

Not Yet.

Unfounded Statement That the G. O. M. is About to Resign.

London Newspapers Ridicule the Gazette's Story.

Bruce Baillie Wads Brewer Bass' Daughter or Nellie—Valiant Announces That He Will Die an Atheist.

The Pall Mall Gazette says: "We understand that a letter announcing his resignation will be sent to the Queen by Mr. Gladstone before the opening of Parliament. Mr. Gladstone's decision is due to a sense of his advanced age and to the great strain to which he was subjected during the late arduous session. He is also deeply disappointed because of the rejection of the Home Rule Bill and opposition to the Parish Councils Bill by the House of Lords. Domestic pressure also had considerable influence in determining his mind at the last. Who will succeed him, and what will be the result?"

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mr. Gladstone authorized Sir Algernon West, who is his companion in Biarritz, to send out this evening the statement that follows: "The statement that Mr. Gladstone has definitely decided or decided at all to resign is untrue. It is true, however, that for many months past his age and the condition of his sight and hearing have, in his judgment, made relief from public affairs desirable. Therefore his tenure of office has been at any moment liable to interruption from these causes, which are in their nature permanent. It remains exactly as it has been. He is ignorant of the course which events, important to the nation, may take even during the remainder of the present session of Parliament, and he has not said nor done anything which could in any degree restrain his absolute freedom or that of his colleagues regarding the performance of the arduous duties now lying or likely to lie before them."

The Liberals in London were disappointed by the statement sent out by Sir Algernon West, as they had all hoped for a plain unequivocal denial. Nevertheless the party managers are convinced that nothing warrants the assumption that Mr. Gladstone will soon retire from public life.

Campbell-Bannerman, Secretary of State of War, when he addressed a Liberal meeting in Dunfermline this evening spoke of the remarkable indecency of the Opposition, who relied upon breaking down the health and powers of the Prime Minister and driving him to retirement. Their reckoning, he added, would prove in vain.

Arthur J. Balfour in Manchester this evening emphasized the necessity of immediate organization, as he said the general elections would soon be held. The Duke of Norfolk in addressing a meeting at Dorking referred to the approaching elections and urged his hearers to make their final preparations for the appeal to the country.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Daily News, refers editorially to the Pall Mall Gazette's story as a "valley hoax," and closes by saying: "The world may be sure he has no thought of quitting his place at the head of the Liberal Government."

The Times banter the Pall Mall Gazette a little and says: "With all his faults Mr. Gladstone has never been wanting in political foresight."

The Daily Chronicle ridicules the Pall Mall Gazette and its announcement.

DUBLIN, Feb. 1.—The Freeman's Journal, commenting on the report of Mr. Gladstone's intended resignation, says: "The cruel, cowardly canard did not need need contradiction. It is lawful to hope and believe that Mr. Gladstone will be spared in the full vigor of his genius until the no distant day when he will see the greatest work of his great career effected."

LONDON, Feb. 1.—Hon. G. W. Spencer Lyttelton, Mr. Gladstone's private secretary, received a cipher dispatch from the Prime Minister, who is now at Biarritz, at 5:45 yesterday afternoon. The contents of this dispatch were communicated to Earl Spencer, First Lord of the Admiralty, and the Right Hon. Herbert Asquith, Home Secretary, both of whom raised to divulge their information to reporters.

The Westminster Gazette says: In reading Mr. Gladstone's statement, wired from Biarritz through Sir Algernon West, it must be remembered that it is Mr. Gladstone's invariable custom to answer with scrupulous exactness each statement and to never make a great ado.

Affair Aggravated.

BREMER HAVEN, Jan. 31.—The steamer Trave, which went aground yesterday in the Weeser while proceeding for New York, has been floated. She sustained no damage.

The Mail Race.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The train carrying the mail matter from the steamer Majestic left Liverpool at 8:22 last evening and arrived at the Euston station, London, at 12:35 this morning. The mail bags reached the postoffice at 1:25 a.m. The steamer New York arrived at Southampton at 1 o'clock this morning. Her mails are not expected to reach London before 5 o'clock.

Valiant.

