

## GOOD WORK FOR CHILDREN.

Annual Meeting of the Local Society Yesterday.

Comprehensive Reports Presented by Officers.

Mr. Adam Brown Again Elected to Presidency.

"It is not necessary that I should make any speech in moving the adoption of the report—it speaks for itself. I would, however, just say, using the words of our own literature, that no better work can be done than in assisting the Children's Aid Society. The mission is a noble one—the rescue of homeless, abused and neglected children in the earliest age of their misfortune and finding homes for them, and continue a watchful care over them. We seek to protect society against its greatest foe—ignorance and vice by securing proper home training and education for neglected children who otherwise would likely grow up to be a menace to society. This noble work should appeal to every benevolent heart. Our valued Inspector, William Hunter, is an ideal man for the work he so unselfishly performs. I cannot refrain from again saying how much the Province owes to him. J. M. Gibson for framing the law under which we act, and to the Hon. W. J. Hanna, Provincial Secretary, for the deep interest he takes in our work, and for the encouragement he gives us by word and act."

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The sub-committee on Children's Shelter report that the application of the Children's Aid Society for the establishment of a shelter for incorrigible children has been carefully considered, and with a view of ascertaining the necessity for a shelter being opened in Hamilton, the sub-committee visited the Victoria, Alexandria and St. John's Industrial Schools, where it was found that the Government has made almost every possible provision for the care and education of children sent to these schools by the Police Magistrates of the Province. They also visited the Children's Shelter at Toronto and London and the charitable homes of the city, where arrangements have been made for the care of the very young children coming under the control of the Society. The city pays these homes three cents per day extra for the maintenance of these children.

The only class not thoroughly provided for is the class coming before the Police Magistrate for the first time. The committee was informed that in some of the large cities a system of parole has been adopted for this class, which has given considerable satisfaction, and would recommend that the system be tried here and that the Police Magistrate be requested to allow all such children out on deferred sentence and to place them under the care of the Children's Aid Society, whose officers would exercise a supervision over them, and in the event of the foregoing experiment not proving successful, suggest that a shelter be established and that children brought up on a second offence should be sent to the shelter, and failing reformation should then be committed to one of the Industrial Schools of the Province.

The committee is also sympathetic with the society in their efforts to improve the condition of the neglected children of the city, and with the sentiments expressed by the Hon. Mr. Hanna, Mr. Adam Brown and Mr. J. K. Kelsa, that as far as possible these neglected children should be removed from the environment that worked their ruin in the first place and be placed in good homes throughout the Province, where they could be trained and educated so as to become good citizens, able to support themselves, and not be a drain upon the funds of the municipality.

The secretary's report was received with great enthusiasm. It said: "The work of Inspector Hunter has been very heavy. A great many cases have been investigated, where very many children were affected. Thirty-seven of these were handed over to the society. During the year the society has found foster homes for seventeen girls and five boys. Five of the children were under two years; five under ten, and twelve over ten. Eleven were adopted, four received wages, and three are to receive wages when they reach the age of fourteen. Four were returned to the society and dealt with. There have been two deaths during the year—two baby girls. One died in St. Joseph's Hospital, and the other in the City Hospital."

Five boys have been sent to St. John's School, Toronto, and one girl sent to the Alexandra Industrial School. One girl was sent to the Woodstock Hospital, being epileptic.

We have in the institution, awaiting homes, nineteen boys and nineteen girls, some very young. Of these, two girls and two boys are more or less physically defective. Of the number given, we have nine in the Girls' Home, eleven in the Boys' Home, six in the Infants' Home, one in St. Joseph's Convent, two in the Hamilton Orphan Asylum, and one in the City Hospital.

Seven cases have been brought before the Magistrate during the year, affecting nineteen children, all of whom have been dealt with, and placed in foster homes. There were three cases brought before him affecting nine children, but the evidence was not sufficient for them to be placed under the control of the society.

