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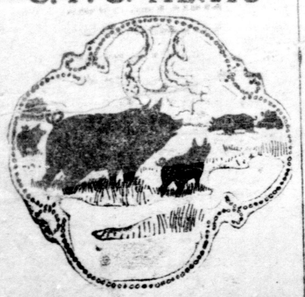

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A merry party of upwards of twenty young ladies and gentlemen who gathered on Saturday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Chalmers, 707 Grey street, managed to pack themselves into a bus sleigh, and started out for a spin through the city and suburbs. Whatever the temperature might have been outside, there was nothing approaching to coolness within the vehicle—there wasn't room for the cold to get in. Mirth and music were features of the enjoyable affair and after a two hours' drive, the happy crowd landed safely at the home of their genial host and hostess. Here much-appreciated refreshments were served, and a social time spent before the merry-makers dispersed.

A Pleasant Outing.

The choir and ushers of the First Congregational Church were treated to an enjoyable outing by the deacons of the church Friday evening last. Two sleighloads drove to the home of Deacon W. J. Walker, of Westminster, where the evening was spent most pleasantly in games, singing and music. Everything possible was done by Mr. and Mrs. Walker and family to entertain the visitors, and an abundance of refreshments was provided. On motion of Mr. W. T. E. Wrighton, seconded by Mr. T. W. Robins, and supported by Miss M. D. Porteous, Mrs. Wrighton and others, a cordial vote of thanks was tendered to the deacons' board and to Mr. Walker and family, for the entertainment. Deacons Moule and Walker very suitably responded, the latter expressing the pleasure of Mrs. Walker and himself at having the choir present, and extended a hearty invitation to all to comt again. During the evening Messrs. Wrighton and Anundson sang a duet, and Miss Porteous and Master Leslie Walker each sang solos. The company returned home, feeling that all had spent a delightful evening.

HEDDA GABLER

Miss Jane Corcoran Appeared in the Role Saturday Night.

Miss Jane Corcoran played to very small houses Saturday, matinee and night. In the afternoon she repeated "A Doll's House," and at night she played, "Hedda Gabler."

In the latter role she was a distinct success, and her company ably supported her.

It is quite evident, however, that the people of London do not want Ibsen's plays. They are too morbid—too palpably the works of a man who probed in social sewers for festering sores to exploit on the stage. The wonderful genius of the Norwegian dramatist does not serve to render his works acceptable to Londoners.

Amusements

On March 3, Paderewski gives a concert in Los Angeles, California, and while there he will spend a day with Mme. Helena Modjeska at her ranch at Santa Anna, which is not far distant from that city. The friendship of Paderewski and Modjeska is of many years' standing. When they met, Paderewski was a teacher in the Straussburg Conservatory, and it was Modjeska who, by her advice and encouragement, induced Paderewski to give up teaching and devote himself to the piano. As a result of this advice, he resigned his position in Strassburg and went to Vienna, where he spent four eventful years with Letchetizky, which were the foundation of his wonderful career as a pianist.

Such has been the succes of "The New Mrs. Loring" that Henrietta Crosman has already been offered two theaters in New York for the play. Miss Crosman, however, prefers to keep the play on the road for the present, and is even contemplating a spring tour to the Pacific coast. Last Thursday night Miss Crosman appeared in New Haven, which is near New York, and there were present four well-known managers from New York, including the leading members of the syndicate.

PROGRAMME BY PUPILS

Of the Toronto College of Music on Saturday Afternoon.

The following programme was given by the pupils of the Toronto College of Music, London branch, Saturday afternoon last at four o'clock in the Masonic Temple building:

Piano Duet—"Caller Herrin"..... ....Arr. by Greenwell
Misses J. Waugh and A. Rennie (a).
Song—"Husheen"... ....Needham
Miss Frank Jennings (b).
Song—"Armorer's Song" ....De Koven
"Happy Three"..... ..Roeckell
Mr. Bert Beech (c)
Violin Solo—"Ben Bolt"... ....Farmer
Mr. David Hockaday (b).
Song—"There Let Me Rest"....Greene
Miss Christina Armstrong (b).
Piano—Nocturne E flat.. .....Chopin
Miss Edna Windsor (a).
Song—"Charming Marguerite" .. ..(Old French)
Miss Ella Deacon (c).

