DISTRICT DOINGS.

TILBURY

Dec. 31.-Mr. and Mrs. Westland and children leave this week for Am-herstburg, where they will in future

reside.

Mrs. Hemsworth, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. (Rev.) Dobson, left to-day for her home in Listo-

Thomas Pook, of Toronto, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. J. Balmer, of Woodstock, ar. rived to-day, to spend New Years with her parents ,Mr. and Mrs. James

Stewart.
The Daily Planet is on sale at Johnson's Drug Store.

BLENHEIM

Jan 2-John Titus has returned from an extended visit with friends in Michigan. Mrs. W. J. Agar is visiting friends

Jan. 2 – Mrs. John A. Stephens, of Woodstock, is in town on business. Mrs. Chas. Tassic entertains a num-ber of friends this evening. The young people of Dresden are holding a ball in the Grand Opera

Alex Sims has returied from a visit at his home in Richmond Hill
Miss Howat is visiting in Windsor.
J. Cryderman, of Walkerville, made a brief visit at his home here yester-

E. W. Smith very pleasantly enter-tained a number of friends on Mon-

day evening. Sherman and Noble Ripley spent

New Year's Day in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Beauregarde, of Chatham, are visiting friends here.

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WALLACEBURG

Jan. 2.-Miss Buist and Miss Rena Buist, of Chatham Centre, spent New Year's Day with Mrs. T. W. Burgess. W. Barrett, of Detroit, is visiting his many friends in town. Miss H. and Miss Carrie Foster, of Sarnia, spent New Year's with Mrs.

After the last Council meeting of this year, on Tuesday night, an adjournment was made for the purpose of enjoying an oyster supper.

The Foresters held their ball and supper Tuesday night. Dancing was enjoyed at the Opera Houser after which a grand supper was served at the Arlington Hotel by the proprie-

or, M. O'Mara. Miss Anna Shaw has returned, after a visit at Detroit and Chatham. The nominations for the Council Board for next year took place Monday night, as follows: — For Mayor, Messrs Heath, Martin, Stonehouse and Hayes are in the field. The members of the School Board are all elected by

Rev. D. Stanley Shaw and wife spent New Year's at their home on the East Branch. Carrier boys are not authorized to

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It is in the order of nature that men's habits and pleasures are not to be changed suddenly.

The ultimate result of shielding men from the effects of folly, is to fill the world with fools.

The Engineer

from an extended visit with friends in Michigan.

Mrs. W. J. Agar is visiting friends in Detroit.

David Hastings has returned from spending the Christmas holidays with friends near London.

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Mrs. Chas: Tassie entertains a number of friends this evening.

The young people of Dresden are holding a ball in the Grand Opera House this evening.

Mr. Strevaite, a well-known and highly respected farmer residing on the 5th Con. township of Dawn, met with a serious accident yesterday. His team ran away and, on reaching the tracks in front of the foundry, threw the unfortunate man out with great violence against a car which was standing on the track. He was carried into Josh. Wright's offices, where he was found to have suffered severe injuries to his head.

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THAMESVILLE

Jan 1.—C. W. Mayhew and wife, of Detroit, are spending a few days with relatives here.

Mrs. Neville returned to Windsor yesterday.

Mrs. F. J. Lawrence is seriously ill with pneumonia.

Mrs. Strevaite, a well-known and highly respected farmer residing on the 5th Con. The Holding of Donnville, is home for the holidays.

Dr. Carrie, C. H. VanValkenburg, and D. Wallace, are spending New Years in Detroit.

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If love's eyesight were good paja-mas would never have been invent-ed. Reflections of a Spinster.

ginations of religious women who have never married.

If God only lends people some If God only lends people some-thing to love what bad judgment He sometimes uses in not calling the

A handsome man divides women into two classes—those he knows he can kiss and those he thinks he

can as soon as he has time.
Confusion between a man's sorrow at being found out and sorrow what he has done has been one the scandals of morality. A girl kissing a married man is like a child phying with electricity,

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JOHN GRANGER'S **OPPORTUNITY**

Dunwood was not a promising field for an ambitious young pastor. It was an old town, conservative, dull, nonprogressive. It was a particularly unpromising field for John Granger, pastor of the dullest hid most conservative congregation in all Dunwood. John Granger's hands were tied, so to speak. He knew what was expected of him, and he knew that he mustn't overstep the lines. Tradition and precedent governed his board of trustees. They had selected him because a safe man had recommended him, and John had gladly accepted the offer.

