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Born, Married, Died.

BORN.

COWAN—On Wednesday, Feb. 24, the wife of D. J. Cowan, of a son.

DIED.

FALLAHE—In this city, on March 6, Elizabeth Fallahe, beloved wife of James Fallahe, aged 52 years.

Funeral on Monday, the 8th inst., from her late residence, the Richmond House, at 9 a.m., to St. Peter's Cathedral. Friends and acquaintances kindly accept this intimation.

BARTLETT—On March 3, 1897, at Windsor, Annie Rebecca Bartlett, daughter of the late Elija Bartlett, London South.

Funeral tomorrow (Sunday), to Mount Pleasant, at 2:30, from her late residence, High street, South London. Friends will kindly accept this intimation.

DROMGOLE—In this city, on March 7, James Dromgole, aged 89 years.

Funeral (private) from the residence of his son, John Dromgole, 532 Colborne street, to St. Peter's Cathedral, on Tuesday, March 9, at 9 o'clock. Please omit flowers.

Amusements and Lectures

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

TONIGHT — CONCERT — MISS MORRIS, elocutionist; Miss Donald, soloist; Messrs. Stockwell, Gibson and others. St. James' Presbyterian Church. Tickets, 15 cents; double, 25 cents. 60u

TONIGHT — AUDITORIUM — LONDON Vocal Society's concert in aid of India famine fund. Miss Eva Roblyn, Miss Edith Hartson, Mr. George Angus and Mr. J. W. Fetherston. Popular prices, 35c and 25c. Plan at Y. M. C. A. b

ALERT BASEBALL CLUB CARNIVAL—Wednesday evening, March 10. Grand programme; races. Holden jubilee singers. Full band Seventh Battalion. b

GRAND OPERA HOUSE—TOMORROW night—"Brian Boru." A few good seats left. Prices, $1 and $1 50. Admission, lower floor, $1; balcony, 75c; gallery, 50c. b

SPECIAL—TO TICKET HOLDERS FOR Jarvis-Alexander concert. Plan now open. b

THE X-RAYS — LECTURE BY F. W. Merchant, Esq., M.A., Friday, March 12, 8 p.m. Upper Assembly Hall, Collegiate Institute. Fully illustrated by experiments. Admission 25c. 61i

ALERT BASEBALL CLUB CARNIVAL—Princess Ice Palace, Wednesday, March 10. Senior and junior races, prizes. Holden's Jubilee Singers. Full Band. Admission 15c. 56i

AGENT ALLAN, BEAVER, AMERICAN, Cunard and Red Star Atlantic lines. FRANK B. CLARKE, 416 Richmond street, next Advertiser.

PALACE DANCING ACADEMY—SPECIAL term for gentlemen beginners commences Monday evening, March 8, at 8 o'clock. Reduced rates for this term. Apply early. Academy open every evening. DAYTON & MCCORMICK.

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

Meetings.

One cent per word each insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

JOHN G. WOOLEY, ON CHRISTIAN Citizenship, St. Andrew's Church, March 9. Silver collection, 10c and upwards. Crowds expected. b

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE W. A. M. A. will be held at Bishop Cronyn Hall, on Tuesday next, March 9. Holy communion and an address by his Lordship the Bishop at St. Paul's Cathedral, at 10:30 a.m., on Tuesday evening. A meeting in Bishop Cronyn Hall, addressed by Miss Montizambert, provincial corresponding secretary, and the Ven. Archdeacon Phair. General missionary meeting, to which all are invited, on Wednesday evening at Bishop Cronyn Hall, at 8 o'clock, the Lord Bishop in the chair. Addresses by the Right Rev. Lord Bishop of Niagara and Rev. J. T. Kerrin, of Mitchell. 61c

Domestics Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WANTED—AN EXPERIENCED HOUSEMAID. References required. MRS. MEREDITH, 565 Talbot street. 55tf

WANTED — GENERAL SERVANTS, housemaids and kitchen girls; good places for reliable girls. Ladies wishing good, reliable girls with references can find them at the Osborne Intelligence office, 56 Dundas street. Telephone 386.