"a" pupil of Miss Raymond, "b" pupil of Mr. Willgoose, "c" pupil of Mr. Jordah.

The next recital will be Saturday, March 14, at 4 p.m.

Cleveland is not content with having become the chief city in Ohio by the census of 1900, but has just voted to annex one of her flourishing suburbs. The Cleveland Leader confidently prophesies that other four suburbs will be annexed to that city before 1910.

A NIGHT SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN

Commences in the Auditorium Next Week.

In order to give young men and boys who have no chance to get a regular education, instruction in reading, writing and arithmetic, special classes will commence in London a week from today in the Y. M. C. A. rooms.

Those who have volunteered to teach the classes in the evenings are Principal Liddicoatt, of Talbot street school; Mr. R. A. Little, of the Collegiate Institute; Mr. O. H. Talbot, of the custom house, and Dr. H. A. Stevenson.

The Young Men's Christian Association has offered to furnish a room free of charge for the purpose, and the first class will be held on March 9. A number of young men and boys have signified their intention of taking advantage of the offer.

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Sunday evening the first Sunday sacred concert ever held in this city was given in Bennett's Vaudeville Theater, and proved a tremendous success.

The musical programme, furnished entirely by London artists, was a most attractive one, and at the close of the concert many expressions of congratulation were heard.

Last evening's concert was also a decided financial success, and the sum of $87 will be turned over to the charity organizations of the city to be distributed as they see fit.

Large Audience.

The playhouse was well filled, both upstairs and down, long before the time of commencement.

Canon Dann, who presided, made a brief address, in which he spoke of the good that could be done by sacred concerts.

By appealing to the intellect through thought, feeling and motion, few forces tended to elevate people more than music.

Seventeen Numbers.

The programme consisted of seventeen numbers, and owing to the length of it numerous encores had to be declined.

The orchestra, made up of twenty-five members of the local Musicians' Union, performed most creditably under the direction of Professor Stevens.

The soloists were without exception in excellent voice, and had time permitted would have had to respond to repeated encores.

"The Holy City," by Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards; "The Promise of Life," by Mrs. Adam Beck; a violin selection by Mr. Maurice Poure; "The Angels' Serenade," by Angelo Cortese, on the harp, and Miss Short's recitation, "Billy's Rose," were all special favorites, and elicited general applause.

The Programme.

The programme was as follows:

Selection .....
The Orchestra.
Double Male Quartet—The Wayside Cross .....
Selection .....
The Orchestra.
Song—Fear Not, O Israel .....
Mr. Dunn.
Selection .....
The Orchestra.
Duet—O, Morning Land .....
Mr. McLachlan and Miss Grigg.
Recitation—Billy's Rose .....
Miss Shortt.
Song—The Holy City .....
Mr. Cyril Dwight-Edwards.
Violin Solo .....
Mr. Maurice Poure.
Selection .....
The Orchestra.
Harp Solo—The Angels' Serenade....
Angelo Cortese.
Selection .....
The Orchestra.
Song—The Promise of Life .....
Mrs. Beck.
Selection (by request)—Heartsease..
The Orchestra.
Duet .....
Messrs. Mountjoy and Pym.
Selection .....
The Orchestra.

Says Day of the Saloon Nearly Ended

"There are two great powers in the moral life of a man," said Dr. George P. Bible, to a large audience at the Auditorium yesterday afternoon, "the power of evil and the power of good."

"One is incessantly combating the other.

"No man can be perfect unless he is physically, morally and intellectually good.

"One characteristic can be neglected only at the expense of the others, and no one can afford to neglect any of them.

To Young Men.

"No young man can associate with evil friends without being contaminated himself in some way.

"Perhaps his ideals are lowered; if so he will have a hard fight to regain them.

