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LONDON AND DISTRICT

—Fireman Robertson, of No. 3 station, is holidaying.

—Miss Ethel Jones, of London, is the guest of Mrs. John Hall, Warwick.

—Miss Edith Scatcherd is visiting in Strathroy, the guest of Mrs. Charles Grist.

—Mr. C. W. Peterson has returned to Calgary, after a pleasant visit in this city.

—Mrs. D. D. Mann, of Toronto, is visiting her uncle, Mr. J. L. Williams, of this city.

—Miss Flossie Gould, Euclid avenue, has gone to visit her sister, Miss L. Gould, Sherbrooke, Que.

—Capt. and Mrs. Gattis, of this city, intend returning to their old home, Thedford, to reside.

—The services at the Church of the Advent, Ridgetown, will be conducted by Rev. Bishop Baldwin tomorrow.

—Elder R. C. Evans has returned from a trip east, and will occupy the pulpit of the Latter Day Saints Church, Maitland street, tomorrow.

—At the morning service of the Centennial Methodist Church tomorrow, Rev. Oliver Darwin, missionary superintendent of the Northwest, will speak.

—A sale of farm stock and implements is to be held on March 25, on the farm of William Gibson, lot 18, con. 7, London Township. The sale will be conducted by Mr. John Gilson.

—Mr. George Taylor, a well-known London Old Boy, and now of Detroit, is spending a few days in this city. Mr. Taylor is a brother of Mr. Thomas E. Taylor, of the postoffice department here.

—Rev. J. J. Ross, pastor of the Talbot Street Baptist Church, will deliver his third address to women tomorrow evening upon "A Beautiful but Deceptive Wife and Partial Mother." This series of addresses is proving a most interesting one.

—On the 31st inst. South London Council, Royal Arcanum, will celebrate the twenty-second anniversary of its organization. The arrangements are in the hands of Messrs. John Pope, A. Westman, A. C. Johnston, Dr. Piper and other charter members.

—R. W. Bro. R. L Guest, of Thorndale, paid an official visit to Union Lodge, No. 380, the other night. There was a large attendance of members, many prominent visitors also being present. W. Bro. W. S. Davidson, I. P. M., was presented with a handsome past master's jewel, suitably inscribed, as a mark of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren.

—Those who have never heard Fax in his character singing can form no conception of his ability as an entertainer. Wherever he has appeared, Toronto, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Brantford, etc., the press says that he is the most clever humorist on the Canadian platform. The F. C. B. College made a happy selection in securing Fax for their concert for Thursday evening, March 24, at the Auditorium.

—The marriage of Thomas J. Scott and Miss Ada J. Taylor took place in Windsor recently. Rev. Alfred Brown, pastor of the Windsor Avenue Methodist Church, officiating. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Taylor, contractor, of 560 Adelaide street, London. Mr. Scott, who is a London Old Boy, and whose parents reside in Westminster. Mr. and Mrs. Scott will make their home in Detroit, Mich.

PASTOR'S ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. James Murray, M. A., of Erskin Church, Toronto, will be the preacher at King Street Presbyterian Church tomorrow at 11 a.m., 3 and 7 p.m. The anniversary of the induction of the present pastor, and the opening of their new organ, is being observed.

REMOVING OFFICES TO LONDON.

At the annual meeting of the Strathroy Petroleum Company, held at Strathroy this week, Mr. P. W. D. Brodrick, of this city, was elected president, and the decision was reached to remove the offices to this city. Messrs. Geo. W. McGillivray, C. H. Ivey and P. W. D. Brodrick, of this city, attended the meeting.

OPENING OF NEW SCHOOL.

The opening ceremonies in connection with the new First Presbyterian Church Sabbath school will commence tomorrow at 3 o'clock. Those who will speak are Mr. D. A. McDermid, superintendent of the Dundas Center Methodist school, and Mr. R. A. Little, superintendent of St. Andrew's Sunday school. Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill and Mr. J. Arnold Thomson will sing.

DEATH OF OLD SETTLER.