It is a pleasing feature to report that from among the wards of the society in its early years of organization fourteen

girls have been married. We have most satisfactory reports on such of these as have been visited by Mrs. Harvie, the Government Visitor, as well as by Mrs. Urquhart, our late secretary, who continues her warm interest in our work. We have the most encouraging reports as to the conduct and progress of very many of our boys and girls, a few of which are appended. Our wards are visited twice a year at least by Mrs. Harvie, the Protestant Visitor, and Mr. O'Connor, the Roman Catholic visitor. It is very pleasing to record that during the year the society has had three legacies, William Hendrie, \$200; Elizabeth Brown, \$502.50; and Edward Hirst \$100.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President—Mr. Adam Brown. Vice-Presidents—Lieut.-Col. Moore, W. H. Wardrope, K. C. W. A. Robinson. Recording Secretary—Miss Elsie Forbes. Treasurer—J. M. Burns. Inspector—Wm. Hunter. Executive Committee—Hon. J. M. Gibson, George Rutherford, J. J. Greene, Lt.-Col. Moore, W. H. Wardrope, K. C. W. A. Robinson, Mesdames Gibson, William Hendrie, Evans, Lucas, Geo. F. Glasco, Kilgour, Barker, Levy, Abbott, Zimmerman, Urquhart, Henderson, F. Malloch and Miss Lawson.

Honorary Physician—Dr. O'Reilly. Honorary Solicitor—Wm. M. McClelland, L. L. B. Visiting Committee, Mesdames Urquhart, Evans, Malloch and Levy. The officers for the past year were tendered a hearty vote of thanks, and replied suitably. The cases of eight children who have been taken from homes not fit for them were read.

The treasurer's report showed total collections of \$2,082 from different sources and expenses of \$435, mostly in connection with court cases and putting children into homes. The magnificent balance of \$1,647 is left on hand to begin the new year with.

## CHURCHES TO-MORROW

SPECIAL SERVICES AND SPECIAL MUSIC TO-MORROW.

Pastor Philpott will preach morning and evening in the Gospel Tabernacle. At the First Congregational Rev. J. K. Unsworth will preach in the morning, and Rev. G. H. Cobbedick, of Woodstock, in the evening.

In Zion Tabernacle, Conference Sunday, Rev. C. L. McInnes, of Burlington, will preach at 11 a. m., and Rev. A. W. Tonge, of Tillsonburg, at 7 p. m. Rev. Alex. Irwin, B. A., B. D., Secretary of conference, will preach to-morrow morning in Wesley Church, and Rev. Manley Benson, D.D., in the evening.

In MacNab Street Presbyterian Church the pastor, Beverley Ketchen, will preach at 11 a. m., Communion Service, 7 p. m. "Joseph and His Brothers."

In Herkimer Baptist Church Rev. H. McDiarmid will preach morning and evening. Subjects, "The Supreme Purpose of Life," and "An Important Invitation."

Rev. S. B. Russell will conduct the services in the Presbyterian Church. Evening subject, "What Endangers the Sense of Personal Responsibility." Strangers welcome.

At Central Presbyterian Church Miss Dorothy Watson will sing in the morning, and Mr. Jack L. Moodie in the evening. Subject, "The Love of God." To-morrow will be flower Sunday at Charlton Avenue Church. Sunday school meets at 10 a. m. Rev. Wray Smith will preach at 11 a. m., and Rev. J. A. McLaughlin, M. A., in the evening.

In Simcoe Street Church Rev. J. E. Hocking will preach in the morning, Rev. Geo. A. King, B. A., will address the Sunday School, and Rev. A. I. Terryberry, B. A., will preach in the evening.

The ordinance of infant baptism will be administered in St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, at the morning service. Rev. J. A. Wilson, the pastor, will preach at both morning and evening services.

Canon Almon Abbott, M. A., will preach at both services at Christ's Church Cathedral to-morrow. Anthem by the choir and duet, "Love Divine" (Stainer), Miss Stares and H. A. Stares at evening service.

In Gore Street Methodist Church eloquent sermons will be preached at 11 a. m. by Rev. R. W. Wright, M. A., B. D., of Palmerston, and at 7 p. m. by Rev. J. J. Liddy, M. A., chairman of Simcoe District. Special singing.

Rev. H. B. Robinson, the former pastor, will preach to-morrow morning in Emerald Street Methodist Church. Rev. J. A. Wilson will address the Sunday School, Rev. W. J. Smith, B. A., of Guelph, will preach at night.

The pastor of St. James' Presbyterian Church preaches to-morrow in the morning on "The Relation of the Christian Church to the Old Testament Church." Solo, "Lead Me All the Way," Mr. Cheesbrough. Seats free. All welcome.

First Methodist Church has been very fortunate in securing the services of three of the best preachers in the Hamilton conference. Rev. A. J. Johnston, 11 a. m., G. K. Bradshaw, 3 p. m., J. R. Patterson 7 p. m. Do not fail to hear them.

