

Armenia's Cry

Heard and Heeded by the First Presbyterian Congregation.

A Resolution in Her Behalf Carried by a Standing Vote.

British Government Called Upon to Prevent a Recurrence of the Massacres—Rev. W. J. Clark Preaches on the Subject.

At the First Presbyterian Church last evening, before a large congregation, Rev. W. J. Clark dealt with the Armenian massacres in a vivid and impressive manner. In the course of his deliverance he said:

"We read such an incident as that of Haman's plot against the Jewish nation, and give thanks that such plans are impossible in the nineteenth century, and yet in the year of our Lord 1895, a more horrible plan has not only been conceived, but executed. The Armenians are an ancient people, and are of the Christian faith, although both Greek and Roman Churches have at different times branded them as heretical. There are said to be some 2,000,000 of them under Turkish rule, and the last half-century has been one of shameful misgovernment."

He then proceeded to give the following details of the misgovernment that prevailed:

"A summary of what has been going on is contained in the following selection from an article by Mrs. D. L. in one of the reviews: 'During the last few years, the Armenian law, tradition, custom, the written maxims of human and divine justice have been suspended in favor of a Mohammedan Saturnalia. The Christians, by whose toil and thrift the empire was held together, were deplored, beggared, chained, beaten and hounded. First, their movable wealth was seized, then their landed property was confiscated, next the absolute necessities of life were wrested from them, and finally honor and liberty were taken with as little ado as if these Christian men and women were wasps and mosquitoes. Thousands of Armenians were thrown into prison by governors like Tahsin Pasha and Bahri Pasha and tortured and terrorized till they delivered up the savings of a lifetime and the support of the helpless families to ruffianly parasites. Whole villages were attacked in broad daylight without pretext or warning, the male inhabitants turned adrift or killed, and their wives and daughters transformed into instruments to glut the lusts of these bestial murderers. In a few years the provinces were decimated. Alghored, for instance, being almost entirely 'purged' of Armenians. Over 20,000 woe-stricken wretches, once healthy and well-to-do, died of hunger or disease, or were, on the way they were set out over and over again by the soldiers of the Sultan, who deprived them of the little money they possessed, nay, of the presence of their sons and daughters, abused the tender girls before the eyes of their mothers and brothers, and then drove them over the frontiers to be sold as slaves. Those who remained behind for a time were no better off. Kurdish brigands lifted the best cows and goats of the peasants, carried away their carpets and valuables, assaulted the daughters and dishonored the wives. Turkish tax gatherers followed these, gleaming what they could from the wretched people. The brigands had left, and lost anything should escape their avarice. Until bound the men, flogged, mangled, and their bodies were covered with red-hot iron rods, plucked out their beards, hair by hair, tore the flesh from their limbs with pincers, and then, disassembled with the financial results of their exertions, hanged the men whom they had thus beggared and maltreated from the rafters of the room and kept them there to witness with burning madness, the disgrace and in a great measure, the dishonoring of their wives and daughters, some of whom died miserably during the hellish outrage."

Horrible it is to read of such cruelties. How infinitely more horrible for men and women to suffer them. And all the while the great Powers of Europe have looked on. True, they have remonstrated with the Sultan, but that monarch has calculated on the jealousy existing between them, and the results have proven his calculations to be accurately made. More than a year ago a European commission represented England, France and Russia visited Armenia and saw sufficient to bear out all that had been said of the extent of the massacres. Various reform projects were proposed, and a fleet of warships anchored off the Turkish coasts, but nothing came of the implied threat. The latest I have seen is that Lord Salisbury stated in effect that Britain could not interfere because of the danger of precipitating disaster, in comparison with which the massacre of the Armenians would seem insignificant. There is certainly nothing absurd about such a position, should speak in harsh criticism of the British Government's action, inasmuch as it is impossible to have that large view of current events that responsible statesmen have. Nevertheless it should be born in mind that England is under peculiar obligation to the Armenians. Seventeen years ago Armenia was under way to obtain some measure of good government through the influence of Russia, but Great Britain interfered and prevented the carrying out of the treaty between Russia and Turkey, for the sake of her own power. Moreover, nations as well as individuals should be willing at times to take risks, and it is a great pity that some of the national enthusiasm which flamed up over the German Empire's telegram had not prevailed in regard to the Armenian massacres.

