WHISKARD'S

230-232 Dundas St.

We close at 10 o'clock Saturday night. Will our customers kindly bear this in mind?

In our Millinery Department we are doing a rushing business. We have just received a new line of

High Crown Sailor Hats

The latest style, worth 75c, we are selling them at

35c Each.

Ladies' Black Straw Hats, only

10c Each.

We show a splendid line of Children's Muslin and Silk Bonnets. All prices.

We have a large variety of Flowers, "Forget-Me-Nots, Roses, Marguerites, Etc. Very cheap.

Children's Fancy Straw Sailor Hats, new goods, only

20c & 25c Each.

We have just received a new line of Gents' and Boys' Fine White Straw Hats, all sizes, regular 50c goods, our price,

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Silk Tassel Fringe, in all shades,

10c Yard.

White Cotton Ball Fringe,

5c and 10c Yard.

Call and see our Linen Department. We show a special line of Butchers' Linen, 36 inches wide, at

15c Yard.

White Embroidery Linen, single and double fold, Tray Covers, Sideboard, Scarfs, Center Pieces, Splashers, Etc. Round Linen Doilies at

5c, 10c, 12½c Each.

Red and Blue Checked Linen Toweling,

5c, 7c, 8c, 10c Yard.

Our Glove Department is complete. In Black Silk Gloves we show a splendid line, double tipped, fine silk, at

35c Pair.

Ladies' Black and Cream Silk Mitts, extra value, all sizes, only

25c Pair.

Children's Cream Silk Mitts,

12½c, 15c, 20c Pair.

We show a splendid line of Plushes, in all shades, worth 50c, Whiskard's price,

37c Yard.

Pom-Pons, Tassels, Silk Cord, Bangles, Etc.

A full line of Children's White Cotton Hose, all sizes, only

5c Pair.

Children's White Cotton Socks,

15c Pair.

Just in, two cases of Fancy Goods, such as Corded Silk Belting in all shades, Belt Buckles, Belt Pins, Purses, Fans, Etc.

See our special line of

50c Corsets.

Children's Corded Waists, in white and drab, only

25c Each.

WHISKARD'S

The Scrap Bag.

The editor of the Scrap Bag was surprised, not to say a trifle startled, to find awaiting her this morning a little note, very modest and feminine in general appearance, bearing the request that she would be so kind as to give some information in her valuable column on a point in the etiquette of introductions. I was surprised because I had not thought of this department before in the light of a correspondence column, and least of all had it ever occurred to me that I should ever find myself placed upon the seat of judgment, and called upon to give a decision in such matters. However, the neat way in which my correspondent worked in the little word "valuable" has done its work, for who can resist a delicate bit of confectionery (especially when it's scarce). I feel quite disposed to do my best to oblige, the more so as the point in question is a very simple one after all. The question was: "Are introductions which take place at watering places, or at lawn tennis, or garden parties, to be considered as making future acquaintance necessary if not desirable?" No, certainly not. But while not wishing to receive or visit persons thus introduced, in future meetings a bow or formal recognition is a form of civility which hurts no one, and is only politeness. Your own good heart will be a sure guide in minor points of etiquette, and it will teach you never to wound the feelings of anyone. It is much more blessed to give than to receive instruction and advice, and the editor of this Scrap Bag realizes for the first time that after all it is a thing rather pleasant to be appealed to as an authority on anything—at least, that is, almost everything, for I now declare solemnly, on the sacred honor of an editor of a Scrap Bag, that I do not know (vide correspondents' columns in ladies' magazines) whether girls ought to allow young men to kiss them, and so the young woman who is always wanting to know can just leave me in peace. I'm not going to be bothered with her. Neither do I know something that will take away freckles. But on all the other subjects under the sun I'll undertake to find an answer, even if I have to make one.

Strophe.
Lightly the maiden boxed his ear.
"You made it ring," he said.
Antistrophe.
'The ring was all in your ear, I fear,"
Quoth she, and her cheeks grew red.
Catastrophe.
Then the young man went away in haste,
Nor long on the road did linger,
But he came next night and boldly placed
A ring on her shapely finger.

