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Monday, April 25, 1881.

ASTRONOMICAL AND METEOROLOGICAL.

London, Monday, April 25, 1881.

Sun rises at ... 5.57 a.m. | Sun sets at ... 6.17 p.m.
Moon rises at ... 3.06 a.m. | Moon sets at ... 4.12 p.m.
Day of the year—115th.

St. Mark's Day—Oliver Cromwell born on April 25, 1599.

MOON'S PHASES.

Last Quarter	6th	10.22 a.m.
First Moon	14th	6.30 a.m.
Full Quarter	21st	4.15 a.m.
New Moon	28th	5.10 a.m.

METEOROLOGICAL NOTES.

The stars just at this time are having a "time" all to themselves, and it may not be uninteresting to note that the great constellation of Orion is rapidly sinking in the west, and by the 1st of May will be so low as to baffle observation. On the 1st of May, at 9 o'clock, the red star, Betelgeuse, alone will show where the giant is sinking out of sight. The little Dog will linger a little longer above the horizon, "Sirius" will be visible in the west during the entire month of May. Algiers, with the brilliant star Capella, and a rich section of the milky way will adorn the North-west. It will be balanced in the North-east by Vega of the Lyre. The configuration of the milky way during May is very interesting. It will form an irregular semi-circle, stretching from Cash Minor along the horizon to the north, and around to the east, disappearing near the point where the Serpent Bearer rises. Leo with his great sickle, will be a splendid object in the southwest, while in the south, Virgo, with the bright star Spica will appear, followed by Libra in the southeast. The red star, Arcturus in Bootes, is now well up in the east at nine o'clock, followed by the Serpent. The great dipper will be nearly over head in May, with the pointers to the north and east. Cassiopeia will be low down north and to the east of the Cross of Cygnus lying prone along the horizon. Hercules will be rising almost due east. Thus comes and goes the glorious procession of the stars. The summer constellations are rich in clusters, nebulæ and double stars, and furnish a delightful field for observation with the telescope. Astronomers will be on the qui vive for the summer constellations may contain rare wanderers of the skies.

MIDNIGHT WEATHER REPORT.

Washington, April 24, 1 a.m.—Indications—For Lower Lakes—Increasing cloudiness, occasional rains, higher temperature.

FARM SOLD.—Mr. G. W. Francis, of Belmont, has purchased the old Jackson farm near Nilestown, comprising 100 acres, for which he paid $8,000. This farm is considered the best in the township of North Dorchester.

THE TRADE SALE.—It has been learned that three hundred certificates were granted by the various wholesale houses during the two weeks of the trade sale. Buyers and travellers had been busily engaged for some days previous, the success of the plan is undoubted. The business done is understood to have been most gratifying.

GONE TO NEW YORK.—Mr. D. Shea, the well-known dog fancier of this city, left on the Atlantic Express for New York yesterday morning, taking with him Dr. Niven's imported Irish terrier Nora, Mr. Charles Murray's English setter, and his own fox terrier. They are entered for competition in the New York Dutch Show.

THE BLOTTER.—Michael Canaba, for stealing a buck-saw from John Berry, has been sentenced by the P. M. to one month in jail. John Carter and John Smith are two vagrants. Smith will linger in the County Jail for six months, and Carter will have an opportunity of pleading his case on the 30th inst. John Murphy, for using abusive language to Detective Wigmore, will answer this morning.

LOCAL NOTICES.

AUCTION SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.—To-day Manville & Rowan will sell at 178 Sydenham street, at 10.30 a.m., the entire contents of a finely furnished private residence. This house is leaving for England, and there is no reserve. Terms cash. See advertisement.

THE BEST ON THE ROAD.—Of the Barlow, Wilson, Primrose & West Minstrels, which will appear at the Mechanics' Hall on Wednesday, the Montreal *Herald* says:—"The troupe are excellent in every respect and stand far an superior in their line of business. The first part of the programme consisted of ballad singing, and the voices of the performers displayed much culture and training. Nearly all the songs were encored. Willie Fox, in his *pot pourri* specialties, was intensely amusing, as was also George Wilson and his burlesque oration on Progression. The clog dancing by Primrose, West, Fox, Ward, Doyle, Dailey, Turner and McAuley is beyond all praise, especially the latter's performance in the pedestal. The banjoist, W. Carroll, was loudly encored. The evening's amusement closed with a laughable and side-splitting musical burlesque on the comic opera of Olivette, or, as was down on the bill, All Live Rats. The piece was well played throughout, and caused roars of laughter. The show is a good one, and well worth seeing."