"It is peculiarly disheartening too at such a time to find the United States ablaze over the disputed boundary of a South American Republic, and ready to make war with her great mother, when in union with Great Britain these two great nations might have demanded civil and religious liberty in behalf of their oppressed brethren."

"But some may say, 'This is all true, but what have we, a handful of Canadians in a little Canadian city to do with the matter?' We have the right, and it seems to me that in this case our right is our duty, to protest against the inaction of that great Empire of which we are a dependency,

and to contribute, as I hope many will tomorrow night, that we may in some little degree ameliorate the suffering of those for whom Christ died. Subscriptions are being forwarded, and there need be no doubt the funds contributed will be wisely administered. You are asked simply to give a little. The chief burden does not lie upon you, but surely to some extent we should assist it. If nothing has been done in London, it would be surely a shame if nothing were done, surely a lack you to join this evening in a so I ask you to join this evening in giving, and tomorrow evening in giving, that it may not be true of us that we have been utterly indifferent to the terrible facts that have filled our newspapers and magazines for months past."

"I submit the following resolution of the session of this congregation to be forwarded to the British Government, and I trust that the heart of every one has been so stirred that they will never again will the 'unspeakable Turk' have immunity in such deeds of Satan as have disgraced humanity in the closing years of the nineteenth century of Christian civilization."

The following resolution was then read: Resolved, that this congregation of the First Presbyterian Church, London, Ontario, hereby records its earnest conviction that energetic steps should be promptly taken, especially by the English-speaking communities of the world, to prevent recurrence in various parts of Turkey, and also to give relief to the suffering and destitute Armenians."

And further resolved, that their past history and traditions point naturally to Great Britain as the leader in such movement:

Therefore resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to his Excellency the Governor-General, with the request that it be forwarded to the British Government."

Mr. Clarke asked those in favor of the resolution to make it manifest by standing. It was carried unanimously, every person in the audience rising.

During the address Mr. Clarke quoted with effect from William Watson's recent poems. From the appeal to England we quote the following:

Summer hath passed, and Autumn's
thrashing floor
is winnowed, Winter at Armenia's
door
Snares like a wolf; and still the sword
and flame
Sleep not; thou only sleepest; and the
Cry unto Heaven ascends as heretofore;

And o'er the earth there sounds no
trumpet from
To shake the ignoble torpor of thy
sons;

But with indifferent eyes they watch,
and see
Hell's regent sitting yonder, propped
by thee,
Abdul the Damned, on his infernal
throne.

Is not the cup
Of crime yet full? Doth devilism still
lack
Some consummating crown that we
hold back

The scourge, and in Christ's borders
have been
How long shall they be borne, O England?
Up,
Tempest of God, and sweep them to
their doom!

IN RAILWAY CIRCLES.

Mr. Spicer will Hear from London Before He Resigns—New Electric Locomotive.

The tenders for the annual coal contracts of the Grand Trunk Railway have all been rejected by General Manager Hays.

General Manager Hays, accompanied by several officials, has left Montreal on a tour of inspection of the Grand Trunk.

It is the intention of the Toronto Board of Trade to tender a reception to General Manager Hays, of the G. T. R., when he returns from St. Louis.

Detroit Free Press: Charles M. Hays, of the Grand Trunk, stated yesterday, just before leaving for St. Louis, that there would be but one manager of the consolidated Grand Trunk Railway—himself. "All of the divisions of the road," said he, "will be under one general manager, and that's what I came to the road to be. There is no more reason why we should have a general manager here and one in Montreal than that the Michigan Central should have one in Buffalo and another in Detroit. It has been learned that Mr. Spicer will resign as manager of the Michigan division of the Grand Trunk in favor of the request of the London and England, directors of the road, by whom he was appointed."