He had been the assistant of an aged pastor who had persisted in holding fast to all his privileges, keeping John carefully in the background. And John had come to Dunwood in the belief that here he would be his own master; that here he could cut loose and try his wings. Never was a man more mistaken.

"We might as well have a clear understandin' at the start." Deacon Blodgett had said to him as they walked up from the railway station. "We are a quiet people, and we think our fathers' ways of doin' things was just about as near right as they could be. We went straight gospel sermons on the good old texts, and we want 'em carefully prepared, too, and written out word for word, and read just as written. That's what we're payin' you seven hundred dollars a year to do, and that's what Dr. Skimmerhorn assured us you would do."

"And of course if I don't suit," said John, "you will drop me at once?"

"Rut you will drop me, and I'll let you take some of 'em to look over for models, if you like."

It was a very dull position for a hopeful and energetic man of twenty-nine. Yet John held on. Perhaps he felt that it was a moral discipline that he needed. No doubt he realized that it was wrong to throw up one position until he was certain of snother. Then, again, it is quite possible that the bright eyes of Mary Dillworth had something to do with his spirit of resig

spirit of resignation.

Mary was a teacher in the town high school, and John boarded at her mother's home. Perhaps if the board of trustees knew how much of his t'me—that time for which they paid so, liberally—was spent in Mary Billworth's company they would have called him to account in short order. In short, it was Mary who finally reconciled him to his surroundings. No doubt she soon began to realize this, and the thought worried her.

"You musta't let yourself vegetate here." she said to him one evening. "There's something in the atmosphere that acts like the fabled lotus and makes

that acts like the fabled lotus and makes the Dunwoodite quite forget that there is an outside world. You mustn't breathe it too long."

"But I can't hold my breath much longer," said John. "I feel that I'm becoming a fixture here."

"This will never do," said Mary. "You are wanted and needed elsewhere. I'm sure of it."

"Alas" said John, with a little smile at

"Alas," said John, with a little smile at her vehemence, "I'm afraid that those who want and need me will have difficul-ty in finding the talents that are hidden

eath the Dunwood bushel! Mary was silent for a moment. "I think I see a way to help things along," she presently said. "My father's first partner in business was Richard Carmody, the manufacturer. He is a leading member of one of the foremost of the city churches. He would gladly do me a fayor, and I'm going to write and ask him to let you fill the pulpit there one Sunday. They have sent their old pastor abroad, and he may not return, and the pulpit is being supplied during the spring by such talent as can be secured here and there. I will write to Mr. Carmody at once, and you shall post the letter." "I think I see a way to help things

once, and you shall post the letter."

John's eyes sparkled.
"Oh, that would be fine!" he said.
Then he hesitated. "But how can you explain your—your confidence in me?"

A little blush tinted Mary's rounded

"I am not writing the letter in my own way," she langhingly said, "and the man who is to receive it is a friend who has known me since I was a very little girl. I am sure that he will be glad to trust me and favor me and ask no ques-

And John had watched her as she bent

And John had watched her as she bent over her writing, her gentle eyes intent upon the work, and a new ambition crept into his heart—the ambition to prove worthy of this dear girl's trust and confidence.

So the letter was sent and in due time. John received an invitation to fill the pulpit of the city church for a certain Sunday. The trustees had no objection to his going as long as he arranged to fill his place during his brief absence. They even felt a little flattered in their slow way at this mark of recognition from the

"At the same time," said Deacon Blodget, "it is an unusual thing for one of our pasters to go gallivantin' round the country. And I should judge it might not be a safe thing, neither. It could happen that the congregation would take a fancy to the substitute and forget all about the

that the congregation would take a fan'y to the substitute and forget all about the reg'lar."

But John laughingly said he'd take his chances on that for jest this one time.

That evening he told Mary that he didn't intend to write out his city sermon.

"I'm going to try my hand at the unincumbered style," he said. "It may mean a breakdown, but I don't expect it."

"Good," said Mary. "Of course you will not break down. You will be too well prepared and 'oo anxious to succeed to fear any such catsstrophe. Tau are not only to please on your account but at the same time you are going to p. The the excellence of my judgment."