A NEW INVENTION.—Mr. P. Coughlin, of Prescott, is the patentee and proprietor of a fence post, which is destined ere long to become quite popular. The advantages claimed for it are (1) that it is fire-proof, and has two adjustable feet, three feet under ground, and has stood the test of firemen on a 30-foot lever, with 20 inches of purchase. (2) It is frost-proof, having wrought iron bolts to attach wire to posts. (3) It is substantial, and its being driven into the ground does away with the digging of post-holes. It is also capable of resisting the tension of five barbed wires, 300 feet span between posts, which has been proven by experiment. The post accumulates no snow drifts, and, when properly erected, requires no repairs for generations, as the wires used are the best galvanized Bessemer steel. It is recommended as being particularly adapted for railroad fencing. It is claimed that while the repairs constantly required to wooden fences are considered, a great saving will be effected by the adoption of this post, which will last for generations without repairing.

If you want a nice fitting shirt leave your measure at GRAHAM'S, the Shirt House of the West, 419 Richmond street.

FRENCH KID GLOVES.—Thos. Beattie & Co. will show this day three hundred dozen of their justly celebrated kid gloves, imported direct from the manufactory, Grenoble, France. Same quality cannot be had elsewhere in this city.

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Dress Your Children Tastily.

It is really wonderful how easily parents have been to please for years past in boys clothing. It seemed to be an understood thing that anything would do for the boys, if it were only strong and cheap. This idea is now becoming entirely changed, for customers are now learning that in such establishments as Robert Wallace's, 146 Dundas St., they can get stylish, tasty children's suits at very reasonable prices. They fit nicely, and are well made, and effect a decided improvement in the appearance of the little ones.

LOCAL AND DISTRICT BREVITIES

Hartz, the prestidigitateur, at the Opera House to-night.

Gardeners have commenced operations in favored localities.

Now is a good time to remove the dead limbs and trim your shade trees.

In the spring the young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of store clothes.

Rena Mader, who lately played in this city, purposes visiting Winnipeg shortly.

Ben Diggins was bailed to appear on Wednesday next before the P. M. to answer a charge of assault.

The Council will assemble again this evening, and talk over Exhibition and other matters of municipal interest.

It is generally admitted that ex-Professor of the Guelph Agricultural College will be appointed Secretary of the Provincial Agricultural Association.

Walter Jones, one of the men tried at St. Thomas for the robbery of the Molsons Bank in that town, has been found guilty. The jury in the case of Donohue failed to agree.

Don't be misled by the sunshine and imagine summer has already come. Wear your overcoats little longer, and avoid the risk of taking a serious cold through carelessness.

Mr. Frank E. Snow, the General Passenger Agent of the Canada Southern Railway, is a candidate for the same position now vacant on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railway.

At the last quarterly meeting of the King street Primitive Methodist Church the Revs. W. Herridge and D. H. Taylor were unanimously requested to remain another year in their present stations.

Health Inspector Hughes visited a Clarence street butcher shop on Friday last, and found a carcass of veal which was far from being fit to eat. He ordered it to be buried, and it was disposed of in that way.

Mr. Chas. Symonds, the urbane care-taker of Victoria Hall, has decided upon resigning his position, to take effect on the 11th prox. Mr. Symonds' place will be hard to fill, as he has been a most painstaking janitor.

Some of the planks in the sidewalk south side of Lichfield, east end, are loose, and dangerous to pedestrians. The services there of an intelligent man with a hammer and some nails would be welcomed by the residents.

MESSRS. Stevens, Turner & Burns, of this city, the contractors for laying the water mains along King William street, Hamilton, will get 100 men to work thereupon this forenoon, and the job will be finished as rapidly as possible.

It is a cold-hearted man who will insist upon another snow storm after humanity has been warmed and cheered by the weather of yesterday, and yet Vennor grimly maintains that something of the kind is surely coming the 1st of May.

The Seaforth *Expositor* has no other objection to the members of the Canada Pacific Syndicate that they were not made Scotchmen for nothing. This will no doubt stand as a logical Grit argument during the next election campaign.