One of the oldest settlers in the township of London died yesterday at Victoria Hospital, in the person of Mr. Robert Young, formerly of Bryanston. He was about 80 years of age and was born in Ireland. He was a member of the Church of England. He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James H. Mustill. The funeral takes place on Monday to St. John's Cemetery.

LEGAL DECISION.

At the high court, Toronto, before Mr. Justice Meredith, ruling was made in the case re Boismien. Judgment (H.) on motion (heard at London) to vary minutes of order made under rule 933. The one question was whether the assignee of the right to dower was entitled to the benefit of sub-section 2 of second 4 of the devolution of estates act. Held, that the benefit of that legislation can be had only when the election thereby given has been exercised in the manner therein prescribed. If that has not been and cannot be done, the assignee's right is limited to the ordinary right of dower. If the assignment contains a power to make the election, in the widow's name, by deed or instrument in writing, or if the election be yet made, or power to make it be given, by the widow, there is no reason why it may not yet be well made; see Baker vs. Stuart, 25 A. R. 445, and re Galway, 17 P. R., 49. F. D. Davis (Windsor) for Boismien. F. P. Betts (London) for other parties.

DIED AT ADVANCED AGE.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Jane Hunter, relict of the late George Hunter, took place yesterday (Friday) afternoon from the residence of her niece, Mrs. Alf. Allen, 789 Queen's avenue. Death was due to pneumonia, as a result of la grippe. The service at the house was conducted by Rev. Mr. Going, assisted by Rev. Mr. Wickett, after which the cortege proceeded to the Union Cemetery at Dorchester, where the usual burial service was performed. The bearers were five nephews and one brother-in-law of the deceased. Mrs. Hunter was born in Corsley, Wiltshire, England, nearly 85 years ago. When about 15 years of age, she came with her parents, to Canada, spending some years in Nelson Township, Halton County, then coming west to Dorchester. In 1855 she married George Hunter, of Dorchester, who predeceased her nearly two years. Her kind, humble, unassuming manner won for her many friends wherever her lot was cast.

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CONTRACTS LET FOR YEAR

Board of Works Accepts a Large Grist of Tenders.

Short Session of No. 1 Committee—Estimates Discussed.

The board of works met in special session yesterday afternoon and decided to confirm their former action re permitting Mary Helen Parke to open a 50-foot street in South London. A letter was read from Purdom & Purdom, setting forth the reasons why the request should be granted, after which the committee decided to recommend to the council to grant the prayer of the petition, stipulating, however, that the members of the committee do not bind themselves to support the request when it goes before the council.

A number of tenders were then let, as follows: The tender of Mr. McArthur, for gravel, at $3 10 a cord, was accepted for ward 1. No action was taken in regard to the other wards, as the prices were too high. The Silica-Barytic Company were awarded the contract for laying artificial stone walks for the entire city at 9 cents a foot. The Forest City Paving Company secured the work of cleaning the city streets at $3,940, their tender being the lowest. The Dyment-Baker Company will supply the city with all the lumber required during the year at $22 90 per thousand feet. The tender of Peter Taff to clean the asphalt pavements for the year after they have been thoroughly cleaned by the Forest City Paving Company, for $1,175, was accepted, and Henry Griffin's tender for the sweeping of the block pavements at $8 per block for the first and $2 a block for subsequent sweepings, was also accepted. Alex. Douglass was given the contract of supplying the city with broken stone at $1 10 f.o.b., or $1 50 delivered in London. Wortman & Ward will supply the city with iron castings at $3 25 per hundred pounds, and Gleeson iron corners at $3 80 per hundred pounds. The Forest City Paving Company were given the contract for cement curbs and gutters, as follows: Curbing, without gutters, 24½ cents a foot; curbing, with 15-inch gutter, 47½ cents a foot; curbing, with 18-inch gutter, 49½ cents a foot, and with a 24-inch gutter, 53½ cents a foot. The concrete sewer pipe required by the city will be supplied by W. J. Anthistle, and F. C. Macfie will supply glazed tile. The tender of the London Builders' Supply Company for cement at $2 25 a barrel, was accepted. D. Ferguson will refloor the bridges for $1,267 Cowan & Co. will supply all hardware needed.

