

THE SCHOLARS AND SCHOOLS

Doctors Who Think the Children Are Overworked.

Great Majority of Collegiate Institute Pupils Strong and Healthy.

No Says Principal Merchant—Conflicting Opinions—The Teachers' Association Meeting.

The opening session of the half-yearly meeting of the City Teachers' Association was held in the Collegiate Institute yesterday morning, with a small attendance. The opening devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Mr. Stuart. An interesting address was given by Mr. Andrus upon arithmetic. The association then divided into four sections, and the Collegiate Institute teachers formed a part of the fourth section. The officers of the latter are: President, Mr. Gray; secretary, Miss Spittal; committee, Mr. Little, Mr. Liddicoat and Miss Magee.

The afternoon session opened at 2 p.m., with the president in the chair. Dr. C. S. Moore spoke on school curriculum. The Ontario Education Act, he said, was a credit to the country, but the teachers should take it upon themselves to use the knife and cut the studies down, if the child was sick. Towards the latter part of the term many children were brought to physicians in a nervous and sleepless condition. The great majority of high school pupils were in this condition. Children should have a large public playground. He also criticized the physical training in the high school. The speaker had been informed that the number of subjects on the high school programme was so great that it tended to produce a system of examinations to make the best of examinations. This was a serious charge, if true.

Dr. Ferguson handled the same subject. He said the public school course was overloaded with subjects, and that the practice of making the result of examinations the test of a teacher's ability tended to make teachers cram. No pupil could stand such forcing without serious injury to their mental and physical well-being. The doctor also complained of the excessive amount of home work given to the pupils.

Inspector Carson said the children liked to go to school now, because the school rooms were light and airy, and the teachers kind and pleasant. He had found the successful pupils generally healthy and well developed. He also pointed out that it was necessary to develop the nerve cells in early life. Regarding the number of subjects, he said that the objection was a serious mistake. There must be breadth as well as depth. No one could know any one thing well without knowing many things.

A principal Merchant was agreed that children should have plenty of physical play, but he was afraid that Dr. Moore and Ferguson had jumped at some of their conclusions without sufficient data. He repudiated the statement that the teachers were under pressure to force their pupils on. He took direct and positive exception to the statement that the great majority of the pupils were hurt, either mentally or physically, by school studies. The doctors saw only the weak ones, the great majority of the pupils in the London Collegiate Institute were healthy and strong.

Mr. Graham thought teachers should give more attention to the nervous condition of the pupils under their charge. Mr. Kirk expressed an opinion that the home work was excessive. Dr. Moore, in summing up, said that nearly two thousand members were unanimously of the opinion he had given as the result of their experience. Rev. Mr. Moorhouse said there was too much home work.

Mrs. Gahan and Mrs. Oliphant gave similar testimony. Dr. Ferguson was sure that all had the good of the students in view in what had been said. His information had been gathered from all parts of the province.

A plea on behalf of Domestic Science was made by Mrs. Boomer. The subject brought before the meeting by Drs. Moore and Ferguson was referred to a committee, consisting of the president and Messrs. Graham, Merchant, Carson, Edwards, Liddicoat and McQueen, and Drs. Moore and Ferguson.

Principal Merchant moved a vote of thanks to the medical men, seconded by Inspector Carson. The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Mr. F. W. Merchant. Vice-President—Miss Spittal. Secretary—Miss E. Johnson. 105 Sydenham street. Executive Committee—The officers, Messrs. Spittal, Wilkins, Winnett, Howie, and Mr. Althouse. Auditors—Messrs. McQueen and Latta.

The president and vice-president were appointed delegates to the Ontario Educational Association. In accordance with notice previously given, Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Latta, that at the next meeting

of the association the general business shall be taken up at the forenoon session; carried. Adjourned.

ENTERTAINED BY KNIGHTS TEMPLAR

Conversations at the Masonic Temple—Many Guests—An Enjoyable Evening.