The Baldwin Locomotive Works of Philadelphia have just completed their first electric engine upon the model of the Westinghouse system, which, it is claimed, will revolutionize the running speed of railroads. It has been forwarded to the works of the Westinghouse company in Pittsburgh, and as soon as a test will be made of it, it will be adjusted. At regular intervals between the rails over which the locomotive is to run contact buttons are placed. A slide rail under the locomotive touches these buttons, one after the other, thus keeping up, while the engine is run, a constant electric current, which is sent to the rail through the wheels to the slide rail and thence to the buttons. After the engine has passed to the buttons they are left unconnected, so that there is no danger then from contact. A possible speed of 200 miles an hour is expected, and it is apparent that, if even a partial success is achieved, the locomotive will make a great change in railroading."

TWO YEARS AND \$2,000 FINE. Chicago, Feb. 10.—Joseph R. Dunlop, proprietor of the Chicago Dispatch, was on Saturday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$2,000, for circulating through the mails indecent matter contained in the daily issues of his newspaper.

DODWORTH DYING. Pasadena, Cal., Feb. 10.—Allen T. Dodworth, famous all over the United States as a leader of the Dodworth Band, died at 40 years ago was the delight of musical New York, and father of band organizations in the United States, is lying at the point of death with pneumonia at his home in Pasadena. Mr. Dodworth is 74 years old.

THE WIFE IS BARRED. Washington, Feb. 10.—Judge Reeve, the solicitor of the Treasury, has held that a Chinese laborer who has a right under the law to remain in the United States and to return to China, cannot acquire citizenship in the United States, but he is held to be simply a sojourner, and hence the law inhibits the landing of Chinese must apply to the case under consideration.

Why do you not enjoy a few minutes' happiness and satisfaction by having your work done at the Palmer Barber Shop, 60 1-2 Dundas street west?

Here and There.

Western Ontario Items From All Quarters.

Startlingly Sudden Death at Rodney—Serious Charge Proved Against a Young Man in Sombra—Sarnia and West Lambton Agricultural Societies Amalgamate—Crossing Accident at Essex.

It is said that green wood is being sold in Durham at 90 cents a cord. Mr. H. Wright has been elected president of the Guelph Flat Stock Club.

Mr. Chester Adams, of Logan, has sold his farm to Mr. Wm. McKenzie for \$4,800.

Robert Keller has been fined \$7 for disturbing the Salvation Army at Windsor.

The boys' department in connection with the Stratford Y. M. C. A. has been organized.

The Orangemen of Essex and Kent are to hold a grand celebration in Wallaceton on the 13th of July this year.

The Berlin customs collectorship made vacant by the flight of the former collector, Mr. Bowman, is still vacant.

Mr. B. F. Schooley and family left Petrolia on Saturday for Australia. The Y. M. C. A. gave Mr. Schooley a big send-off.

Sarnia township and West Lambton are to amalgamate and hold the fall show in Sarnia, on Tuesday, Sept. 22, 1896.

The Elora Express says: The prospects of those engaged in the building trade are that they will be busy this summer.

The American Express Company's office at Alvinston has been removed back to the M. C. R. station, with W. J. McLandress as agent.

Mr. Jesse Looker delivered at the Logan pork factory three hogs weighing 750 pounds. They were only six and a half months old.

In referring to the demise of the Amherstburg Leader, the Essex Free Press says a plant that cost about \$4,000 was sold for \$700.

Mr. J. Foulds, deputy registrar for the county of Kent, was on Friday night struck with attack of paralysis. His condition is critical.

Invitations are out announcing the marriage of an old Oil Springs boy in the person of H. V. Abbott, to Miss Schofield, of St. Johns, Mich., to take place on the 12th inst.

Windsor's humane society has elected the following officers: Honorary president, Mayor D. Willis Mason; president, Wm. McGregor; secretary, Geo. S. Hodgkins; treasurer, H. B. Walker.

Jawes Newell, a character well known in Stratford police court circles, has been there two years in the Kingston penitentiary for stealing from his father, David Newell, at South Easthope.

A lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah will be instituted at Ruthven about the end of the present year at the residence of Pansy Lodge, No. 25, of Amherstburg, will likely exemplify the work.

At a meeting of the officers of the Twenty-Eighth Battalion, W. H. Smith, of Ottawa, late bandmaster of the Royal Scots Fusiliers, of the Imperial band, was appointed bandmaster of the battalion.