PARIS, Jan. 31.—Valiant's mother was allowed to have a half-hour's interview with him late this afternoon. Valiant is calm. He has said repeatedly to his keepers to-day: "Death does not frighten me. I shall walk firmly and fearlessly to the guillotine." He still refuses to see the chaplain and declares that he will die an atheist. It is certain that he will not be executed to-morrow.

They All Got Off.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The trial of Cornelius Bennett, Harness, James Montgomery Cully and the other defendants in the Harness case ended to-day in the acquittal of all the accused. The defendants, all of whom were connected in some capacity with the Medical Battery Company (Limited), which had wound up, were charged with obtaining money under false pretences. The troubles of the company were caused by an exposure of its methods published by the Pall Mall Gazette.

Bruce and Nellie Married.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The marriage of Bruce Baillie and the Hon. Nellie Lisa Bass, only child and heiress of Baron Bass, of the brewing company of Bass & Co., of Burton-on-Trent, took place to-day. The weather was very unfavorable for a social

function, a drizzling rain falling, but nevertheless an immense crowd was present. Some of the toilettes worn by the ladies were exquisite. The bridegroom, who is a Scotch land owner, is a cousin of the Earl of Elgin, now Viceroy of India. The bride is the prospective heiress of £30,000,000.

The Rio Incident.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—A dispatch from Rio de Janeiro states that the reason the American bark Good News and Julia Rollins would not accept the offer of protection made to them by Rear Admiral Benham, commanding the American squadron there, was that G. M. Rollins, an American who is acting as the agent of an English firm that is supplying the insurgents with money, persuaded the captains of these vessels not to change the positions of their vessels.

The dispatch adds that the French naval commander has complimented Admiral Benham upon the vigorous action he took to protect the vessels.

The commander of the Austrian warship in the bay, when he saw that trouble was brewing, ordered his vessel to be cleared for action, so that she might be ready to give assistance to the American vessels if it was necessary.

The dispatch also says that the prolonged absence of Admiral Mello from Rio de Janeiro has given rise to reports that he is dead.

Another Drop in Discount.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Bank of England has reduced its rate of discount from 3 per cent. to 2½ per cent.

Many Were Killed.

PANAMA, Feb. 1.—A dispatch from Bogota says serious riots have broken out there. They are a protest against the monopoly in tobacco. A mob of 7,000 men attacked the Government office yesterday in spite of the efforts of the police. Troops were called and they charged the mob. Many persons were killed.

Laid to Rest.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The remains of Miss Vokes, the well-known actress, who died on Saturday last at Babiocombe, near Torquay, were buried to-day in Brompton Cemetery, London. By special request the funeral was very quiet and but few people were present at the ceremonies. On the other hand, an enormous number of wreaths were sent by the theatrical profession and by friends of the deceased.

Qualifies the Statement.

LONDON, Feb. 1.—The Pall Mall Gazette, which yesterday announced that it had learned from an authoritative source that Mr. Gladstone intended to resign office before the next session of Parliament, today publishes a qualified reassertion of its previous statement. It says it was prepared for contradiction of the statement on the part of the press and Government officials, but was not prepared for the virtual confirmation of the story by Mr. Gladstone himself. Continuing, the paper says, it knew Mr. Gladstone's intentions had been conveyed to few, if any, of his colleagues, and adds that whatever change publicity may effect it is now certain that Mr. Gladstone's tenure of office will be limited to months, if not weeks.

BLAKE AT EOSTON.

The Distinguished Canadian Addresses a Big Audience.

And \$5,000 is Subscribed to the Home Rule Cause—Enthusiastic Reception.

BOSTON, Feb. 1.—Hon. Edward Blake, M.P., the prominent Irish Nationalist of Canada and leader in the home rule cause in the British Parliament, spoke on home rule for Ireland in the Music Hall last night under the auspices of the Boston Municipal Council of the Irish National Federation. He was greeted by an audience of about 3,000 people, and an appeal for funds to aid in carrying on the work of his party resulted in the raising of a little more than \$5,000. Mayor Matthews presided, and upon the stage were many distinguished citizens of Boston and vicinity. The meeting adopted resolutions to the effect that the citizens of Boston encourage Gladstone in his efforts to free the Emerald Isle and pledge to him their hearty support. This cablegram was sent Justin McCarthy: "Enthusiastic reception accorded Hon. Edward Blake; \$5,000 result of the meeting. Friends in Massachusetts will do their duty."

