## LAST SUNDAY

Special Sermons From Many Pulpits.

## NUMEROUS HOPEFUL SIGNS.

Preachers Optimistic in Their Views of the Christianity of the Coming Century-St. Paul's Pastor on the Need for Leaders of Religious

"John the Baptist and herald volces at the close of the Century" was the subject of Rev. Neil McPherson's sermon in St. Paul's Presbyterian Church last evening. The congregation was large. (Rev. Mr. McPherson took as his text Matthew iii, 3, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness, prepare ye the way of the Lord, make His paths straight." John the Baptist, said the preacher, was a man of intensity and austerity, a man who lived on the simplest of food, and who wore the simplest of lood, and who wore the simplest of clothing, one who sought to avoid in every way possible things which might tend to distract his powers from the great mission of preparing the minds of the people of his time for the coming of Christ. He realized as did no other man of his time the hollowness of the religious forms of the Jewish people. Every nation at some time or other in its history lay becalmed on a sea of luxury and self-gratification. The same condibecalmed on a sea of luxury and self-gratification. The same condi-tion existed in the history of church self-gratification. The same condition existed in the history of churches. The air around them becomes charged with vice. At the threshold of the new century the voice of conscience speaks louder than that of passion, and if Canada was to enter properly on the work of the coming century, it would have to have leaders, men who could be the ones to carry out the direction of the text. Drummond, Frances Havergal, Frances Willard. Thos. Carlyle, Tennyson. Browning, these were among the leaders who had done so during the ceptury just ending, who had demonstrated that holpful love is the greatest force in the world. The pracher spoke of fineness of speech, courtesy, refinement of manner as among the outward evidences of goodness of character. Kindliness of manner would remove many obstacles from life's pathway. The highest life must be altruistic. Ability was not given to man to satisfy his own ambition, but for service to others. Every soul should wage war against selfishmess. As love was the greatest force in the world, the highest expression of love was sacrifice.

Continuing, Rev. Mr. McPherson took anything but a gloomy view of the achievements of Christianity during the closing century. He instanced the great calls made even in this last year on the philanthropy of Canadians, and the generous responses thereto. More and more were men commencing to see the delights of service for others.

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Last evening Mr. Neil Leckie, a Divinity student and a son of Mr. W. R. Leckie, Assistant City Treasurer, occupied the pulpit of Wentworth Presbyterian Church. Mr. Leckie preached from John iii. 3, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." These words were spoken by the These words were spoken by the Saviour to Nichodemus, who was a Saviour to Nichodemus, who was a man of some importance in his country, a ruler of the Jews and apparently not a bigoted man. He no doubt eame to Jesus, believing that all truth wis not to be found in Mosses and the laws of Mount Sinai; that possibly some good was to be found in the teachings of Christ, and if he wis a man of discernment he would not be long in finding out that Jesus was indeed a teacher come from God. The text suggested a comparison between the natural a comparison between the natural life of man and the spiritual life of the soul. Just as there was no natural the soul. Just as there was no natural clife without birth, so there was no spiritual life without being born again. But the comparison could be carried too far. Some held the narrow view that unless one knew the exact hour and circumstances of the new birth, they were not born again—had no spiritual life. This rigid, dogmatic teaching was not in accordance with the spirit of the Master. The Christian life was not to be judged by such narrow mechanical rules. The Christian life was an uplitting and directing was an uplitting and directing chanical rules. The Christian life was an uplifting and directing of the will toward God, enlarging the sympathies to the full stature of Christ. There were some who were Christians yet asked, "Lord, when saw we Thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave Thee drink?" receiving the answer, "Inasmuch as ye have done it untoone of the least of these, my bretheren, ye have done it unto me." The sermon showed much careful preparation, and a broad grasp of Scriptural truth.

New Century's Work.