Rev. Roy Van Wyck, B. A., will preach in the Sherman Avenue Presbyterian Church at 11 a. m., on "Like Unto His Brethren," and at 7 p. m., on "The Inwardness of Redemption." Rev. Dr. Lyle will lay the corner stone of the new church on Wednesday, June 17th, 4 p. m.

Rev. A. E. Mitchell, M. A., pastor, will preach in Knox Church to-morrow at 11 a. m., and 7 p. m., taking for his topic in the morning "Some Lessons From an Ancient City's Downfall," and at 7 p. m. "A Manifest Sphere of Labor." H. M. Paulin, B. A., will preach in North End Mission at a. m. and 7 p. m.

The regular devotional meeting at the Young People's Religious Union of Unity Church will be held to-morrow evening at 8.30, subject, "The Religious Value of Humor and Cheer." Subject of sermon in the evening, "Minor Judson Sings."

At James Street Baptist Church Rev. J. A. Creighton, of the Methodist Conference will preach at the morning service. Anthem, "How Long With Thou Forget Me?" Solo, "Rock of Ages." Miss Counts, 12.15, ordinance of believers' baptism, 7 p. m., the pastor will preach, Anthem, "O Come Let us Worship." Solo, "Lead Me All the Way." Mr. Cheesbrough, 8 p. m., reception of new members and Lord's Supper.

The Hamilton Conference being in session, the services in Centenary Church to-morrow will be of a special character. Rev. R. P. Bowles, M. A., B. D., will preach at 11 a. m., after which an ordination service will be conducted by the President. In the evening Rev. W. J. Crothers, M. A., D. D., will preach, the ordinary service to be followed by the sacramental service. Appropriate musical services by the full choir under the direction of W. H. Hewlett.

## GRIMSBY AND BEAMSVILLE.

Mitchell the Man for the Legislature.

A Fruit Man to Represent a Fruit District.

What is Going on at Grimsby Park Just Now.

Grimsby, June 6.—Help to get out the vote, and show that you appreciate Mr. Mitchell's past efforts on behalf of this town.

Rev. F. Lewis Barber, has been appointed to fill the pulpit of the Methodist Church here for the next three years.

A large number of natives from the reserves have already arrived in the district preparatory to the coming strawberry crop, which promises to be immense.

Mr. Mitchell, in the town hall tonight.

There has been a crying need for cold storage plants at several of the more important fruit shipping stations in the Niagara Peninsula for many years.

As the use of the Niagara gravity brine system, the cost would not be excessive, and thousands of dollars' worth of perishable products would be saved annually to the dealers, thereby enabling them to take from the growers on a heavy day all the fruit that might be offered.

At the present time this surplus fruit is either sold at a very low price, to enable the growers to get it off their hands, or occasionally at an ruling price, and stored in smothering freight sheds by the dealers, perhaps for a couple of days, and ultimately sent to its destination in no very promising condition.

At this state of affairs the fruit men grumble and growl with each succeeding season, knowing as they do that with a little representation on their behalf to the agricultural department a good deal might be remedied. Their one good chance is near at hand to send to Toronto a representative who is thoroughly imbued with all their needs, and who knows the business from A to Z.

This chance on Monday should not be lost by the intelligent fruit men of the whole district. Mr. Mitchell is not in this election to buy votes, but is relying on the spirit of fair play and common sense of his opponents to decide the difference between years of effectiveness, and what he has already done in the small sphere of municipal affairs.

The pupils entered for junior matriculation examination in the Grimsby High School are Gladys A. Lewis, Stella Monsinger, Edna Smith, Beatrice Clark and Amelia Yonton. For junior matriculation, John B. VanDuzer.

A. B. Courtney, of Windsor, was visiting friends in town on Friday.

The Court of Revision will be held in the Town Hall next Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

The funeral of the late William D. Kitchen takes place this Saturday afternoon to Queen's Lawn Cemetery.

Mrs. and Miss M. Milne, of Montreal, and formerly of Beamsville, were the guests of Mrs. Fairbrother this week.

The staff of A. F. Hawkes, Central store, made an informal call on one of their number, Miss Lena Martin, on Tuesday night and presented her with a beautiful set of china, as a slight tribute of their friendship for her and in view of her approaching marriage. Miss Martin has been connected with Mr. Hawkes' establishment for over two years.