Mr. Blake reviewed at length the struggles of the Home Rule party in the past, and predicted its success in the future. He is referred to the report of Gladstone's resignation in a way that assured the audience that he did not believe it true. He said that the recent defeat of the Home Rule Bill in the House of Lords was expected, and that the party that had supported the measure was not at all dismayed.

TELEPHONES FOR \$250

In New York—The Bell Patent Expires—May Be Cheaper.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The bottom fell out of the Bell telephone monopoly yesterday, so far as concerned private lines. The patent on the Bell telephone expired at noon. The Metropolitan Telephone Company, which is the local name of the Bell monopoly, created a sensation earlier in the day by advertising to sell telephones at \$250 each.

At the offices of the company in Cortlandt street carpenters were at work fitting up the "retail department," where telephones are to be sold like loaves of bread or boxes of matches. The company has thousands of telephones already manufactured, and expects to do much of the new business permitted by the expiration of the patent. It is said that in a month telephones will sell for \$1.

SHOT HER LOVER

By Mistake—Over a Game of Cards.

DECATUR, Ill., Feb. 1.—Miss Maggie Truelock and Dave Lambert were playing cards last night near Prairie Hall. In fun the young man said: "Now, the one that wins shall shoot the other." He unloaded his revolver, and he thought, and laid it on the table. The girl won, snatched up the revolver and pulled the trigger. One cartridge had been left in the revolver, and the bullet entered Lambert's brain. He died instantly. The girl was almost crazed. Lambert had been living with John A. Paisley. The girl was the daughter of a neighbor, and the couple were engaged to be married.

SEASONABLE SPORT.

Hockey Match Between Two London Clubs.

A Presbyterian Minister's Opinion of Prize Fighting—Curling for the Ontario Tankard.

HOCKEY.

A LOCAL MATCH.

At the Princess Park last night, between 6 and 7 o'clock, the Victoria Hockey Club, lately organized, played their initial game with the London club. As the Victorias have just organized they did not expect to win—and they didn't—but they secured some great talent, which they propose to develop before the ice thaws. The man who was scoring ran out of paper. The following were the teams:

London.	Positions.	Victorias.
Recher	Goal	Caldor
Brown	Point	Carmichael
Beltz	Cover point	W. R. Moore
Macbeth		A. Macge
Southam	Forwards	Fitzhenry
R. Lind		Bridgeman

SKATING.

AT QUEBEC.

QUEBEC, Jan. 31.—At the skating rink here to-night McCulloch, of Winnipeg, won the one-mile race against Breen, of St. John, N. B., by fourteen laps to the mile. The 200-yard dash was won by Breen, of St. John.

BASEBALL.

H'E'LL TAKE IT.

JAMES J. Corbett says that Manager Hanlon, of the Baltimore Baseball Club, wants to give him \$8,000 for playing with that club during July and August he will accept.

EASTERN LEAGUE—TORONTO TRYING TO ENTER.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 31.—The Eastern Baseball League circuit committee met this afternoon at the Hotel Kenmore. Applications were received from Syracuse. No action was taken on the applications. The committee refused to consent to the playing of Albany and Troy in different sections of the circuit. President Fassett, of Albany, then offered to sell out, and Syracuse offered \$1,000 for the franchise and players. Mr. Fassett has this offer under advisement. Toronto made a similar offer to Troy, but President Maloney did not consider the inducement sufficient in his case. An adjournment was taken subject to the call of the chair.

ATHLETICS.

SHRINE TO A CHRISTIAN NATION.