Mr. Frank Winer, of the Pacific Hotel, Port Stanley gravel road, died on Saturday from the effects of pneumonia, after two weeks' illness. The deceased was about 35 years of age.

He leaves a wife and one child. The municipal clerk of Norfolk has organized a clerks' association with the following officers: S. Cunningham, Watford, president; Frank Bowby, Woodhouse, vice-president; Thomas Ryan, Port Rowan, secretary.

A masquerade carnival was held in the Alvington on Wednesday evening, which was a great success. A number of valuable prizes were given. It was attended by a number from Gloucester and Watford.

The next meeting of the Lambton Medical Society will be held at the Roche Hotel, Watford, on Feb. 12. Interesting papers will be read, officers for the ensuing year elected, and the visiting physicians will be entertained at supper.

A pleasing event took place on the 5th inst., at the residence of Mr. Geo. Somers, St. George, when his daughter, Alice B. Somers, was married to Mr. James A. Pearce, of Paris, by Rev. D. M. Mihell, pastor of the Baptist Church.

During the year 1895 there were filed in Waterloo county 1,000 chattel mortgages, valued at \$1,000,000. The total amount secured by such mortgages and bills of sale were \$284,559 43; 29 assignments were made for the benefit of creditors.

Robert Wilbur, a young Sombra farm hand, accused from Judge Mackenzie at Sarnia on Friday, charged with the murder of a Sombra farmer. The prisoner was found guilty and remanded for sentence.

A citizens' committee formed in Godwin six months ago for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to locate in the town and to boom the municipality generally, has done well. The result already is the establishment of four manufacturing concerns, with a capital stock of \$100,000.

The officers of the Listowel Military Rifle Association have received word that they have been placed on the list by the authorities for a grant of £100 for the purchase of a rifle for the year, so that in the fall a regular military match will take place on the range of the town, for which substantial cash prizes will be offered.

In the Twenty-Seventh Lambton Battalion of Infantry—No. 4 Company, Capt. Robt. Johnston's name is removed from the list of officers of the active militia for neglect in failing to attend the last annual training of the corps. In No. 6 Company, to be second lieutenant provisionally, Sergt. G. Patton McMillan—Gazette.

At the last meeting of the Mitchell town council Messrs. Phinimore and Dutton introduced a bylaw reducing the number of hotels from five to four. It is sought to have the license taken away from the Farmers' Hotel. As a month's notice of the bylaw had not been given it was not considered, but it will be introduced again later on.

The city of Brantford has between 1,500 and 1,400 wells, and to this source has been traced the outbreak of typhoid fever some time ago. On the fever there some time ago. On the fever there some time ago. On the fever there some time ago.

The Provincial Board of Health the local authorities have ordered 150 of these wells to be filled in, and it is said there are more to follow. The Brantford Board of Health.

has also drawn attention to the filthy and offensive condition of the city otherwise.

Friday afternoon Mr. James Agar, a wealthy farmer, and one of the best known and most respected residents of Kincardine, died at 81 in Morris' Bank, Rodney. Mr. Agar was apparently in perfect health when he entered the office. The deceased, who was a prominent member of the Kincardine Presbyterian Church, leaves a wife and two adopted children. He was about 65 years of age and was an extensive property owner.

A bad accident occurred Friday night at Essex, at the M. C. R. crossing, though not so serious as the accident of Oct. 2. Mr. Henry Mooney, son of a local farmer, and a Miss Griffiths were driving home from a church meeting and were struck by No. 37, which was minutes late, and on that account was not expected. The train was going at a rapid rate, and though the whistle blew it was not heard. The buggy was struck with the shafts, but the people escaped with a bad shaking up. The rig was shattered and the horse instantly killed. Since the last bad accident gates have been put on, but the gatekeeper goes home at 9 p.m. Hence no one was in charge at the time.

A GRAVEYARD BUSINESS. Systematic Robbery of Washington Cemeteries—A Startling Discovery.