J. C. Konkle intends opening an up-to-date ice cream parlor and confectionery store in his new building on Main street.

Vote for Mitchell, and get out the laggard Liberals early on Monday morning. There are enough good voters in Grimsby and Grimsby township to put candidates at the head of the poll. Do some work just for once, even if it is only for an hour or two.

George Greves is at home in town, having come down from the north country on Wednesday.

Mrs. Phinn is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. John Ritchie was in town for a couple of days this week.

Dr. C. J. Freeman was in Toronto and Hamilton on a business trip on Wednesday.

Mr. Adam Brown, of Hamilton, and Mr. E. M. Macdonald, M. P. of Picton, N. S., were the guests of Hon. William and Mrs. Gibson at "Inverglue" on Sunday.

Get out early and vote for "Billy" Mitchell.

J. T. Karr was in the city on Wednesday.

Mr. John Kennedy, the local contractor, says he never saw such a demand for cement as this year, and he has been in the business for nearly ten years.

Miss Elsie Kelley was visiting in Hamilton on Sunday and Monday.

Mr. Wm. Cline made a business trip to the city on Wednesday.

Get your share of the white sale bargains

## The Right House

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE"

Household linens: Great June reduction sale

# We will make, lay and line all carpets free: This splendid offer is for next week only

ALL next week we will make, lay and line all carpets absolutely free of charge. This great offer applies to all of our vast stocks of new spring and summer carpets, to all the specially priced lots, to all of the reduced lots—in a word, to every piece of carpet in the store. Will you share in the splendid savings?

## A straight saving of 12c to 14c on every yard you buy

Hundreds of pieces of new carpets are here and in this sale. Scores and scores of beautiful new patterns, designs, colorings and combinations. NOW is the time to refurnish. Select the carpets next week and save 12c to 14c a yard by having them made, laid and lined free. This saving, added to the splendid savings already possible among the reduced and special priced lots, makes a most extraordinary mid-season offering. The sale starts Monday morning and continues until Saturday night—just one week. Better get yours Monday or Tuesday.

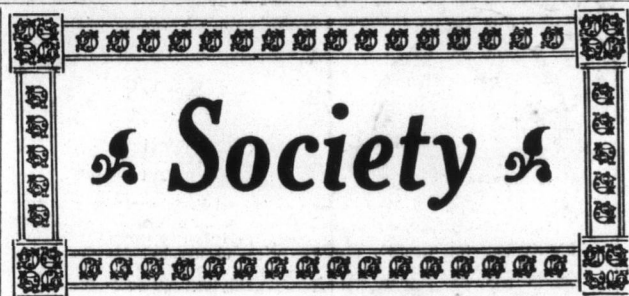
## \$1.65 hardwearing, rich Wilton and Axminster carpets \$1.23

Fully equal to carpets sold elsewhere at \$1.85 a yard. Exquisite, rich Wiltons and Axminsters in superior English qualities that are obtainable only at this store in Hamilton. There are beautiful Persian, scroll and self colored patterns in green, crimson, blue and fawn. Some have illuminated borders. A nice variety for selection. Our regular special \$1.65 quality, June sale price \$1.23.

Thomas C. Watkins

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## Society

His Excellency the Governor General and Countess Grey will occupy Lord Strathcona's house during their stay in Montreal.

At their Majesties' last court, the Viscountess Errington presented her sister, Lady Violet Elliot, in the absence of the Countess of Minto, who has returned to India.

Dr. Ingersoll Olmsted left this week for Germany.

Mrs. David Walker has been spending the week in Toronto.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Innes have returned from a trip to the coast.

The following ladies will be hostess at tea at the Golf Club during the tournament next week: Monday, Mrs. Lucas; Tuesday, Mrs. Wood and Mrs. C. S. Scott; Wednesday, Miss Garsshore and Miss Bull; Friday, the officers of the Ladies' Club.

Miss Mable Bickle has left to spend the summer in Glesbury, Ill.

Miss Duggan, Toronto, is staying with Mrs. Herring Main street west.

Mrs. Young, "Oak Bank," assisted by the Misses Young, entertained at luncheon on Thursday in honor of Miss Annie Young. The table was very effectively decorated with sprays of pink horse chestnut blossoms. The guests were: Miss Joan Findlay, Miss Marjorie Knox, Miss Edith Ferrie, Miss Margaret Scott, Miss Mona Murray, Miss Meta Banker, Miss Enid Steele, Miss Constance Turnbull and Miss Marjorie McPherson.

