

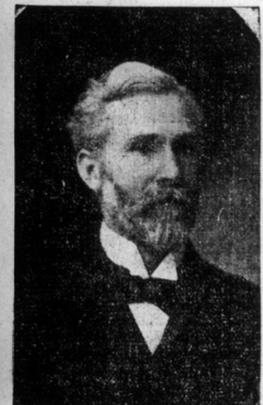
SLAPPED BACK AT MAYOR.

School Trustees Resented His Worship's Insinuations.

Mr. Alfred Ward the Unanimous Choice for Chairman.

Secretary Foster's Position to be Made Permanent.

The inaugural meeting of the Board of Education was held last evening in the City Hall, and was a sort of love feast, with one or two exceptions. One of the exceptions was Trustee Booker's attack on the city for the manner in which the smallpox patients were being looked after. He thought it an imbecile policy to put people in dirty, disreputable shacks that were not fit for a dog to live in. The city should build an isolation hospital at once, so that the patients might at least be comfortable in their illness. He thought that the board should endorse the action of the Board of Health in asking that everybody be vaccinated, and thus prevent the spread of the disease. Nobody seemed ready to debate the subject with Trustee Booker, and he was allowed to take his seat in silence. One of the trustees immediately proceeded to in-



THOMAS W. WATKINS, Chairman of Finance Committee, Board of Education.

roduce other business, but Mr. Booker got up and said he thought the board should do something. Still everyone kept silence, and Mr. Booker's appeal was not responded to.

The other exception was the remarks made by Mr. F. J. Howell and other members of the board regarding the statements made by Mayor Stewart in his inaugural address, when he said that the Board of Education was getting extravagant. The Mayor had said that the expense of education was increasing far more rapidly than the school population. Mr. Howell characterized these remarks of his Worship as being unjust and totally uncalled for. He pointed out that in the last ten years the debt had been reduced \$600,000. He thought that the school situation was in better condition than ever. It must be taken into consideration that there had been increased salaries, and other expenditures to meet. Then again the board was only keeping pace with the present demand.

Mr. Thomas Hobson also had his little knife out for the Mayor. He thought that there was no ground for his Worship's remarks. The board certainly had not been extravagant in its outlay. Mr. S. F. Lazier, K. C., challenged the Mayor to show any useless outlay on the part of the board. He said that in his long experience as a member of the board he had never heard that insinuation cast upon it. He thought that the board of this city compared most favorably with those of other cities.

Mr. Howell moved, seconded by Mr. J. O. Callaghan, that Alfred Ward be elected Chairman of the Board for the year. This passed with enthusiasm. Mr. Howell said it gave him great pleasure to introduce Mr. Ward to the office. The members would find in him a man of ability. His duties might be onerous, but the responsibilities would only make him harder.

Mr. Ward said that he highly appreciated the honor that had been conferred on him, and thanked the members for their confidence in him. He was of the opinion that he had a hard row to hoe, judging by the standards laid down by his predecessors, and he hoped that the members would give him their heartiest co-operation. Mr. Ward intimated that the Board had several important matters to deal with this year, among them being the question of manual training. The work was being pretty well advanced, and two centres of training would be opened on the first of the month. He hoped that the best work would be secured from these schools. Mr. Ward also referred to the excellent results that were being accomplished by the Medical Health Officer. Dr. Roberts, Mr. Ward was sure that Dr. Roberts had the appreciation of every member of the Board. He also dealt with the subject of enlarging the schools, especially Sophia Street School. It was necessary to do enlarging in both the east and the west. He had had complaints from the north end. The schools are crowded and he thought that something ought to be done.

The striking committee was then appointed and retired for a few minutes to appoint the committees for the year. It returned, and the following members of the Board act on the standing committees:

Internal Management—R. Hobson, Chairman; Messrs. Booker, Howell, Lazier, Clark, Lamoureux, Armstrong, Carr, Wilson and Wodell. Finance Committee—T. W. Watkins,

Chairman; Messrs. Grant, Bell, McCullough and Blanchard.

Building Committee—G. Allan, Chairman; Messrs. Callaghan, Holden, Wilkes and Gordon.

Trustee Wodell introduced a motion to the effect that the members for Hamilton be asked to take such steps as are necessary to secure an amendment to the School Board Act, providing for the transaction of business of school boards by by-law, where it may be desired. He stated that this was in connection with the appointment of Secretary-Treasurer Foster. He thought that Mr. Foster's position ought to be made permanent, instead of appointing him at the beginning of each year. He had discovered that the Board had no right to pass any by-law, and there was nothing to prevent some one from getting on the inside and removing Mr. Foster from his position, if he had the desired "pull." The rest of the Board were heartily in accord with Trustee Wodell's motion and it passed.