Bracelets are coming in vogue again, and it is possible that they may be worn over the gloves, which seems a hideous fashion, but one of the prettiest tricks of new jewelry is a dainty bracelet of linked violets, the stems of which are as naturally tinted as is the real bloom. This bracelet is equipped with a tiny catch, which nips the kid of the glove, thereby holding it in place. Every woman knows how unbecoming a bracelet is, and how difficult a matter it is to keep it in place without marring the flesh.

Stage Manager—No, your pose isn't satisfactory.

Living Picture—What is the matter?

Stage Manager—You have something on your mind.

There was once in the long ago days, when "Ben Bolt" enjoyed its first popularity, a negro maid who used to bellow it forth with quite a Trilby-like misinterpretation of tone. She went even further than Trilby, however, for she played havoc with the words as well as with the music. The kitchen would resound with her energetic but fatal vocal efforts, and when she came to the stanza which runs:

"In the old churchyard in the valley, Ben Bolt,
In a corner obscure and alone,
They have fitted a slab of granite so gray,
And sweet Alice lies under the stone."

the last two lines were perverted from the original meaning to:

"They have hit her a slap with the granite so gray,
And sweet Alice lies under the stone."

Paris has a new periodical entitled "Journal for Mothers-in-law." The editor says that his object is to defend the social interests of mothers-in-law, and to correct their faults as far as possible by means of friendly criticism.

Jackie—Mamma, may I have a slice of bread and jam now?

Mamma—No, you must not think of eating now, because you will spoil your appetite for dinner. It will be ready in three hours.

Jackie—I only had lunch three hours ago, didn't I

Mamma—Yes.

Jackie—Then I don't see how the bread and jam can spoil my appetite for dinner, when the lunch did not spoil the appetite I now have for bread and jam.

DAILY HINTS TO HOUSEKEEPERS.

If we were only a little more tender one with the other, how much sweeter and brighter the world would seem.

BREAKFAST—Strawberries. Rolls. Cold Beef. Boiled Eggs. Oatmeal Crackers. Coffee.
DINNER—Fish Chowder. Lettuce Garnished with Eggs. Steamed Potatoes. Canned Tomatoes. Cold Rolls. Fruit Puff Pudding.
SUPPER — Bread and Butter. Chipped Beef in Cream Gravy. Rhubarb Sauce. Lady Sauce. Lady Cake. Tea.

LADY CAKE.

One cup of powdered sugar and half a cup of butter beaten to a cream. Add the stiffly beaten whites of five eggs, two cups of flour, with a teaspoonful of baking powder sifted in it, and a teaspoonful of almond extract. Bake in a shallow tin, and when cool ice the top and cut in small squares.

The earnestness of life is the only passport to the satisfaction of life.

London Conference.

Additional Candidates for the Ministry on Trial.

Encouraging Report from the Hamilton Ladies' College.

Reception of Ministerial Aspirants Who Have Successfully Passed their Probation.

(Special to the "Advertiser.")

FRIDAY MORNING.

Strathroy, June 7.—A special ministerial session was held in the morning. Rev Dr. Williams presided. After devotional exercises, the minutes of the previous session were read and confirmed.

The question, What candidates are now received on trial for the ministry? was again taken up. In addition to those already reported the following were received: Alfred E. Lloyd, Thomas E. Sawyer, A. E. Jones, W. A. Finley, A. W. Dever, A. Rapson, J. Coulter, R. W. Knowles, J. P. Westman, T. A. Stedman, F. Sutcliffe, W. Millson, A. Raven.

At 10 a.m. the ministerial session adjourned at the call of the chair. The conference assembled in regular session, and devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. A. K. Birks, B.A. The minutes of the previous session were read and adopted, and then memorials were called for.

A memorial from the London district re the rearrangement of districts, making them uniform in size, was referred to the stationing committee.

The report of the nominating committee was presented.

Committees were appointed on the state of the work, education, statistics, church property, memorials, temperance, Sabbath observance, contingent fund, sustentation fund, and missions.

