

MAPLE CITY'S YOUNG SOLDIERS

Men of the Gallant 24th of Kent—Will be Inspected by Lord Dundonald this Month at St. Thomas—A Good Record.

During the last few years Canada has witnessed a pronounced revival in militarism. Ever since the grand showing made by the Canadian soldiers in the late Boer war the world generally has looked upon Canada in a far different light. Her sons are now known as athletes and men of strength.

Chatham has felt considerable of this military movement, which resulted in the reorganization of the old 24th Regiment. Ever since its reorganization a keen interest has been taken in this military body and each year it grows from the large numbers of spectators who are always on hand to witness the movements of the soldiers in a church parade or a march-out. The Regiment has made great progress since its commencement, and this is undoubtedly due in a large extent to the influential and energetic men who are at its head. At every inspection that they have undergone the Commanding Officer has taken the trouble to say a number of kind words of congratulation and encouragement to the soldiers. This must indeed be gratifying both to the soldiers and the officers.

The Regiment is now preparing for

their trip to St. Thomas on May 25th, and from present appearances there will not be a more soldierly body of men in St. Thomas on that date than the contingent from Chatham. The officers are working hard with their men and the new form of drill is being quickly learned by the men. The drill sergeant also is doing much towards perfecting the men in their drill and instructing them.

The men in the Regiment should take an interest and pride in their work for the sake of the fair name of the Maple City, and should fill up their companies and make the very best showing possible on the 25th. In athletic sport, such as football and lacrosse, etc., the name of Chatham is found among the first and there is no reason why it should not be the same in military affairs.

The 24th Regiment Band is recognized as one of the best city bands in Ontario, and the Bugle Band is coming fast, so that the Regiment has two excellent bands in its favor. The boys are looking forward to a good time and there is no doubt that they will not be disappointed.

Colonel Rankin has returned from a recent trip to St. Thomas and he reports that the people of that place have overlooked nothing which will add to the comfort or enjoyment of the soldiers from Chatham.

PASSIVE RESISTANCE BIG LAND PURCHASE

London, May 15.—There was a remarkable scene in the City Temple at the midday service yesterday, when the pastor, Rev. R. J. Campbell, the successor of the late Dr. Parker, announced his adherence to the "passive resistance" movement against the new education bill. Rev. Mr. Campbell is regarded as the head of the Nonconformists in this country. At his announcement to-day the audience, numbering about 3,000 persons, stood up and cheered lustily for several minutes. The pastor added that he had heard that Colonial Secretary Chamberlain is likely to advocate the imprisonment of those who participate in the "passive resistance" movement, but he believed, should Mr. Chamberlain imprison him, his days as a Colonial Secretary will be numbered, for Nonconformity represents half the religious life of the nation.

Never be impulsive.

Buffalo, May 15.—Mr. Wright of A. J. Wright & Company, bankers and brokers, stated that he had read the stories published in the newspapers to the effect that he had bought large tracts of land on the Canadian side of the Falls for a syndicate that intended to use the land for factory sites.

"All I care to say about it at this time is that I have bought between 2,000 and 3,000 acres of land near Hamilton, Ont., and," said Mr. Wright, "the publication of the fact is premature, and I must decline to go into details concerning the transaction."

"Is it true that you made the purchase on behalf of a syndicate, and it is intended to use the land for factory sites?" Mr. Wright was asked.

"I must decline to answer that question just now. All I care to say is that I have bought the land."

NEW DRESS WITH THE NEW LACE.



The new craze in Crapone and Cluny Lace. These are the old lace made particularly in the village of Crapone, France. All this class of wide mesh, embroidered trimming is going to be the greatest vogue of 1903 and will mark the beginning of its style like the date in the almanac. The rough straw a tistically rolled hat with its garland of full blown roses. This gown and hat are from John Wannanaker, New York.

GLAD GLEAMS OF SOFT SUNSHINE

Being an Interesting Department of The Saturday Planet Conducted by the Chatham Branch of the International Sunshine Society.

Have you had a kindness shown? Pass it on. 'Twas not given for you alone, Pass it on. Let it travel down the years, Let it wipe another's tears, Till in heaven the deed appears, Pass it on.

Though a Sunshine report has not appeared in The Planet for some time, the members of the Chatham Branch have not been idle these sunny spring days. International day has come and gone, leaving the fund for expenses at headquarters considerably increased. The Chatham Sunshiners sent \$5.00 to Mrs. Alden, President-General, as their contribution to the stamp fund. Besides this the Golden Sunshine Circle contributed toward the ice fund. Last year over one thousand dollars was spent in supplying ice for the poor in the tenement houses of New York, and it is expected that double that amount will be required for the coming summer. The funds for the spring and summer work of the Sunshine Society were raised by cooking sales and a paper sale held lately. About \$65 of this has already been used in providing fuel, groceries and relieving the wants of the poor in various other ways.