RING 1121 FOR THE OLD RELIABLE Dwyer's agency, for cooks, housemaids, generals, nurse girls to assist in housework, housekeeper, wanting, dining room girls for city and out. Good help always wanted at 591 Richmond street.

Male Help Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

WRITERS WANTED TO DO COPYING at home. Law College, Lima, O. 60u

WANTED — AN IDEA — WHO CAN think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & Co., patent attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

Agents Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

AGENTS EVERYWHERE — TO SELL the Vitograph, sample 10c; JAMES MUTCH, London, Ont. 60u

AGENTS NOT MAKING $10 PER WEEK and not asking $50 (no idlers wanted), write for particulars. J. L. NICHOLS & Co., 23 Richmond west, Toronto. 38tf-d&w

WANTED — EXPERIENCED CANVASSER to call on private families, or lady or gentleman well acquainted in the city. State salary expected. Apply drawer 546 city.

Business Cards.

GEO. ROUGHLEY—FELT AND GRAVEL roofer; repairing a specialty; estimates on application. 290 South street, London. Telephone 888.

A. T. CORP—PAINTING, GLAZING paper hanging and house decorating 153 Oxford street. Telephone 758.

Marriage Licenses.

MARRIAGE LICENSES AT SHUFF'S drug store, 549 Dundas street east, corner William. Trolley cars pass the door. No witnesses required.

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

WM. H. WESTON, GROCER, ISSUES licenses at his office, 64 Stanley street. No bonds required.

LICENSES ISSUED BY THOS. GILLEAN Jeweler 402 Richmond street.

Houses, Etc., To Let.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

TO LET—7-ROOMED COTTAGE COMFORTABLE, rent moderate; No. 629 Central avenue. Apply 588 Adelaide street. 60u

TWO-STORY BRICK HOUSE, ALL MODERN conveniences, 277 Piccadilly street. Apply J. P. THOMPSON, care Pocock Bros. 56tf

STORE AND DWELLING TO LET—619 Richmond; baker's oven complete. Apply 201 Mill street. 53tf

TO LET—A COTTAGE ON QUEEN'S avenue (No. 639), or for sale. It has been newly whitewashed and papered. Rent moderate. Apply at 521 Dundas street. 43tf

Real Estate.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE CHEAP AND ON EASY terms of payment, two good improved farms of 75 acres each, in township Westminster. Apply WILLIAM F. BULLEN, Manager The Ontario Loan and Debenture Company 2wt

S. CHADWICK & SON — REAL ESTATE Agents. Homes. Investments. Speculation. Call Room 2 Albion Building.

Lost and Found.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

LOST—BLUE BELTON SETTER DOG—Return to C. PORTE, Oxford street, opposite Military School. Reward. 59c

Articles For Sale.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

FOR SALE—MACHINERY, WOOD AND iron working pulleys, hangers, machinists' tools, blacksmith's tools, gas fitters' tools, steam pipes and fittings, wood workers' benches cheap. PATTERSON & JOLLY, Ridout street. 48tf

SAFE FOR SALE—N. F. WILLMOT, 227 Dundas street. 61u

PIANO EXCHANGE OFFER — WILL exchange second-hand piano, in good condition, for suitable goods, if a mutually satisfactory arrangement can be made. Price very moderate; or will be sold cheap for cash. Address "Piano Exchange Offer," care Advertiser office, London, Ont. 59n

FIVE PACKS OF CARDS FREE—ONE pack, May I. C. U. Home; one pack, Escort; one pack, Flirtation; one pack, hold to the Light; one pack, Our Sofa Just Holds Two. One sample book full of Novelties. Send 5c silver for postage. A. W. KINNEY, Yarmouth, N. S. 57n

A FEW GOOD RANGES, TWO ORGANS and general assortment of furniture at the Ark, Market Square.

