

The Planet.

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A GOOD TESTIMONY

Rev. Mark Guy Pearse, who visited Canada recently, is reported to have said, on his return to England, that in Canada or the United States he never saw on any table, or even in the dining-cars, or in the hotels, a glass of beer, wine or spirits.

There is comparatively very little drunkenness in Canada, although there is a considerable consumption of intoxicating liquors. For example, let the visitor to the Toronto Fair, where probably are gathered from 60,000 to 75,000 persons every day from all parts of Canada, especially Ontario, and let the visitor note how few there show any signs of intoxication.

The same condition is seen at nearly all our public gatherings. Go to the fairs in this country and it is a rare thing to see an intoxicated person.

It may be urged that there is a great deal of moderate drinking, on the quiet, done, and this, no doubt, must be so, judging by the amount of intoxicating liquors, statistics inform us, is being consumed annually in Canada. The fact, we think, remains, however, that the people of Canada are less given to drinking intoxicating liquors to excess than any like number of people on the civilized part of the earth.

The testimony of the distinguished English divine is flattering to Canadians.

Best Selling Book in the World.

The Bible is the best selling book in the world. It leads, and by a long interval, all other publications in copies purchased in the ordinary channels of trade without regard to what may be called the official distribution.

Every bookstore which undertakes to carry a full line of stock sells the Bible. Several important corporations confine themselves to the manufacture and sale of Bibles, and others find in the Bible their leading feature.

The Dirtiest People in the World. With possible exceptions in the cases of Tibet and Lapland we are compelled to admit that the English working classes are probably the dirtiest bodies in the world, alike in their clothes and in their persons, and that they display themselves in public and even travel by public conveyances in conditions which would not be tolerated in any other civilized country.

Asparagus.

Asparagus, deservedly a favorite vegetable, was extensively cultivated by the ancient Romans, but was not introduced into England before 1690. In some parts of Europe the seeds are used as substitute for coffee, and a spirituous liquor is made from the ripe berries.

Sheep Sorrel Pie. A Kansas editor pays tribute to the sheep sorrel pie, which was one of the luxuries of primitive Kansas. It was dried apple pie from December until grass, or until the squaws came around with wild gooseberries.

Many a woman becomes a wife rather than become an old maid.

Local Briefs

Brisco's bicycle repairs and livery, William Hall, of Detroit, spent Monday in the city.

Lorne B. Forsythe, of Highgate, spent yesterday in the city.

Charles T. Campbell, of Fletcher, was in the city yesterday.

A. B. Carscallen, of Dresden, was a Chatham visitor yesterday.

Mrs. H. Wilkinson, of Morpeth, is registered at the Sanitarium.

S. B. McCall is spending a few days in Wingham on business.

Frank L. White, of Highgate, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Thomas H. Tape, of Highgate, was a visitor in the city yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. John McPee, of Sarnia, are registered at the C. P. R.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Smith are spending the day with friends in Detroit.

Dr. Fraser and E. H. Chapman, of Thamesville, were in the city yesterday.

Mrs. Albert Bennett, of Walkerville, was a guest in the city yesterday.

William H. Pool and Chas. Morden, of Wallaceburg, were in the city yesterday.

Wanted at Once—An improver and apprentice, at C. A. Cooks' factory, for millinery.

Dr. S. B. McCully, of Cedar Springs, spent yesterday with his Chatham friends.

Edward J. Smith, of Smith & Schaefer, printers, Peoria, Ill., is visiting A. L. Brown, Raleigh.

Furnished rooms, pleasantly situated and centrally located, to let. Apply 211 Ontario street.

Fred Jordan returned yesterday from a couple of days' visit with relatives in Detroit.

Arthur Pickering, of the A. I. McCall Co., is managing the branch store in Dresden this week.

Miss Eva Holmes and Miss Fernie French are spending a few days with friends in St. Thomas.

R. A. Hughes, of Windsor, Inspector of Weights and Measures, was in the city yesterday.

When you want an artistic design, call up or visit Victoria Ave. Glass Houses. Phone 181.

W. R. Landon, of the Chatham Wagon Co., is attending the Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto.

Harry Avicheuser left yesterday for Chicago, where he will take a six months course in a tailors' cutting school.

John Putland, of Kincardine, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. A. H. Patterson, who is seriously ill in the Public General Hospital.

House to rent—Fine frame house Lydian Avenue. Apply to J. C. Fleming, Victoria Ave., or County Treasurer's office, Harrison Hall.

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Barr, sixth concession, Dover, passed away Tuesday in St. Joseph's Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Travis Barker, of Vancouver, B. C., spent Tuesday with the latter's sister, Mrs. Fred. H. Judson, 152 Park St.

Wanted, for our new dressmaking and manufacturing departments—Wig makers, skirt makers, coat makers, and apprentices. Highest wages paid. Apply to Thomas Stone & Son.

Miss Maggie's Hildreth and sister, Mrs. Chas. Williamson, of Independence, Miss., who for the past five weeks have been the guests of Mrs. Samuel Weber, Selkirk street, have returned home.

