

BRIEFLETS
BY WIRE.

Sir Oliver Mowat has been ill, but is recovering.

The South and North Perth election trials take place at Stratford today.

British recruiting agents are offering good inducements to Canadian soldiers.

Oliver Mann, the Ottawa city hall clerk charged with embezzlement, has been committed for trial.

The Hamilton Methodist conference want the Dominion Parliament to take action in regard to prohibition.

San Francisco has been definitely selected as the next meeting place of the Episcopal triennial convention.

About \$100,000 worth of rich ore has been found at a city dump at Leadville, Cal. It is supposed to have been stolen.

J. McD. Scott & Co., wholesale shoe dealers, of Pittsburgh, Pa., have made a voluntary assignment. Liabilities, \$200,000.

There is bad feeling between the Twelfth New York and Third Kentucky stationed at Lexington, Ky., and violence is anticipated.

Sheppard Bros., printers, Toronto, have made an offer of 20 cents on the dollar to their creditors, which will probably be accepted.

Owing to the trouble in Jamaica the government dispatched 400 white troops, with Maxim guns, to the disturbed district Wednesday night.

It is understood that the contract for winter mail service between Halifax and St. John and Liverpool goes to the Dominion and Allan Lines jointly.

At Ionia, Mich., the boiler of a wing of the asylum for dangerous and criminal insane exploded last night killing one man and badly injuring three others.

United Empire Loyalists protest against the proposition to erect a monument to the American general Montgomery in the public square of Quebec.

A partial report by the expert who has been examining the books of ex-tax collector Keough, of Holyoke, Mass., shows a probable shortage of \$118,000.

Jesse James, son of the noted bandit, arrested on the charge of having guilty knowledge of the Missouri Pacific train robbery, has been released on \$2,500 bail.

There will be lively competition between steamship companies for the annual subsidy of \$125,000 for the two years' service between Canada and Great Britain.

Cutting prices in the patent medicine line is expected to begin, because of the withdrawal of El Lat from Montreal, from the wholesale druggists' combine.

Christian Dancel, inventor of a dozen important machines used in shoe manufacture, is dead in Brooklyn, N. Y. His machine was the first used for sewing welts.

Young James G. Blake will be forced to leave the United States army, in which he is a captain, on account of his drinking habits and his propensity for creating disturbances.

Sergt. Wm. Butler, Third United States Infantry, who was killed at Bear Island by the Leech Lake Indians in the recent encounter, went safely through the Santiago campaign.

The People's Telephone Company was incorporated at Albany, N. Y., on Wednesday with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. It is intended to push the project both in the United States and Canada.

George Dilly, of Lincoln county, West Virginia, a circus man, was killed by a female elephant at Ronceverte. Dilly had been teasing the elephant and her baby and enraged beast crushed Dilly with her feet.

J. L. Jones, J. P. Young and Walter Furrow dined on canned lobster and shrimps at Laidlaw, Ore. Jones and Young are dead and Furrow is at a hospital. The men were not taken ill until 24 hours after eating.

Gov. Culberson, of Texas, has issued a rigid quarantine proclamation against Louisiana and Mississippi, because of yellow fever in that state. Fever has appeared at Columbus, Miss., near the Alabama line.

The annual report of Commissioner Herrmann, of the general land office, Washington, D. C., estimates that over 11,000,000,000 feet of public timber have been destroyed by fire in the past 25 years, valued at many millions of dollars.

Among the resolutions presented at the Triennial Episcopal Congress, held in Washington, was one providing for a deputation to attend the next general Synod of the Church of England in Canada. It was adopted unanimously. The divorce question has been temporarily put aside.

Twenty ladies have been expelled, a number of leading politicians have been executed legally and otherwise, and political leaders have been subjected to barbarous treatment in Salvador. The editor of El Lat was publicly whipped for a trifling offense. People generally are terrorized.

At the Wentworth assize court, in Templer vs. Robb, action for \$1,000 damages, for the loss of his wife, brought by Mr. Templer against a farmer named Robb, whose horse kicked and fatally injured Mrs. Templer at the Ancestor Fair a year ago, the jury returned a verdict for defendant.

On July 16, 1895, Hon. A. S. Hardy's residence at Stratford was burglarized. Suspects pointed to a tramp, who disappeared soon after the occurrence. On Wednesday P. C. Wallace went to a Berlin jail, where he recognized in a prisoner incarcerated there the man wanted. He will be tried for the offense.

It is stated on good authority that the Northern Pacific steamship company is arranging to put under the American flag six British steamers which it is operating to China and Japan from Tacoma, Washington. These steamers include the Transport Arizona, Tacoma, Olympia, Columbia and Arctia.

POLITICAL POINTS

New Date for South Ontario Election—North Perth Protest Dropped

The new date for the South Ontario by-election is Tuesday, Nov. 1.