BATHS, SINKS, PUMPS, WATER CLOSETS, steam and hot water boilers SMITH BROS., 265 Dundas street. z

FOR SALE—A VERY GOOD PIANO—OF excellent tone. Can be seen by calling at J. W. Jones' Auction Rooms, Dundas street. Can be had at a bargain. 43tf

TWO MANUAL PEDAL ORGAN CHEAP —Also Decker Bros. (New York) upright piano. Heintzman & Co., warerooms, 236 Dundas street. H. W. BURNETT, Manager.

A FEW SECOND-HAND STOVES—MUST be sold. At Keen's, Masonic Temple, Market Square.

FOR SALE—ONE 30 HORSEPOWER automatic "Brown" engine, built by Goldie, McCulloch & Co., Galt. Cylinder 19 inches, stroke 24 inches; can be run at 60 revolutions, or as high as 90 revolutions; also one tubular exhaust feed water heater. The engine can be seen at H. PORTER & Co.'s storage warehouse, Carling street, London, Ont. 6tf-3tf

PIANOS, PIANOS—NEW AND SECOND HAND, also a beautiful assortment of music and musical merchandise, and two good organs cheap. Anderson's Book Store, Nordheimer's Piano Agency, 183 Dundas street.

RUBBER STAMPS, SEALS — RAZORS sharpened; guns, rifles revolvers and locks repaired. D. MCKENZIE & Co., 388 Richmond street.

Business Chances.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

STORE AND DWELLING FOR SALE OR rent—In the village of Kintore. Possession April 1 next. Apply A. GRANT, Kintore, or JOHN GRANT, Aberfeldy. 57n

FOR SALE—CARPENTER'S SHOP—24x60 feet; machinery, business, windmill power; splendid opening. Apply personally or by letter to FRANCIS BROOKS, Granton, Ont. 57z

Situations Wanted.

First insertion 1c per word. One-half cent each subsequent insertion. No advertisement less than ten words.

SITUATION WANTED — AN EXPERIENCED housekeeper wants to get a situation; good references. Address box 385, Petrolea, Ont. 59n

Educational.

MR. J. W. G. ANDRAS PREPARES pupils separately for all university and professional examinations, 808 Waterloo street. 20tf

Architects.

MCBRIDE & FARNCOMBE — ARCHITECTS and Surveyors, 213 Dundas street. H. C. MCBRIDE, F. W. FARNCOMBE, H.S., C.E.

MOORE & HENRY—ARCHITECTS AND civil engineers. Members Ont. Ass'n. Architects; members Ont. L. Surveyors' Ass'n.; members Am. Waterworks Ass'n.

HERBERT MATTHEWS—ARCHITECT—(formerly with C. C. Haight, New York). Carling Block, Richmond street.

Pawnbrokers.

T. FOX, ORIGINAL PAWNBROKER lends money on diamonds, watches and jewelry; business strictly confidential; highest price paid for cast-off clothing. 383 Clarence street.

WANTED—300 SECOND-HAND OVERCOATS—Highest cash prices paid. A. P. SAINSBURY, 99 King street. Mail orders attended to.

Artists.

MRS. LAURA DOUGLAS, 189 ALBERT street, receives pupils oil and pastel painting.

Accountants

M. A. DILLON, ACCOUNTANT 532 Talbot street. Telephone 163.

Livery Stables.

LILLEY'S LIVERY—NO. 619 DUNDAS street, East London, Ont. Telephone No. 662.

STAR LIVERY—OPEN DAY AND NIGHT —Hacks, coupes, etc. Light livery a specialty. THOS. TREBILCOCK, 633 Richmond street. Phone 629.

A Critical Moment.

The Time Has Expired for Greece to Reply to the Powers.

Reports That She Will Reject the Ultimatum.

Radical Meeting in London in Favor of Greece.

Twenty Thousand People Assemble in Hyde Parke.

ENGLISH SYMPATHY WITH GREECE.