Ald. Partridge made another attempt to get a quorum of the Exhibition Committee together on Saturday night, but after waiting for nearly an hour, he gave up in despair. In addition to the Chairman, Aldermen Browne and Love put in an appearance.

Mr. Thomas Clark, a Canadian, has invented a new cattle car which he thinks will obviate many of the inhumanities of transporting cattle. It is provided with stalls, the partitions of which are of crops. They are so constructed that each animal has sixteen inches of space at the head, and twenty-two inches at the rump. It will accommodate thirty cattle.

A PRIZE SPRING POEM.

Will you come, my love, to the golden meadows
Then hark the wobbling wobbins!
How they coax their lays to the lovers
At the coaxing of the spring!
And their twight eyes, how they sparkle
As their little heads they turn round,
And the wobbin in the gaulden
With a melody a-wing.

Wound your waist so lithe and supple
I will wind my arm, my darling,
And I'll wap your shawl around you,
For the air is waister warm
And, ah—hwing your wolbern, dea-weet—
The white one, you know, love,
Coming high up on the ankle
Of the foot I do adore!

A VERY PECULIAR DECISION.—The Police Magistrate on Saturday last sat as arbitrator upon a non-payment of wages case, in which a cigar-maker named Long was the plaintiff, and W. T. Rutherford & Co. were defendants. From the evidence adduced, and the court was occupied about five hours in hearing it, it appeared that Long, who had worked for Rutherford & Co. about two weeks, visited the manager on Good Friday and demanded $7.20, which he claimed was due him as wages. Mr. Rutherford informed Long that he would have to ask Mr. Cutten (now much he liking) owed for board before he paid him his wages, and besides that Saturday was the pay-day of the firm. This did not meet the views of Long, who after conversing with one or two of Rutherford & Co.'s opponents in the Cigar-makers' Union, he laid information before the P. M. against the firm. It was shown in evidence by the defendants that Long's agreement with Rutherford & Co. was that the manager should pay his board at Strong's Hotel, and deduct the amount from his salary; that Mr. Rutherford told Long on Good Friday that before he could pay him he would have to see Mr. Cutten, and that as soon as the amount was ascertained, Long could be accommodated with his wages, in all, $8.45. But Long, as Mr. Rutherford alleges, at the instigation of a person named Woodward, who is Secretary of the Cigar-makers' Union, visited the P. M.'s office and procured a summons for alleged non-payment of the thousands of bereaved and afflicted ones who had had cause to thank God for the blessed principles of Oddfellowship. This work, he said, did not interfere with a man's religion. Oddfellowship watches a man to the grave, not beyond it; that was left for the religion of Jesus Christ. The text also pointed a duty to themselves, namely, to keep themselves unspotted from the world—to be guilty of none of the vices of mankind. The rev. gentleman then referred to the beautiful graces of Faith, Hope and Charity, and dwelt at length on the beauties of brotherly love, by which we are to consider the whole world as one family. He spoke from personal experience of the benefits of living up to their professions, so as not to prove traitors to the Society. He advised them to denounce by both actions and words all vices, to do their duty in the proper spirit, and to refrain from all excesses. They should also be careful who they received into their Order, that they are free from all vices, for if there should be one evil member among them, he might be the means of bringing dishonor to the whole Order. It was not the Degrees taken that made an Oddfellow; it was he who practiced what he preached. He admonished the members of the Order—the hour-glass, the bee-hive, and the ayrshy, drawing a useful lesson from each. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said the forms, rites and ceremonies of the Order may direct but not lead them to salvation. At the close of the discourse, which was an exceedingly eloquent one, and listened to with great attention, a liberal collection was taken up in aid of the proposed Newsboys' Home. The choir of the Church was present and rendered appropriate music.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