So John set forth on his brief pligrimage and preached his sermon and lid not break down. They were kind to him and sail pleasant things to him, and Mi. Carmedy was especially agreeable. And they all hoped to hear-him again. So he came hack quite einted and shared his elation with Mary, who shook her fair head in a manner that olainly indicated that she had said so all along.

It was the second week after John's return that a startling tragedy shocked the tow. One of the oldest and most prominers.

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Granger.

John walked to the front of the platform and paused a moment before he commenced. He had no manuscript to restrain blim, but he was full of his subject, and he knew just what he wanted to

restrain bim, but he was full of his subject, and he knew just what he wanted to say.

His voice was calm and strong and at his first words the people who were pushing toward the doors paused. He was not repeating what had been said before. He made no allusion to the loss the town suffered by the demise of this liberal though at times misguided citizen. His address was a cry for the moral purification of the place. He called upon all good citizens to awake and join hands in this work. The pastors alone could do nothing. Talk would accomplish nothing. Prayers without practical effort availed nothing. The sore of vice was there and it must be removed by heroic treatment.

He had begun his address in a quiet tone, but presently he warmed to his subject and his voice grew louder and the words poured forth more rapidly.

He called upon the politicians to use their power to abolish the plague spot. He called upon the town officials, the servants of the people, to do their sworn duty. He called upon the press to agitate reform until the word rang in all men's ears. He asked good men and women of all denominations and creeds and race and color to come together shoulder to shoulder in this cause. "Make this a subject of daily conversation," he cried to them. "Take it with you to your stores and your shops, carry it to the polls, mingle it with your prayers."

And when he suddenly flung up his hand it was as if he had a sheaf of invisible wires that led from his tense fingers to every heart in the vast auditate for the suddenly full was as fingers to every heart in the vast auditate fillowed.

visible wires that led from his tense fingers to every heart in the vast audiangers to every neart in the vast audience and a storm of applause followed.

Again and again they applauded, the enthusiasm rising as he proceeded until an eloquent climax closed his address with the audience standing and vigorously cry-

ing, "We will, we will!"

As he stepped from the side door he encountered three gentlemen who were waiting for him. One of them he had

waiting for him. One of them he had met before, the others were strangers. But they shook hands warmly and were chatting in the most friendly way as they slowly passed up the street toward John's boarding place.

The people who overtook and passed them turned and looked at John, and many of them nodded and some shook hands. It was really an ovation, as one of the rentlemen with John remarked, and John blushed and said it was rather embarrassing as well as undeserved. embarrassing as well as undeserved.

And when the four men reached the Dillworth gate the man who had met John before said something to him in an earnest tone, and John made a brief re-

ply, and then the three men sh with Joha and bade him goodby.
That evening John had a caller. It was
Deacon Blodgett. The deacon seemed a
little embarrassed as he sat in the partor twirling the hat that he had refused to

yield into Mary's hands.
"Mr. Granger," he presently said, "I'm
a committee of one to represent the trustees of our church. They have sent me over to close a little deal with you. It's somethin that should have been attended to before. An' they want me to say to to before. An' they want me to say to before. An' they want me to say for you that they are very well pleased with your efforts. Yes. An' I want to say for myself that your speech this afternoon myself that your speech this afternoon. Why you fairly was an astonisher. Yes, sir. I didn't was an astonisher. was an astonisher. Yes, sir. I didn't think you had it in you. Why, you fairly 'lectrified the folks. You've got 'em stirred up as they never were before, an' good will come of it. And now, Mr. Granger, I want to say that I'm empowered by the trustees to contract with you for two years at \$800 a year-an' it's the most we ever paid a pastor, with one or

two exceptions."
John shook his head,
"You're a little too late, Mr. Blodgett,"
he smilingly said. "I agreed this afternoon to become associate pastor of a city

The deacon looked disappointed.
"It's too bad," he said. "I s'pose that
was the committee I saw you talkin' with
after the meetin'. Of course I fancy after the meetin. Of course I fancy you're gettin' a good thing out of 'em, But I'm real sorry you ain't going to stay with us. It's a good field." He paused and turned to Mary. "Can't you persuade him to change his mind, Miss Dill-

worth?"

Mary blushed a little and laughed.
"I don't see how I can, Mr. Blodgett,"
she said. "You see, we are to be married
soon, and I have promised to go with "I want to know!" said the dea

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