London, March 8.—A large Radical meeting was held in Hyde Park yesterday to give voice to the feeling in favor of Greece, which generally obtains among the masses of England. Among the speakers were Joseph Havelock Wilson, M. P. for Middlesborough, and Edward J. Morton, M. P. for Davenport. Resolutions were adopted, amid much enthusiasm expressing sympathy with the Cretan Christians in their struggle for freedom, congratulating Greece upon her firm resolve to protest the coercion of Greece by the powers.

One of the resolutions urges Lord Salisbury to refuse to disgrace the British fleet by lending it to support the Turks. The weather was not favorable for a large out-door gathering, it being dull and threatening, but nevertheless there were fully 20,000 persons in the park, including the onlookers. Harold James Reckitt, M. P. for the Brigg division of Lincolnshire; Edmund F. Knox, M. P. for Londonderry city; Thomas Lough, M. P. for the west division of Islington, and Francis A. Channing, M. P. for East Northamptonshire, also addressed the meeting. Among the audience were Lord Tweedmouth, who was Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster in the Rosebery Cabinet; Lord Carrington, joint hereditary Lord Chamberlain of England, and several members of the House of Commons, including the Right Hon. George N. Curzon, Parliamentary Secretary of the Foreign Office.

A CRITICAL MOMENT.

Athens, March 8.—The ultimatum of the six powers to Greece, insisting upon the withdrawal of the Greek troops and fleet from Crete, which was presented on Monday last, expires at 4 p.m. today. At that hour, if Greece is still obdurate, the Ministers of the six powers will leave this city. No hostilities or coercive measures are possible until Wednesday, as the foreign admirals must first be advised of the departure of the Ministers. The admirals are now engaged in drawing up a general scheme of blockade. From the fact that the Greeks have landed large supplies of provisions in Crete, thus revictualing the army for three months, it would appear that no attempt to blockade the southern coast of the island has been made by the combined fleets.

GREECE STANDING FIRM.

The King today has announced boldly that he will stake his crown on the issue. The Crown Prince, in an interview yesterday, said: It is Germany and Russia who are insisting on offensive measures. These two nations, I believe, are responsible for the language of the ultimatum, which was phrased in such a manner as to compel Greece to decline its suggestions or humiliate herself. Greece is united. King, Parliament and people. We will not seek for war, but if war is forced on us we are prepared. It is not our intention to attack the Turks, but if they attack us we will not shrink from the conflict. The bulk of our army is now concentrated on the frontier of Macedonia. I do not pretend to be ignorant of the fact that a great uprising against the Sultan is imminent, and that our Greek volunteers are ready and willing to march across the frontier. I have asked permission to take command in the field, but until war is unavoidable our army will remain passive. I believe that the powers will see that some other proposition regarding Crete must be made. They may succeed in bringing on the very war they desire to avert."

The whole nation is now aroused, and recruits march into Athens singing and dancing in the streets.

BRITISH SYMPATHY ACKNOWLEDGED.

London, March 8.—King George of Greece has sent to Sir Charles Dilke a telegram conveying his heartfelt thanks and sympathy to Sir Charles and the other members of the House of Commons who signed the telegram sent to the King from the House last week, assuring him and the Greek nation of the desire of themselves and of Englishmen and Irishmen whom they represented, for the success of the Greek cause in the Cretan imbroglio.

CHANGE IN GERMANY'S ATTITUDE.

As far as Germany is concerned, there are some signs of a change of attitude. The National Zeitung and the Berlin Post contain statements apparently inspired, to the effect that it will be impossible for Germany to hold out in her contention if the other powers show a disposition to give way so far as to negotiate further with Greece or to insist that Turkey also withdraw her troops from Crete.

PROSPECTS OF PEACE.

The British Minister at Athens has wired home his belief that a peaceable settlement will now be arranged.

AUTONOMY NOT SUFFICIENT.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—The Greek representative on Saturday conveyed the message that Greece cannot accept autonomy for Crete. It is still hoped that Greece may come to her senses and not count, as she appears doing, upon the sympathy of the powers whose forbearance she has already so much abused.

