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Wanted at Kent Mills, Chatham, first class Wheat, Beans, Oats, Corn and Barley.

BLENHEIM.

Aug. 3.—Miss Rushton, of Blenheim, is visiting Mrs. (Dr.) Rowe.

Miss Stone, of Chatham, spent Tuesday in town.

Misses Jessie Dea Laurier and Edna Stewart are the guests of Miss Maud Kiffin during this week.

Miss E. Craig, of London, who has been visiting Mrs. A. W. Bell this week, has returned home.

Miss Bertie Sterling left for a holiday trip to Toronto, where she takes the boat for Port Hope and Newcastle. She expects to be gone a month.

Rev. Dr. Jamieson is spending some holidays at Niagara Falls, Toronto and other points.

REGUS DIPLOMA MILL HIT HARD

Columbus, O., Aug. 3.—Robert H. Day, appointed master commissioner to take testimony in the case of the state against the Regus College, is engaged with the Supreme Court yesterday. He finds that all of the allegations made in the state's return against the institution are true, and that the college should be ousted from its charter rights and prohibited from conferring degrees.

The domain government will commence the erection of a lighthouse on the middle ground in Pelee passage. One of the government engineers was in Amherstburg this week and engaged a number of men to work on the building. They are to report for duty August 13.

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

WHEN WE SHALL SMILE FOR CASH

Fruit Jars at present low prices.

Our fine Blend Tea, for the day only, 20c lb.

Ginger Snaps, 5c tin

Sardines, 5c tin

6 bars Sweet Home Soap, 25c

Almond Biscuits, 10c lb.

3 Japan Tea, new season, usual price 40c, for 25c

4 lbs. Standard, 12c lb.

Big bargains in fancy kitchen Flower Pots, decorated in fancy colors, 15c each

We will have a 10c, 15c and 25c counter during the day that will astonish you. Call in and see them.

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WATER COMMISSIONERS

Regular Meeting of the Board Held Last Evening—Hydrants to be Moved.

There were present at last evening's session of the water commissioners the chairman, Dr. J. L. Bray and W. D. Sheldon, Ald. McKough, Ald. Marshall, Supt. Jones and City Engineer Shackleton.

The following accounts were presented:

Thompson Meter Co.,	55.44
F. E. Fitts Co.,	29.90
McCull Bros. & Co.,	25.80
Garthouse Thompson Co.,	622.11
Penn. Salt Co.,	22.80
N. Y. Filter Mfg. Co.,	10.50
O. W. Shipman & Co.,	61.66
A petition for extension on Delaware Ave. was approved.	
Application from H. J. Stevens for rebate of \$1.50 on water rate, overpaid, was referred to Supt. Jones, with power.	
The secretary's cash statement was adopted as follows:	
June 30—To cash in bank,	\$1,118.54
July 9—To Miss Bennett, water meter,	12.00
July 11—To city, coal, board of works,	1.92
July 11—To city, coal, electric lighting,	92.66
July 31—To water sales,	563.47
July 31—To water sales paid bank,	18.76
	\$1,810.85

Contra.

July 6—By refund, C. L. Abbott,	1.50
July 31—By operating,	657.38
July 31—By extensions,	50.04
July 31—By extensions, house services,	79.03
July 31—To Bal. in bank,	983.59
	\$1,810.85

Ald. McKough said he represented a petition to request the removal of the hydrants from the gutter to the sidewalk on King St.

On motion of Mr. Sheldon, Supt. Jones was instructed to proceed with the work under the direction of the chairman of the board of works, the city to bear the expense.

On application, W. J. Moore, was granted a refund of \$14.73, owing to break in pipe passing through meter.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green House is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

AN OLD POSTER.

Captain George Stringer has thrown The Planet an old poster bill of the early boating days which tells its own story. The bill reads as follows:

THE BILL

W. D. EBERTS.

Will leave McPherson & Crane's wharfe, Kingston.

THIS DAY

For Amherstburg, Windsor, DETROIT AND CHATHAM.

Touching at all the ports on the Welland Canal.

For Freight or Passage, apply to McPherson & Crane, or to Captain George Stringer, on board.

A SPIRITUALIST.

Rev. Dr. Austin Tells Why He Became One.

Claims the New Religion is in Keeping With the Enlightenment of the Times.