Trustees Hobson, Ward, Watkins, Allan, Callaghan and Armstrong were appointed a committee to inaugurate the establishment of a technical school in the city.

The Finance Committee was authorized to prepare the estimates for the current year. Mr. V. L. Ross, K. C., was appointed solicitor to the Board, and Dr. Woolverton was appointed the representative of the Board to the Public Library Board.

HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

Plumber Claims Unpaid Bill For Repairs on \$500,000 Present.

New York, Feb. 1.—The "House of Mystery," at 690 Park avenue, where the romance of the late Charles T. Yerkes and the beautiful Emilie Grigsby is said to have begun, has been placed under a mechanic's lien.

Milton Schnaier, the plumber who filed the lien, says Miss Grigsby has declared herself completely impoverished, and cannot afford to pay his bill of \$865.00.

Schnaier says that he has been trying to collect the bill from Miss Grigsby for more than a year.

It was shortly after Yerkes had given her the famous \$500,000 mansion that she went abroad for the winter of 1905, giving the plumber instructions to repair all the great marble basins and bathtubs in the great marble dwelling.

While Yerkes was still alive and showering favors upon her, Schnaier did not present his bill. He says he thought he was in no danger of losing his money, for he figured that a society woman who owned such a splendid palace must be easily able to settle for his trivial repairs.

But after Yerkes died in January, 1906, and the whole story of his associations with Miss Grigsby was published, Schnaier says he thought it best to get his pay. He says Miss Grigsby turned him off easily, alleging that she was about to sail for Europe again to realize on the hundreds of thousands of dollars in two-penny tube stock that the millionaire gave her before his death. Schnaier was content with this.

When she returned and he pressed his claim, she referred him to the Yerkes family physician, Dr. H. P. Loomis, 58 East Thirty-fourth street, who happened just then to be sued by his wife for separations.

Mrs. Loomis had declared that she had cause to be jealous of the attentions paid by her husband to Miss Grigsby. The doctor himself admitted that he was a friend of the beautiful girl to whom Yerkes had been so attentive. Schnaier says Loomis told him not to worry about the plumbing bill because he (Dr. Loomis) knew that Miss Grigsby was perfectly good for it and that he would see that it was fully paid.

That satisfied Schnaier and he was still waiting patiently, he says, when Dr. Loomis died last December while his wife's separation case was still pending in the courts and before he had made good his promise that the Schnaier account would be settled up.

"So there wasn't anything left for me to do but file a lien," Schnaier yesterday declared. "I went to see Miss Grigsby in the Park avenue house dozens of times. When I asked her for the pay she always pleaded poverty."

"I haven't anything left in the world," Mr. Schnaier, she said to me. "The twenty tube stock Mr. Yerkes gave me I tried to sell to English investors and couldn't. I've got it yet, and I can't realize a cent of it. All I've got in the world is what I have on in this house."

The "House of Mystery," with the lien against it was all dark yesterday, and no one could be found to tell Miss Grigsby's side of the story.

LEFT OR RIGHT.

Hint For Street Railway as to Getting on and Off.

T. P. in this week's Monetary Times says: The following notes do not directly interest financial men, but will cause them to reflect. In the Toronto street cars are these two notices: "In stepping off always grasp hand-rail with left hand and face direction in which car runs."

"Of 403 accidents on the street railway lines of an American city, 217 were the result of getting off moving cars backward, and 216 people thus injured were women."

You see one man injured, and I venture to suggest he was an "old woman." Scientists date back the advent of man 50,000,000 years; history, 6,000 years. From what we see today, Eve must have carried her infant on her left arm, so that her right arm might be left free. All mothers who carry their infants, carry them on the left arm. Most shoppers, and the great majority of travellers on street railway cars are women. And they always carry their parcels in their left arms. All school girls carry their books in their left arms. In fact, all women carry anything and everything in their left arms. Thus, when street railway cars are crowded in American cities, the brainy genius of man did not consider woman at all. If the English system of traffic had prevailed in America as the English tongue has prevailed, all cars would run on what must be the correct side—the left. Then all women carrying packages in their left arms would have the right arm free to "grasp the hand-rail."

These notes only illustrate how the male autocrats of America conduct their business in direct antagonism to the first laws of nature.

CHRIST'S CHURCH CHOIR SOLOISTS AND LEADER

The Cathedral Has An Efficient Singing Organization Under the Direction of H. A. Stares.