ASBURY PARK, N. J., Jan. 31.—The Rev. S. Edwards Young, pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, in a pulpit to his sermon Sunday night denounced prize fighting and prize fighters in this manner: "The gladiatorial combats of ancient Rome attracted an audience of 200,000, but by electric wires, club rooms and newspapers Corbett and Mitchell had nearly that many millions. It is unfair to abuse the press for printing prize fight news as long as the people are so eager to get it. That these brutal fistfights are a shame to our Christian nation is a certainty."

"That they will go on until a definite organization of moral and religious people stop them is of more a certainty. The Governor of Florida could have prevented the fight, but did not have the stamina to do it alone. There is one way to foil the plans for an encounter between Corbett and Jackson announced for next June. Let the people opposed thereto form an anti-prize fight league in every State and arrest the participants on their arrival. This would stir up a hornet's nest among the sports, yet it would redeem the country from a sin and disgrace."

"Such a league might be composed of officers in local law and order leagues, which, be it said with sorrow, have become a necessity to the maintenance of good order. The combined moral sense of the people has discarded dueling, slavery, the Louisiana lottery, and is now driving out public gambling. It will yet exile the prize fighter, feather-weight, middle-weight, heavy-weight, and all, whether he be a country town bully or the guest of an athletic club."

"Although Mr. Corbett's behavior in Asbury Park has been gentlemanly, I cannot help thinking his coterie of followers are a menace to our best interests and to the good character of our young men."

THE TURF.

THE HAMILTON JOCKEY CLUB DATES.

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—The directors of the Hamilton Jockey Club have fixed the dates for the spring meeting—May 31, June 1 and 2.

CURLING.

IN GROUP ELEVEN.

BRANTFORD, July 11.—The curling competition in group 11 for the Ontario Tankard was finished to-day and resulted as follows: Ayr against Dundas, Ayr 35, Dundas 42; Plattsville against Preston, Plattsville 34, Preston 45; Embro against Preston, Embro 23, Preston 46. This left the contest between Preston and Dundas, Dundas winning by 6 points—40 to 34.

THE WHEEL.

WINDLE RETIRES.

Wm. M. Windle, the champion bicyclist, has announced his permanent retirement from the race track, after a most successful career as a bicycle rider for the past seven years. Windle began riding in 1886. He has won first prizes in 50 consecutive races, and has over \$10,000 worth of trophies in the shape of diamonds, pianos, bicycles, etc., at his home in Millbury.

THE CUE.

ANOTHER BIG CONTEST ARRANGED.

CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 31.—Scheafer, Ives and Slosson, the three great billiardists, will contest for a purse of \$1,500 to-morrow, Friday and Saturday nights. They are here and have put in most of the day practising. Scheafer and Slosson will play the opening game to-morrow night.

A PRINCELY GIFT

To Cornell University—Museum Worth \$120,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A special from Ithica says: The museum of classical archaeology of Cornell University, the gift of Henry W. Sage, was dedicated Wednesday afternoon.

The museum contains a large collection of Greek, Roman, Egyptian and Oriental sculpture, which occupies 5,350 feet of area. The collection is unequalled in this country among university museums, and is a rival of Boston and New York metropolitan museums. Mr. Sage chose to make the presentation on his 80th birthday, and in honor of that event the university trustees united in presenting him with a classic

silver vase. Mr. Sage's gift to Cornell University amounts to nearly \$1,250,000 in cash, and as manager of the university lands, in which he has given a large part of his time for the last fifteen years, his devotion, experience and ability have saved for the university a sum even larger than his direct donations.

Late Canadian News.

Attempt to Burn Freight Sheds at Niagara Falls.

East Hastings Patrons' Nominates Candidates for Both Houses.

Mr. D'Alton McCarthy is to visit Madoc on Feb. 15.

The Allan mail steamship Numidian has reached Liverpool with her shipment of 259 cattle in good order.

Rev. Dr. Potts was run into by an express wagon in Hamilton on Tuesday, and suffered some bruises and a torn coat.

The Patrons have nominated J. B. Macaulay for the Commons and Wm. McLaren for the Legislature in East Hastings.

John Bryson, M. P. for Pontiac, was married in Montreal Wednesday morning to Miss Mary Whyte, daughter of the late Robt. Whyte, of that city.