The closing Sunday night of the cen-tury was marked with a grand ser-vice in Central Presbyterian Church tary was marked with a grand service in Central Presbyterian Church and a masterly sermon by the pastor, Rev. Dr. Lyle, his remarks being based on the words of the Saviour in St. Matthew xxviii. 18: "Jesus said all authority is given unto me in heaven and on earth." Dr. Lyle, in the course of his rebursks, referred to the opinions of representative citizens, printed in the Times on Saturday, on the question, "What is the most important social work demanding attention at the beginning of the twentieth century, and how shall it be dealt with?" and also to the question asked in connection with a review of those opinions, "Who shall inaugurate the reign of Jesus Christ," Dr. Lyle replied that no body of men and no Church could do that. There could be only one answer to the question. Jesus Christ could only reign through the individual. If Christ were enthroned in every heart the problem of the century would be solved. He also spoke strongly on Christ in social life and Christ in public life. The service was brightened by specially fine music, including solos by Mrs. MacKelcan, Mr. C. Spalding and Mrs. Palmer; two beautiful anthems and the grand Hallelujah chorus as a closing organ voluntary. The congregation was very large.

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calculated to streathen the minds and the hearts of th hearers, and to instruct all as to hw they should act in their endeavos to seek God's righteousness. The wrds selected in the morning were fro the Gospel by Mark xiii., 31. "Hearn and earth shall pass away," the busic rendered by the choir was well yen. To-night a watch night service will be held, commencing at 11 p. led by Rev. Mr. Martin, and next unday morning the sucrament of a Lord's Supper will be dispensed a the morning service.

A Memorial Seitee.

tnry, and of how men were becoming more Christian the world over. In the spirit of hopefulness he impressed on his hearers the need of making the most of their opportunities, and thus lay the foundation of noble living. The fine school-room was beautifully decorated with evergreens and gay bunting, and the effect was charming.

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Those in whose memory the service was held were J. R. Vert, Peter Templeman, Elizabeth Allen, John Kennedy, Agnes Balfour, Phillis C. Baxter, Jeanette Dowrle, G. H. Gillesple, David Augustus Moore, Elizabeth Sott Marshall, Christopher Halliday, R. M. Wanzer, Dr. Churles Findlay, Eliza J. Burns, John W. Bickle, Robert Evans, Walter Scott, Mary Clark, Jane Bell, A. R. Kerr, David M. Dowrle and Mrs. Mary Leishman. New Members at Simcoe In Simcoe Street Church yesterday morning twenty-four new members

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were received into the church, some by profession of faith and a number who had been connected with other who had been connected with other churches. The subject of Rev. T. G. Parr's sermon was, "The start, the course, the finish." It was a representation of the Christian life under a figure of the race course. Sidney Wailing sang a solo, "Fear Ye Not, O Israel." At the evening service Mr. Parr's subject was "Why hait ye between two opinions?" Mr. Albert Kirkpatrick, of St. Thomas, and his sister, Miss Lillie Kirkpatrick, sang a duet.

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In St. Mary's Chappel early yesterday morning Rev. Father Michael Kane, of Cohone, N. YY., and Rev. Father Joseph Flynn, of, Watpingers Falls, N. Y., were ordained to the priesthood by Bishop Dowling. The candidates were attended by Rev. Father Holden and Rev. Father Domovan.

van. At First Congregational

Both services at First Cangrega-tional Charch were largely attended yesterday. At the morning service Mr. Brandon Greenaway, an old Ham-Mr. Brandon Greenaway, an old Hamilton boy, who is a student of the Congregational College at Montreal, gave an address on this biblical story of Philip and the Ethopian enuch. In the evening Rev. Mr. Unsworth, the pastor, preached on "The Call of the Closing Century," briefly reviewing the Christian work of the past handred years.

A special Sunday School service was held in the afternoon.

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omised. "Mary Stuart' at the matinee perform are now on sale. ale Drummer.