Mrs. Davey, Montreal, is staying with Mrs. Sutherland at St. Marks' Parish house.

Miss Colin Campbell and Miss Enid Campbell, Montreal, have been spending the week with Mrs. Hendrie at the Holmstead.

Miss Dorothy Henderson has returned from Toronto, where she was staying with Miss Marguerite Fleury.

Mrs. Rolfert Morton Breckenridge was the hostess yesterday afternoon of a most enjoyable tea and garden party at Chedoke. Mr. Breckenridge assisted his wife in doing the honors of their delightful home, where the grounds are looking particularly lovely now in their spring verdure.

Mrs. Breckenridge received on the lawn in a gown of black and white embroidered chiffon, and was assisted by her sister-in-law, Mrs. Watson, Cleveland, who wore a draped gown of rose-colored cream crepe de chine, bordered with narrow bands of rose satin. The tea table was set under the trees and had for decoration a large bowl of iris, shaded from pale mauve to purple.

Among those present were Canon and Mrs. Abbott, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Labatt, Mrs. Lucas, Mrs. Turnbull, Dr. and Mrs. English, Mrs. Gibson, Miss Meta Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. Bradley, Mrs. Gillard, Miss Gillard, Mrs. Gerald Glasco, Mrs. Southam, Mrs. F. S. Malloch, Miss Joan Malloch, Miss Emily Colquhoun. Dr. and Mrs. Wallace, Dr. and Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Herring, Miss Duggan (Toronto), Mrs. Ingersoll Olmsted, Mrs. W. A. Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Cann, Mrs. R. T. Steele, Mrs. S. O. Greening, Miss Edna Greening, Mrs. Norman Braden, Mrs. George T. Glasco, Mrs. McBrayne, Mrs. D. O'Connor, Miss Laura Harvey, Mr. and Mrs. Walkden, Mrs. Powis, the Misses Powis, Mrs. J. J. Scott, Miss Margaret Scott, Mrs. James White, Mrs. Graham, Miss Hendrie, Mrs. Alex. Garsshore, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Robertson, Mrs. and Miss Simonds, Miss Postner, Mrs. W. J. McLaren, Miss Gaviller, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Ferguson, Mrs. Huerner Mullen, Mrs. Bostwick, Miss Muriel Hoodless, Mrs. G. C. Thomson,

Mrs. Doolittle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Lazier, Mrs. Henderson, Miss Dorothy Henderson, Mrs. H. H. Champ, Mrs. George Bristol, Miss Marjorie Bristol, the Misses Insole, Mrs. Eldon Bull, Mrs. Alex. Zimmerman, Mrs. Howell, Mrs. James Gillard, Mr. George Hope, Mrs. A. E. Malloch, Miss Jean Malloch, Mrs. Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs. Collinson, Mrs. Harlan Lewis, Dr. Beemer, Mr. Robert Hope, Mr. Gordon Gates, Mr. Horace Wilcox.

Mrs. John L. Counsell has gone to London for a short stay.

The annual meeting of the Canadian Cricket Association will be held in the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, on Tuesday, the 16th inst., at 8.30 p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. T. Wallace, Red Deer, Alberta, formerly of Hamilton, announce the engagement of their youngest daughter, Mabel Edna, to Mr. George H. Best, of Red Deer. The marriage is to take place the latter part of June.

On Thursday afternoon of this week, Mrs. (Dr.) R. Bruce Burt, of Burlington, was the hostess of a delightful at home, from 3 to 6 o'clock, at her pretty residence on Bunt street. A very large number of ladies, among them many from Hamilton, called themselves of Mrs. Burt's invitation, and enjoyed one of the prettiest and pleasantest affairs of the season. Little Miss Florence Burt, of Paris, ushered the guests into the drawingroom, where Mrs. Burt received, wearing a beautiful imported Paris gown, of Copenhagen blue over silk, with trimmings of the same shade. Anderson's orchestra, stationed in an alcove of palms and ferns, played during the afternoon. Roses, carnations, palms and ferns were lavishly used in decoration of the rooms, the color scheme being pink and white and green. The tea room was a bower of beauty, with its shaded lights wreathed with pink blossoms, the arch over the table being completely hidden with masses of pink and white carnations and ferns, while the sideboard was banked with roses, carnations and smilax. The tea table, which was centered with a huge mound of pink roses resting on a lace centrepiece, was in charge of Mrs. Charles Davis and Mrs. Max Smith, of Burlington, and Mrs. Ernest Burt, of Paris, for the first half of the afternoon; the ladies then presided for the rest of the time were: Mrs. R. A. Thompson and Mrs. Boulter, of Hamilton, and Mrs. E. J. Moore, of Burlington. Refreshments were served at small tables prettily decked with roses and carnations, when the pleasant little party who enjoyed the pleasant little party were: Lady Ritchie, Mrs. J. M. Courtney, Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. Chas. Read, Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, Mrs. H. Allan Bate, Mrs. F. W. Avery, Mrs. J. G. Cranston, of Annapolis, and Miss MacLymont.