A conversation was given in the Masonic Temple last evening by Sir Knights of Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4. The hall was tastefully decorated, and about 150 ladies and gentlemen were present. About 9 o'clock the following splendid musical programme, introduced by R. E. Eminent Sir Knight A. E. Cooper, the sole chairman of the evening: Song, Miss Frederica W. Paul, Toronto; reading, Miss Agnes Hull Simpson, of Sarnia; song, R. E. Sir Knight J. G. Liddell, of Brantford; piano solo, Miss Marjorie Hutchinson, of London; song, Miss McLean, of Dorchester; song, Miss Myra Pickard, London; reading, Miss Agnes Hull Simpson, Sarnia; song, Bro. J. W. McIntosh, of London; song, Miss Frederica W. Paul, Toronto. The accompanists were Miss Mable A. Tait, Toronto; W. Bro. W. A. Bleuthner, Miss Lou Chittick. Dancing followed. The refreshments were provided by Bro. G. W. Kent, and the affair was in every respect a decided success. The executive committee consisted of Sir Knights Campbell, Dewar, Escott, Chittick, A. T. Cooper, C. W. Davis, W. T. Stoen, Paul and Weiden.

AMUSEMENTS

ROYAL ITALIAN OPERA COMPANY
The first grand opera novelty of the season will be the engagement here at the Grand of the Royal Italian Grand Opera Company, on Friday evening. An organization new to this city, but containing some of the first artists of the Italian stage, many of them having sung with great success at La Scala, Milan. The company has a large, especially selected chorus, and an orchestra recruited from among the private musicians of President Diaz of Mexico, under the direction of Signor Morale. Some of the principals are Signors Giuseppe Agostini, Gaynor and Francis Condi, and Signorinas Montanari, Dante, Cassati, Eland and Sabatelli.

THE RULERS OF MINSTRELSY TO APPEAR AT THE GRAND ON TUESDAY.



GEORGE PRIMROSE.

One of the new organizations this season that the alert and critical theatregoer will have a chance to look over is Primrose & Dockstader's Big American Minstrels, which will be seen here shortly, and if he is to be won over to the army of admirers, he will certainly say that as an entertainment it is replete with all that goes to make an evening enjoyable. The union of these two great star artists is an absolute guarantee that there will be a full three hours of hilarious merriment. The comedy element will be in the hands of those past masters of merriment, Messrs. Primrose and Dockstader, and their colleagues, of which there are a goodly number, and the singing will be by a chosen number, who have been selected because of their capabilities.

"TWO LITTLE VAGRANTS" AT THE GRAND NEXT WEDNESDAY.



MILDRED HOLLAND.

The cast of characters for the presentation this season of "The Two Little Vagrants" has been completed by Manager Edward C. White. This astonishing and successful drama, with a remarkable reputation on both hemispheres, will be presented on the highest plane known to stagecraft. The delicate and romantic character, Pan Fan, is in the hands of Miss Mildred Holland, who made so much of it last season. This talented lady has forged to the front rank of the profession purely by the power of her own individual merits. She is a consistent enthusiast and consummate artist. These two essential factors have made Miss Holland a pronounced success.

The Bain factory, Woodstock, narrowly escaped destruction by fire early Friday morning. At about 4:15, Night watchman Brown discovered a brisk blaze in the upper story of the boiler house. He summoned the fire brigade, which turned out with commendable alacrity, and its prompt work saved the factory. Loss \$100.

Sunday, Nov. 27, will be anniversary day in the Forest Baptist Church. Rev. S. J. Farmer, B.A., of Petrolia, will preach.

DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS

MAKE WEAK PEOPLE STRONG.

NEURALGIA AND INSOMNIA.

A Well-Known Justice of the Peace Tells of the Benefit He Derived from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

[From the Charlottetown Patriot.]
The Patriot's special correspondent, "Mac," being in the eastern section of the island on business, heard many complimentary remarks concerning Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, which appeared to be the favorite medicine in all parts of Canada. Among those who are very emphatic in the praise of this medicine is Nell McPhee, J. P., of Glenora, and our correspondent determined to call upon him and ascertain from his own lips his views in the matter. Mr. McPhee was found at home, and as he is a very entertaining and intelligent gentleman, our correspondent was soon "at home" too. When questioned about the benefits he was reported to have received from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, Mr. McPhee said: "About four years ago I got run down from overwork on the farm. As there is considerable timber



land on my property, I thought I could go into making timber in addition to my farm work. The task, however, proved too heavy for my strength, and I soon began to break down. I contracted a severe cold, neuralgia followed, and I found myself in shattered health. I felt very much distressed and discouraged, and spent many sleepless nights. I tried several very highly recommended medicines, but received no permanent benefit from any of them. As Dr. Williams' Pink Pills were so highly recommended through the press, I thought I would give them a fair trial. After using a few boxes I found they were having the desired effect and I began to find my wonted health and strength gradually returning. I kept on using the pills until I had regained my former vigor, and had gained considerable flesh as well. Now I consider myself a healthier man, and feel as well as ever I did in my life. I can conscientiously recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to any person suffering as I was. I have the utmost confidence in their curing properties."

