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SATURDAY EVENING IMPRES-SIONS.

Were you among the myriad busy pedestrians on King street last Sat urday evening? If you were, the thought doubtless struck you-"What a big city Chatham is becoming what a metropolitan community i contains; what a thronged and busi-Jess-like thoroughfare this is."

And if-while threading your way amid the throng, jostled here and dodging there-you were able to pursue the thought, you reached the practical contemplation-"And what immense possibilities must be within its limits.'

And, to be randid, are these possibilities being utilized? Are the thousands of Chathamites all personally interesting themselves in the progress and development of the good old town and its people? Is there not a lack of civic loyalty? Are there not innumerable lost opportunities to say a good word or dota good deed for the sake of the city which gives us our home?

There seems to be a lesson here which awaits mastery by all. It appeals to the press-and there is lots of room at the students' bench for ourselves-and it appeals to our schools, our pulpits, our fraternal organizations, our corporate coteries, our social gatherings and our civic

councils. Shall the lesson be learned? Shall the influence of all be at all times for the betterment and development of our city? Shall each unit in the throngs that crowd our streets become an individual factor in a universal impetus for advancement? Try it. It is an experiment worth

THE SUMMER PULPIT.

the testing.

"I have chosen this theme," said Rev. W. Erskine Knowles, preaching on Sabbath observance at the First Presbyterian Church last evening, "because the holiday season is now upon us and we know the tendency during the summer months to hold in comparatively light esteem the services of the Lord's Day."

Continuing, the young pastor moaned the too prevalent desecration of the day. "Every nail driven on that day by the workman-and there the nation to the sout of us-is a nail in the coffin of the Sabbath, every shout and cheer at the Sunday ball or athletic games is cry of triumph for the Arch Enemy, and it is a deplorable fact that the theatres and low places of amusement are crowded every Sunday night while the churches are almost desert-

Mr. Knowles thus adds his strong and vigorous words to much that is being said these days about attacks made upon the rest and sanctity of the Sabbath. Efforts are being put forth to prohibit certain forms of work and amusement on that day. Warnings are being spoken against the incoming of the Americanized Sunday, with its sports and excursions and excessive work. All this is wise and timely, but it is not sufficient. Something positive is needed, something educative and strengthening.

Nothing will do more to safeguard the Sabbath against commercialism and pleasure-seeking than the increasing and enalrging of the oppor tunities for turning the day to good account in promoting religious culture and in rendering needed human service. The day is doomed if its only defences are negative. Men will spend it hurtfully if the way is not wide open to them to spend it helpfully. They will go to the parks and fields, and join the concert crowds at the resorts, if the services at the churches are uninteresting and dreary and profitless. It is vain to quote the commandment, and to say that they ought to go to church. They will reply that the church ought to be worth

going to. It is quite true that there are those whose tastes are set away from all things good, and nothing the churches might offer would be attractive to them. But it is also true that hundreds of decent, clean-living people right here in Chatham choose the parks rather than the churches in July and August, because experience has taught them to choose what to them is the more interesting. Not all the blame can be charged against the commercialism and pleasure-spirit of the age. The churches must face their share of responsibility for empty pews and crowded parks in the sum-

mer time. Let it be said frankly that were the pulpit as well sustained in the summer as in the winter the pleasure resorts would not be so attractive. As a general statement it may be said that the pulpit in Chatham in all denominations during July and August is dreary enough. Ministers and church officials who are away are not in a position to contradict

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such a statement when made by the people who are compelled to remain at home. The "supply," when there is one, is often either inexperienced youth or superannuated age, a local preacher or a visiting minister who is neither known nor noteworthy. From first to last the service is commonplace is thought and ineffective in utterance. Is it any wonder that the crowd, to whom duty is not passion, and in whom the spiritual is not strong, finds other places more attractive that the church?

If ever the authorities of the churches in Chatham were wise and liberal in arranging their pulpit supply they should exercise their wisdom and liberality this summer. With the proposed Old Home Reunion and other attractions Chatham will likely be filled with visitors, to many of whom the thurches would be attractive if the sermons and services were stimulating and helpful. The very best preachers from near and far, the men with a message and with power to deliver it, should be pressed into service if the pastor be absent, advertised. Something better than disorganized fragments should do duty as a choir.

It may be said that the cost of the summer supply desiderated would be greater than the allowance made for the purpose. And so it should be greater. It is not to the credit of churches paying from twenty-five to forty dollars a Sabbath for a minister for forty-four weeks to expend from five to ten dollars a Sabbath for the eight weeks when the strain is heaviest, and the conditions of church attendance most unfavorable. All this is said not in the spirit of carping criticism, nor to the preach ers, but with the utmost good feeling and to the boards and committees responsible for the arrangements. Let the pastors take a complete holiday; they deserve it and will give better service because of it but make the church services in midsummer the strongest and most attractive of the year. This summer will offer a great opportunity. The children of this world are wise to seize the occasion for gain; the children of light ought not to be less wise to seize it for good.

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A suggestion strikes us here, and we submit it for the consideration of Mr. Quinn and his colleagues. Why not call it-Chatham's Old Home Reunion, and take in the mothers and fathers, sisters and brothers, cousins, aunts, and all in one great big oldtime home circle? And we want the co-operation and

assistance of the girls at home in bringing about this reunion. They know best how to entertain and make the home-coming heartsome and glad. If our ladies cannot be at Friday evening's meeting themselves, we trust they will all see to it that their husbands and brothers are there in enthusiastic force to represent them.

The following delicate sarcasm is redited to our esteemed Brer Hutton, of the Tilbury News :-

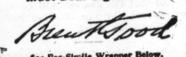
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What further explanation could the wo fools be expected to give.

The Windsor Record man throweth out his chest and talketh as follows: The three Chatham criminals would make excellent Boer scouts. They seem to have "salted" several spots about the peninsula, thus keeping the sleuths noisy on a false scent un-til the boundary line was safely crossed. The Chatham police and Kent constabulary would make good run-ning mates for the Hamilton chief of police, who took a brass button at

But they fail to qualify with the sleepy brass buttons of the border hamlet who allowed Abram to walk unmolested about their main streets.

Attroney General Longley, a memper of the Liberal government of Nova Scotia, expressed this opinion some time ago:

"Changes are necessary in order that new ideas and fresh energy may be infused."

None of the Liberal organs in Ontario appear to be publishing this frank expression of the virtue of a change. The Liberal government of Ontario has been in power continuously for thirty years, and it is little wonder that the people demand a change and a searching investigation

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