Tilsonburg people have prepared to give Hon. J. Israel Tarte, minister of public works, a banquet tonight.

It is understood that the North Perth election protest is being dropped by the Conservatives. It and the South Perth trial were set for today at Stratford.

An application was made before Mr. Justice MacLennan on Thursday

morning, extending the time for the trial of the protests in the cases of East and West Lambton.

Whether the South Perth trial will proceed or not depends upon the respondent. The law says that no election trial shall be held until fifteen days after the prorogation of the house, unless by the consent of the parties. If Mr. Moscrip consents the trial will proceed. No bribery is alleged, the case hinging entirely upon the admissibility of certain disputed ballots.

WESTERN ONTARIO

Deaf Mute Nearly Drowned While Being Baptized.

Young Girl Badly Injured by a Bicycle Scooter—A Missing Youth Located—Stone Falls on a Little Girl—St. Marys Boy Fatally Hurt—Burglars at Simcoe—Two Ladies Fall Through a Trap Door.

Arkona's tax rate is 13 mills. The total exemptions from taxes in the city of Brantford exceed \$1,750,000.

St. Thomas Rugby boys have invited the Ingersoll team to play them on Saturday, Oct. 22.

Old St. Paul's congregation, Woodstock, are agitating for a new pipe organ and paid singers.

The department of education has granted \$21 towards the maintenance of a night school in Windsor.

A woman and a little girl were convicted of stealing old iron in Brantford on Thursday, and sentenced to 30 days in jail.

A dog upset a lamp in George Goodman's residence, Goyeau street, Windsor, on Thursday, and set the place on fire. Slight damage.

According to the official returns there are 35 Christian Endeavor societies in Brant, with 934 active and 396 associate members.

R. S. Oliver, of Sarnia, had the middle finger of his right hand completely torn off on Thursday. He was working with some steam pipes.

The lecture to be given at Tavistock by Andrew Pattullo, M.P.P., in aid of the public library of that village, has been postponed until Oct. 21.

Ed. W. Becker, of Berlin, and Miss T. Foreman, of that town, were married on Oct. 12. Dr. Zurbigg, of New Hamburg, was the best man.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hepburn Tod, relict of the late Sym Tod, died on Wednesday at the residence of her son, Jas. Tod, Yarmouth, aged 69 years.

Mrs. Julia Beemer Clayton, relict of the late Peter Clayton, passed away on Wednesday at her residence, Aylmer, in the 90th year of her age.

Two Brantford women, Mrs. Fred Rubidge and sister, Miss Thomas, fell through a trapdoor on Wednesday night and were seriously injured.

The call to Rev. Mr. Patterson, of Leamington, from Buckingham, in the Ontario presbytery, has been sustained, and will be sent to Mr. Patterson.

Walter Kerby was convicted on Tuesday at Windsor of the theft of a pair of shoes from the Dominion House, Sandwich, and was sentenced to two months in jail.

Burglars drilled a hole in the safe of Misses' sash and door factory, Simcoe, on Wednesday night, and afterwards found the door to have been left open. They secured 65 cents for their trouble.

William Flanagan, aged 16 years, whose home is in St. Marys, was riding on a D. and M. Railway freight train on Wednesday morning, at Detroit, when he fell off and fractured his skull. He will die.

Brantford Expositor: Lizzie Curley, a 12-year-old pupil of the Mohawk institute, passed away on Wednesday of blood-poisoning. The remains were taken to the reserve today.

William Machan, veterinary surgeon, of New York, died on Monday night of injuries sustained while treating a horse. Deceased was born at Mitchell, Ont., where he was raised and received his early education.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alf Wright, King street, Ingersoll, was seriously injured on Wednesday by having a stone fall on her. Her lungs were crushed, and little hope is held out for her recovery.

On Wednesday evening Elliot Brown, a conductor on the street railway, Windsor, was married to Miss Minnie Smith, eldest daughter of Conductor John Smith, the Grand Trunk. Rev. Mr. Tolmie performed the ceremony.

The Canadian Government intends to place more whitefish fry in the Detroit River and Lakes St. Clair and Erie next year than ever before. Free parations are being made for a big season's work at the Sandwich hatchery.

Jay Gould, the 15-year-old Kingston lad, a nephew of Messrs. Clapp, the shoe men, who disappeared from a Limestone City on Sept. 27 last, and about whose mysterious disappearance there was a good deal of anxiety, has been found living in Brantford.

A deaf-mute named Thomas Hill was nearly drowned in the Brantford Canal recently while being baptized. Hill got a mouthful of water, and his life was finally rescued in an unconscious condition. It was a close call.