Rev. W. G. Jordan, B.A., Presbyterian minister of the town, was introduced and addressed the conference, presenting fraternal greetings from his church.

The committee on constitutions reported regulating the contingent and sustentation funds. The object of the sustentation fund is to secure salaries of no less than $750 for ordained married ministers, $400 for ordained unmarried ministers, and $350 for probationers.

Rev. Dr. Burns, principal of Hamilton Ladies' College, presented the report of that institution, which was very encouraging. A resolution expressing gratification with its success was unanimously adopted.

The conference then adjourned, Rev. Dr. Burns pronouncing the benediction.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

The session opened with devotional exercises, Rev. A. Cunningham in the chair. Various changes in church property recommended by the district meetings were referred to the church property committee to report thereon at a later stage.

Special resolutions from district meetings recommending aid in cases of severe affliction during the year were referred to the favorable consideration of the contingent fund committee.

At 3 o'clock an appropriate memorial service was held for the ministers who have died during the year. The districts being called, the following were reported: Rev. J. W. Annis, J. H. Andrews, R. A. Howie, J. F. Fairchild. Suitable obituaries were read and eloquent tributes paid to the memory of the departed.

At the close of the memorial service the Rev. S. A. Keen conducted another consecration service.

EVENING SESSION.

One of the most interesting services was held this evening, when the young men who have completed their term of probation were received into full connection.

The president, Rev. Dr. Williams, occupied the chair, and in a few well-chosen words explained the object of the meeting. The following names were submitted: J. A. Snell, G. N. Hazen, B.A., J. W. Baird, B.A., and G. T. A. Willoughby, each of whom briefly described the circumstances of his conversion.

It was then moved by Rev. A. G. Harris, of London, seconded by Rev. Joseph Edgar, of Goderich, that the young men be received into full connection with the conference and ordained on Sunday.

The resolution was carried by a standing vote, after which the service was brought to a close.

NOTES.

Four ministers were reported as having died since last conference, viz., Rev. J. W. Annis, J. H. Andrews, J. F. Fairchild and R. A. Howie.

The following regulations for the contingent fund have been adopted by the coference. 1. All claims upon this fund for special application must be accompanied by the recommendation of the quarterly official board and the district meeting, and also by itemized and receipted bills for the same. 2. All claims upon this fund for extraordinary expenses incurred on the services of the church must likewise be accompanied by the recommendation of the quarterly board and the district meeting.

PRIEST AND PARISHIONER

Miss Maggie Melody, of Hamilton, Used Dr. Agnew's Celebrated Catarrhal Powder on Recommendation of Rev. Father Hinchey and Found It a Grand Remedy for Influenza.

Having himself been benefited by the use of Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder, Rev. Father Hinchey, of St. Joseph's Church, Hamilton, Ont., followed the counsel of the Good Book and carried the good news to others. One of his parishioners, Miss Maggie Melody, had been a sufferer form influenza. Father Hinchey knew how much good this remedy had done in case of cold in the head with himself, and recommended it to Miss Melody for her case, who over her own signature has written: "I have used Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder for influenza, and found it a grand remedy. In fact, it gave me relief almost at once. I can with pleasure highly recommend it to all who are suffering from this malady.

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GOOD OLD MIDDLESEX.

D. Sinclair, of the signal tower, Komoka, has resumed duty, after an illness of seven months.

Mrs. Wm. Winters, of Caradoc, was thrown out of a rig at Delaware and received severe injuries.

The planing mill belonging to Samuel Oakes, of Caradoc, was burnt to the ground the other day. Loss, $400; no insurance.

Robert Wilson, ex-reeve of Adelaide, was married on Wednesday to Miss Clara, daughter of Mr. Henry Dale, of the same township.

Strathroy is to have a celebration on Dominion Day, under the auspices of the Turf and Citizens' Clubs. The chief features will be horse races and athletic sports.