The services at this church in the morning were of a most interesting character. Rev. A. Brown read the prayers, and Rev. Canon Innes the lesson. His Lordship the Bishop of Huron delivered an earnest and practical address to the candidates for confirmation, who were thirty-six in number, and occupied seats immediately in front of the pulpit. He chose for his text the last verse of the 116th Psalm—"I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all people, in the courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the Lord." The appropriateness of these words would be quickly seen. A thousand tender associations must cluster around the parent as he neared his child in the admonition of the Lord, or the sponsor or parson as he instructed them, in pursuance of the trust reposed in him, in the ways of life and the faith which he loves. The obligation of the sponsor was one of great solemnity, and not a mere conformity to the requirements of the church. Injunctions are imposed that the child shall be received into the church in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. The step which the candidates were about to take was equally solemn. His Lordship dwelt on this, and impressed its meaning in forcible language. As an illustration of the faithful manner in which the truths of the Church should be followed, he spoke of an established custom among the Jewish people whereby every child was told as the years rolled around of the deliverance of their forefathers from the bondage of Egypt. Then they were impressed with the great truth in a way which fixed it on their minds and hearts. When about to be with the Christian? His Lordship spoke of the several vows which were undertaken, and their solemnity and importance. The fulfilment of the baptismal vows in the case of the candidates before him, represented a noble step on their part, and one which they would not regret if the balance of their lives conformed to the directions given. They were now to assume a positive attitude as Christians. There were those who lived as Christians only in a negative sense. Religion was nothing to be ashamed of; but on the contrary it was something which the Christian could hold up proudly before the world. They were now soldiers of the cross. An interesting illustration was with reference to the company of martyrs who had stood by their confession of Christ in the face of the bitterest and most cruel opposition. They were patterns to the young believer. His Lordship warned them of wiles which Satan would bring to bear against them, and directed them to the Fountain of Grace whenever strength was required. It was expected of them that they should be the light of the world, a city built on a hill and the salt of the earth. Each of these requirements were dealt with in feeling terms. One striking illustration was with reference to the city on a hill. While His Lordship was travelling in France this passage was forcibly brought to his mind by observing the turrets and names of people who had built their villages and towns on the summit of hills that seemed beyond human reach. Not only could they be seen at a great distance by the wanderer in the valleys and on the plains, but they enabled the occupants to see the enemy from afar off. The Christian had been aptly likened to these. He admonished them to love the Bible—a volume full of instruction and a light to their paths. Thus guided by the principles which had been taught them and assisted by grace from above, they might be able to so scatter the rays of their light that others seeing their good works would go and do likewise.

The impressive ceremony of confirmation was then proceeded with. The address was spoken of as one of His Lordship's most able efforts. Limited space, however, admits only of a reference to the leading points.

LORD BEACONSFIELD.

In the Congregational Church at night, Rev. H. D. Hunter preached a most interesting sermon on the life of the late Lord Beaconsfield and its lessons. It was listened to with rapt attention by a large congregation.

"LONG MAY IT PROSPER."—The St. George *Leader* has the following appreciative paragraph in its last issue:—"Without doubt the London Daily FREE PRESS takes the lead in Western Ontario, and we gladly welcome it to our sanctum. Behind it are lots of pluck and enterprise, so that its thousands of readers need not fear being neglected in the least. Every issue contains the latest news from all parts of the world, and its Canadian news is very often ahead of all other Canadian papers. Long may it prosper."

THE WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION has much pleasure in acknowledging with thanks the receipt of $5 from L. Lawrence, Esq., Police Magistrate, for the Women's Refuge and Infants' Home, being a fine for breach of Game-Law Act.

AN HOUR IN THE MARKET.

What a "Free Press" Reporter Saw and Heard in that Time.

From Saturday Evening's Free Press.