Accountant Neff, of Toronto, has concluded his investigation into the Ellice township accusations during the past twenty years, and reports that doing on the part of officials, a number of minor errors, amounting to the sum of \$285.71, were discovered.

A young girl named Bertha Wiles, aged 14, who lives with her aunt, Mrs. William Banks, 40 Grey street, Brantford, was knocked down by a bicyclist on the sidewalk on Terrace Hill street at noon on Thursday, and received serious injuries. A reward is offered for the apprehension of the wheelman, who rode quickly on.

Mr. Thomas Miller, one of the most prominent citizens of Stratford, passed away at the age of 76 years on Monday. He came to Stratford in 1856, where he settled, and was appointed official assignee in 1864, which position he held until the act was rescinded in 1880. In religion he was a Presbyterian. He had been a member of the public school board and of the city council. He was a member of Avon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Tecumseh Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

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REGARDLESS
OF PA'S WILL

Howard Gould Weds Miss Viola Clemmons, an Actress.

No Other Members of the Gould Family at the Wedding—The Union Distasteful to Them.

New York, Oct. 13.—Miss Viola Katharine Clemmons was married at the Holland House at 8:30 o'clock last evening to Howard Gould. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Wilton M. Smith. The ceremony was a simple one, there being no bridesmaid or best man.

No member of Mr. Gould's family was present. After the ceremony supper was served in the Gilt Room of the Holland House.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould went on board the yacht Niagara last evening, and will start today on a three-weeks' cruise in Southern waters. There has always been widespread public interest in this match, owing to a provision in Jay Gould's will that should any of his children marry without the consent of a majority of the executors and trustees of the estate, the share of the property allotted to such child should be reduced one-half, and the other half should be transferred to such persons as under the law of the State of New York would take the property in case the testator died intestate.

It has long been known that Mr. Gould's family opposed the union.

PRESERVING BODIES

Dr. Manini Keeps Them in a Form Resembling the Natural State.

[The Lancet.]

Once and again the Lancet has drawn attention to the recently shown by the Italian surgeons in immunising the dead subject from decomposition, and the theme has acquired fresh interest from its recent handling by Signor Luigi Ferraro. Throughout the peninsula, whether in its anatomical museums or in the family vaults of its cemeteries, wonderful specimens of such successful immunisations are to be seen; but none of these can approach the perfection attained by Dr. Manini in a process which may well be called national. For forty years that Neapolitan surgeon has striven to improve on the methods hitherto in practice, and his results, as known to the profession, throw all previous successes into the shade. "Without incisions," so I am informed—"without injections, simply with a series of baths, he has succeeded in preserving the human subject from all risk of decomposition whatever."

His modus operandi consists of three stages: 1. Provisional desiccation (preparation) of the body in its transition period. Bodies so prepared are placed in a liquid of his own devising which regains their primary freshness and are therefore subjected to anatomical operations or dissections like the ordinary cadavers of the dissecting room. 2. Petrification of the body so prepared—a process which, in Dr. Manini's hands, is so effective that the density is attained, the consistency of marble is attained, the completion of this stage a key brought in sharp contact with the surface elicits a true metallic ring from the body. 3. The restoration of the desiccated and petrified subject to the condition of the natural state. As described to me, the bodies so treated come from Dr. Manini's hands as if asleep or in a condition of torpor, and are within the last decade—like Benedetto Cairoli and Sanfelice—have been thus "stereotyped," so to say, for posterity, and become to the medical jurist an object lesson in the prosecution of their respective interests.

In the last of these that concerned the investigation of capital offenses—the gain to the resources of justice would be immense when contrasted with the means it has to fall back upon in Paris, for instance, where the laborious process of keeping the dead body continually under water, and fresh at the expense of the State, is a condition of the natural state. Dr. Manini has been sustained in his lifelong work by the sympathetic encouragement of surgeons like Nelaton and Billroth, and of anatomists like Richard Owen and Sappey.

DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH.

Strictly speaking, it is not an argument for general church-going, but the story of a recent occurrence at Chickamauga shows, notwithstanding that even in a military camp the men are not exempt from religious duties gain nothing by it. The story began, says the Chicago Chronicle, when Private Jack Holland was kicked by a mule.

Two days later the arrangements had been made for divine service in a grove adjoining the camp. Major Sanborn assembled the first battalion, and when the ranks were formed, he said: "Of course, he made compulsory in service camp, and all those who do not desire to attend will take one step to the rear."

Twelve men promptly fell out of the ranks. They were the battalion marched away to the grove. Then the major, turning to the squad of twelve, said: "I want you men to go and bury that mule this afternoon."

They looked at one another a moment. This was not another a moment. They had not counted on when they took the oath of allegiance; but there was no getting away from it, and with heavy hearts they were ordered for the spot where Jack Holland's late aggressor lay in the sun.