DISCUSSED ESTIMATES.

No. 1 committee also met yesterday afternoon. The estimates for the year were discussed informally, but as the board of works and the market, fire and light committee have not as yet sent in their figures, No. 1 could do nothing, and the estimates were allowed to stand over for a week or two. In the discussion, it was brought out, however, that No. 1 would need more money this year than last year for both legal expenses and insurance.

In accordance with a memo. from the council, the committee will inquire into the advisability and cost of opening up Horton street, from Adelaide to Rectory.

The complaint of Nicholas Wilson, re the shunting of cars on the London and Port Stanley Railway, by the Pere Marquette, was sent to the London and Port Stanley Railway board to deal with.

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Concert Followed by Dancing and a Supper—Presentation of Fine Prize Banner to London Preceptory

Of all the big balls of the year—and the season of 1903-4 has been replete with social functions—that given last night by Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, Knights Templar, was the biggest. It is not too much to say that in almost every way it was the best. For no other "At Home" were the preparations so elaborate—at none other were the arrangements so thoroughly carried out. The city hall and Masonic hall had been both called into requisition, and fortunately so, for the number present was so large that even the city hall floor was inadequate to accommodate those who took part in the first dances. The concert which preceded the dancing was short, but delightful, and was followed by a Knights Templar drill and presentation of a banner, won by the preceptory, to the eminent preceptor. The dancing, which followed, was to the strains of Tony Cortese's augmented orchestra. The supper served in the Masonic assembly room was a feature of the evening.

Photo by Cooper & Sanders.
SIR KT. JOHN PAUL,
Honorary Secretary of the Committee.

DECORATIONS MOST ELABORATE.

The old city hall has been decorated for very many different things in the years gone by—even in the season now being brought to a close the decorations on several occasions have been elaborate—but nothing so unique nor effective has yet been attempted. By the combined efforts of a florist and an electrician, results were obtained that were commented upon by every one of the five hundred guests. The passageway from the Masonic Temple to the city hall, which was well-carpeted, was hung with massive flags and draperies, which, with soft-colored lights, bespoke the entrance to a fairyland. The center lights of the big chandeliers had been replaced with red incandescents. These shone through a mass of green that had been tastefully arranged. Festooned from the chandeliers to the sides and ends of the hall were various-colored incandescent lights, intertwined with southern smilax—the effective manner in which the idea had been carried out being most pleasing, and throwing over the whole gay scene a soft hue. The council chamber, was, as usual, used as a resting-place for the dancers, and behind the brass railing were placed luxurious rugs and furniture, and large, beautiful palms. The latter were also used in profusion in front of the musicians' stand, at the northwest corner of the hall, and in the committee-room were more of these beautiful plants. The floral work here and in the supper room had been done under the personal direction of Mr. William Gammage, and was a credit to his art and ability. The electrical effects were the invention of Mr. E. I. Sifton. As chairman of the decoration committee he worked unceasingly, to make the decorations eclipse all previous efforts. His arrangement of the multi-colored lights in the city hall was not only noticeably attractive, but in the ante-rooms and supper-room it was the same. Beautiful electric lamps, for instance, were used in the city hall general committee room, which had been fitted up in a tete-a-tete fashion, with dividing tapestries, in the center compartment being an electric effect fireplace. At the end of this room were the punch-bowls. Imbedded in ice and garlanded with roses, it was a favorite spot between the dances. Standards of the Templars were used on the fronts of both galleries. But in the city hall one of the most beautiful decorations was the Templar emblem of a cross, through a ring, suspended in the arch of the chamber. This was a device of Mr. Sifton's, made with red and yellow lights. Over the south door was a convenient arrangement—an illuminated sign to tell when the supper-room was open and when filled.

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R. E. SIR KT. A. A. CAMPBELL,
Chairman of the General Committee.

