

The Planet.

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THE KINDERGARTEN.

The many ladies and gentlemen who attended the Closing Exercises of McKenough School Kindergarten yesterday spent a most profitable and pleasurable afternoon. The attractively decorated hall; the bright, happy and earnest faces of the little ones; their aptness and intelligence; their occupations and their games; the admirable loyalty earned by the accomplished lady director and her assistants; the delighted presence of parents—these were thoughts, profitable and pleasurable thoughts, that came to the mind of the onlooker.

What a grand institution the kindergarten has become and how much it is doing for Chatham. How much, too, we owe to the kindergarteners in charge. It is, perhaps, only at such seasons as the closing exercises that the public gets full opportunity to estimate the excellent, painstaking and result-producing work being done. How much of our city's future is in the hands of the kindergarten who shall estimate.

There was one strikingly regrettable feature to yesterday's closing, however, that forcefully struck the writer. Where were our representatives on the Public School Board? The trustees may, of course, have all been busily engaged—but their business engagements must have been of the most pressing and important character to have warranted their absence on such an occasion.

WHO BEGAN THE WAR?

Those whose hostility to the present British Government carries them to the length of sympathizing with the Boers assume on the part of their hearers and readers a total forgetfulness or ignorance of the facts when they assert that, although the ultimatum came from Pretoria, war was practically declared in London. The purpose of such a shallow statement is to place the Boers in the position of a people upon whom has been waged a war of conquest and who, driven to the last extremities, are making a brave and stubborn fight for self-preservation. As good a way as any to show which party intended war is to inquire which had been preparing for it. If Britain forced the war upon the two South African states, surely she would have made reasonable adequate preparations for the struggle. It may be that over-confidence is a national fault of the British people; that they are prone to despise the enemy and hold themselves in too high esteem; it may be that they were ill-informed respecting the strength and spirit of the enemy, and that their rulers deceived themselves and deceived the nation in regard to the extent of the task before them—all that may be admitted and yet it will not be seriously contended that the British Government is wholly directed by men devoid of ordinary sense and common prudence. If it is contended that these men had decided upon the conquest of the Transvaal, it must be admitted that they would make a reasonable use of the means at their disposal necessary for the accomplishment of their purpose. The accusation of one set of critics that Britain forced the war upon the Boers is answered by the facts of another set who point with contempt at Britain's military administration which allowed a war to break out upon her South African colonies with a defensive force in the country scarcely sufficient to police it in time of peace. On the one hand, Britain is accused of having planned and made a war of conquest, and on the other hand her government is taunted with stupidity and negligence because an attacking enemy found her unprepared to face a foe which had for long years been arming for the fray. Unpleasant as is the latter criticism, it is the one borne out by the facts.

The dispute between the government at Pretoria and that at London did not suddenly arise. The convention regulating the relations between the two countries dated back to 1881, and long before the famous raid, British subjects in the Transvaal had been praying for the vindication of their treaty rights and the redress of their grievances. Throughout the summer of 1899 the relations with the Boers became more strained and mutterings of war were heard everywhere in the Transvaal; and yet all this time Britain had less than ten thousand troops in South Africa. If she was planning the annexation of the South African Republic it must have been that she was relying upon diplomacy to accomplish her purposes, for her available armed force was not sufficient to guard a fractional part of her own frontier. It was not until August, when the war cloud had grown more threatening, that a move was made to reinforce the garrisons by sending a little over twelve thousand men, but many of these did not arrive until

Impaired Digestion

May not be all that is meant by *dyspepsia* now, but it will be if neglected. The uneasiness after eating, fits of nervous headache, sourness of the stomach, and disagreeable belching may not be very bad now, but they will be if the stomach is suffered to grow weaker.

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hostilities had commenced. War came, the Boers poured across the frontier, and the scattered British posts found themselves beset by superior numbers. At the firing of the first shot Britain was put upon the defensive. Then followed those long and anxious months of dogged defence until an army could be dispatched nearly seven thousand miles over the sea, to relieve, after severe and at times, doubtful struggles, the scattered forces that were holding back the tide of invasion. In the face of these facts it is absurd to pretend that Britain had intended to make war upon the South African Republic. If intention is to be judged from positive acts, the verdict must go against Paul Kruger and his people. They refused to entertain the proposals that would have made the continuance of friendly relations possible; they declared war, and at the very heels of the declaration came the invasion of British territory. On their part all was in readiness; men, horses, arms, munitions, and plans of campaign scientifically devised and carried out with a skill and valor that did credit to generals and soldiers. The long-wished for opportunity had come; the preparation of years was to be put to use; Britain was to be struck such a blow that she would either be driven from South Africa or her strength so shattered that never again would she be the dominant power in that part of the world. The Boers were to free themselves from treaty obligations; territory was to be acquired which would give an outlet upon the sea; the African Dutch race was to re-unite under one flag which should eventually wave over the whole of South Africa. It was the Boer's war and it has proved a war that failed. The Boers have fallen into the pit dugged for the enemy. A flag is to disappear from South Africa, but it is not the flag of Britain.

