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## 10c. Tops for 46c.

Two dozen handsome lithograph tops in two designs, "Girl's face" and "Sleighting." These are the best quality lithograph tops and sold anywhere at 70c and 75c each, on sale To-Night for 46c.

## Applique Pieces 25c Under Value

Fine Swiss worked pillow shams, table covers and dresser covers, in large variety of styles, heavy applique work, light lacy tambour work, lacy effects with insertions set in, etc., bought at our quarter off regular values, and on sale To-Night and Monday special at 50c, 60c, 75c, 90c and \$1.00.

## Articles at 25c each

We are making a very special showing of gift articles at 25c each. Such useful things as match holders, pipe racks, laundry bags, letter holders, key racks, memoranda books, dresser baskets, whisk holders, etc., etc., almost an endless variety, that you must see to appreciate, special at each 25c.

## Silk Waists at \$5.00

What would make a more acceptable gift than a silk waist? New styles are here—made of good wearing effects—hemstitched and tucked in new designs, in colors black, white, pink, sky and navy, very special value at \$5.00.

## Men's Ties at 25c and 50c.

A new lot for the Holiday trade just opened out to-day. The new narrow and medium width four-in-hands in very pretty colorings, light and dark, including polka spots and broche effects, all reversible, very special value at 25c and 50c.

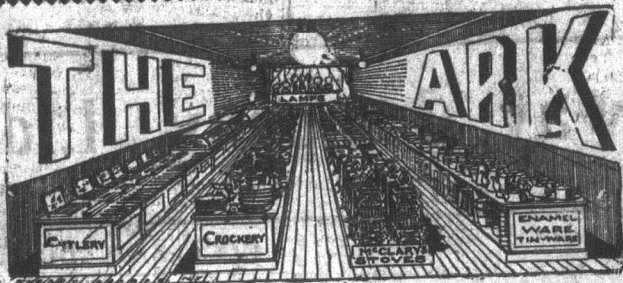
## Immense Cushion Tops

We have just passed through the customs an immense variety of handsome cushion tops direct from New York City. The latest Oriental novelties in Tapestry tops at 40c and 50c—pretty effects in silk tops at \$1.00 and \$1.50—new designs in stamped tops, top and back complete for 50c, rich designs in silk velvet tops at \$2.00, a pretty variety of best quality lithograph tops at 25c.

## Dress Goods at 23c.

Do you want to give an inexpensive dress? Then here is your chance. 48 in. wide—4 yards makes a dress—good heavy suiting in good colors, regular value 55c a yard, on sale very special at 23c.

## THOS. STONE & SON.



## We Are in Advance

Of our usual time in our Christmas preparations for the usual rush at "THE ARK." We would now kindly ask our friends, every one who can, to come and make their selections before the rush of the last week before Christmas. The goods are now in place. We can attend with more comfort and pleasure to you now than later.

## A Consignment Just Arrived of Fine China

(American Beauty). Do you want some pieces? If you do you need to come quick.

WE HAVE SOME STOVES LEFT. Are clearing them out a discount of 10 per cent. off spot cash. See them in the rear room of "The Ark."

## H. MACAULAY,

Prompt delivery of goods.

## Commercial Printing.

When in need of anything in the Fine of Commercial Stationery, Visiting Cards, etc., leave your order at the

## Planet Job Department.

Any irregularity on this part of The Planet's carrier boys will be immediately remedied by calling at the office or phoning 53a.

## DEATH'S SUMMONS

The death occurred last evening of Wm. Wasson, night foreman of the Campbell Fanning Mill Company, deceased was well known in this city, having lived here for the past six years. He has been watchman at the Fanning Mill for three years. He was 55 years of age and was born in Ireland. He came to Chatham from Bayfield, Huron Co. Death was caused by typhoid fever, from which he had been suffering for the past three weeks. The funeral will take place Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock, to the Maple Leaf Cemetery. The services will be conducted by the Salvation Army.

Minard's Linctament - Lumberman's Friend.

## Re-Opening of Magnificent Maple City Sanctuary

## Park St. Methodist Church Celebrates an "Ebenezer"

## Services of a Special and Spiritual Character

Earnest and Eloquent Discourses—Delightful Musical Program—History of the Church—Splendid Record of Achievement by the Present Pastor.

