We have written the diary of Ninety-Deep in the Book of Time,

Some of its pages are tern and uneven, Some of them half sublime; Not, perhaps, for the deeds set down, But just for the toil and the strife To set them straight though the world

should frown. And to set them true to the life. But just last night, when the midnight Swung through the star-lit air.

The last word settled, the last blot fell, And word and bloc were a prayer. This morning we open a great new book, All garnished with white and gold; But we miss the old familiar look

Of oft conn'd pages and bindings old-And we dread to set a single word On the spotless, shimmering leaf, For fear the brightness might be blurred By the tale of a tear-dimmed grief. Put, as well begin at first as last, So, steady the wavering sight, For the Angel of Death keeps the book of

the past. And the Angel of Life bids-"Write!" FANFAN.

### FALSE FEATHERS.

Ald. Parnell has claimed credit for introducing the present method of collecting taxes. But this is another of his false pretences

It was he who moved to have the taxes paid into the City Treasurer, and that both the old collectors be dismissed. He had a political spite against Mr. McCoubrey, and wanted to punish him with dismissal, but in order to get at McCoubrey, he was ready to stab that faithful old servant, Mr. Dan. Lester, also. This was why Ald. Parnell moved that both collectors be dismissed and the taxes paid into the City Treasurer. He seemed in his band attack upon Mr. McCoubrey, to be ignorant of the fact that the taxes could not be paid in to the Treasurer. This would not have been lawful, yet Ald. Parnell either did not know it, or he forgot it in his zeal to punish an official that had offended him by his part in a political campaign.

Ald. Parnell it was who moved to put a five per cent. fine on all unpaid

Ald. Taylor moved to have this five per cent. fine done away with. And out of that motion came the present system of collecting in three payments, with the five cents added only on the last instalment unpaid by a certain

Ald. Parnell's taking credit for the par with his preposterous claim to having been instrumental in bringing the car shops back to London.

The Sixth Warder may justly claim credit for seeing closely after the road work and taking care that people of one way of thinking politically should be given the preference in work, but that is the extent of it. The citizens want a larger minded nan with a better municipal record than this, or no record at all, for Mayor.

### AMUSEMENTS.

The attraction at the Grand (matinee and night) to-day will be Mr. John Griffith in "Faust." An exchange says: something more than common at the Walnut on Friday night, but they did of acting as that presented by John Jarvis street, when in some manner Griffith as Mephisto in Faust. Art in the horse threw him, and started down his connection would imply something the street at a wild pace. McCann's more. He is a genius of the highest histrionic order, and they are born, not made. His elocution is faultless, his attitudes and gestures natural and perfect, while he possesses a magnificent voice and superb stage presence. So mobile his face and so great his control over his features that he could give an acceptable interpretation of a character without uttering a word. It is incomprehensible that a gentleman so gifted as he in all that makes the tragedian has not portrayed the Duke of Gloster or Macbeth. His support is excellent and the scenic effects grand, startling and beautiful beyond con-

"THE GIRL FROM PARIS." will present "The Girl from at the Grand Monday, and the Crazed by Deaths Caused by the Faith Treate-goers may look forward to ex-nal enjoyment. This merry enjoyment. This merry comedy which Mr. Rice preas scored one of the strongest heatre, Philadelphia, where it in one's ears. She is very she will no doubt become as although the child was very ill and in as ever. Mr. Edward E. Rice great pain. Mrs. Cross was one of the best known Christian Science advo-The Girl from Paris' company cates in the West, and occupied a high lew York to Philadelphia, and place in the opinions of the believers fort was made to prolong the in that doctrine. nent in Philadelphia. It is a ance that has everything posthe make-up to amuse, besides presentation with a story that

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THE OLD YEAR AND THE NEW. is always consistent with the happen-

ings "McNulty's Visit" was given by the comedians, Ferguson and Emerick, and very bright and talented company last night at the Grand before numerous and highly amused audience It is a lively and clever hotch-potch in which the comedians, and ten other excellent artists, appear in a medley of music, song, dance and imitation, comic roller-skating, etc., with no end of fun. Ferguson and Emerick are the cleverest artists in their line since Barry and Fay,

### THE NEW YEAR.

How It Was Ushered in in London the Less.