A booklet containing 32 views of the Hudson River will be sent to any address free postpaid on receipt of five cents in stamps, by George H. Daniels, General Passenger Agent New York Central and Hudson River Railroad, New York.

J. C. Stokes, mother and three children, Richmond street, have returned from an eastern trip. While away they attended a family re-union at the residence of J. W. Clarkson, Westland Co., where twenty-seven members of the family met together.

On and after Sept. 17th the Richelieu and Ontario Nav. Co. steamers of the Toronto-Montreal Line, instead of daily, will leave Toronto Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, until Oct. 1st, when the season closes.

The Hamilton-Montreal Line leaves Toronto as usual, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Joseph Walker, an aged resident of the House of Refuge, passed away on Tuesday evening. Deceased was born in England 70 years ago and has lived all of his life in Canada. Death was caused from paralysis. The funeral took place from the residence of D. A. Grant, Fifth Con., Raleigh, yesterday, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. Rev. Robt. McCosh conducted the services.

To the ladies—Miss M. A. Cooper will be at Stone's dry goods store Wednesday afternoon, 7th and Saturday, 10th to introduce to all ladies interested in making ladies and children's garments, the famous De Lamorton system of Paris. This system drafts all the latest cuts and is most complete. You will be given a chance of making up this course for a short time. This course is not taught nearer than Detroit.

The Ladies' Assisting Society met at the home of Miss McKeough on Monday afternoon. This was the first meeting after the holidays, and the ladies all seemed pleased to resume their good work for the winter. The society is eager to proceed with the building of the maternity ward, and will put forth every effort to procure funds to start the work. The interior of the nurses' home has been refitted by the society during the summer months and now presents a very pleasing appearance.

Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc.

VEGETARIANISM.

A Theory That Has Been Maintained From the Earliest Days.

From the earliest days vegetarians have maintained that fruit and vegetables are the proper food for mankind, and in ancient times such leaders of thought as Plato, Pythagoras, Empedocles and Pythagoras can be counted among the advocates of this doctrine.

It is in this connection that we find Virgil singing the praises of a natural diet apart from the use of flesh:

Soft chestnuts we possess And apples ripe, with store of curdled cream.

Still more to the point are his words in the Second Georgic at the close of a vivid description of the joys of a golden age:

Before the reign Of the Dictator, before the days When on slain bullocks fed an immoderate race.

This further rendering from Latin poetry proclaims the same primeval teaching:

Forbear, O mortals, to taint your bodies with forbidden food. Earth is lavish of riches and teems with kindly stores, Providing without slaughter or bloodshed all delicacies.

DUCKS AND THUNDER.

The Possible Origin of an Ancient English Expression.

The phrase, "like a dying duck in a thunderstorm," probably originated in the peculiar susceptibility exhibited by these birds to electrical disturbances. They hang their heads at such times and turn up their eyes in the most comically pathetic fashion, giving a faint die away quack now and again, as though they had quite made up their minds that their last hour had come, but were resigned. They are thus precisely typical of people whose submission, more or less forced, is made mainly with an eye to effect.

This susceptibility seems to be inherent in ducks, for their eggs in course of hatching are spoiled by a thunderstorm when hens' eggs escape.

It is worth noting in this connection that Shakespeare in "Timon of Athens" says, "We, poor mates, stand on this dying deck." It is just possible that this may be the real origin of the phrase, as it refers to the sinking of a ship during a thunderstorm, and deck may have been carelessly recast as duck.—London Answers.

MARINE TURBINES.

They Date Back to the Time of Hero of Alexandria.

In turbine steamers there is a marked absence of vibration, while the position low in the hull of the machinery gives great stability and in men-of-war makes better protection possible and affords facilities in maneuvering.

The practical advantages of turbines are many. They reduce the oil bill considerably and while they occupy less floor and cubic space are simple in construction and easy to repair.

In a turbine there is no need to wear out the bearings at the extremities of the spindle, but these run in oil and after years of constant service show no wear. Parsons' turbine plants of 400 horsepower and 1,500 horsepower, which have been driving electric generators for years, have not yet cost a penny for repairs.

The steam turbine dates back to 120 B. C., when Hero of Alexandria described it in his book on pneumatics.

The Print of the Springs.

A politician upon his arrival at a certain small town where he was to make a speech the following day found that the two so called hotels were crowded to the doors. Not having telegraphed for accommodations, the politician discovered that he would have to make shift as best he could. He was compelled for that night to sleep on a wire cot which had only some blankets and a sheet on it. As the statesman is a fat man, he found his improvised bed anything but comfortable.

"Well," asked a friend, when the politician appeared in the dining room the morning, "how did you get on?"

"Oh fairly well," replied the statesman nonchalantly, "but I looked like a waffle when I got up."—Youth's Companion.

A Bottomless Lake in Sweden.

In Thomas Nashe's "Terrors of the Night," published in 1594, he says that Lake Wetter, Sweden, is bottomless. He also tells other peculiar things respecting it. "Over it no fowle flies but is frowen to death, nor any man pass but is mumbled like a statue of marble. Awle ye inhabitants around about it are deafened with ye hideous roar of bits waters when out of its midst as out of Mont Gibell a sulphurous stinking smook issues that well nill poison ye whole countrie about."