The Montreal Street Railway Company earnings for October and November show an increase of \$24,000 over the same two months of the previous year.

The Toronto Street Railway Company has called for tenders for machinery for a new power house. They propose constructing also 100 new cars. The total estimated expenditure on improvements will be about \$1,000,000.

McKernan, the man who ran away with the electric car in Montreal, has been released on personal bail. Judge Desnoyers remarked that at present he did not know of any law covering the case, unless it were that of damaging property.

Prof. Robertson, Dominion dairy commissioner, left Ottawa for Washington on Wednesday, having been summoned to attend a meeting of the judges of dairy products and utensils at the World's Fair. Mr. Robertson was chairman of that committee.

The Macleod Gazette reports that a number of cattle, belonging principally to the Circle Ranch, were drowned near Kipp a few days ago while endeavoring to quench their thirst at an open place in the river, the animals further away showing their front in front of them into the swift running water.

An attempt was made Wednesday to burn the Michigan Central freight sheds at Niagara Falls, Ont. Charles Kenny, a local hackman, on his way home noticed a light under the platform adjoining the sheds, and found the planking ablaze. He and Night Policeman Kimmons extinguished the fire before much damage was done, a can full of waste saturated in oil was found blazing under the platform.

Thomas Gray, an old man, died in the St. Catharines police cells Wednesday night. Cause: Starvation, exposure and bad whisky.

SCORCHERS.

Destructive Fires in Hamilton, Watford and Wyoming.

HAMILTON, Jan. 31.—Four frame houses in course of erection by Thos. Larkin on Simcoe street west were destroyed by fire last night. Loss, \$26,000.

WATFORD, Jan. 31.—Lawrence's large planing mill here is in flames. The loss will be heavy. Partly insured.

WYOMING, Feb. 1.—About 5 o'clock this morning Mustard's roller flouring mill was burned to the ground. Cause unknown. Loss about \$12,000; insured for \$3,000. The grain warehouse owned by W. B. Colling & Co., situated across the railroad track, was set on fire from the mill and with its contents became a total loss. Insured for \$5,000.

ROUGH ON TALMAGE.

A New York Paper Goes for Him—A Sunday Morning.

NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—The New York Evening Post is rather severe on Dr. Talmage, and charges him with being nothing better than a notoriety hunter. It adds: "Having become notorious, Talmage proceeded to market his name and charged large sums for writing small amounts of matter as 'editor' of one or more publications. He neglected pastoral work to go off on lecturing tours at \$300 a night, and ran up his income into tens of thousands a year, while poorly paid and over-worked clergymen of other churches had to attend funerals in his parishes and discharge other pressing duties he shirked to swell his bank account. Plymouth Church under Beecher, in the days when he would run the risk of being mobbed to speak with a belief in the truth, was a fount of benevolence, a center of moral forces, a power for good—the tabernacle under Talmage provoked derision by its paucity of contributions for benevolent objects. It was really nothing but a theater at which Sunday performances were given."

Steamship Arrivals.

Jan. 31.	At.	From.
Tauric	New York	Liverpool
Bransburg	New York	Bremen
Numidian	Liverpool	Portland

ALL MEN

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Please mention this paper.

Tales of Woe.

A Morning Scene in the Mayor's Office.

Breezy Gossip from the City Hall Corridors.

More Deputations—Threatened Salary Reductions—A Colored Woman's Wood Pile—He Owned a Horse and Rig and Wanted Rellie—Destitute Women—Nonchalant Johnny Alired.

LIKE THE CALM BEFORE THE STORM.

Some aldermen freely predict that something will be heard to "drop" at the next meeting of the City Council. They liken the present quiet to the calm before the storm, and when the storm breaks they say that some civic offices will be empty, and that some of the "indispensables" will be scudding before the wind under reduced salaries. The cry of retrenchment has taken better than the moans could ever hope to with some of the civic legislators, and there appears to be a tendency to cut; not that London's officials get enormous salaries, but because it is the proper thing just now, and because Toronto has set the example.

ANOTHER DEPUTATION.