H. A. STARES, Choirmaster.

The choir and the soloists of Christ's Church Cathedral are brought before the attention of Times' readers to-day. This choir is one of the foremost in the city, and has always been noted for its high musical standard. As a singing organization it ranks among the best and its work is always a commendable feature of the service in Christ's Church. One can always be assured of a treat in the musical portion of the services, and considering the exacting music that the Church of England service consists of, the choir is entitled to great credit. Several prominent men of this city, musically, have had the leadership of Christ Church choir, among them being the late Major O'Reilly, George Robinson, Bandmaster of the 13th Regiment

shortly after that was appointed assistant choirmaster, under R. Thomas Steele. In July, 1893, he was made choir-master, which post he held until June, 1896, when he resigned to accept the choir-mastership of St. John's Presbyterian Church. He was re-appointed to the Cathedral leadership in December of 1901, and has held it ever since. He is also bandmaster of the 91st Highlanders, which office he has filled with credit to himself and the band. He had charge of the old Sons of England Band. During the season of 1906-7, he was the leader of the Grimsby Choral Society. A bright future is predicted for Mr. Stares, as he is not one who is content to rest with his present laurels. He has served Christ's Church, faithfully and well, and he deserves great credit for the splendid work that the choir has accomplished.

Miss Margaret S. Ambrose has been identified with the choir of Christ's Church for many years in the capacity of organist, and has always performed



MISS VICTORIA STARES, Soprano.

her part of the services in connection with the church work in a thoroughly satisfactory manner. She has the right idea of what constitutes church music, and treats it with a devotional reverence that is at once pleasing and inspiring. As an accompanist for choir work, she can always be depended on, and her offertory solo work is of the highest order.

Master Eldon Brethour, the leading boy soprano of the choir, has been with Mr. Stares for seven years, joining in 1901. He has been a faithful member, and although fifteen years of age, has retained a beautiful quality of voice during all that time. His range is very high, and he sings with a great deal of expression. The quality of his tone is sweet, and his singing is always considered a treat by the congregation. He is a splendid reader. Besides being with the choir, he is connected with the 91st Band.

Miss Victoria Stares, the soprano soloist, has one of the best voices in the city for choir leading. Possessed of a strong and resonant quality of tone, she has no difficulty of holding the choir, and, being a splendid reader, her leading

was taken a great interest in the work of the choir, and Choirmaster Stares has on many occasions looked to him for advice and counsel in choir matters. He has also been connected with the choirs of Ascension and All Saints, where he rendered excellent service. He has studied under Mr. C. P. Garratt and Mr. Harry Stares; has a splendid quality of voice, and excellent style.

Mr. Arthur Stares, the bass soloist, has had considerable experience in choir work, and is one of the valuable acquisitions to Christ's Church. He held the position of choir-master in Wesley Methodist Church, and in churches in Berlin, Aylmer and Dundas. He joined Christ's Church choir in 1892, and left for some time, rejoining again in May of 1904. Mr. Stares has studied under F. W. Wodell and Ed. Pearce. His voice is of a deep, resonant quality, and he sings with a pleasing style. Besides his work in connection with the choir, Mr. Stares has been prominently identified with several bands. During 1902 and 1903 he was bandmaster of the Waterloo Musical Society Band. He was the solo clarinet



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Miss Theodora MacKellan is the mezzo soprano soloist and has been a faithful member of the choir for eight years, joining there in March, 1900. She has a sweet quality of tone, and her singing has always been much appreciated by the congregation. Her style in singing is well adapted to the church services. Miss MacKellan has studied under Mr. Harry Stares, and is considered one of the best pupils.

Mr. W. A. Spratt, the tenor soloist, has been a member of the choir since 1892, and is considered one of the purest tenors in the city. He has a voice of true lyric quality, and his splendid volume of tone has often been remarked



MASTER ELDON BRETHOUR, Leading Boy Soprano.

upon by musical enthusiasts. He studied under the late D. J. O'Brien, and also in New York. He is an excellent reader, and has a splendid style in church work. He has always taken a great interest in the choir.

Mr. Ernest Bruce, the high baritone soloist, has had a long tenure of service in the choir, joining it in 1891. He was the solo boy singer until May of 1894. He is left at that time to go to college, and rejoined in February, 1901, and has been there ever since. He is a thorough musician, and his singing has been one of the features in connection with the services of the church. He has a good style, and is an excellent reader. He received the greater part of his training under Mr. Harry Stares.

Dr. Gerald Glasco, the baritone soloist, joined in April, 1904, and is considered one of its mainstays. He has al-



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player with the Belleville Kilties, under the direction of W. F. Robinson, and is of present band sergeant of the 91st Highlanders, and solo clarinet player of that organization. Mr. Stares comes of a family that has been identified with the music of this city for many years.