## Rich Internal Improvements to the Sacred Edifice—New Lighting Effects and Seating.

"A dream of Paradise" was the term applied by Rev. G. H. Cobble-dick to the resplendent appearance of the recently renovated and remodelled interior of Park street Methodist church. "The pastor could have found no better phrase for the description—and it is almost all the term applies. The edifice is magnificently lighted by clusters of incandescent lights, is entirely re-seated with excellently comfortable pews, the choir loft is lowered considerably, the windows are all new, the floor has been given a graceful design from the doors to the altar, the pulpit and communion rail are both entirely new, prettily painted and decorated and, in fact, all possible has been done to beautify the interior of the church.

The opening service, or rather the re-opening, was remarkable in that the pastor at the opening in 1871, the year of the building of the church, preached the re-opening sermon yesterday morning and the many friends and admirers of Rev. Dr. Langford, now of Stratford, say he has lost none of his old time vigor and ability to preach an excellent sermon. Dr. Langford has been at Park street church on three different occasions.

Dr. Griffin, too, who spoke so able in the afternoon to the children and preached so pleasing a sermon in the evening, was at the opening of the church in '71 and was the minister who followed Dr. Langford about 28 years ago. Dr. Griffin holds his age well and is a grand old man.

The music at all services during the day was of an excellent and especial character, and no small amount of credit is due to the energetic endowments and ability of Miss H. Edythe Hill, who has worked unceasingly for some time past to make the re-opening services at Park street a gala day for music, which, to say the least, has exceeded the most sanguine desires of the congregational music lovers.

MORNING SERVICE.  
The pastor, in a few well chosen remarks, welcomed the congregation back in the church after a four months' absence from the edifice and hoped that all were as well pleased with the rearrangements and improvements as he himself. He then preached an excellent sermon, basing his remarks on part of the fourth verse in the fifth chapter of St. Luke, "Launch out into the deep." The

whole verse reads "Now, when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a draught." "Jesus Christ always worked in harmony with law and order," the reverend gentleman began. "The supernatural does not overrule the law, notwithstanding that it is a really higher law. The supernatural is not blind or unreasoning, but recognizes the suitability of the seasons and time. God never ignores conditions. From the text, three suggestions may be drawn. There are great depths for searches unto God. The great wide sea is God's orchestra, which is at all times chanting praises of its Maker King. The great depths of the sea might be likened to His great riches of grace. All the great things God hath made are for our education, and we have such a faint conception of the mater-



MISS H. EDYTHE HILL, Director of Choir.

ial how, then, can we possibly expect to fathom the spiritual. The spiritual is suggested through the natural. What mental problems are put for us to solve. What great revelations God hath to give us if we but launch out. "Launch out into the deep."

We should attempt to fathom the material things God has given us, and all can try. Yes, you say, some have genius and can do it much easier. Genius is but a polished tool, which, except in the hands of a true workman, accomplishes nothing. God's workers are divines, not afraid of His sea. Launch out into the depths of mental work; do not be satisfied with light novel reading. I do not condemn novel reading altogether, but the best authors should be picked out and studied. Get right into the depth of the reading, even if you have to read it

over and over again to get the thought. Choose deep reading. Reject any books which have no depth. Read nothing shallow. Therefore, as the text says, launch out into the deep. Seek after the great things.

Launch out into the deep of Christian work. We are afraid to attempt great things for God. We think and plan, but oh, how apparent it is that we are satisfied with small results. "You here have launched into a big thing for your church in these improvements, be not afraid now to launch into great things for God." Launch out as did the disciples in the text, and gather in a great haul. Meet God's conditions and requirements in the church.

In conclusion the speaker said he would be indeed sorry if a revival was not held after the improvements in the church, and he knew great would be the spiritual results.

## AFTERNOON.

In the afternoon a rally of the different departments of the Sunday school was held in the church. About five hundred of the children were present and the services were of a most enjoyable character. Both Mr. Langford and Dr. Griffin gave short addresses to the young people.