The Crowds on the Streets Were as Naught Compared With Christmas Eve-Watchnight Services in the Churches.

The new year in London was ushered in with beautiful winter weather, the ringing of the bells in the cathedral and other church towers, and the holding of religious worship in a number

of the edifices, There was the usual stir about the streets during the evening, but the crowds were not to be compared witn those of Christmas Eve. The majority He was notoriously impecunious. of the stores were open, and did a fair old year sleigh riding, while in homes many remained up and awaited the coming of 1898.

In all of the Anglican and Methodist Churches, the watch-night services were held, the rectors and pastors respectively having charge. As a rule they were very well attended. In St. Paul's Cathedral, His Lordship the Bishop of Huron delivered a very appropriate address, which was listened with intense interst. The Salvation Army had a knee drill until arter midnight, and shortly before one o'clock it began a parade of the streets, headed by the brass band.

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passed out of existence.

In a number of the public falls, dances were in progress when 1897

Value of the Land Wanted by the Water Commission.

Board of Arbitrators Order Mr. Fulton to Pay the Costs-Money to be Placed in Court-The Water Commission Ahead.

The arbitrators in the dispute between the Water Commissioners and chesi returned this evening from Que-Wm. Fulton, as to the value of four high mass to-morrow. The Archbishop and a-half acres of land on the north has a letter from M. Giovanny Minetti, side of the river, at Springbank, made Roman advocate, who is charged with their award yesterday afternoon. The board-which comprised Judge Edward Elliott, as umpire; Mr. Edmund Meredith, representing the city, and Mr. present mode of tax collection is on a J. M. Cousins, representing the owner -placed the value of the land at \$500, and ordered Fulton to pay the costs. The money will be paid into court, as there is a difference between James Cummings and Fulton regarding the ownership, This will probably

settled between the parties without legal steps being taken. The Water Commissioners are ahead \$100 as a result of the arbitration. They had offered \$600 for the land, but this was refused by Fulton, and acceptable to Cummings.

### DRAGGED HEAD DOWNWARD.

Terrible Accident to a Boy While Exercising a Horse.

Toronto, Dec. 31.-A very serious and probably fatal accident happened about six o'clock last evening on George St. Ont. The position of accountant at the "Cinoinnati theatre-goers expected Herbert McCann, of 261 Sackville Montreal branch will be in charge of something more than common at the street, a stable boy, 16 years of age, Mr. G. D. Boulton, of St. Thomas, Ont. Gray's Syrup of was exercising a valuable horse for not expect to see so finished a piece Mason Brothers, the liverymen, of diocre can acquire; something left foot caught in the stirrup, and bestudied practiced for effect, and that which reach no higher. John Griffith is an artiste, but he is much two blocks head downwards. Then he two blocks head downwards. Then he fell to the roadway, and the horse ran to the stable near-by. One peculiar feature of the accident is that the horse's hind leg was broken, the bone and tendons being completely severed. When the animal returned in this state a search was made for the boy, who was found terribly injured.

The ambulance was called, and the injured lad removed to St. Michael's Hospital, where it was found that his nose was broken, he had sustained a sericus scalp wound, and co ussion of the brain. This morning he was resting quietly. The horse had to be

### SCIENTISTS SUICIDE.

ment.

Peoria, Ill., Dec. 30.-Mrs. Sarah bes of present theatricals, and bowded the Duke of York's Cross, a leading Christian Scientist, committed suicide this morning by jumping into a cistern at her home. Theatre, in New York city, for She was the mother of Mrs. Robert, heatre. in New 1013 city of Campbell, who attempted to commit d large audiences for fifty-six suicide by jumping from the window ances. After following the gay of the Oakland Hotel in Chicago a few om Paris through all of her weeks ago, where she had gone to atles, one leaves the theatre with tend the dedication of the Christian erriest and most tuneful music Science Temple on Drexel Boulevard. The cause of her acts are said to be of her long record, and it is ex- in the death of Mrs. Campbell's child, that she will add another about three months ago. Both mother on her wreath of triumphs durengagement "on the road," Scientists, no physician was called in,

### EAST LAMBTO V.

A Convention of "Independents" Passes a Vote of Confidence in Mr. McCailum.

