more expensive gifts for boys and girls, such as teddy bears, ping-pong, velocipedes and small radio sets, are going at a satisfactory rate. We are disappointed with the showing of nursery rhymes. Young people appear to have contracted the saving habit as much as the parents. Toy banks and cash registers make strong appeals."

Perhaps the most marked demand is for Mah-Jong sets. The prevalence of embryo Orientalists is said to be accountable for the particularly brisk sale of these.

That women are more conscientious in their choice of gifts for men than men are in theirs, is shown by the practical male is shown by the former purchase articles for the "daddy," brother and dear old father. The great proportion of men's furnishings are purchased by women.

"There's been a decided change in the woman's point of view these years," said one of the city's haberdashers. "Heavy socks are usurping the silk kind. Two years ago one never heard a request for pyjamas. Nowadays women demand them by the score for their husbands, brothers and even girl friends. The more expensive kind of dressing gowns, overcoats and scarfs are selling well. When a woman buys a present for a man she usually insists on the very best. When she buys for a woman it doesn't matter so much."

HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING.

At the annual meeting of the Junior W. A. of St. Matthew's Church held yesterday, the election of officers took place. The executive for the ensuing year is as follows: President, Mrs. Cripps; first vice-president, Mrs. A. Henderson; second vice-president, Mrs. William Cripps; and treasurer, Mrs. M. Williams. The members of the union executive appointed were as follows: President, Vefa Holmes; secretary, Helen Dyson; and treasurer, Holmes. The annual reports were presented, and Mrs. W. McKenna, president of the Senior W. A., who presided over the meeting, gave a short talk on missionary work. The packing of the Christmas bales for Muncy was completed, and will be sent shortly.

WILL LAUNCH ROUND TABLE CLUB TONIGHT

The first meeting of the new Round Table Club, a subsidiary of the Chamber of Commerce, will be held at the Tecumseh House this evening. Due to an error it was announced yesterday that the meeting would be held on Thursday, but Gordon Philip, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, wishes all members to be on hand tonight.

SALVATION ARMY STARTS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DRIVE

With the placing of the Salvation Army Christmas cheer pots on the streets tomorrow, Ensign Spooner and Brigadier McAmmond, appeal to Londoners to give generously in view of the fact that more applications for relief work have been received this year than formerly.

Arena Will Be Ready Jan. 22

J. J. Foote, director of the L. A. A., announced today that the new arena would probably officially open on the 22nd. The ice will be frozen two days preceding and on the 17th the brine pipes will be put into operation for the first time.

Four teams will be secured to play an exhibition game on the opening night.

TRUCK DRIVER HURT IN HIGHWAY CRASH

James Young, St. Thomas, Has Arm Broken in Wagon Collision.

The son of James Young, St. Thomas truck driver, received a broken arm and other serious injuries one mile north of Talbotville the truck in which he was driving with his father to St. Thomas struck a milk wagon owned by George Clinton of the Gore road, Southwold township.

The accident happened on the St. Thomas highway, the truck being piled up in the ditch. It was on its way from London to St. Thomas with a load of victrolas from Mason & Risch, London.

Mr. Young was rushed to Amasa Wood Hospital, St. Thomas, where his injuries are being attended to. The horse driven by Mr. Clinton ran away, but was stopped within a mile. Both vehicles were proceeding in the same direction.

EMPRESS AVENUE M. C.

The monthly meeting of the Mission Circle of the Empress Avenue Methodist Church was held last evening from 6:30 to 8, the executive serving supper, after which the meeting immediately followed. The hour proved so successful that it was agreed to hold future meetings at this time. Plans were made for a birthday party to be held at the land read the Scripture lesson, and a talk of an interesting and helpful nature was given by Mrs. R. M. Berry on "My Kind of a Girl." Irene Burt, who rendered a pleasing solo. The attendance was excellent and included nine new members.

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