Mayor Estess and Ald. Charley Taylor are a deputation of two who left the city yesterday afternoon for Montreal on business connected with the lease of the L. and P. S. R. The question of terminals is the cause of the journey. Ald. Coe is in Amherstburg and Detroit.

THE CITY'S DISTRESS.

The well-proportioned form of Ald. F. J. Fitzgerald is filling the mayor's chair during the latter's absence in Montreal. This morning he was feeling like several organized charities—a woodyard, a grocery shop, a ticket agent and an acting mayor—all in one. His session was a repetition of an everyday demand for charity, and several were waiting outside the door ere Mr. Fitzgerald arrived.

A CASE OF CHEEK.

The first applicant for relief was a young man of about 26, ordinarily well-dressed, and with an air of considerable self-assurance. Inspector Bell sat on Mr. Fitzgerald's right to report on the different applicants. Within easy reach were records of the city's poor, wherein access is kept of every stick of wood or bread ticket supplied to needy ones.

A HARD WORKING WASHERWOMAN.

A pleasant faced colored woman was then ushered in, curtseying low as her ample form would permit and then sinking shyly into a chair. It was not necessary for Mr. Bell to ask the name; she had been there before.

"Well Mrs. —, what do you want to-day?"

"My wood has done runned out, sah."

"Ain't you before your time?" asked Mr. Bell as he turned up his book of reference.

"No, sah; I don't think so."

"You are never after your time, are you?" asked Acting Mayor Fitzgerald with assumed seriousness.

"No, sah," she replied, anxious to place herself in the best possible light. "Ise nevah late."

"How much is it you say you earn a week, Mrs. —?" asked Mr. Bell.

"Three fifty or \$4 when I gets steady washin', sir."

"And how many children have you got?"

"Five, sah."

She got the wood.

"Some groceries and wood please."

The speaker was a little girl of 12 or thereabouts. She was dressed better than the usual run of relief applicants, and wore an imitation fur cap set jauntily on one side and ornamented with a cheap pin. Her face was clean and smiling, and dimpled instead of pinched with worry. She wore a brown bow with neat clothes and strong boots, while accompanying her was a white Spitz dog with a \$10 curl in his tail. She, too, had been there before and was not at all abashed, but gave in her order as if she was in a grocery store. Hers was a distressing case of sickness with the father of the house, and she, too, was relieved.

THE NEXT APPLICANT WAS NEW AT THE BUSINESS, and hung her head as if ashamed. She was slightly older than the little miss that preceded her, and her suit was not successful, because it transpired that her parents owned the place they lived in, and it is possible in London just now to raise money on real estate.

OTHER CASES.

Mary Lyrett was apparently in hard lines, and looked very much in need of both hope, faith and charity. She appeared depressed and ill and her face was badly swollen. Although only a young woman, Mary has evidently strayed into the broad road. She wanted, and was granted, a pass to Brantford, where she has friends.

A colored man was given an order for some wood.

Little Johnny Alired was 9 years old and lost. He was dressed in an overcoat fastened once at the neck with a pin. To coat and vest he was a stranger, and that he was a bachelor could be plainly seen from the fact that his single suspender was chumming with a nail. He wore two tin slippers and carried a pair of shoes which he never tired of trying on. He went skating yesterday with some friends on the north branch of the river and got lost. He slept last night at Mr. Gatecliffe's, on con. 5, and got a ride into town this morning. His father, he said, worked in St. Mary's. He was sent home in care of someone living northeast of the city. His mother will probably think him drowned before this.

CARRIE GETS \$5,000.

MADISON, Wis., Feb. 1.—The slander suit of Miss Carrie A. Ford against her cousin, Rev. James Bowie, a Catholic priest, in Edgerton, in which damages were claimed for \$10,000, ended last night in a verdict for \$5,000 in favor of the plaintiff. The jury which returned the verdict against the priest was composed in part of Catholics.

CURED OF RHEUMATISM.

LONDON, Dec. 26, 1893.