Watford, Ont., Dec. 31.—A convention of the Independents was held here to-day for the purpose of nominating a candidate for the coming Provincial elections. The music hall was filled and representatives were present from all over the riding. Speches were made by Peter McCallum, the present member, and A. T. Gurd, M. P. P., for the West Riding, and a vote of confidence was given Mr. McCallum and the meeting unanimously pledged itself to support him in the coming contest. contest.

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get the Fly clears.

### MURDER OR ACCIDENT?

Mystery Surrounding the Death of Joe Curley at Toronto Junction.

Toronto, Dec. 31 .- The mystery surcounding the death of Joseph Curley, the Weston farm laborer, found dead in Keele street subway, Toronto Junction, increases with a fuller investigation into the case. The post-mortem examination performed yesterday afternoon goes to substantiate the murder theory. It goes to show that Curley was killed by a straight blow in the face, delivered by somebody in front of him. The bruises on the left arm might have been sustained in an effort to guard the face. The post-mortem was performed yesterday by only to be returned at the by-election Drs. Cotton and Richardson, who found that death had been caused by a blow in the forehead, which fractured the frontal bone and loosened up all the bones of the face, in addition to cracking the jawbone. The man's eyes were blackened, but the exterior indications of the blow are regarded as extraordinarily slight considering its fatal nature. It transpires that Curley's skull was extraordinarily thin on top and rather thinner than most in all parts. and, therefore, more easily broken than the skull of an ordinary man. The theory that he was murdered would probably have stronger support if he had been a person worth robbing. Such, however, was not the case. mysterious feature of the case is yet business. Numerous parties of young people spent the closing hours of the as a dinner plate was found on the sidewalk yesterday at the northern entrance of the subway about 25 yards from where the body was found. The dered. He could not have fallen from above at that point. It is not necesassassin dragged the body to the point wish him a prosperous future. where it was found; men do not die instantly from an injury to the brain, is visiting Mrs. G. G. Steele in this and Curley could have proceeded and city.

sank down there.

The theory on which Chief Royce is working is that some man whom Curley approached in the dark and rainy night killed him unintentionally. There have been many rumors of footpads about the Junction, and Joe Curley was the sort of man to paw all over any stranger he met. The chief thinks that Curley met some man in the subway who took him for a footpad, and struck him with a loaded stick, afterwards running away and leaving him there.

### MONTREAL.

Mgr. Bruchesi Returns from Quebec - Another Bank Agency.

Montreal, Dec. 31.—Archbishop Brubec, and will officiate pontifically at the proceedings tending to the beatification of Mgr. Laval, the first Bishop of Quebec; of the Venerable Mother Marie de l'Incarnauca, the Venerauce the Ursulines, Quebec; the Venerauce Margurite Bourgeois, foundress of the Margurite Bourgeois, foundress of the Margurite Bourgeois, Marie Mar treal; and the Venerable Marie Margurite d'Youville, foundress of the Nuns of the Hotel Dieu. After speaking in the most eulogistic terms of the virtues of the great bishop and the three good women, M. Minetti concludes:-"My conviction is that the trials will end in a great success for the glory of God and the church, and for the edification of the faithful.

The Imperial Bank of Canada, the headquarters of which are at Toronto, will open a branch in Montreal, thus adding one more to the many excellent financial institutions of the city. The officers who will conduct the bank's business have not yet been definitely fixed upon. It is learned that in all probability Mr. Richardson, manager for some years of the bank's branch at Ingersoll, Ont., will be moved to Montreal. His place at Ingersoll will be filled by Mr. Newcombe, of Welland,

GOLD PRODUCT FOR THE YEAR.

That of Canada Estimated at \$7,500,000 -- An Increased of \$4,700,000 Over 1896.