"More likely his fine perception of the difference between right and wrong will be dulled, and it will only be by the merest chance that he ever recovers this again.

Fight Against Liquors.

"The United States is making a tremendous fight against the liquor traffic and in a few years there will be very few saloons left there.

"The tendency is for a more rational view to be taken in the States regarding this evil, and if this continues as it has started, saloons will be eliminated."

REV. LANCELEY'S SERMON ON DEATH

First of a Series in Dundas Center Methodist Church on Sunday.

"Death," the first of a series of four sermons on the last four things, was given by Rev. E. B. Lanceley, before a large congregation at Dundas Center Church last night.

The speaker took as his text, Hebrew ix., 27.

"It was appointed to all men once to die."

"According to Herbert Spencer," said Mr. Lanceley "life is the power of living things to hold intercourse with their surroundings.

"Death is when the intercourse is broken off. The question arises, what is it in the man that died?

"Everything dies, if Herbert Spencer is correct. Physical death is a part of the plan of God.

"It is not the result of Adam's sin nor of our own, but a part of the other religion for man's being.

"Sin has embittered death and thrown around it terrors which do not belong to it.

"Death is the child of God and if it were not for sin death would be regarded as the transmigration of man.

"Physical death is natural but the death of the mind and spirit is not natural.

"A man may with his mind sever connection with thought, thus the mind becomes dead. When the soul severs its connection with spiritual things it becomes dead.

"Man is responsible for the death in the mind and soul, but is not responsible in many cases for physical death. Many men have had a premonition of death, but no one ever had a premonition of complete extinction.

"There is something in us that tells of a future life and that death does not end our existence."

In the last ten years the increase of prices in Germany was 2 per cent for cereals, 27 for animal products, 55 for textiles, 60 for mineral products.

Congressman Nicholas Longworth's answer to the report that he has won $3,000,000 on Wall street is, in substance, that he'll divide with the man who proves it.

A NOTABLE DAY AT FIRST CHURCH

Rev. Mr. Inkster Preached First Sermon To His Congregation Sunday Night.

The First Presbyterian Church was crowded to the doors last evening when the new pastor, Rev. J. G. Inkster, B. A., preached his first sermon to the congregation. It was an eloquent and forceful deliverance, and the occasion was a notable one, as the beginning of the fourth pastorate of the church in the seventy-five years of its existence.

The preacher at the morning service was Prof. Fraser, of the Montreal Presbyterian College. He introduced Mr. Inkster to the congregation, and paid a glowing tribute to the pastor's ability and worth. Prof. Fraser's sermon was a masterly effort.

Mr. Inkster based his discourse on the text, "This one thing I do, forgetting the things that are behind, and reaching unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark of the prize."

Man's chief end, declared Mr. Inkster, was to glorify God and enjoy him forever. The first answer in the cathecism was the central idea of the text. That was the mark or goal towards which Paul himself was striving, that was the haven he wanted. It was not some airy-fairy place in some unknown region, but heaven was a pure and perfect life here and hereafter. With Paul it meant that he was to enjoy heaven here, and have hope of heaven hereafter. And Paul's success was due to the fact that he was a man of one idea. Men make a huge mistake doing many things, instead of doing one essential thing. Paul laid aside everything that would hinder, and reached out for anything that would help him in his Christian race.

There were many things that Paul must forget, if he is to reach that perfect life he was anxious to attain. The many excellencies of the Jewish religion and teaching he must forsake for the excellency of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

The first thing that Paul must forget, said the preacher, was circumcision. What did that mean? This marked his connection with the great national church of his fathers. It meant much to Paul. It means much to any man to forsake the church of his fathers. That church had been identified for many years with Paul's successes and his failures. It had been his life. It is particularly hard to forsake such a church when it is a national church. With Paul there was no church save that to which he belonged — the Jewish church. It meant a great deal for Luther and Knox and Wesley to leave their churches. Sometimes, said Mr. Inkster, the church stands between men and their best. Some men were better Presbyterians or Baptists than followers of Christ.