We have lately heard of one Sunshiner who paid her dues by supplying a family with milk during the winter, and a substantial dinner on Christmas day.

Two others devoted some time recently to relieving sick mothers of the care of their little ones. The hospitals have been visited often, and the poor wards especially remembered.

"I saw a smile—to a poor man 'twas given, And he was old. The sun broke forth, I saw that smile in heaven."

Wrought into gold—Gold of such lustre was ne'er vouchsafed to us. It made the very light of day more luminous. "Wrought into gold! We that pass down life's hours, So carelessly Might make the dusty way a path of flowers."

If we would try, Then every gentle deed we've done, or kind word given, Wrought into gold would make us wondrous rich in heaven."

The Junior Sunshiners have devoted a great deal of their time during the winter sewing for the poor, making garments for little ones, two large quilts, and have now started an autograph quilt to be sent to headquarters for some home for little children.

While visiting one of our hospitals not long ago, some of the older Sunshiners were told of two Junior's way of paying dues. These two while wandering through the building, no doubt watching for opportunities, happened upon an old gentleman trying, with only a moderate degree of success, to mend the holes in a sock. Seeing that the girls took some interest in the proceeding, he suggested that they might know more about the business than he did. So they mended the holes for him, chatted awhile, and left him much the better of their visit. Now these two Sunshiners visit him twice a week, and mended everything in sight, and the best of it is they declare it is they who are getting all the pleasure.

It is anticipated that after the summer holidays are over, several new circles will be formed in the city. Besides the Golden Sunshine Circle and the Junior Branch, requests have been made that a branch for young girls from fourteen to sixteen be formed, and also one for married ladies exclusively.

PICTURES OF THE PRESENT

Up-to-date Subjects Suggested for the Maple City's New Carnegie Library.

Why plaster the new Carnegie library with memorials of ancient doings and scenes, as suggested, when there are so many better contemporaneous subjects for sculptors and painters to get busy with? The Library Board wants to stick up pictures of citizens and prominent places of interest in Chatham all over the building, such as pictures of pioneer Chrysler discovering the Maple City or the early Indians building the old dam on McGregor's Creek.

There are a whole lot of present day things in which future generations will take a lively interest and which they ought not to be allowed to forget. Here is a handful of suggestions that bubble from the fertile mind the instant the spigot is turned on:

1. Whitewash drawing of the idea the Macaulay Club had of erecting a monument to Tecumseh in the Park. Archaeologists ought to know that the scheme really did get as far as the idea.

2 The Chatham chicken fighters in Detroit under the protection of the

Yankee sheriff. Should be heroic sculpture.

3. The 24th Kent Regiment taking the city of St. Thomas by storm. Magnificent opportunity here for a figure painter. For the sake of effect, Quarter Master Cornell and Adjutant Coltart might be painted side by side.

4. The Lorne avenue raiders putting the house of easy reputation out of business. Should be hand-painted.

5. Senex Bannister's last flight from Chatham. A charcoal sketch would do for this.

6. The Alps of Chatham. Done in clay and being a bird's eye view of Maple City streets in spring. A bird's eye view would give the defiles in detail.

7. Front elevation of a Walt. Scane epigram. Should be a perfect specimen of pure Artemus Ward architecture.

8. A flash light of the visit of Lord and Lady Minto. The visit ought really to be saved from oblivion.

9. The gallant courier of the 20th century. This should be a wood cut of the Chairman of the Industrial committee of the City Council.

10. The Chatham football team really winning one game from Darrell without a protest. This might be done in plaster of Paris.

.. SATCHEL OF THE SATELLITE..

The school attendance in Chatham fell off considerably last week.

I know what a flying visit is. The Governor-General educated me.

It was M-inently fitting that Major Maude should meet Mayor McKeough.

Just because a girl sings love songs on the corner is no cinch that she has a corner on love.

The flash visit of the Governor-General's party reminded one most of a streak of lightning.

Many a man who gets roasted in this column expects to get even when the Satellite shuffles off.

One thing about the Governor-General's party. They knew good soldiers when they saw them.

Here dandelions are with us by the thousands and no one has come forward to say he saw the first one.

There is scarcely a young man in Chatham who wouldn't have traded places with Ald. Piggott last Wednesday.

The chairman of the industrial committee denies that he called the fair daughter of the Governor-General Miss Minto.

It is reported that O. L. Lewis left word that if the Governor-General wanted him he would find him at the court house.

It is understood that John Lee. M. P. P. denies the rumor that he is carrying alarm clocks around with him nowadays.

The Governor-General, coming from cold, northern Ottawa, was surprised to see the advanced state of the foliage here.

Ald. George Gordon Martin says that he isn't going to wear a silk tie any more. Everybody took him for the Governor-General.

A field of dandelions may not make a summer but the blossoms will make pretty good wine—if you don't know what real wine tastes like.

A Dover farmer has a cow that eats young geese. There are lots of people in town who make geese of themselves. Perhaps they would make good cow feed.