The day to, was used as a reunion day for the young men's class and the Bible class, which had of late, on account of the repairs to the church, been discontinued altogether in the case of the young men's class, and the latter, being held in the wing of the Sunday School, was not very well attended. Over a hundred were in the Bible class and quite a number of young men joined the young men's class.

The Sunday school for the past six weeks has been divided into two parts one called the blue and the other the gold for the purpose of seeing which could bring in the most members. About 115 new members were brought in. The boys and girls will be rewarded for their splendid work by being given a banquet on Tuesday evening of next week.

The orchestra rendered some splendid music during the afternoon services.

Dr. Langford expressed himself as so much pleased with the blue and gold contest for members that he would introduce such a scheme in his Sunday school in Stratford.

## THE EVENING.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Toronto, preached an eloquent discourse in the evening, and the church was crowded to the doors. The edifice presented an even more splendid appearance in the evening than in the morning. The lighting of the church is almost perfect and it was unfortunate indeed that, before Dr. Griffin had finished his address, the light went out for about ten minutes, leaving the church in absolute darkness.

Familiar songs were sung until the lights came on again and the doctor finished his discourse.

Taking his text from fifth of Isaiah, chapter two, and verses six and seven, "Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect; yet not the wisdom of this world, that comes to naught: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory."

In his paper, Dr. Griffin said: "We preach a gospel that abounds in mysterious truth which no one has been able to explain or comprehend. We live in a wonderful world. All with emotions too great for utterance on the marvelous mystery of Providence and don't expect to get away from mystery as long as I live. Scarcely one out of fifty of those present here to-night were here when first I preached in Chatham. New generations have sprung up. All is mystery. Is it any wonder that it should be? If science could fathom the great depths of our religion it would be as nothing as

## Santa Claus Headquarters



## SULMAN'S BEEHIVE, Opp. Garner House.

an exhausted fountain. It is so simple, yet so mighty, and when you ask the basis for it, I can not tell. First, it comes from a mysterious source—God. No man has ever seen Him or ever will, except as revealed in Jesus Christ. He will never be holiest saint on earth. We speak of God as a spirit and worship him as such. It is easier to encompass in your arms a mountain than to ascertain the essence of God's existence. Our religion comes from God, planted in the world by a mysterious sacrifice. God is as a fountain— inexhaustible. All is mystery. Why should God place on earth Jesus to suffer as he did and as no man has since done. All is mystery. Why should a pure little being have made his suffer agonies, having done to sin. It had not been revealed that Christ was put on earth and suffered terribly, being himself free from sin. It could not have been imagined. I believe it but I can not understand it. It's the foundation of the world's immortality and redemption."

In summing up the reverend speaker said all was mystery. First, a mysterious sacrifice, coming from a mysterious agency which leads to a destiny of mystery.

THE MUSIC.  
In connection with the re-opening of the Park street Methodist church the following was the music by the enlarged choir.

MORNING SERVICE.  
Anthems: "A Dream of Paradise," "Thine Eyes," from the Elijah.

Solo and chorus: "Ere Hark Now," by Solo.

EVENING SERVICE.  
Anthems: "At Even ere the Sun Was Set," "Softly now the Light of Day."

Miss H. Edythe Hill, choir leader, Miss Lillian Pratt, organist.

A BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH.  
In 1871 the first Methodist church was founded in Chatham on King street, east of William street, and opened for worship the following year. The building has since been moved and serves now as the Salvation Army Barracks. Under the pastorate of Rev. Alex. Langford, 1887-90, the congregation outgrew their building and the erection of the present Park street church was begun, the corner stone being laid in 1871, and the church opened in 1873, under the pastorate of Rev. W. S. Griffin. It was peculiarly fitting that these two old pastors should preach the re-opening sermons yesterday. Dr. Langford spent a second term as pastor in 1879-81.

The present commodious Sunday school hall was built during the pastorate of Rev. J. G. Scott in 1884-6. The last renovation of the church was done under Rev. R. J. Treleven as pastor in 1887-9.