The Rev. Mr. Austin, of Toronto, addressed a fair sized gathering last evening in Northwood's Hall, taking as his subject Spiritualism. Although the attendance was not overly large, the audience was a representative one. It was made up largely of King street merchants, but many prominent professional men were present. The ministry was represented by a Methodist clergyman and a Presbyterian divinity student. Bankers, aldermen, artisans, and quite a number of ladies augmented the audience. Mayor Smith occupied the chair and introduced Mr. Austin. The mayor said that he didn't believe in spiritualism, but when asked to occupy the chair he thought it his duty to do so.

THE LECTURE.

The Rev. Mr. Austin said that for him to give any comprehensive idea of the literature, philosophy, etc., of spiritualism would occupy at least a month of time but would endeavor to present a few of the salient points. He was a stranger and heretic, but he trusted that the audience would accord him that liberality of thought which should characterize all intelligent people. Spiritualism was a new religion in one sense and was best defined by a poem published in Mr. Austin's magazine, The Sermon. The poem ran in part as follows:

"The God's own word, again revealed
In the dark district and the canyon
Tis revelations from the spheres beyond
hid from human sight.
Tis inspiration once more given to
show us "The way to make an earth."

Spiritualism was the new religion of today and the religion of the future. It was a fact well known that in every department of human knowledge there had been wonderful advances made and there had been new conceptions of nature and of life. If in other things, advances had been made, why not in religion and theology? Were these the only things in the world which were stereotyped? If religion and theology had reached a stage of crystallization, they were dead and useless. A man who did not know the truth was not free. No matter what the views of their ancestors might have been they were not of necessity correct. Surely everyone was not right in his or her belief. There were some errors or there could not be so many churches and creeds.

The theology of fifty years ago was relegated to oblivion as the outcast of the past. The old creeds and creeds, which have been cast away and forgotten.

WHY HE BECAME A SPIRITUALIST.

The former principal of Alma College had been often asked why he had become a spiritualist. He could only answer like the apostle Paul, "I speak just as I find myself."

If the soul expands in the long reaches of time, "he old theology would not satisfy the individual. He would get what the views of their ancestors might have been they were not of necessity correct. Surely everyone was not right in his or her belief. There were some errors or there could not be so many churches and creeds.

The advantages of spiritualism were many. In the first place it offered to the world a new religion. Mr. Austin was not an opponent of the gospel of the Simple Nazarene. He was on the other hand a humble follower of His. Spiritualists were not opposed to Christianity, but they were opposed to the distortions of it as evidenced in the orthodox doctrines of to-day. What evidence of an existing God, was there to offer to the world? He would believe the history of the past? There were thousands believing, as Mr. Austin had once believed, that spiritualism was founded on fraud. He had discovered his error and found reality in spiritual life and also a world of comfort in it.

For every one who accepted the way of philosophy, which was a life of hope laid open. Spiritualists had a scientific base for religion and they could demonstrate what they preached. Christ had performed miracles and sent his apostles out to do the same thing. The ministers, having gone through the theological cemetery as Sam Jones called it, went out to preach, learned in all the doctrines, creeds and theories, but they could not demonstrate the practical side of what they preached about. Spiritualists on the other hand could take the skeptic into their home and show him that there was no death but that there was a future life.

SPIRITUALISTS BELIEVED

in a rational heaven, a life like the present life, a place of many mansions as depicted by Christ, and the gospel preached as in this world. For the past fifty years spiritualism had been overthrown and denounced. It was spreading and reaching the most cultured classes. Some of the greatest literary and scientific men were among its adherents, as instanced by Alfred Russel Wallace and W. T. Stead, editor of the Review of Reviews. Must not a philosophy or religion overthrown and denounced so many times, have some foundation in truth when such men as these were to be found in its ranks? All remembered the burning bush in the bible that was not consumed although on fire because there was an angel in it.

Spiritualism might be compared to this burning bush. Although denounced and overthrown, spiritualism could not be consumed because there was an angel hid in it. Those so-called exposures of spiritualism were exposures of man's not of God's.