POSSIBLE REPLY OF GREECE.

London, March 8.—A dispatch to the Central News from Athens gives the following summary of the reply to the ultimatum of the powers, which Greece will hand to the diplomats to-morrow when the time expires in which a reply can be made: It will recall that Greece in 1896, in deference to the wish of the powers, used her influence with the Cretans to induce them to accept reforms offered by Turkey. It will point out that the continued unsettled state of the island is proof of the futility of the measures of reform. With regard to the autonomy of the island, the reply will state that it is for the Cretans to decide whether they will accept it or not. It will declare that the evacuation of Crete by Greece is impossible, because peace, to restore which Greek troops and warships were sent to the island, remains seriously disturbed.

WAR FORESHADOWED.

Canea, March 8.—It is believed here that the reply of Greece to the demands of the powers will be a positive refusal to obey, and that a bloody struggle is therefore inevitable, unless the powers recede from their position. It is known that Col. Vassos, the commander of the Greek army of occupation, has received instructions from King George to hold all the positions in the island now occupied by the Greek troops, and to prepare to resist to the bitter end any attempt on the part of anybody to dislodge him.

THE PORTE ASSENTS.

Constantinople, March 8.—The diplomats here have received the answer of the Porte to the collective note presented on Tuesday last, setting forth the desires of the powers regarding the granting of autonomy to Crete under the suzerainty of Turkey. The Porte assents to the terms of the powers, and says it hopes that there will be a definie understanding between itself and the powers respecting the details of the autonomy to be granted.

POINTING TO PEACE.

London, March 8.—The Stock Exchange this morning opened distinctly buoyant, on the general opinion that the Cretan question will soon be peacefully settled. Improved prices were noted throughout the house. Consols went up one-half point, and foreigners quickly rallied.

THE REPLY OF GREECE.

Athens, March 7.—(5:15 p.m.)—The answer of Greece to the identical notes of the powers was discussed at a meeting of the Cabinet and approved by King George today. It is reported that the reply is a refusal to recall the Greek fleet and troops from Crete, on the ground that the recall would be a signal for pillage, incendiarism, and murder. The complete text of the note will not be known until it is presented to the ambassadors of the powers tomorrow.

In diplomatic circles it is said that the Greek answer may lead to negotiations based upon a proposal for cooperation which has been presented by France.

Athens, March 8.—1 a.m.—Though the exact character of the Greek reply to the powers is not yet made known, it is understood that in addition to the ground of refusal to comply because of the fear of pillage, incendiarism, and murder in Crete, the note points out that the Cretans, who alone should be regarded as entitled to determine their fate, have declared their unalterable resolution to be annexed to Greece as the only solution that will finally pacify the island.

THE OIL INDUSTRY.

A Bothwell Well Yielding 100 Barrels a Day—Refining Works at Sarnia Change Hands.

Chatham, March 8.—The oil strike at Bothwell is being richly participated in by N. H. Stevens and Frank McKeough, of Chatham. Their well is reported to be pumping at the rate of 100 barrels a day.

The Bushnell Oil Company (a branch of the Standard Oil Company) has purchased and will reconstruct and operate the Alpha refining works at Sarnia, the town council having pledged themselves to grant tax exemption. The Observer says: "The properties actually purchased by the new oil company include all the old refinery properties, including pipe line, the Peterson block of eight lots adjoining the refinery on the south and extending from King street to River street, and bounded on the east by Tecumseh street, and all the lots in the block bounded by King street, Tecumseh street and Park street, south of a line drawn from the north boundary of the old oil company's property eastward to Park street. It is also understood that the company has secured the machine shop property on the south side of Tecumseh street, consisting of four lots fronting on King street.

Oil was struck in the well being bored at the Rodney roller mills on Saturday, at a depth of 310 feet.