MR. JOHN W. KERN—Dear Sir:—My sister-in-law, Mrs. Thos. H. Tracey, wife of our former city engineer, now of Vancouver, B.C., who is visiting friends in Albany, N. Y., has written my son saying that when she learned she learned that a new medicine for the cure of rheumatism had recently made its appearance there, and the wonderful cures it was making were surprising the people, seven or eight in the immediate neighborhood, having been cured, no being a lady who had not waited for months except by passing a chair before her for support. She says: "After listening to the talk and excitement for a while I inquired the name of this great medicine, and was surprised when I found it was KERN'S RHEUMATIC CURE. I said, 'I know the man well, Mr. Kern being a neighbor when we lived in London, Canada, and his medicine is good.' They then said, 'We wish you would write Mr. Kern to appoint an agent, so that the people could get the medicine easily, and he will do well.' Mrs. Tracey wrote my son requesting him to mention it to you. Yours very truly, WILLIAM O'BRIEN, 379 Horton Street, London, Ont.

THE W. M. S.

An Auxiliary Organized at the Centennial Church—The Officers.

A large and enthusiastic gathering of ladies assembled in the Centennial Church yesterday afternoon for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary of the W. M. S. The pastor, Rev. J. Philip, occupied the chair, the evangelists, Mr. and Mrs. Park, leading in sacred song. Mrs. Dickson, president of the Dundas Center Auxiliary, gave a most instructive and interesting Bible reading on missionary lines. Mrs. McMechan, organizer, following with a history of the origin and work of the society. The vote called for resulted in an almost unanimous expression in favor of organization. Twenty ladies gave in their names as members and the following were chosen for office:

President, Mrs. J. Lintott; first vice-president, Mrs. T. B. Wren; second vice-president, Mrs. W. H. Belton; recording secretary, Mrs. McClain; corresponding secretary, Mrs. F. Shaw; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Hageman. The first Tuesday of the month was selected for the February meeting.

From the past history of energetic and enthusiastic work accomplished by the ladies of this church it is to be expected that this new organization will render efficient and faithful service, looking to the evangelization of their heathen sisters.

DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS LOADED.

A St. Louis Preacher Shot Five Times—Who Owned the Gun?

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 1.—Henry Jones, a colored preacher, was shot five times last night in a mysterious manner. He placed a large lump of coal in his grate and sat down before the fire. Very soon five explosions occurred in the fireplace, and five bullets struck the preacher. His parishioners ascribe the shooting to supernatural means, while the uncharitable intimate that the lump of coal was "loaded" in a coal pile not the preacher's. The man is not badly injured.

WILL THEY PASS.

A Poll of the American Senate on the Wilson and Income Tax Bills.

NEW YORK, Feb. 1.—A morning paper gives the following as the result of a canvass of 85 members of the United States Senate on the Wilson Tariff Bill and the income tax measure. The result of the canvass as exactly as it can be stated in figures, is as follows:

Republicans opposed to the Wilson Bill in any form, 38; Democrats opposed to the bill in the present form, 7; Populists opposed to the bill in the present form, 2. Total opposed to the bill in the present form, 45. Republicans in doubt, 2.

Democrats in favor of the bill, 37; Populists in favor of the bill, 1. Total now favoring the bill, 38.

On the income tax, Republicans in favor of the income tax (if a separate measure), 4; Democrats in favor of income tax, 23; Populists in favor of income tax, 3. Total, 30.

Opposed to income tax: Republicans, 24; Democrats, 10; Populists, 0. Total, 34. Noncommittal or in doubt: Republicans, 10; Democrats, 11. Total, 21.

He Came from Canada.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 1.—Fred J. Bailey, who is said to have many aliases, and an international reputation as a confidence worker, was arrested yesterday. He arrived a week ago from Canada and represented himself as organizer of the "Order of Samaria." His plan was to initiate members privately at \$16 each. It is said he has found thousands of dupes all over the world.

The best medical authorities say the proper way to treat catarrh is to take a constitutional remedy like Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Chas. Cluthe, who has adjusted trusses for the last 25 years, and is the inventor of 27 patents for trusses, will be at the Grand Central Hotel, St. Thomas, on Friday, Feb. 2, and at the Tecumseh House, London, on Saturday, Feb. 3.

Probs.

The weather to-night will be dark in places.

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