The Brantford Courier says that the Liberals in the Old Land look as if they had tried to hug the machine and by mistake got hold of a buzz saw.

The headlines of a San Francisco paper reads, "Mrs. Lamb Chops Her Husband." The husband she is stewing about is probably mutton by this time.

There's a meeting on Friday evening at the Old Town Hall for the purpose of formally organizing preparations for the Old Time Chatham Home Reunion, Be there.

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We think the members of the Public School Board made a mistake in not deciding to close the schools forthwith. However, it's only a matter of a couple of days and we'll forgive the trustees this time.

It does look a little as though our Public School trustees must have forgotten the days when they sweated in the dusty classroom—and perhaps played "hooky" to go to the circus.

A negro who claimed to be 105 years old and to have had thirty-four wives, died in Indianapolis the other day. He seems to have been too busy with his matrimonial affairs to give any attention to post-mortem obligations heretofore.

A PERTINENT QUESTION.

Brantford Courier.
"Hug the Machine" Preston received about \$5,000 last year, as immigration agent. What value did he give for it?

A SURE THING WAGER.

Brantford Courier.
Hon. G. W. Ross, leaves for the Old Country in a few days. It's a safe wager that he will not be as sick on the voyage, as he will be when he receives the returns of the approaching Ontario contest.

SOMEWHAT TIMELY.

Windsor Record.
It is to be regretted that ex-Governor Pingree could not hear all the good things that are now said about him by former friends and opponents. It is one of the regrettable things in the lives of many public men, that they cannot hear these pleasant references when they are in a position to appreciate them. Post-mortem eulogies are not the best way of expressing our good opinions of the services of public men. Let us present our bouquets as they pass along life's pathway.

DISTRICT DOINGS

IRWIN.

Mrs. Foss, Mrs. S. S. Sutor and children have arrived from Foston, Minn., to spend the summer with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Sutor. Bloomfield school will hold their picnic next Friday afternoon in Dolson's grove. Sports, and a good time, come, bring the children.

Sunday school rally at Providence church, river road, next Sunday evening, to begin at seven o'clock. Address from several S. S. workers. Rev. J. Osterhout, pastor.

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EIGHTH CON., RALEIGH.

A number of the members of the Wesley congregation and Epworth League visited their pastor in his home at Raleigh, N. C., Tuesday evening, June 18th. The following address was read by the president of the League.

Mr. Redmond:
Our dear friend and pastor—It is with deep regret we learn that you are about to leave us. During your three years sojourn in our midst, you have ever, by your noble example of a true upright Christian character and by the lessons which you have so faithfully labored to teach us, sought to lift us to a higher and more perfect plane of Christian service.

Although we cannot in any way hope to repay you, for it is our Heavenly Father's work, and we know that you look only to Him for your reward, yet as a slight token of our appreciation for your services we wish to offer you this chair and book. We will always have loving regard for yourself and family, and hope that when you are weary with the day's care and toil you will spend many pleasant hours in this chair and ever have kindly memories of your friends of Wesley.

Mr. Redmond was presented with a large easy chair and a beautiful volume of Tennyson's poems. He expressed his thanks, saying that the evening's surprise had afforded him a great deal of pleasure, and that he was going away feeling that he was leaving many warm friends. After luncheon had been served, a pleasant social evening was spent, and all returned to their homes feeling that Mr. Redmond's departure would indeed be a great loss to them, and hoping that he would find as many true friends in Appin as he is leaving in Wesley.

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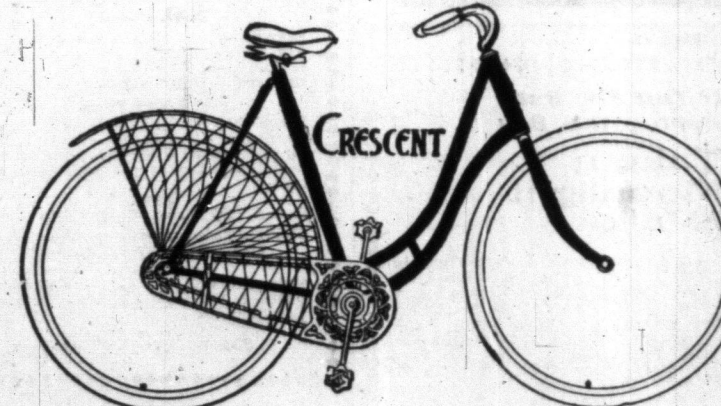
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