An old gas well that was sunk over 30 years ago on the Hawkins farm near Tilsonburg, was opened out recently, and there has been a strong flow of gas ever since. The well had been buried for a number of years under four feet of earth and gravel, and when this covering was drilled through the gas shot up with a roar, throwing the contents of the pipe many feet in the air. A lot of oil followed the debris that was thrown out, after which came a strong pressure of gas, which was set on fire, and has been burning brightly ever since. There is no doubt but that there is lots of gas in this vicinity, and all that is wanted is capital and push to demonstrate the fact.

To Crush Out Socialism.

Emperor William Says It Must Disappear From Germany.

Balfour Pushes the Question of Irish Finances Aside.

English Volunteers Offering to Serve in the Greek Army—Arrival of the Cambrian With a Broken Shaft.

SAFETY OF THE CAMBRIAN.

London, March 8.—The British steamer Cambrian, from London, Feb. 4, for New York, has been towed into St. Michael's by the British steamer Capenor, from Pensacola. The Cambrian's shaft was broken.

TWO VESSELS LOST.

London, March 8.—The British brig Plymouth (Capt. Donnelly), from St. Johns, Nfld., on Jan. 30, for Liverpool, has been lost at sea. The crew was saved.

A Turkish gunboat, believed to be the Euphrates, has been wrecked on the coast of Epirus.

EIGHT DROWNED.

London, March 8.—Since the abandonment of the scheme for the construction of a tunnel under the English Channel, the shaft that had been bored at Dover has been used as a coal mine. Saturday, while a number of men were at work in the mine, the shaft was suddenly flooded, and eight of them were drowned.

TROUBLE WITH THE TRANSVAAL.

London, March 8.—The St. James' Gazette says it is rumored among persons within the Ministerial circles that Mr. Chamberlain has sent an emphatic intimation of President Kruger, of the South African Republic, that the alien act, in operation in the Transvaal, is in contravention of the provisions of the London convention in 1884, and must be withdrawn. The Manchester Guardian says the relations between Great Britain and the Government of the Transvaal are very much strained.

BALFOUR [illegible]ELVES THE IRISH [illegible]EVANCES.

London, [illegible]h 8.—Mr. Balfour, the Government [illegible]der in the House of Commons, has taken advantage of the weakness of the Irish leaders to chouse them out of all effective discussions of the Irish financial grievances. The one great Irish question of the session is virtually shelved, so far as it can be made use of against the Government's new financial relations commission. Mr. Balfour pledged himself at the opening of the session to no precise date for the hearing of the case for Ireland. He still declines to fix a date. Mr. Dillon's organs palliate the futility of his lead in this matter by referring to a pledge which Mr. Dillon obtained from Mr. Balfour that the Irish grievances shall be debated before the appointment of the commission. As a matter of fact, the committee has been appointed, though not publicly gazetted.

SOCIALISM MUST GO.

Berlin, March 8.—Throughout the past week the latest anti-socialist speech of the Emperor at the Brandenburg banquet was echoed and re-echoed all over Germany. It appears that the speech was much more violent than the official report showed. His Majesty said that socialism must be outrooted to the last trace, and he described it as "that pest which infects our whole nation." He further referred to his grandfather's (William I.) co-workers, Bismarck and Von Moltke, as "mere tools of his august will," and concluded with remarking: "I shall be glad to know that everyone's hand is in mine—that of the noble and that of the serf."

The Socialist press has replied to the challenge. The Vorwaerts says: "German socialism will know how to defeat projected attempts hidden under the cloud of loyalty and patriotism to undermine the sacred rights of the people. Down with the revolution from above!"

In another issue the Vorwaerts furnishes historical proof in William I.'s own letters that William I was a tool of Bismarck and Von Moltke, instead of they being his, and says: "He was the pushed one and not the pusher."

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

All of McKinley's Cabinet nominations have been confirmed by the Senate.

Ex-President Cleveland has declined a banquet tendered him by the New York Chamber of Commerce.

The London Times announces that when the King of Siam visits England during next July or August he will be received by the Queen.

Reports from 100 towns in the Northwest indicate that another great snow storm is raging, perhaps the greatest of the winter. A serious blockade is on in South Dakota.