A gentleman in Toronto, Mr. John Scott, had written eight columns in the Christian Guardian, denouncing spiritualism. He had claimed that he had tried three different spiritualists, but none were genuine. Granting that every fact in the eight columns was exposed, it was not of God's doing. If a man went to the Klondike and, having looked in three different spots for gold, should come home and say there was no gold there, people would not speak truthfully, because they knew better. He didn't look in the right spot, and neither had Mr. Scott. Mr. Austin had spent six years in studying spiritualism and had written with leading spiritualistic mediums in the United States. He had experienced the phenomena in his own home. It was no mere argument against the Methodist Church merely

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because one minister had disgraced the faith. As soon as Mr. Scott's article was published, Mr. Austin, open to conviction, sought out the writer and told him of phenomena produced by him with a total stranger. Mr. Scott acknowledged that he could not explain it. Mr. Austin then wrote the Christian Guardian, asking permission to reply, but this was refused. He went away. It had been long enough. Spiritualists profess to know what they teach and they have proofs of it, but not from the lips of others. They have proofs by their own friends. Mr. Austin had been brought up after the strictest manner of Methodists and had the church seen fit to broaden its doctrine and permit Christians to interpret the scriptures for themselves, he would have been with the Methodist Church to-day. From his infancy he had had an innate spirit of rebellion against some of the

THE DOGMAS

of the Methodist Church. He was thrown into the company of marvelously endowed people—seers, clairvoyants, etc., the audience would probably call them mediums. He was very much interested in their work. He then began to investigate spiritualism with a good deal of prejudice, fearing fraud. Two years ago Mr. Austin called on Mr. Cole, in the city of Detroit, a man probably well known to many Chatham people, and asked for a sitting. The medium asked that it be put off until the following day as he was very much fatigued, and the chances were against the sitter. However, Mr. Cole was persuaded, and Mr. Austin wrote some questions while Mr. Cole was out of the room. They sat for three-quarters of an hour without any response, when Mr. Cole said that the friends written to were anxious to communicate with the writer. They could see them, and he described the medium and he described the medium as Mr. Austin or his friends. The instrument began to tick and the medium wrote out a message signed by the full name of Mr. Austin's dead sister. This message is now preserved by the recipient. Last summer Mr. Austin and his wife called on a medium. They were furnished with clean slates which they held right in front of their faces. On examining the slates after four minutes, answers were found to eight different communications. A face was also drawn on the slate and no artist in the country, according to Mr. Austin, could have produced that work inside of an hour and yet it had all been done by the spirits inside of four minutes.

Mr. Austin gave a number of other instances of marvelous communications made by spirits and coming under his personal knowledge and then in concluding said: "Men who believe in this will begin an investigation for yourself. The phenomena and philosophy of it can be seen in your own homes. You have but to wait on the Lord alone in your closets and you can demonstrate the actuality of the spirit world."

OFF THE TRACK.

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TENDERS WANTED.

Tenders will be received by the undersigned for both privileges on the Atlantic grounds for the Scotch Pine, which takes place Monday, August 13th, 1906. Tenders must be in by 12 o'clock, noon, on Friday, August 10th. Address: John DeLoring, Chairman of Grounds Committee.

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Straw Hats at Half price.

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USUAL TENDENCY

Is for the Farmers of Kent to Get out of Debt

Says Registrar P. D. McKellar—Sales of Land Improving.

The Toronto Globe has submitted to registrars the following questions:

1. The general tendency—whether towards increase or reduction of debts.
2. The purpose for which new debts are being incurred.
3. The relative position of the debt or class as compared with five and ten years ago.

In reply P. D. McKellar, registrar of Kent, says:

From 1894 to 1898 the amount of mortgage indebtedness decreased, but 1899 shows a slight increase over 1898. This can easily be accounted for in two ways. The mortgage of 1894 and prior thereto carried a rate of 6 to 6 1/2 per cent. During 1898 and 1899 the ruling rate of interest was 5 to 5 1/2 per cent, and this led to the conversion of all mortgages that could be paid off into mortgages bearing the lower rate of interest, and in addition to this the sales of land for 1897, 1898, 1899, as compared with ten years previous have been very numerous in years, and in almost every sale a mortgage has formed part of the transaction. I think, therefore, it is safe to say in reply to enquiry No. 1 of your circular that the tendency is to a reduction of indebtedness.

As to enquiry No. 2, in my opinion debts are being incurred in the purchase of land, the erection of buildings, and for the draining.

As to No. 3, in my opinion the position of the debtor class has materially improved in the last five years. Debts are more promptly paid, and also rents. A few years ago bailiffs did a thriving business in distraining for rent and selling out the unfortunate lessees. I may mention the improved condition of the hotels as a further evidence of a more plentiful supply of money among the people. A few years ago the hotel business was barely paying, now it is quite profitable, not because the people are more intemperate now than in the past, but, having money to spend, some of it goes the way of the hotels. The crop in Kent is good this year. Everything excepting fall wheat will be more than the average yield by the Hessian fly, there will be a fair yield throughout the country, and the sample supply of money among the people. I cannot see any near prospect for "hard times" in Kent.

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