The death of Robt. McLarty, sen., of Strathroy, at the age of 73 years, removed one who had done much towards the advancement of the town of Strathroy. His well-known energy in the matter of erecting such substantial buildings as the McLarty Block on Front street, and the McLarty store on Frank street, earned for him a good name among his fellows as a progressive citizen. He leaves a large family of sons and daughters, viz., Mrs. Jos. Wilson, of Wallaceburg; Mrs. Wm. Saul, of Dakota; Mrs. John Mills and the Misses McLarty, of Strathroy; Robert, of Strathroy; and James, of Toronto.

SARNIA.

"Advertiser" Agent, D. McMaster.

June 6.—The large passenger steamer Northwest passed up on her first trip on Sunday. Large crowds of people were on the docks to watch her go by.

The Maccabees of Port Huron, Sarnia, Point Edward and other places will celebrate the twelfth anniversary of the order on Sunday, June 9, by attending divine service in Pine Grove Park, Port Huron, at 3 o'clock p.m.

Mr. F B. Coulter has been appointed an auditor to the Supreme Tent, K. O. T. M. This is Mr. Coulter's third term.

The Salvation Army cruiser will visit this port on Tuesday next, June 11. They have quite a number of marines on board, as well as a brass band, and we have no doubt but large crowds will be here to welcome them.

The I. O. F. will attend divine service with their Port Huron brethren on Sunday morning next, at 10 o'clock.

Bridgewater Lodge, No. 204, A. O. F., tendered a resolution to the Rev. T. R. Davis, rector of St. George's Church, for the eloquent and patriotic sermon preached to them on Sunday, 26th of May.

The Baer-Copeland block, which is nearing completion, will be the best finished block of buildings in town.

The first of the Wednesday excursions for the season from Strathroy and intermediate stations to Sarnia came in on Wednesday, June 5. The excursion was poorly patronized on account of the cold turn the weather had taken.

About 200 Grangers took in the excursion to Detroit on the steamer Arundell on Tuesday, June 4.

An old resident of Point Edward, and employe of the G. T. R., Mr. James McIntyre, died on Tuesday, 4th inst., aged 63 years. He was buried in the Lakeview Cemetery on Thursday. He was a member of the Masonic body, and was also in the employ of the G. T. R. for 35 years at the Point.

Dominion Day in Sarnia will have a grand Scottish demonstration, to be taken part in by the Sons of Scotland all over the county and from other counties adjacent.

Lambton county council will meet on Tuesday next, June 11, at 2 p.m. The report of the committee on the house of refuge will be considered and the site selected for the building.

On Monday, June 3, work was commenced on the railway between Port Huron and Lexington. It will run along the lake shore all the way, and will be about twenty miles long.

A Careful Analysis.

Of eight samples of the principal Canadian, American and English salts convinced one of the best chemists in the country that Windsor Salt contained practically 30 per cent less impurity than any of the other seven samples. Ask your grocer for Windsor Table Salt.

Erring.—Student (translating)—And—er—then—er—er — went—er—and—er. Professor — Don't laugh, gentlemen; to err is human.

The proprietors of Parmelee's Pills are constantly receiving letters similar to the following, which explains itself. Mr. John A. Beam, Waterloo, Ont., writes: "I never used any medicine that can equal Parmelee's Pills for Dyspepsia or Liver and Kidney Complaints. The relief experienced after using them was wonderful." As a safe family medicine Parmelee's Vegetable Pills can be given in all cases requiring a Cathartic.

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IN THE MEAT MARKET.

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Young Housekeeper—Oh. I don't care what shape it is, so it's tender.

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The Baby's Own pure toilet Soap.
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And certain, sure, to be injurious.

N. B.—A handsomely framed olegraph (it has no advt. matter on it) will be given each week by the proprietors of Baby's Own Soap to the boy or girl under sixteen years of age who will have sent during the current week the best advertisement, illustrated or not, suitable for publication in the newspapers for advertising Baby's Own Soap.

Conditions—1st. That the wrapper of a cake of Baby's Own Soap accompany the advertisement. 2nd. That the age, name (in full) and address of the competitor be plainly written and attached to the submitted advertisement.

N. B.—Two or more advertisements may be submitted at the same time by any competitor.

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