The present renovation, now happily completed has occupied four months and is thorough in every respect. It has cost about \$3,200, which with the balance of \$1,000 has been practically provided for. The following important alterations have been made:

The floor has been made bowl shaped; the walls and ceiling have been beautifully frescoed; electric lighting installed, embracing two magnificent chandeliers; new gleaded light windows and beautiful design and pleasing soft colors; the entire church, ground floor and galleries, has been re-seated with the most approved pews, with white quarter cut oak ends and red oak backs, those in the body of the church being curved and all furnished with convenient hat wires. The pulpit platform, altar and choir place have been entirely rebuilt lowering the organ and adding seats for another row of singers, and a stairway has been added on either side leading to the choir and galleries. The entire front and also the artistic new pulpit and communion table, pedestals and chairs are of the choicest white quarter cut oak, golden finished.

The ladies' Aid have had the pulpit, altar and vestry re-carpeted, the aisles laid with the best quality of cork and the floor painted to match, while the choir rooms, library room

and vestry have been refitted with modern conveniences. The interior of this historic church has been so improved as to be so far recognizable, and may now be appropriately styled the beautiful Park St. Church, fully equalling any house of worship in Western Ontario. In addition, the roof has been reshingled and minor improvements added to the interior.

Rev. G. H. Cobble-dick, M. A., B. D., who is now in his second year as pastor of Park St. Church, is of old Methodist stock. His intense faith in the conversion of the young he attributes to his own early training and religious experience. His education was received in Victoria University, where he graduated in Arts in 1885, and in theology in 1888. He has had marked success on all his charges and was called from Parkhill to Chatham. The prosperity of the church under his leadership is the justification of the church's strenuous effort to secure him.

We are informed that during the entire four months, while the renovations have been in progress, that the members, one and all, have entered heartily into the schemes with the greatest readiness, and that those in charge have acted with the most perfect unanimity.

Park St. Church has always been recognized as one of the strongest of the moral forces of the city, and with the present up-to-date conditions should be even a greater source of usefulness in the future.

With 500 families and nearly 700 members worshipping regularly the pastor of Park St. Church must always be a busy man.

The present pastor has met the highest expectations of his people, and has been instrumental in producing in the departments of the church work of a spirit of life, usefulness and activity, that augurs well for the future.

Mr. F. R. Rutley has been the architect, and the following contractors have done the work, all of whom are to be complimented upon the excellent manner in which they have done their parts:

Carpenter work, John Dading, Freese, T. H. Hildreth & Trato, Sealing, Walkerville, Furniture Co., Electric Lighting, Chatham Gas Co., Windows, The Toronto Plate Glass Importing Co., Pulpit and chairs, S. Hadley Lumber Co., Carpet and Cork, C. Austin & Co., Organ reconstruction, Karn Co., of Woodstock, Roofing, Jas. Heath.

## Headquarters for

## Christmas Slippers

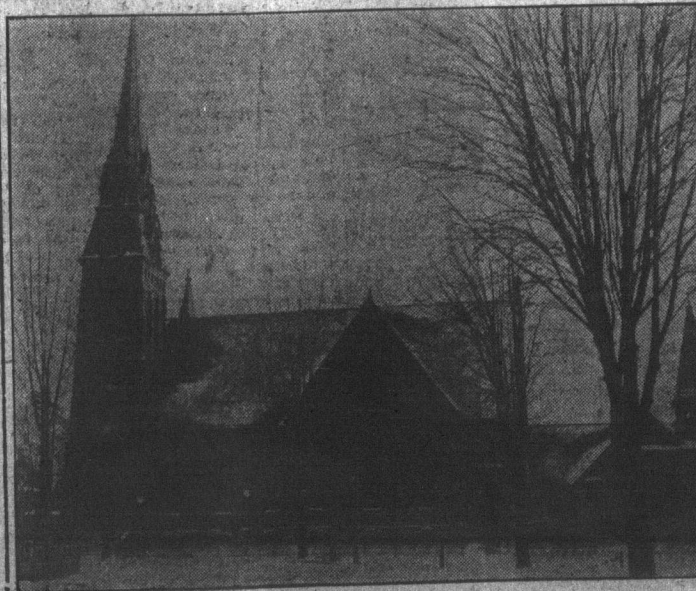
Men's Velvets, Kid or Patent Leather, at 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

Ladies' Felt, Velvet, Plush, Kid, Patent Leather, at 25c, 50c, \$1, up to \$3.00....

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