Paul next must forget his nationality and family history. There was only one race to the Jews—their race. All the rest were barbarians. Paul had to give up his race.

He also had to forget his family traditions. In Israel there was only one best family—the tribe of Benjamin; the proud tribe of Benjamin.

The educational advantages of Paul must be laid aside. He had sat at the feet of Gamaliel and studied in great schools. Paul was an intellectual giant.

His blameless life must be forgotten. Paul could defy the Jewish nation, and dare them to point to one thing in his life that was blameworthy. This was hard for Paul to forget. This self-righteousness of his was his pride, but he must forget even that.

"In these matters, the question of right and wrong does not enter," said Mr. Inkster. "Right and wrong are after all relative terms. It might be right for you to drink a glass of Scotch whisky and it might be wrong for me. Paul took the ground that whatever hindered him from loving the Master devotedly and interfered with his living a pure and perfect life, must be given up. I have not sympathy with the 'don't' of many people. It is don't do this and don't do that, especially to young people, and the answer is 'What on earth can we do?' 'What can we read?' 'Where can we go?' 'What company can we keep?' Negative religion is not wanted. It is positive religion."

There was a positive side to Paul's experience. He had to do more than forget. Paul must know Jesus. On his way to Damascus he had made the acquaintance of the sinless Son of Man. He had met a new friend. He finds his life now wrapped up with a man. He was no longer indentified with a great nationality or a great church, but with a personality. It is the personality of the Great Master of men that is influencing them for good.

Then there was the power of the resurrection. What did that mean? Throughout the Old Testament there ran a pessimistic note. The doctrine of immortality was not solved in it. That thought was depressing to Paul until communion with Christ assured him of immortality. With knowledge of Christ a new impulse came into Paul's life. He felt himself wrapped up with a personality instead of an institution, a system of laws, a scheme of doctrine.

The great problem of sin Paul could not solve. He worried about it until he learned that Christ died to save man from sin. There were 32 different theories of the Atonement. Mr. Inkster did not know which was right, or if any of them were. He knew that whereas once he was blind now he could see. That experience was Paul's.

Concerning his ministry to the congregation he declared that it would rest on three central pillars—Christ, the Resurrection of Christ, and the Atonement for sin. Unless one knew Christ, he could not enter heaven. The sinless Son of Man alone can help. Christ is living.

"Too many of us worship the cross, the emblem of death," declared Mr. Inkster, "my motto shall be a crown, the emblem of everlasting life. Christ is not absent, but here in the church, in the workshop, in the office, everywhere, and it is that consciousness that makes life pleasant and joyful."

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Not far from the city two farmers were drawing a couple of loads of wood into London.

While on the way they met another farmer or two with a couple of loads of cement blocks.

The roads, of course, were bad, and when they met neither one would turn out.

So they put on their heavy overcoats and entered into a campaign of splendid inactivity.

They met at 11 o'clock, and remained there until 2 o'clock.

In the meantime another farmer came along with a load of wood, and the two farmers with the wood hitched their teams on to his load and got him through, but they refused to get out of the way.

At last the men with the stone relented, and drew out, the siege lasting over three hours.

A school in North Norfolk, Conn., has fourteen pupils, all of the same family name, whose Christian names and ages follow: Cristine 16, William 14, John 13, Nora 12, Margaret 11, Marion 9, Rose 7, and Eugene 5, children of John Curtiss Theresa 15, Johanna 13, Edward 11, Elizabeth 7, William 9, and John 5, children of Richard Curtiss, brother of John.

People in feeble health rarely sneeze. A vigorous resonant sneeze indicates a robust constitution.

When William L. Long, a bookkeeper of Pittsburg, who said he had not been away from home at night for twenty-seven years, was arrested for being drunk, the magistrate hesitated to believe him, but when his wife backed up the statement Long was released.

Sporting men have figured out that racetrack bettors spend $300,000,000 a year in the United States.

Senator-elect Jeff Davis, of Arkansas, is said to like to have his constituents, particularly in the rural districts, call him by his first name.

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