Washington, Feb. 10.—Owing to a misunderstanding of addresses on a large lot left on the Baltimore and Annapolis line in this city to be forwarded by express, the existence of a trade in corpses for dissecting purposes has been unearthed. The box bore two addresses, and the employees of the United States Express Company were undecided as to what address it should be sent. After the box had been at the station all day, the employees forced its cover, and one of them thrust in his hand, hoping that the contents would indicate whether the box should go to Baltimore or Detroit, which were the two addresses. The employee caught hold of the cover and found to contain the bodies of two women. It first appeared that murder had been committed and the bodies of the victims were being shipped out of the town. The bodies were entirely new, and one was that of an old colored woman. The other seemed to be the corpse of a white woman 25 years of age. After working all day the detectives came to the conclusion that the bodies had been shipped by grave robbers. It is also learned that a regular system for the shipping of bodies stolen from the cemeteries about Washington on existing work has been carried out with astonishing boldness, and dozens of bodies have been sent out of town recently. This box was addressed to Angus McLane, 223 Full street, Detroit, Mich. Large boxes sent by the same set of men have been sent to New Haven and Hartford, Conn., Baltimore and other cities. Some were so heavy as to leave the belief that they contained three bodies.

A SICKENING SIGHT. Parents of the Murdered Girl, Pearl Bryan, View Their Daughter's Headless Body.

Green Castle, Ind., Feb. 10.—The headless body of Pearl Bryan, who was brutally murdered at Cincinnati, and brought to Green Castle Sunday, was on display in a vault. When at once deposited in a vault. The spectacle of her arrival spread over the city, hundreds of people went to the cemetery and for several hours there was a large crowd around the door of the vault gazing at the headless body. The iron grating of the door. In the forenoon, Mr. and Mrs. Bryan, the parents of the murdered girl, and her sisters and brothers, visited the cemetery and entered the vault. Mrs. Bryan was so overcome by the sad sight of her daughter's headless body in the vault, and the father was nearly overcome in a similar manner. When the relatives were in the vault there was a meeting of the young and middle-aged men of the city, and it was said later that 25 or 30 of these pledged themselves to each other to avenge the girl's death if the murderers were not hanged by law.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY. Messrs. Richard Gibson, of Delaware, and W. A. Beattie, of Wilton Grove, have been appointed expert judges of the American Shropshire Registry Association.

The following is the result of the registration of the examination of the senior and junior fourth forms in school section No. 21, London township. Senior fourth, total marks 992, marks required 391. Airs Robinson 494, Mabel Cunningham 478, Willie Luke 494, Mabel Cunningham 478, Joseph Fallon 371, Louise Fallon 344, Bella Dyer 312, Junior fourth, total marks 633, required 322. Harry Taylor 609, Cassie Taylor 584, Joseph Oliver 467, Chester Bryce 463, Joseph Oliver 457, Ida Warwick 438, Lilla Clare 394, Harry Percival 339.

GLANWORTH. Glanworth, Feb. 8.—On Wednesday, Feb. 5, Mr. F. Errington met with an accident. His horse became frightened at a pig on the side of the road and ran away, throwing a out Mr. Errington, who sustained severe injuries.

Mr. Fisher, of this village, is seriously ill. He is attended by Dr. Gustin, of St. Thomas.

Mr. Frank Coughlin, who has been ill for some time, is recovering slowly.

SIX DEAD—THREE MISSING. New Britain, Conn., Feb. 10.—Up to noon Saturday no more bodies had been found at the scene of the Bristol bridge accident, and the recovery now stands: Six dead, three missing. Those unaccounted for are Charles Costello, of Hartford; James McCarthy, of New Britain, and James Mack, of New Britain.

A TORONTO BOY KILLED. Toronto, Feb. 10.—Charles Reddie, a 7-year-old lad, who lived with his parents at 86 Tecumseh street, while playing with some companions on King street, Friday night, was struck by the whiffletree of a sleigh and knocked down. He did not appear to be seriously hurt, but he was seriously hurt. He is recovering slowly.

DEATH OF A CENTENARIAN AND EX-SLAVE. Chatham, Feb. 10.—G. H. Green, of North Buxton, died on Friday. His exact age is uncertain, but judging from records he must have been over 100 years old. He was born in Fauquier county, Virginia, and purchased his own freedom before he was 20. He worked as a free man, and came to this country about 1840. He moved to the homestead on which he died 25 years ago.

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