When the supper-room was reached a surprise was in store for the guests. The tables, laid in the form of a Maltese cross, were overspread with festoons of smilax and electric lights. The scheme had for its center a bunch of lights under a magnificent shade, suspended over a huge fruit dish. From this point radiated the floral and electrical streamers. In addition to this, handsome lamps embellished the tables, together with cut roses, carnations and tulips.

THE CONCERT AND DRILL.

The new floor of the city hall was covered with chairs during the early part of the evening, and these were quickly filled, when the concert began. V. E. Sir Knight J. S. Dewar, chairman of the reception committee, made a short speech of welcome, and then introduced the programme, making a request for no encores. The concert numbers were good—every one of them. Among the vocalists were Miss Annie Mattinson, Miss Myra Pickard and Mrs. Kingsmill. Miss Mattinson sang in a delight-giving voice and manner. Miss Pickard, always a favorite with Londoners, was especially pleasing last night, while Mrs. Kingsmill's number met with well-deserved applause. The audience thoroughly appreciated the singing by the quartet, while Miss Hambly was heard to advantage in her excellent readings. The accompanist of the evening was Mr. George Phelps. The programme was as follows:

Quartet—Annie Laurie.. Dudley Buck
Messrs. Marriott, Perry, Moule, and Garthwaite.
Solo—Beloved, It is Morn .....
..... Florence Aylward
Miss Annie Mattinson.
Reading ..... ——
Miss Jessica Hambly.
Solo—(a) The Spring ..... Tosti
(b) The Sweetest Flower..Leiber
Miss Myra Pickard.
Quartet—Until the Dawn ..... Parks
Messrs. Marriott, Perry, Moule and Garthwaite.
Reading ..... ——
Miss Hambly.
Solo—Song of the Four Seasons....
..... Allitzen
Mrs. (Dr.) Kingsmill.

The floor being cleared, the bugle sounded and shortly there appeared a corps of Knights of Templar, who gave a drill like that which won for the preceptory the handsome banner that was unfurled in the center of the hall. Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory won the banner at Sarnia in competition with other preceptories for the best drilled corps of 24 Knights Templar. It is a handsomely embroidered, gold-fringed flag, with broidered, gold-fringed flag, and bears the following: "Presented by Simon of Cyrene Preceptory, Sarnia, to Richard Coeur de Lion Preceptory, No. 4, London, Aug. 12, 1903."

After some military maneuvers, witnessed with much interest, R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, captain-general, presented the banner to the custody of Presiding Preceptor V. E. Sir Knight John Graham. In doing so he made a speech that was loudly applauded, the eminent preceptor making a neat reply that also won the approbation of the guests, many of whom were not brethren of the Masonic order, and who were especially pleased with the explanatory references.

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SIR KT. E. R. C. STRUTHERS,
Treasurer of the Committee.

DANCING AND SUPPER.

Shortly before 11 o'clock the grand march started, headed by the uniformed knights, and it was a decidedly pretty spectacle. Among the guests who enjoyed the dancing were numerous persons from outside places. Altogether there must have been upwards of 200 couples on the floor, and the floor and music were so good that the majority—at least of the younger people — stayed until the last dance. Tony Cortese excelled himself with his orchestra, which he had increased to 12 pieces. The programme included all the favorites of the season which were in every instance encored. Scores of beautiful gowns were in evidence and London's fair sex never looked fairer. Their grace in dancing was, of course, what made it so charming and not until 4 o'clock this morning was the last waltz played.

The supper, which was served continuously, after the dancing began, to as many as 150 people at a time, was an elaborate one. Caterer Finch, of the Palace Cafe, who has furnished the suppers at all the big balls and many banquets this winter, very efficiently catered last evening. From the bouillon to the ice cream everything was dainty and delicious. All the luxuries, in season and out of season, were in abundance. The tables were spotlessly clean, and decorated as above mentioned. Mr. Finch supervised this important feature of the at home, and had a service that was admirably obliging, efficient and systematically managed. The supper was unquestionably the finest in every way ever given at such an affair in this city, and reflected the greatest credit on the caterer.