The market to-day was largely attended, and buyers and sellers were more numerous than they have been for some weeks past. Not excepting the crowd of last Saturday, The sight was as inspiriting one and well calculated to impress the average citizen with feelings of delight. The country surrounding the metropolis of Western Ontario is populated by a class of yeomanry whose equals for thrift, energy and enterprise are not to be found elsewhere on this continent; and, as a matter of course, the scene was heightened by the presence of hearty and healthy-looking dames and buxom maidens, the last-named of which are known to excel in everything that conduces to the comfort and happiness of the home circle. As a rule, they are prepossessing in appearance. While a person is apt once in a while to stumble across "one of the olden kind," who is not over-choice in the use of expletives if the purchaser does not thrust exactly as she does, or am through the same spectacles, it is generally admitted that they are the exception to the rule, and that by their "nagging" and snarling they lose more miles than their neighbors who treat all alike—courteously and respectfully. The "vegetable vendors" offered the fruits of the garden in the shape of lettuce, rhubarb plant, green onions, and "sich," and found ready sale and good prices. The city housekeeper is intuitively, it would seem, bound to buy the "first fruits" of this class, and the cheaper the stuff is offered the greater the quantity is purchased, as a rule. Butter and eggs were also liberally supplied, especially the latter. Greenhouse flowers were displayed in profusion, and sales were easily made at remunerative prices. It requires a most determined effort to pass these flower stands without purchasing one or more of the beautiful plants so temptingly spread before them. The poorest of the poor are troubled with this "vexe," just as much as the more fortunate in worldly goods, and it is consoling to know that the tendency of the age is to cultivate a taste for beautifying and ornamenting the home. Mr. Murdock, Mr. Cairncross, Mrs. West and others do their best to contribute to this end, and the crowds which congregate about their stands from early in the forenoon until after market hours demonstrate that their efforts are not unappreciated. With grain, hay and straw, and the coarser roots, the writer is not sufficiently well posted to advance an opinion. The offerings, however, appeared to be large, and notwithstanding the efforts of Mayor Campbell and a few of his political allies to decry London as a grain centre, the competition was keen and good samples of wheat in demand. In addition to the number of choice ornamental shrubs, shade trees and evergreens from Mr. William Saunders' nursery to the west of the city. The lots, embracing in most instances three distinct varieties, were sold at ridiculously low figures, the average price being from 50c. to 60c. per bundle. Some of the specimens retail at the nursery at from 50c. to 75c. each. The probability is that a second installment will not be offered at auction. Quite a number of ash maples, for shade trees, were exposed for sale by farmers, and a considerable quantity were sold. On the whole, the market to-day was well worthy of a visit, and the pleasure incident thereto would be agreeably enhanced if impressive egress were more easily accomplished.

LONDON EAST NOTES.

Consolidated their Labors—Recovered—Again Running—Enlarged—The Brigade Camp—Disorderly Youths.

Saturday, April 23.

MESSRS. W. J. Bartlett and H. Keys, the census enumerators for the village, have not completed their labors yet, the work having taken them less than three weeks. They have done well.

Squire Black has recovered from his recent severe illness, and is able to be around again.

Mr. A. J. Merrill, of Norwich, has purchased an old ordinary formerly owned by Messrs. S. A. Adams & Co. The concern will be run under the management of Mr. Adams.

Wm. Shrimpton, Robert Struthers and Sarah Ostrander appeared before Squire Belton last night, the first named charged with being the keeper of a house of ill-fame, and the latter with being inmate of the same. The case was enlarged until Wednesday next, at the request of Mr. F. Love, counsel for the defendants.

Much disappointment is expressed in the village on account of the Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen not offering the Curling Farm in which to hold the brigade camp, instead of the Queen's Park. The village Council would doubtless be willing to bear the expense of cleaning and repairing the place at the close of the camp, and more than one hotel-keeper has expressed themselves ready to supplement any sum expended for the purpose out of their own pockets.

A number of youths congregated in the vicinity of the Hamilton Road Methodist Church last evening, and endeavored to create a disturbance during the progress of the special services. The arrival of Constable Nichol on the scene, however, caused them to disperse.

The examination papers will be distributed among the public school teachers on Monday. Examinations for promotion take place on the 6th of May.

Complaints are made that a number of the street lamps in this village have not been lighted for several nights past. The constable should be ordered to report to the Council negligence of this kind.

Spread the Good News.

As a family medicine and tonic, there is no remedy at present offered which gives satisfaction, and effecting so many astonishing cures, as Electric Bitters. Our druggists report a lively demand for them, at times being unable to supply the many calls. All Bilious Attacks, Stomach, Liver and Kidney complaints, Diabetes and Gravel, readily yield to their curative qualities. Sold by all druggists, at 50c. per large bottle. R. A. Mitchell, Wholesale Agent.