Among other singers who must be mentioned are Mr. Archibald MacKellan and Mr. Roy Atkie, who have been connected with the choir for over ten years and have always given it their best work and closest attention. Beside these there are seven adult members, who have served their time in the choir, beginning as boys. Among them are E. Stares, E. Potter, O. Beatty, R. Campbell, A. Taylor, F. Stares and N. Kitten, all of whom have had from five to ten years' experience in the choir work of the church.

The personnel of the choir is as follows:

Boy sopranos—E. Brethour, H. Taylor, E. Hunter, N. Hunter, W. Robinson, E. Yardley, S. Thomson, W. Beatty, W. Guy, P. Palmer, E. Chamberlain, G. Mackay, E. Gordon, B. Marshall, J. Logan, R. Logan, G. Beckett, R. Beckett, H. Burton, J. Jolley, W. Yardley and G. Tidswell.

Lady sopranos—Miss V. Stares and Miss Theodora MacKellan.

Alto—Miss Ghena Macdonald, Miss Mills, Miss Garden and Miss Gates.

Tenors—H. A. Stares, W. A. Spratt, E. J. D. Stares, E. Potter, T. Heming, O. Beatty, F. A. Taylor, J. G. Lee and T. C. Mickelthwait.

Basses—M. Lottridge, E. Bruce, Dr. Glasco, Arthur Stares, Fred Stares, R. Campbell, R. Atkie, J. Hamilton, N. Kitten, J. Chamberlain, J. Callaway and P. Whitney.

ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL.

Annual Entertainment Was Held Last Evening.

The annual Sunday School entertainment of St. Paul's Church was held last evening in the school room which was packed to the doors with friends and parents of the pupils. A splendid supper was given the members of the school in the earlier part of the evening, and this was followed by a programme of music, recitations and marches, all of which were loudly applauded by all present. Mr. Byron Smith, the superintendent, was the chairman of the evening and he made a capital one, keeping the little tots in excellent order. Rev. D. R. Drummond presented the diplomas to the pupils for memorizing verses and catechism, while David Fraser presented the volumes of poems and Bibles, and Mr. C. B. Linton presented other prizes. The programme was: Piano solo, Roy Thomson; chorus, Miss Crawford's chorus; recitation, Harry Marshall; vocal solo, Lila Sutherland; dialogue, Precious Pickle; doll drill, 16 girls; recitation, Belle Mackay; piano solo, Jessie Neil; dialogue, six girls; vocal solo, Hibla Robinson; recitation, Evelyn Coates; Latin drill, recitation, H. Goodale; doll drill, Miss Crawford's chorus; recitation, Marion Brown; parson drill, 12 girls; piano solo, Dorothy Gill; recitation, Cassie McNelly; drill looking backward, 16 girls; recitation, Muriel Ronald; dialogue, Bold for the Right; recitation, Cassie McNelly; Soldiers' March; recitation, Nellie Goodale; recitation, Louisa Barry; chorus, Miss C's class; recitation, Annie Barr; recitation, Lois Mackay; recitation, Lila Sutherland; piano solo, Mabel Green; recitation, Lycraeus Richardson; recitation, Jean Smith.

This great annual sale involves brass and white metal beds, blankets, comforters, spreads, pillows, mattresses, springs and all kindred lines.

Most people know how great the savings are in this splendid sale, but for those who do not know we would say get to the Right House first thing on Monday morning for the best bargains you ever heard of.

Right House beds and bedding at the regular prices are very superior and extraordinary values, but during this sale all little prices records will be broken.

Supplying your spring and even next fall's needs during this sale will be good economy.

Visit their third floor Monday morning and see for yourself how good the bargains are. Full details in their big advertisement in this paper.

VISITED FONTHILL.

D. D. G. M. of Canadian Oddfellows There on Thursday.

Harold Hahnau, D. D. G. M., of the Canadian Order of Oddfellows made his official visit to Fonthill Lodge on Thursday evening. He was welcomed by N. G. Rice and found the lodge in first-class condition. The installation of officers was conducted by the D. D. G. M., assisted by P. N. G.'s of the lodge. The new N. G., Geo. Wedge, V. G. Wedge and the other officers are enthusiastic and anticipate a good year. Speeches were made by the new officers and visiting brethren and the D. D. G. M., and two applications were accepted. At the close supper, with songs, music, etc., was enjoyed.

Death of D. S. Perrin.

London, Ont., Jan. 31.—Mr. D. S. Perrin, head of the biscuit firm of D. S. Perrin & Co., died at his home in this city this afternoon, aged 75 years. He was born in Belleville in 1833. He came west with his parents and started the works in 1854. To-day the business extends from coast to coast. He was prominent in Methodist circles, but never took part in public life. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs. (Dr.) Hadley Williams, of this city.