Washington, D. C., Dec, 31.-The director from the mint, from information now at hand, says that there is substantial evidence that the world's product of gold for the calendar year 1897 will approximate, if not exceed, \$240,000,000—an increase of nearly 20 per cent. over 1896. The gold product of the United States for 1896 was \$53,100,000; for 1897 it will approximate \$61,500,000—an increase of \$8,400,000. The product of Africa for 1896 was \$44,400,000. Returns received up to December 1, 1897, indicate that the gold product of that country for the year will be \$58,000,000—an increase of \$13,600,000. Australia for 1896 was \$45,200,000; for 1897 the indications are that it will not be less than \$51,000,000 -an increase of \$6,800,000. Mexico for 1896, \$8,330,000; for 1897 it is estimated that it will be \$10,000,000-an increase of \$1,000,000. The Dominion of Canada, for 1896, \$2,800,000; it is estimated for 1897 at \$7,800,000-or an increase of \$4,700,000. Ind:a's product for 1897 is estimated at \$7,500,000, or an increase of \$1,400,000 over 1896. Russia's gold product for 1896 was 321,-550,000; for 1897 estimated to approximate \$25,000,000, an increase of \$3,500,-

"That was a very inhuman reception he gave the tramp who called there for a bite to eat yesterlay, wasn't it?' "I hadn't heard of it. What did he do?" "Got out one of his "Surely he wife's biscuits and ---" didn't feed it to the poor fellow? 'No, he hit him with it.'

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Colic and Kinney Difficulty.-Mr. J. W.

The new Presbyterian Church at Alvinston will be opened on January 16th. Rev. W. J. Clark, of this city. will conduct the services, morning and evening.

SYLVESTER NEBLON DEAD.

The Well-known Contractor Dies Suddenly of Apoplexy in This City Last Night.

Toronto, Dec. 31.-While visiting at the house of a friend in the western part of the city last night, Sylvester Neelon, best known in Toronto as a member of the firm of Elliott & Neeon, contractors for the masonry work at the new muncipal buildings, died suddenly of apoplexy. The body was taken to St. Catharines this afternoon for burial.

The deceased was one of St. Catharines' oldest residents, and served several terms as a member of the Town Council. In 1875 he was returned as a member of the Ontario Legislaonly to be returned at the by-election. the general elections in 1879 and 1883 he was again chosen to represent Lincoln in the Legislative halls of the province. In politics at that period he was a Reformer, but subsequently he joined the Conservative ranks, and in 1891 contested Lincoln and Niagara against William Gibson, being defeated by 48 votes, At a by-election he encountered an adverse majority of over 200 votes.

Mayor Little has shown his faith in the riverside resort by building his summer residence nearly opposite Springbank. He has a deep interest in the Water Works, and if elected as Water Commissioner will devote his ability and experience to that most important department.

The Clinton News-Record says: "Mr. I. R. Read was the guest of his sister, Mrs. Callendar, London, Christrain washed out the stain, but if this mas. He has accepted a position with was Curley's blood, then he was mur- one of the leading drug houses of Montreal, for which place he leaves tomorrow. I. R. is a general favorite sary to suppose, however, that the All regret his departure, and will

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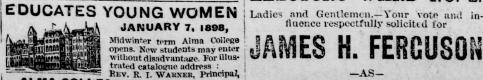
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WM. HEAMAN As Alderman for 1898. xI&i ELECTORS OF No. 4 WARD

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FRED. H. HEATH AS SCHOOL TRUSTEE. Law NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

In the Matter of Alfred E. Christian, of the City of London, in the County of Middlesex, Grocer, In-

THE SAID INSOLVENT HAS MADE an assignment to me for the benefit of his creditors, under R. S. O., 1887, Cap. 124.

A meeting of creditors of the said estate will be held on Tuesday, the 4th January 1998, Cap. 120, Ca ALDERMAN NO. 1 WARD FOR 1898, at 2 c'clock p.m., at the office of my solicitors, 404 Talbot street, London, for the purpose of receiving a statement of affairs, disposing of the estate, appointing inspectors and fixing remuneration.

Ladies and Gentlemen.—Your vote and influence is respectfully colicited for the re-election of the said estate are requested to file the same with me on or before Tuesday, 18th January, 1898, after which date I will distribute the said estate

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