CHRIST CHURCH.—The Easter festival of the Sunday School was held in the school-room on Friday evening last. The room was well filled, extra seats having to be provided. The school assembled at 5.30 p.m., and partook of a "sit-down tea," the tables being abundantly supplied with good things, to which ample justice was done. The school then enjoyed an hour's recreation in the grounds, and reassembled at 8 p.m. to welcome the parents and friends. The Rector, Rev. J. W. F. Smith, presided, and, after the opening hymns and prayer, paid a well-deserved tribute of praise to the staff of teachers and office-bearers of the school. An excellent programme of Easter carols, solos, recitations and tableaux was then taken up and well carried out. The soloists were Misses M. Brown, F. West, J. Stilling, F. Smith, E. West and E. Brown. Those giving recitations were Misses J. Evans, S. Briggs, M. Johnson, A. Taylor, M. Brown and M. Smith; Masters H. Boyd, R. Taylor, J. Johnson and F. Boyd. The rendering of the carols by the school showed careful training by Mr. Setcliffe, with Miss West presiding at the organ. The junior school also contributed a couple of pieces, which created considerable interest. The proceedings were brought to a close by singing of the Doxology and the benediction.

VICTORIA PARK.—The Park Committee of this year are bound to place the Park in as attractive form, and their requests to citizens to contribute have been very generally successful. The latest donations made are—John Ingram, Dundas street, four young maple trees; Mrs. McBeth, Bond street, a quantity of greenhouse plants; Alderman Sharman, some tulip bulbs. The Committee returns thanks for the above, and hope others will follow their example.

PERSONAL.—The Right Rev. Bishop Alford, accompanied by Mrs. Alford, leaves on Monday for New York *en route* for England. Bishop Alford has been acting as commissary for the Bishop of Huron during the past ten months, and carries away with him the kind wishes of all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The clergy generally join the Bishop of Huron in expressions of gratitude to Bishop Alford, and in the earnest hope of his return to labor in this diocese.

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The best Salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped hands, Chilblains, Corns, and all kinds of Skin Eruptions. This salve is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction in every case, or money refunded. Price, 25 cents per box. For sale by all druggists.

SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES

62nd Anniversary of Oddfellowship Spoken of by Rev. E. Davis.

His Lordship the Bishop of Huron at St. Paul's Church.

ODDFELLOWS' ANNIVERSARY.

At half-past two o'clock yesterday afternoon the members of the Independent Order of Oddfellows of the city, to the number of about 250, assembled at their hall, corner of Dundas and Clarence streets, for the purpose of celebrating the sixty-second anniversary of the Order by attending divine service. The following bodies were represented:—Harmony and Adelphian Encampments, Eureka, Forest City, and Dominion Lodges. Shortly afterwards about fifty members of Chorazin Lodge, London East, headed by the band of the 7th Fusiliers, marched down Dundas street and joined those above named. A procession was then formed, which, headed by the band, proceeded to St. James' (Episcopal) church, where the annual sermon was to be preached by the Rev. Evans Davis, Rector. Before the service commenced the edifice was crowded to the doors.

The rev. gentleman chose for his text James 1, 27—"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." In opening, he welcomed the Oddfellows to St. James' Church to spend an hour in celebrating the sixty-second anniversary of their Order. The principles of the Order, he said, were of the noblest character. It had for its pillars "Friendship, Love and Truth"—most magnificent pillars on which to rest such an institution. He referred to the amount of good accomplished by Oddfellows in the past, and quoted from statistics showing the enormous amount of money which had been expended in furthering its noble objects. They had accepted a work voluntarily, which would otherwise have been left to a cold and unwilling world. Their mission was to relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan, and their past record showed how nobly this mission had been fulfilled. He impressed upon his hearers the true spirit in which this work should be accomplished—unostentatiously and unselfishly. Christ visited the homes of the lepers and fever-stricken, and there was no way in which to follow His example, other than that set forth in the text. The design of Oddfellowship and similar organizations was to follow this grand example. He spoke of the thousands of bereaved and afflicted ones who had had cause to thank God for the blessed principles of Oddfellowship. This work, he said, did not interfere with a man's religion. Oddfellowship watches a man to the grave, not beyond it; that was left for the religion of Jesus Christ. The text also pointed a duty to themselves, namely, to keep themselves unspotted from the world—to be guilty of none of the vices of mankind. The rev. gentleman then referred to the beautiful graces of Faith, Hope and Charity, and dwelt at length on the beauties of brotherly love, by which we are to consider the whole world as one family. He spoke from personal experience of the benefits of living up to their professions, so as not to prove traitors to the Society. He advised them to denounce by both actions and words all vices, to do their duty in the proper spirit, and to refrain from all excesses. They should also be careful who they received into their Order, that they are free from all vices, for if there should be one evil member among them, he might be the means of bringing dishonor to the whole Order. It was not the Degrees taken that made an Oddfellow; it was he who practiced what he preached. He admonished the members of the Order—the hour-glass, the bee-hive, and the ayrshy, drawing a useful lesson from each. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said the forms, rites and ceremonies of the Order may direct but not lead them to salvation. At the close of the discourse, which was an exceedingly eloquent one, and listened to with great attention, a liberal collection was taken up in aid of the proposed Newsboys' Home. The choir of the Church was present and rendered appropriate music.