I don't want to cast any insinuations but I would just like to know if there is any co-incidence between the two fires in Ottawa and the presence there of the Grit Government in power.

I understand now why so many red flags were out on Wednesday. The citizens were trying to flag the Governor-General's fast special as it raced through the city but the effort was useless.

It is said that a fire-cracker struck Lady Eileen Elliott while she was riding in the carriage with Ald. Walter Piggott. It's a good thing that the fire-cracker didn't strike the alderman's fine new hat.

Manager MacAulay of the wagon works team has a grievance. The adjutant of the 24th Kent regiment threatened to run the successful baseball manager off Tecumseh park at the point of the bayonet. Mr. MacAulay says he is going to find out if bayonets can be used for that purpose.

TURF NOTE

The reception committee showed good speed in the Governor-General's handicap.

- WHAT IS SONG? -

Written for THE PLANET by Miss Edna M. Martin.

We hear many people speak of singing but do they truly conceive what song is?

Singing in its highest sense is the mind and soul revealed through tone. Your voice is you, words are the language of the intellect—tone is the language of the soul.

We have as many qualities of tone as we have feelings, were this not so our tones would not voice our feelings as they do. Very frequently we can tell who a singer's master is by the fact that he sings after a manner of the instructor, and when we find this to be the case, the teacher, whoever he may be, is giving wrong and harmful instruction.

The proper attention is not being given to the development of the pupil's individuality, and should the pupil continue to sing in this way, he will in time loose what voice he had for he is not singing with his own true voice but with that which is imitative therefore his singing is false.

No two voices and no two souls were ever alike, and no two persons can be taught to sing in exactly the same way. The fault of so much vocal instruction of the present day is that it is being conducted on a physical basis and the result is often meaningless feats with the vocal organs, rather than true song.

So many instructors have a set rule or method to teach by, varying for none, making the voice bend to suit the method instead of adapting their method to suit the voice. The first principal in learning to sing is to believe that the mind is controlling the body and until the singer realizes this, there is small hope for progress.

We must think first and foremost of that for which we are striving and not of the faults to be overcome.

We must think our tone and then sing it. We must not think of the tongue lies in the mouth nor how the larynx is acting. Nature is not to be taught tricks. She has her own way of operating the diaphragm, larynx and other organs, and thinking of these things will never help us to be singers.

If the pupil sings with right tone and form there will be no trouble about the operation of the organs. We hear a great deal about registers.

It is true that there are three registers, but we should not be conscious of where one begins and the other leaves off. The voice should be as smooth as the notes on a piano. There are the deep heavy notes grading up to the high, bell-like tones. Each note has its own quality and pitch, and the quality of one tone should not be "pulled up" to the next tone. To do so means the straining of both the mind and the voice. We often hear persons sing who strain up for a note, and we feel as though we should like to do something to assist them in reaching it, and at times we hear singers sing very loudly in order to cover up the deficiencies. All such are singers with wrong support and there comes a point where they find that they must sing a small, light tone or none at all. They do not take this broad hint from nature, which is the only true high note they have sung.

It is not well for a pupil to practice on the extreme edge of his compass. Just as the trunk or the middle part of a tree bears the blast of the storm so does the middle part of the human voice bear the strain. We hear so many conscientious, hard-working pupils sing whose efforts result in very labored and unnatural singing, in fact for the listeners, some make such efforts that the effect is painful. If a pupil is taught right and wrong form, and allows the mind to guide, we see none of the things so distracting to the mind and ear. We enjoy watching the singer as well as listening to him when he sings easily and correctly. The tendency of many vocal methods is to limit the action of both body and mind, and to do this means not only failure but disease. Singing in its highest and deepest sense is the expression of the singer's entire personality. To such a spirit of the singer and the listener meet. People who really think and understand the beauties and full capabilities of the voice receive no pleasure whatever in listening to meaningless songs. To interpret rightly a piece of music it must be studied and lived—it must carry something to others from the singer's life and heart.

We don't sing merely to gratify our own vanity nor to show off the voice Providence has given us, but we strive to tell something, to express thought, and evoke answering thoughts in others. In this way only may we hope to give forth true song.

Edna M. Martin.

DANGER IN DRILL

"I would not take a small fortune and remain in that drill shed while the whole Regiment is drilling in there," remarked carpenter Jack Alexander while crossing the Park the other day.

When asked his reason for making such an extraordinary statement, he continued—

"I tell you that building is in a very unsafe condition, and some of these fine days you will see it fall in when there is a large crowd moving around inside of it, and it won't wait until the command 'fall in' comes from the drill instructor, either. Any person with half an eye can see for himself that the braces are falling out from the beams. Some day when there is a large crowd in there and the building is jarred very much the structure will drop off the piers and the roof will collapse. The military authorities should look into the matter right away, as prompt action now may save serious trouble in the future."

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