President McKinley has officially summoned Congress to meet in extra session, March 15.

A Japanese consulate is to be established at either Montreal or Toronto and vice-consulates at other points in Canada.

Dipped in the River.

Six Candidates for Baptism in the Thames.

An Interesting Ceremony on the Foot of Maitland Street—A Large Audience Present.

The interesting baptismal services in connection with the Horton Street Baptist (colored) Church were held yesterday.

In the morning a most impressive service was conducted in the church by Mrs. (Rev.) Johnston, who took as her text, St. Matthew, iii., 13.

After the service the congregation repaired to the house of Deacon Hodge Duncan, which overlooks the Thames at the foot of Maitland street, where a prayer-meeting was held and preparations made for the baptismal ceremony. Rev. B. B. B. Johnson read a part of the 18th chapter of Isaiah. Hymns were sung, and Mrs. (Rev.) Johnson read from John xiii.

Shortly after 1 o'clock, the congregation went down to the river, the Thames at this point was covered with ice, upon which a number of boys were disporting themselves. There was, however, a small opening along the east bank, and here the candidates were to be dipped. Although it was generally understood that the proceedings were not going to start until much later in the afternoon, fully 100 people were assembled on the banks of the river, and on the bridge and railway track, overlooking the scene. It was a lovely, bright afternoon, but a cold, raw east wind compelled the onlookers to keep their overcoats buttoned up, despite the warm rays of the sun. Nothing marring the novel and dramatic feature of the proceedings, the best of order prevailed throughout. Only once was a rebuke necessitated, and that was in the case of a small boy who undertook to vary proceedings by indulging in a whistle and a burst of laughter.

Six candidates presented themselves and were baptised in the following order: Henry Moorhead, Harry Fountain, Joseph Owens, Mrs. Sarah Brown (widow of the late Wm. Brown), Mrs. Alice Fountain, and Mrs. Mary Logan. Several others were expected, but did not appear, and will be baptised later.

Deacon Hodge Duncan conducted the ceremony. As each candidate came forward, with a white outer robe over his clothing, the deacon chanted "Glory to the King," and pronounced the solemn words, "I baptise thee in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." As these words were uttered the devout brother or sister plunged voluntarily into the river. This was the signal for the colored friends lined along the bank, who burst out into the chorus, "John baptised in the river." As each one arose, blowing the water from mouth and nose, the deacon led the chorus, "Glory to God." The intensest religious enthusiasm prevailed among the brethren assembled, who kept breaking in with songs. Bro. Henry Moorhead, although he was the first one dipped, stayed in the icy water throughout the ceremony, and assisted the deacon, despite the penetrating wind. The newly-baptised brothers and sisters, after they had gone through the ordeal, hurried up the hill with the white baptismal robes clinging to their undergarments and the water trickling down their faces, dripping from their clothes, and swishing through the eyelet holes in their shoes. But the happy smile on their faces showed that the religious joy within more than atoned for the physical discomfort. Rev. Mr. Johnson, the worthy deacon, carrying in his hand a staff with a dripping white cloth attached, the white flag under which the baptisms had taken place.

As the crowd scattered they could hear the strains of hymns coming from the cluster of cottages where the happy souls were giving expression to their feelings.

Communion services were held in the evening, over which Rev. B. B. B. Johnson presided.

SONS OF ENGLAND.

London Delegates to the Grand Lodge at Brantford.

The Grand Lodge of the Sons of England Benevolent Society convenes tomorrow at Brantford. London's six lodges will be ably represented. Col.-Sergt. Cooper, of Wolseley Barracks, is said to be slated for the district deputyship. The local delegates are:

Trafalgar Lodge—Bros. Madge and (Ald.) Parnell.

British Oak—Bros. Gramlich and Cullis.

British Lion—Bros. (Ald.) Nutkins and Cooper.

Chelsea—Bros. Spettigue and Wray.

Piccadilly — Bros. Essery and Heaman.