CATARRH OF THE BLADDER.

Mr. John Sterling, Blenheim, Ont., writes: "I cannot too strongly express my appreciation of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Some years ago I had a severe attack of la grippe, and following this I was attacked with what the doctors told me was catarrh of the bladder. I got some medicine from the doctor, which relieved me at first, but I was soon as bad as ever, and the medicine failed to have any further effect. I could hardly walk from my house to my shop. I could not get rest at night, and had wasted away to a skeleton. I tried a number of advertised medicine, but got no benefit from them. Then I began using Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and after I had taken seven or eight boxes my health was fully restored, and I can truthfully state that they saved my life."

CONSTIPATION AND PILES.

Mr. C. H. Clarke, Scotchtown, N. B., says: "My occupation is partly that of a farmer and partly fisherman, but both expose me to all sorts of weather, and one case of exposure brought on a severe cold, which left me in a precarious condition. To add to my trouble I was badly constipated and this gave rise to piles, which caused me great pain and at times left me helpless. I tried a number of medicines without getting better. I was discouraged. About this time someone sent me a pamphlet advertising Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I decided to try them, and to make a long story short, my troubles, including the constipation and piles, have disappeared, and I am as well and strong as ever I have been, and feel it my duty to add my tribute to this wonderful life-saving medicine."

A MOTHER'S TRIALS.

Her Health Gave Out and She Lost Fifty-two Pounds in Weight—Fainting Spells Were Frequent.

[From the Orangeville Sun.]
In a cosy little house in this town, lives Mr. John Garrity, his wife and family. They are indeed a happy family, although a few years ago a sadder household would be hard to find. Their happiness was not occasioned by the sudden obtaining of a fortune, but by something much more precious—the restoration to health of a



wife and mother, when everyone whispered that she must die. Our reporter heard of Mrs. Garrity's illness, and cure, and for the benefit of our readers investigated the case. What he learned he will worth repeating. A few years ago Mr. Garrity kept a well-known hotel at Cheltenham, and was known far and wide for his hospitality; his wife, too, was noted for her amiability. However, she was stricken with a peculiar sickness; her health failed rapidly, and from 147 pounds her weight became reduced to 55 pounds. Fainting spells became frequent, and a continual pain in the back of her head almost drove her frantic. Physicians were in attendance, but the doctors said there was no hope. Mrs. Garrity saw death staring her in the face, and the thought of leaving her little children caused her much sadness. She was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but thought they could not possibly do her any good when physicians had failed to alleviate her sufferings. Hoping, however, almost against hope, she procured a supply, and, wonderful to relate, she had not been taking the pills long when the dreadful symptoms of her illness began to pass away, and today she is the picture of health. A few months ago Mr. Garrity and family removed to Orangeville, and in conversation with our representative Mrs. Garrity said: "I cannot find words to express my thankfulness for what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for me. Why, it is almost miraculous. I wish that everyone who is suffering as I was could hear of this remedy. We always keep a box of the pills in the house."

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THE FUTURE OF AFRICA

New Market Opened There Will Be More Valuable Than That of China.

Dr. Haydon's \$1,500 Worth of Choice Microbes Confiscated.

Vienna, Nov. 26.—The Vienna commercial organ, the Handelskorrespondenz, in an interesting article on the progress of British colonization in Africa, expresses the opinion that the new market opened to trade in that continent will be of far greater value than that of China. It must be remembered that China, although an excellent field for European commerce, will in a short time become a formidable competitor for European industry, as the Chinese are capable of manufacturing everything that is now produced by the European artisan. Throughout the whole of the next century Africa can only be a purchaser of European manufactures. The opening up of that continent and the construction of African railways will for 50 years to come furnish Europe with a safe and inexhaustible market for its wares, the gradual development of which will improve the condition of labor at home. It may even favorably affect the social question and produce a temporary relaxation of the present tension between employers and employed. The Handelskorrespondenz believes that this circumstance accounts for the energy now displayed by England in African affairs. She is there securing subsistence for her laboring millions, and for that reason is prepared, if necessary, to defend her position with the sword.