It was 2 o'clock when they began to work, and the mule was an ordinary sized animal; but when they had dug down into the sand for an hour or so, and made a grave about six feet deep, they turned to look at the mule, and he seemed to have increased in dimensions. They returned to their task, and dug still deeper and wider, and every time they glanced back at the mule he seemed to be getting larger.

The sun, with one parting whack at the dead mule, slid over towards Lookout Mountain before the men had reached the top of the mound, and the large enough, and a member of the public school board and of the city council. He was a member of Avon Lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Tecumseh Lodge, A. F. and A. M.

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LYMAN ABBOTT
TO PREACHERS

How It Strikes a Great Preacher of the Day.

The latest issue of the Outlook, New York, edited by Rev. Lyman Abbott, D.D., contains the following editorial:

The public are apparently most interested in public questions; but far more important than any public questions are those which are purely personal. The minister shares the universal interest in such problems as: What shall be done with the Philippines? Who shall be the next governor? By what legislative method shall the states deal with the liquor problem? He has before him on Sunday morning a congregation interested in these and kindred problems. If he speaks upon kindred problems, and his sermon will make good copy for the daily press, and will be reported or misreported. The temptation is strong to fall into the current, to turn his pulpit into a platform, and his sermon into a political or a sociological address. The temptation is the more seductive because moral principles are involved in these questions, and it is not always easy to distinguish between the moral principle which it is his duty to inculcate and the political method which it is not his function to urge; between the virtue of temperance and the virtue of patriotism; between the virtue of the individual and the policy of expansion or its reverse.

Nevertheless the community as well as the church is a loser when the preacher yields to this temptation, and he becomes a preacher of righteousness and becomes an instructor in politics or sociology. For the latter function he has no special equipment. His library is not rich in political and sociological departments. He has no expert knowledge and no special information. He is as dependent as his congregation for his knowledge of the facts on the daily papers, and generally also for his understanding of principles. He is either much more or much less than the average man if he is not subject to partisan prejudice, he is not a Republican, a Democrat, a Populist or a Prohibitionist. It is not safe for him to assume that he is superior to those prejudices which are common to humanity, and if he is prejudiced because he is indifferent, he is unfit to be a teacher. The fact that he is not a teacher, and that he is not a teacher, will report his political sermons and no other is rather a reason against preaching it than a reason for preaching it. For the kingdom of God cometh not with observation, and he who preaches for the newspapers rarely preaches with real effectiveness to his own congregation.

On the other hand, if it turns aside from his specific function of illuminating and inspiring the individual life, there is no one else in the community to take up his work. And his work is far more important than that of the politician, and far more important than that of the statesman, and far more important than that of the legislator, and far more important than that of the citizen, and far more important than that of the man who is educated to abhor that which is

evil than that political power should be transferred from one party to another; that Americans should govern themselves; that they should give power to do all and be all that the highest aspiration sets before them; to put into their exhausted lives a new heart of hope and love—this is the function of the ministry. The teacher may do something of this in the school room, the statesman something of this in public and political address, the business man and social woman something in the ordinary exclusives of business and social life, the mother much of this in her home instructions and influence, but the minister is the only man who may make it his life-work to give life to others. And never was there a time in the history of America when this particular service was more needed. The anæmia of New England village dying for lack of blood, the great commercial city corrupted by blood-poisoning, the restless western town consumed by a feverish eagerness for it knows not what, require the same remedy—that life of God in the soul of man which inspires, purifies and calms. The "revival of religion" is infelicitous, because it connotes an animal and sensuous excitement which is as irrational as it is irrational. Nevertheless, it is for a revival of religion the ministry of the church should pray and labor this fall and winter; that is, a revival of the faith which sees in Christlikeness the only aim of life, of the hope which realizes in Christ's fellowship a power to attain that life, and of the love which is itself the beginning of life's consummation.

CLINTON.

Clinton, Oct. 12.—Messrs. Crossley and Hunter, the noted evangelists, are holding revival meetings in this town. The Methodists, Presbyterians and Baptists having invited them for this week. Although these meetings were only commenced last Sabbath such an interest is manifested that there is no church in town large enough to hold the crowds. Messrs. Crossley and Hunter preach and sing the Gospel with rare originality, force and power. Great good is expected to result from these meetings.

FLORENCE.

Florence, Ont., Oct. 14.—The annual harvest thanksgiving services of St. Matthew's Church, Florence, were held on Sunday last. The church was tastefully decorated with grains, fruits, flowers, etc., and large congregations were present at both services. Rev. J. H. Moorhouse, occupied the pulpit and preached two practical, appropriate and impressive sermons. The thank offering was a liberal one, amounting to \$67, which is applied to the church debt. With the exception of a few dollars this debt is now wiped out.

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