It is understood Kensington Lodge will not send delegates, preferring to apply the expenses to the sick benefit fund.

AN ISSUE OF $350,000.

London Street Railway Company Floating a Loan on the English Market—Receipts and Expenses.

The Canadian Gazette, of London, England, announces that the London Street Railway Co., of London, Ont., will receive applications for $350,000 worth of first mortgage 5 per cent gold debentures, which forms part of an issue of $750,000, being at the rate of $16,666 per mile of street railway.

The expenditure caused by the conversion of the system from horse to electrical power is a reason assigned for the issue.

The prospectus says that the gross earnings of the company in 1895 amounted to $56,536 52, and in 1896 to $84,194 19. The net revenue of the company, after providing for all charges, except the fixed charge, amounted in 1895 to $16,893 34, and in 1896 to $40,023 31. The statement continues:

"For fifteen years prior to 1895, with the exception of the year 1889, the company regularly paid a dividend on its share capital, but the net earnings during the period of reconstruction were devoted to capital expenditure on extension, improvements, etc. Dividend payments on share capital have, since the reconstruction, been resumed, the company having declared a dividend at the rate of 8 per cent per annum for the half year ending 31st December, 1896.

"The company has power to extend its system and may issue the remaining $400,000 debentures for the purpose, but its total debenture issue must never exceed the subscribed share capital of the company for the time being, or in the aggregate $750,000."

The company is obliged to redeem 5 per cent of its total debenture issue, by drawings at par, on March 8 in each of the ten years preceding the year 1925, and the unredeemed balance after the drawing for the year 1924, is repayable at par on March 8, 1925.

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Death of Mrs. (Rev.) Henry Ward Beecher at the Age of 85 Years.

Stamford, Conn., March 8.—Mrs Henry Ward Beecher, died at 10:45 o'clock this morning. She was 85 years old.

Stamford, Conn., March 8.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher was born in Sutton, Mass., August, 1812, her father being Dr. Bullard, who was a farmer as well as a physician. There were seven sons and two daughters in the family. One brother, the Rev. Ebenezer Bullard, and her sister, the wife of Dr. Jones, of New York, survive. Miss Bullard became the wife of Henry Ward Beecher on Aug. 3, 1837, just prior to the ordination of the bridegroom, who became the foremost pulpit orator and one of the most notable figures of his time. The couple departed immediately after the wedding for Lawrenceburg, Ohio, where Mr. Beecher was a pastor for three years. Six years were spent in Indianapolis, and then Mr. Beecher assumed the pastorate of Plymouth Church, in Brooklyn.

Mrs. Beecher was the mother of eight children, four of whom, three sons and a daughter, survive her. These are: Mrs. Samuel Scoville, with whom she had spent most of her time in recent years at Stamford, Conn.; Col. Henry Barton Beecher, and William Beecher, of New York, and Capt. Herbert Beecher, of Port Townsend, Washington. The late Mrs. Beecher had contributed many articles to magazines, principally reminiscences of her distinguished husband and discussions of the province of woman.

SIMCOE.

High School Boys Organize a Cricket Club.

Simcoe, March 6.—The high school boys have organized a cricket club, and are selling honorary memberships to raise funds to enable them to make a tour.

Col. Coombs, of the Thirty-ninth Battalion, has been confined to the house for several weeks with lameness of the back.

It is likely the town and bankers' hockey players will have another match soon for an oyster supper.

W. Beadle, of St. Catharines, will address the Simcoe Horticultural Society on Tuesday evening next, in the council chamber.

Mrs. Dey and Miss Imrie and Fred Dey are all laid up with illness.

Editor Pierce, of the Waterford Star, has retired. His son, P. George, succeeds to the business.

LEFT $15,000,000.

Boston, Mass., March 8.—Mrs. Nathaniel Thayer, who died Thursday, left a fortune estimated at $15,000,000. Mrs. Thayer was the widow of the founder of the great banking house of John E Thayer & Brother, of which Kidder, Peabody & Co. became the successors.

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