PLAQUE MICROBES CONFISCATED

Melbourne, Nov. 26.—Dr. Haydon, a medical officer who visited India during the plague, arrived in Vienna in July, bringing with him plague microbes. The government, fearing a repetition of the Vienna outbreak, demanded the surrender of the microbes. This Dr. Haydon refused unless he received £200 compensation, and the government has consequently seized and destroyed them.

PRINCE GEORGE'S NEW JOB.

Constantinople, Nov. 26.—The sultan has telegraphed to the czar, entreating the latter to abandon his intention of sending Prince George of Greece to Crete as high commissioner of the powers in that island. Turkish Pasha recently went on a special mission to Livadia with the same object in view, and was unsuccessful.

Athens, Nov. 26.—The ministers of the four great powers interested in the Balkan question—Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy—went at noon today, in royal carriages, to the palace, and formally announced to King George, in the presence of the royal family of Greece, the appointment of his son, Prince George, to the high commission of the powers in Crete. The prince later received the congratulations of the ministers. The crowds in the streets cheered the announcement of Prince George's appointment, which has relieved the popular anxiety which had arisen on account of the delay in making the announcement.

HOME AGAIN.

Potsdam, Nov. 26.—The Emperor and

WINTER SPORTS

Racing Events at Various Points Across the Line.

Receipts of the Sharkey-Corbett Prize Fight Nearly \$50,000.

TURF.

At New Orleans—Aunt Maggie, George, Miss Lizzie, Bishop Reed and Peg Parkes.

At Lexington—Aller, Potentate, Red Glen, Ottaway, Miss Powert and Stebbins.

At Lexington—Bon Jour, Rose Ash, The Bonham, Imperius and Primrose.

At Washington, D. C.—Tinkler, Miss Order, Judge Wardell, Roysterer and Kinkinnic.

FISTIC.

A LIGHT-WEIGHT FIGHT.
San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 26.—George Lavigne, the undefeated light-weight champion of the world, and Tom Tracy, champion welter-weight of Australia, met last night in a 20-round contest. Lavigne got the decision in the 20th.

RECEIPTS OF THE SHARKEY-CORBETT PRIZE FIGHT.

New York, Nov. 26.—Tom O'Rourke, the match-maker of the Lenox Athletic Club, and manager of Sharkey, denies the story that Corbett and Sharkey fought for a \$20,000 purse, and that the receipts were divided equally between the club and the fighters. He says the only money the pugilist got, outside of the purse, was an equal division on the receipts over \$40,000. This gave each man \$1,844 additional.

CRAIG WON.

Newcastle-on-Tyne, Nov. 26.—In a 20-round contest here last evening for a purse of £200 between Frank Craig, the "Harlem Coffee Cooler," and Geo. Crisp, of Newcastle, Craig won the 13th.

NOTES OF SPORTS.

Mabel Davidson, the well-known skater, succumbed to consumption at St. Paul.

Sulphide, the fast Superior horse, and brother of Carbonate, is dead at Denver.

Maher and McCoy are thinking of fighting at St. Louis. A purse of \$10,000 is offered.

Detroit Association football kickers were not strong enough for the Toronto team on Thursday. The Torontos won by a score of 3 to 0.

Fred Bamford and John Williamson were the winning skips at the opening of the curling season in Detroit.

BASEBALL.

OFFERED \$75,000 FOR CLEVELAND.
The Detroit News is authority for the statement that President Van Derbeck has offered Frank DeHaas Robinson \$75,000 for the Cleveland team and franchise. In addition, as a guarantee of good faith, the Detroit magnate has offered to put up a bond of \$5,000 that he will make good the rest of the bid within five days of the National League meeting in New York on Dec. 12th.

Fire broke out on Friday in Tizhe's evaporator factory, Park street, Chatham. The loss to Mr. Tighe is estimated at between \$4,000 and \$5,000 on

the building and stock, partly covered by insurance.

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