Blaney's musical suc-ale Drummer," which at the Grand to-night, he most successful play by that author. The comedy branches out comedy branches out avoiding the well of plors in the past, of bright, witty saying incidents. As the old department store ooth and Silk, and a frummer, Hasa Barre the especial peoint the play revolves, story is contagious, is kept happy from all of the curtain consists of competies effect is height the of a number of the past of a number of the past of the play in the play is the play from a life of the curtain consists of competition of a number of the past of the play in the past of the past of the play in the past of the pas

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artist will be assisted known stars, R. D. Maciss Odette Tyler, the tring in the title role of a elaborate scenic pro-

Tasks of the Century

Rev. Dr. C. De Witt Talmage. Rev. Dr. Cl be witt Talmage.

At the close of the twentleth contury I would have no more gathering of alms for the poor, because all the poor will have been senriched; no hospital Sandar, because disjointed bones will have been set and the wounds all headed and the incurable discusses of other times overcome by a material medica and a pharmacy and a dentistry that have conquered everything that afflicted nerve or lung or tooth or eye or limb. Healthology complete and universal. The good Lord could do it as easily in a hundred years as in a thousand.

Sir Robert Ball. Sir Robert Hall.

I desire to see a reform of the educational systems as shall give to sedence its true position. Too much importance is at present given to the study of languages.

Marquis Ite.

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I hope the growing power of civilized sentiment will enable the coming century to witness some effective practical steps toward placing international relations upon a basis more in unison with the peaceful fulfilment of human destiny.

Max Nordau. I wish to see realized in the twen-

mas, trombone soloist. A matinee will be given New Year's Day.

XIII. Sergts'. Concert. 

Miss Theresa Rowley.

Male quartette, "The Vintage Song" ...... Mendelsson Sergts Woodcroft, Skedden, Hay-

hurst, Rutherford. (a) Quartette from "Rigoletto" 

...... Карреу Notes. The sale of seats begins Friday morning for Arizona, which will be presented at the Grand next Monday

CHRISTMAS AT HOSPITAL.

Thanks to Those Who Helped the Duffield Flower Mission.

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Camille Flammarion.

Physical astronomy that reveals to us the constitution and habitability of other planets, sixual be the religion of the future. The earth in the twentleth century shall be a province of the world as life is a phase of universal movement. The phonograph and the telephone shall be surpassed by the conquests of the spectroscope that will place us, in communication with the inhabitants of Mars, a race far superior to ours, whose teaching shall be our regeneration.

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In the twentieth century the most important task of mankind can be no other than that which has always been mankind's most important business, that is, to draw, near to God, man's last end, through Christ the Redeemer. The one change to be desired before the end of the twentieth century is the return of all men to the unity of faith in Jesus Christ and all His teachings, that there may be "one fold and one Shepherd"—the sheep and the lambs all being guided, nourished and protected by him to whom Christ said—"Feed my sheep, feed my lambs."

Conaa Doyle.

The union of the English-speaking nations—that will be the first long step toward the milennium.

Sir Edmund Monson. I hope for the disappearance of class animosities, and for that end a general recognition by the rich of their duties to the poor.

THAT FOUNDRY CONSOLIDATION.

Mr. John H. Tilden Confident That Deal Will Go Through.

Although the syndicate which has been negotiating the big consolidation of stove foundries in this part of the Province for several months past will not carry out its agreement to close the deal by Jan. 1st, local foundrymen do not doubt but what the deal will go through all right within a week or ten days.

Mr. John H. Tilden, of the Gurney-Tilden Co., returned on Saturday, from Chicago, where he had an interview with Dr. McAuley, one of the promoters of the consolidation schefic. Mr. Tilden is confident that the deal will eventually go through, and he thinks that Hamilton will benefit by it, and that it will enable the foundries generally to maintain a good scale of wages for employees in that the lessening of competition will enable the foundries of their products.