The at home was a brilliant success and one which it is hoped will be repeated next year, because the Sir Knights of the Preceptory all did their best to bring this about. The officers and the chairmen of the various energetic committees were as follows: V. E. Sir Knight John Graham, presiding preceptor; R. E. Sir Knight A. A. Campbell, chairman of executive committee; V. E. Sir Knight W. T. Stenberg, registrar; R. E. Sir Knight, J. S. Dewar, chairman reception committee; Sir Knight John Paul, secretary executive committee; Sir Knight J. R. Sproule, chairman rooms committee; Sir Knight D. Ferguson, chairman music and programme committee; Sir Knight H. E. Buttrey, chairman refreshment committee; Sir Knight E. R. C. Struthers, treasurer executive committee; Sir Knight E. R. Crawford; chairman entertainment committee; Sir Knight E. I. Sifton, chairman decoration committee.

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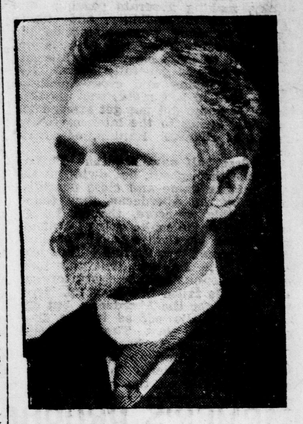

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ALL BOYS ARE NOT ALIKE

One Standard Will Not Do for All, Says School Inspector.

Interesting Lecture at Wesley Hall by Mr. J. L. Hughes, Toronto.

Mr. J. L. Hughes, of Toronto, inspector of schools for that city, gave a very interesting lecture on "The Bad Boy," in Wesley Hall last night.

"It is a mistake to think all boys are alike, and that one standard will do for all," Mr. Hughes said. "God did not mean any two of us to be alike; the leaves on the trees are not alike. What opportunities do you give a boy to do things? To pray for the boy is all right; but train him, and train him upwards. It does not do to keep him 'under.' Too often in school it is the dead, quiet boy who is looked upon as the good boy. The boy who keeps away from evil rather than one who goes towards good — defect dodgers. You may talk Bible to your boy, and in time cause him to hate the Bible. Even God's name, infinitely good as it is, may be wrongfully used.

"The dead, quiet boy is often a good deal of a worm. Worm Christians are not the right kind of Christians. 'Train up the child in the way he should go,' but let him go. Don't make a stopper out of him. Some boys are bad by heredity; they are tainted by somebody; but thank God, there is none that cannot be overgrown, overthrown or corrected. Ninety per cent of the bad boys need a doctor. Something is the matter with their liver, with their digestion. The physical, intellectual and spiritual elements in the boys must be in harmony. When a piano is out of order, it will receive no good by being shouted at, or shaken. It must be tuned. Some boys get too much to eat, and some too little. If the body be properly balanced, the mind must be. If the body is strong it is a servant; if weak, it is a master. When the boy starts working, do not stop him, let him go on working in his own way.

"And if you treat the boy fairly and decently," concluded the inspector, "he will act toward you in accordance with his treatment."

During the evening the chair was occupied by Rev. George Bishop, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and at the close, the reverend gentleman Vice-Principal Dearness of the Normal School, and others tendered him warm words of thanks. Previous to the lecture, a short musical programme was carried out as follows: "Daffodils are Blowing" (German), was sweetly sung by Miss Rowntree, and Miss Fowler artistically rendered "The Swallows" (Cowan). Miss Blanche Teeple, of Brantford, a young pupil of Mr. A. D. Jordan's, was enthusiastically encored for her singing of "Little Baby of Mine" (Denee), Mr. Jordan played the accompaniments.

It was evident to all at the Grand last night that in attempting "Erminie," the Wilbur Opera Company had waded into opera too deep, and were woefully beyond their depth. The opera was apparently unknown to even the leading men and women, and despite vigorous promptings from the wings, the characters faced each other at times without knowing what to say. The voices, too, were away off, and the whole production fizzled out. It was the only night upon which the Wilburs fell down during their London engagement, and they certainly came down with a thud. This morning the company left for Woodstock.

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