Act in the Present.

Be not anxious about tomorrow. Do today's only. Fight today's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things you cannot see and could not understand if you saw them. Enough for you that God is just and merciful and will reward every man according to his work.

Human Nature.

It is constantly said that human nature is heartless. Do not believe it. Human nature is kind and generous, but it is narrow and blind and can only with difficulty conceive anything but what it immediately sees and feels.

When trouble goes hunting him a man may dodge it, but when a man goes hunting trouble it hasn't one chance in a thousand of escaping him.—Cincinnati Times-Star.

DISTRICT DOINGS.

BLENHEIM

Sept. 7.—Mrs. Fentris, of Cleveland, is visiting Mrs. D. J. VanVelser.

On the tenders for the renting of the Opera House for the coming year Messrs. James Baird and C. W. Gibson tender was accepted, their bid being the highest bid, \$225. They can assure the public that at present they have booked a number of companies that are considered A1.

It is expected a large crowd from here will go in to Chatham next Monday afternoon to hear the famous Black Watch Band. Cheap fares on all railroads.

Mr. and Mrs. Newson, of Kingsville, and Ed. Nichol, of London, spent the holidays with friends here.

Word was received here from London of the death of Mrs. Inman. Her remains will be brought here for interment. The funeral service will be conducted at the Fourth Line Methodist church.

Miss Mrs. J. Porter, of Ridgeway, is visiting at L. H. Edmonds. The Messrs. Cora Putnam, E. Thompson and O. Ransom spent Labor Day in Detroit.

Mr. James Coleman, of Highgate, was a Blenheim visitor yesterday.

TILBURY

Sept. 7.—Miss Lulu Scriven arrived yesterday to take charge of the junior room of the Public school.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Maisual, of Merlin, visited relatives here yesterday.

P. Labadie has a sale of his chattels here on Saturday next.

Miss Alice Tremblay left Thursday to attend college in Quebec.

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A couple of burglars who entered V. Campbell's store here recently were captured in Chatham Labor Day. Stanley Boyd was seen with some pretty good clothes in the Maple City that day, and suspicion which had been previously directed against him caused his arrest. He peached on his pal, Law Terry, a ticket of leave man from the penitentiary, and practically acknowledged his guilt. The clothes they were identified by Mr. Campbell in the police station Monday night as having been stolen from him. The prisoners were found in possession of a number of knives and razors stolen from a Chatham hardware store. The police are after two or three more members of the gang who are wanted, including a brother of Tremblay's living in Dover.

John Roadhouse, of Tilbury East, and a frequent patient at Chatham General Hospital, died Monday from cancer.

C. C. RICHARDS & CO.

For the past few years I have used the Minard's Liniment, and I have used every remedy without effect until I got a sample bottle of MINARD'S LINIMENT. The benefit I received from it caused me to continue its use, and now I am happy to say my arm is completely restored.

R. W. HARRISON, Glamis, Ont.

DRESDEN

Sept. 7.—Miss E. Holmes, of Chatham, was the guest of Miss Eva McVean on Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. L. Macdonald, of Commerce, spent Sunday and Monday.

Wm. Maguire, of London, called on Dresden friends Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. H. N. Smith, of Arkona, who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith, returned home on Saturday. She was accompanied by her aunt, Miss N. Hughes, who will be her guest for a couple of weeks.

F. K. Hughes conducted Church of England services in Oil Springs and Inwood on Sunday.

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A large number from here attended the lacrosse match in Chatham on Labor Day and saw the fastest game of the season. Rev. A. E. Haydon, who played centre for Chatham, was one of the stars of the game.

Miss Mabel Leonard is visiting friends in Chatham.

Miss Leah Davies has commenced her fall season with John Northway & Co., Chatham.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Tape are spending a few days in Toronto this week.

A. F. Sneider, of Windsor, spent Sunday and Labor Day with Dresden friends.

Sandy Burnie, of Sarnia, spent the holiday at his home in town.

Mr. Hay, who has been an employee of the new drug store, has been moved to Chatham.

F. Miller, of Chatham, visited his home here on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Courtney, of Walkerton, were the guests of Bert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Courtney, on Sunday and Monday.

Alex. Melitiche, of Chatham, spent Sunday with friends in town.

Miss Gerlie Robinson has accepted a position with the Northway Co., Chatham.

Ern Wells, of Wells & Wells, is a visitor at the Canadian National Exhibition this week.

The Baptist excursion to Tashmoo Park yesterday was not as largely attended as usual. The fortunate ones who attended report a splendid outing.

Wm. Daniels has returned from a two weeks vacation in Campbellford and Toronto.

New Fall Wrappers
passed into stock to-day. Each day brings forth case after case of new goods to make up by far the largest and best assortment of Dry Goods ever shown in Chatham. Values are such as only a six-store buying organization like ours can give you. A careful perusal of the following items will be found both interesting and profitable

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