Mrs. Dewar, of Hamilton, who is visiting her son, Mr. Barrett Dewar, Ottawa, was the guest of honor at a luncheon on Wednesday, when Mrs. Fred Powell entertained at that charming spot, the Golf Club, where the surroundings are looking so fresh and green at present in their spring dress. The weather was ideal, and the guests thoroughly enjoyed the trip by tram in the delightful country air. Those who enjoyed the pleasant little party were: Lady Ritchie, Mrs. J. M. Courtney, Mrs. Martin Griffin, Mrs. Chas. Read, Mrs. W. E. Hodgins, Mrs. H. Allan Bate, Mrs. F. W. Avery, Mrs. J. G. Cranston, of Annapolis, and Miss MacLymont.

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John Brown, ex-M. P. P. of Dunnville, to Dr. John Alexander Kerr, son of the late William Kerr, of Dovercourt road, Toronto. The ceremony was conducted in Knox Church by Rev. H. J. Pritchard, of Galt, brother-in-law of the groom, assisted by Rev. James Gourley.

Lady Violet Elliott, the youngest daughter of Lord and Lady Minto, was presented by her sister, Lady Errington, at the last May court of their majesties.

On Thursday evening the marriage of Miss Nellie Near, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Near, and Mr. Herbert Raine, Hamilton, was solemnized at the home of the bride by Rev. W. J. Brandon, Port Colborne Methodist Church. The bride, given away by her father, wore a cream silk dress, with lace inserted, embroidered in pearls and cream roses. Miss Laura Near, bridesmaid, wore pink silk and Irish lace, and Miss Helen Black, flower girl, carried a basket of lilies. The best man was Mr. J. Heath, Grand Valley. Later Mr. and Mrs. Raine left for New York, the going-away dress being of cream cloth and plumed hat.

Mrs. Thomas James and daughter, Mae, formerly of this city, sailed this morning on the Campania for Europe, where Miss Mae will take a course in vocal culture.

On Tuesday last the Ladies' Aid Society of St. John Presbyterian Church was entertained by Mrs. J. H. Horning in her own charming way. The ladies spent the afternoon upon the beautiful lawn. Business was transacted in an informal way. Plans were laid for the final meeting of the season, to be held on June 16th. Marriage bells are likely to hinder some from being present on that day. Many sincere expressions of regret were heard upon the intended removal of the genial, energetic deaconess, Mrs. Hatchard, who has kept the sewing circle in genuine good humor for so long, who expects to return shortly to her former home in Bay City, Mich. Delicious refreshments were served by Miss Elsie and others.

Mrs. VanWyck, 518 Wilson street, will be out of the city next Tuesday, so cannot be at home to her friends.

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## 91ST. BAND MOONLIGHT.

The 91st Band and the steam Turbina next Tuesday evening, June 9th, assisted by James Dixon's orchestra, will provide an evening's pleasure. A good, comfortable sail and the latest popular music are arranged for. The proceeds of this moonlight will be devoted to the uniform fund, for which they have over \$400. The band boys are meeting with great encouragement with the sale of tickets. This promises to be the most successful moonlight they have ever run. The band deserves liberal support. Anderson's and Nordheimer's music stores have tickets for sale. Secure this week.

A baseball club was organized at a meeting called for the purpose on Friday evening last.

There promises to be a musical and literary entertainment of unusual merit in the Methodist Church on Monday night.

Dr. and Mrs. Lawson spent a couple of days in the Garden City during the past week.

James Oldham, of Brantford, made a flying visit to town on Saturday last.

Burton Ellison, of Niagara Falls, History is full of "also rans."