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At a meeting of the Milk Dealers' Association, held at the Dominion Hotel on Saturday afternoon, President J. J. Horning in the chair, it was decided to raise the price of milk to 6 cents a quart, to take effect 1st of January. The annual supper of the Association will be held at the Dominion Hotel, on 24th of January, at which the ladies will also be represented.

Holiday Mails.

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Tuesday being New Year's Day, the Hamilton Post Office will be open for delivery of correspondence from 6 to '11 a. m., and from 6 to 7 p.m. All mails will be closed and despatched and the street letter boxes cleared as on ordinary days. The letter carriers will make their early morning delivery only.

BABY LAUGH

It belongs to health, for a baby, to eat and sleep, to laugh and grow fat.

But fat comes first; don't ask a scrawny baby to laugh; why, even his smile is pitiful! Fat comes first.

The way to be fat is the way to be healthy. Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil is the proper food, if he needs it; but only a little at first.

We'll send you a little to try if you like.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronte.

A Happy New Year To All.

STANLEY MILLS & CO.

This advertisement changes every day. II, I3 and I5 King Street East,



Wednesday morning when our doors open again after the New Year's holiday, we'll introduce to you our January programme in white, it will not be a sprinkling of catch penny cheap things, mixed with ordinary goods, but a gathering together of the best "Things in White," from the several departments throughout the store.

The keynote and starting point of all white sales is MUSLIN UN

DERWEAR—
You'll find our garments are all of the most liberal cut, substantial and as finely made and finished as it is possible to produce—

Corset Covers.

The White Sale in Men's Goods.

Shirts.

Men's Unlaundered White Shirts, with linen fronts, and good heavy Men's White Cotton Night Robes.

Linen Collars 2c Each.
A quantity of Men's Linen Collars, slightly solled, a sizes, Wednesday morning, each

STANLEY MILLS & CO.

THE RIGHT HOUSE

THE RIGHT HOUSE Established 1843.—"Ham.iton's Favorite Snopping Place. '-Dec. 31, 1900

A Happy New Century!



We vary the usual salutation this season since another century starts with the New Year. That "the Great Twentieth" may have much of happiness and prosperity in store for all of you is our sincere wish.

How is the store pleasing you? Our aim is to have you look upon The Right House as YOUR store. We want to have it such a good, pleasant, satisfactory buying-place that whenever you need a dress or a paper of pins, a carpet or some cotton, a jacket or a pair of gloves, a brass bed or a paper pattern, or any of the various lines we keep—we want to have it so that whenever you need anything we seil you'll say: "I have some shopping to do at The Right House," and come straight here for it as a matter of course.

Yes, we want you to look upon this as YOUR store, and we know what a good store it must be to have this so. We know that the keyremote the whole business must be Good-will. That means a bright, and courteous, liberal treatment of every customer—wrongs righted the control of the whole store good merchandise and an abundance of it; fair prices; and courteous, liberal treatment of every customer—wrongs righted the control of the courted as finished till you are fully satisfied.

You must have noticed these as characteristics of The Right House. They will be more and more apparent still during 1901 as we progress toward our ideal of Good-will in storekeeping.

January will be a very interesting month at this store-especially for saving folks. Be on the watch for papers during the next few days. It'll pay.

King Street East, Thomas C. Watkins.

R. McKay & Co.

On the Threshold of a New Year and a New Century We Wish All Our Friends

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

More 50c Music for 22c.

Fatal Rose of Red" (vocal).

Just Because She Tlakes Dem Goo Goo Eyes" (vocal).

Every Race Has a Flag But the Coon" (vocal).

After All" (vocal).

Bowery Buck" (rag time).

Queen of the Rag Time" (two step).

More 25c Music for 5c.

"Verona" (waltz).
"Just the Picture of a Girl I Used to Know" (vocal).
"On the Old Missouri Shore" (vocal).
"Drummer March."
"Colored Major" (two step).
"My Lady Lu."
"Letter Edged in Black."

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