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The Spring Fashion in Suits, Shoes, Hats, and General Wear.

From Saturday Evening's Free Press.

It has been noticed that from a time anterior to which the memory of the young man runneth not, the references made from year to year to the styles of dress likely to be worn have all been of interest only to ladies. Gentlemen have been left in the dark. They have been slighted. No cheering picture has been held up to show them how they might best conform to the annual laws of the great fashion god, nor have they been enlightened on the changes which gentlemen in other cities have seen fit to make. Thus they have gone blindly to the tailor's, and a week or two later made to become an eighth of an inch of brevity in the width of their trousers, or the length of their coat a shade beyond the prevailing regulation. These misfortunes weigh heavily on the minds of young men, and there is no telling how many of them are prematurely forced to enter a pawn shop through these secret causes. The FREE PRESS made a new departure last year, and published a detailed account of what the spring fashions for 1880 were. This year it does not intend to shirk its duty towards its gentlemen readers, and in order that the most reliable information might be given, a reporter was sent on a tour among the leading furnishers yesterday. His gleanings are appended:—

IN SUITS.

It cannot but have been noticed that tweeds are fast supplanting the black suitings which were so general a few years ago. They are being worn on week days and the Sabbath, on the streets, at parties, at operas, and even before the altar. It was looked on as a most singular freak when an Eastern gentleman and his groomsmen were tweed suits on a wedding day; but it would be a matter of very little wonder to-day. And who can say that this is not a sensible fashion? Tweeds are more durable, more becoming, more economical and better adapted for general wear than any of the easily soiled and questionable blacks which have hitherto been almost universally worn. This year they will be more popular than ever. So far as the color is concerned the taste of the wearer will be the chief guide, but judging by the general selection the light shades are largely the favorites. These do not show the dust.

The coat is in the most of instances worn in the comfortable and familiar sack style. The buttons come closely up under the chin according to the American fashion, or allow a greater space than they did last year, if the English is preferred. They are quite short with three buttons and rounded corners in one instance, or square with five buttons. A thick button to match the color of the tweed is invariably used. Binding is out of the question.

Vests will be collarless, and made in keeping with the style of the coat.

Trousers are inclining towards the style prevalent about ten or twelve years ago, when the acme of dress consisted in having them inexpressibly tight. "Last year they were very wide," said a leading cutter, "but this year we are getting them pretty snug." There is no fear, however, that the skintight trousers will ever be popular again, as much from the discomfort they occasion as they should also be careful who they received into their Order, that they are free from all vices, for if there should be one evil member among them, he might be the means of bringing dishonor to the whole Order. It was not the Degrees taken that made an Oddfellow; it was he who practiced what he preached. He admonished the members of the Order—the hour-glass, the bee-hive, and the ayrshy, drawing a useful lesson from each. In conclusion, the rev. gentleman said the forms, rites and ceremonies of the Order may direct but not lead them to salvation. At the close of the discourse, which was an exceedingly eloquent one, and listened to with great attention, a liberal collection was taken up in aid of the proposed Newsboys' Home. The choir of the Church was present and rendered appropriate music.

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Sh.	STOCKS.	D	Buyers	Sellers
	MONETARY.			
8	Agricultural	8	119	121
50	Canadian	5	127	128
50	Dominion	5	122	124
100	English Loan	5	107	109
20	Fin. A. of Ont. ord	5	100	
20	do do pref	5	102	103½
50	Home and Ere	10	102	104
50	London Loan	5	110	112
50	Ontario	5	124	126½
50	Royal Standard	5	107	110
50	Superior	5	115	119
	Ontario Investment	8	120