Louis Morgan was sentenced at Toronto to six months for the abduction of a fifteen-year-old girl.

Six Killed in Cyclone. Wesson, Miss., Jan. 31.—Six persons were killed outright by a cyclone which laid waste a strip of farming country three-quarters of a mile wide and several miles long just north of here to-day.

The King's breakfast never varies. It consists of tea, toast and one egg.

WARDEN AND COUNCILLORS

Guests of Canadian Club at Regular Luncheon.

Good Address by W. P. Archibald, Parole Officer.

Charles R. Robertson on His African Travels.

At the Canadian Club's luncheon in the Royal Hotel last evening Warden Emory and the new County Councillors were the guests of the society, and enjoyed one of the most entertaining addresses of the series given this season by prominent men, under the club's auspices. W. P. Archibald, of Ottawa, Dominion Parole Inspector, was the speaker, and for an hour or so he talked on the work in which he has been engaged for several years, interspersing his remarks with humorous and pathetic incidents.

The great contrast of the treatment of criminals under British law as compared with a century ago, its results in decreasing crime and the number of people committed to prison, were points the speaker emphasized. While he was no believer in maudlin sentiment, and recognized that the law of punishment for crime was as old as man himself, yet his idea was to temper justice with mercy. It had been demonstrated beyond doubt that criminals could forego their evil ways and become good citizens. It was well always to remember that these human beings who fell from grace were men. Mr. Archibald spoke interestingly of the work done along educational, industrial and religious lines to help prisoners.

The old system of everlasting punishment had always stirred up the brute force of resentment. Punishment was necessary, but with the punishment people should be humane. The religious element must never be neglected in mankind if man was to be reformed. From his long experience with it, the inspector declared the parole system was one of the greatest agencies in the British Empire for reforming criminals. Crime, he pointed out, was practically hereditary in many. It was a human analysis, and people must get down to it as a part and parcel of life. In the last eight years 1,645 men had been allowed out on parole, and it was found necessary to send back only thirty-three of these to finish their terms.

There was that in man which might be called good, and it was by appealing to it that it was possible to help the criminal. Mr. Archibald disputed the claim of the scientists of criminology, who declared that a man, once a criminal, would always be one. Five hundred men out on parole were an argument against it. The parole system had demonstrated the possibility of a criminal amending even after losing his character. What struck him most of all in his work was the apparent infantile helplessness of the criminally inclined. The hour when a prisoner left the prison gates was one of need, and Mr. Archibald declared he knew of many cases of men who had earnestly resolved to reform, but had been turned back to crime because they could not secure honest employment.

There is no profit in crime. That was the great thought Mr. Archibald pounded in his address, and he supported it with the dying confessions of hardened old criminals. Even with reconstruction the tarash could not be removed. He spoke of the necessity of purifying society at its fountain in youth. Thirty-five boys under eighteen years in Kingston twenty last year, he found were there because they never had a chance in life. Lavish neglect he condemned. If a man had nothing but gold for his children it formed the basis of a criminal life. The principles of self-reliance, obedience were the standards of liberty and country. If the great majority of women who wrote letters of sympathy and suggestions of reform methods turned their attention to the children they came in contact with more would be accomplished.

"Remember the criminal is a man," said the speaker in conclusion. "If you see a man in honest and wants to do better, you can help him, not by giving him money and going on your way, but by opening opportunities in life, and you will be helping your fellowmen in a direct way."

Charles R. Robertson, African hunter and explorer, was another entertaining speaker. Commanding the British justice, liberty and fair play in South Africa, he emphasized the fact that there was still room for improvement. The people there, he declared, were loyal to the mother country, and the Dutch, who recently came under the British flag, he characterized as sturdy loyalists and good citizens.

Warden Emory, seconded by Councilor Binkley, moved a vote of thanks, and spoke briefly.

President McLemont announced that at the club's annual meeting, to be held on Feb. 20, the speakers would probably be Dr. Falconer, President of Toronto University; Mackenzie King, Deputy Minister of Labor at Ottawa, and a member of the Government from Quebec.

A STRONG SPEAKER.

Ben H. Spence is one of the brightest, most convincing speakers engaged in temperance and social reform work in Canada. He has been secured for the Gospel Temperance meeting in Association Hall on Sunday evening next. Mr. John Volick, of this city will also give a short address, relating what he knows of the curse of strong drink. Mr. Gilbert Hutton will give a cornet solo. Bright, attractive singing. Everybody welcome, ladies as well as men. Silver collection at the door.

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