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## TALES OF THE TOWN.

TO an orthodox old Presbyterian like myself, the mind-reading seance at the Y. M. C. A., a week or so ago, was a disheartening and blood-curdling spectacle, such as I hope may never be repeated under the name or patronage of this association.

Although only a simple branch of mental science was practised, one may well inquire, "What next?" Mind-reading, telepathy and thought-transference are synonymous terms, applied to subjects all closely related to clairvoyance. Had the Society of Spiritualists given this entertainment, Y. M. C. A. young men would have been shocked; but when the immaculate association puts this on the boards, the aspect of the question is entirely changed. Mayhap, the heads of the local branch possess the power of exorcising the evil spirits or blessing the practice. In any event, I expect to hear of their being summoned before a convention, a council, or a Presbytery, or some other terrible tribunal, to answer to the charge of being in league with the Prince of Darkness. Assuredly, religion is going to the "bow wows," or we would have heard of these delvers into the regions of the supernatural being dragged before either a court of justice, or the elders, to explain their conduct.

It is a curious quality of these modern religionists, this inconsistency of theirs. If they were consistently inconsistent, I could understand and admire them. When I look back through the mists of ages and reflect on the fiendish tortures inflicted on persons who dared to even think of such things, I tremble for the safety of the young man who gave this exhibition. It is well that he was born in the present century, for it is not so very long since the puritanic spirit of the Pilgrim Fathers consigned to the flames people possessed of kindred powers, and taught humanity the error of witchcraft. It seems strange that

our young men of to-day cannot keep out of these things; they should not turn their backs on the doctrine of the Christian religion, which has been so nobly supported in this respect—even unto death.

It has taken centuries to bring our religion to its present state. It has been baptized in the blood of our ancestors, and here, right in our midst, we are cherishing a many-headed monster, which will stop only when it has devoured us. Is all our efforts through the ages to go for naught? Are we to suffer this association—apparently a financial institution—to bring corruption into our midst? To foster unbelief? Why do we not live up to the doctrine of our ancestors? Why do we not follow in the lines of the Puritans and earlier Christians? Methinks the answer comes, and with a deep, depressing sense of something lost—"Christianity is not what it used to be; religion is going to the dogs."

I am informed that the Sunday-closing friends are at work endeavoring to secure an enforced observance of Sunday. For what? Presumably because it would please them; certainly not on philanthropic grounds. Philanthropy does not enter into the minds of these people. They are endeavoring to administer a tonic to the conscience of the wicked candy vendor through the State spoon; but it is open to serious doubt whether such a course is really beneficial. This movement, carried to the extreme, would deprive several hundred church-goers of the means of getting to church on Sunday, for cars would not be permitted to run on that day. And after church they would have to walk out to their usual haunts at the park. We would also be deprived of the sound of the "church going bell,"—that is, unless the man who rings it isn't paid for doing so, and does it for love. However, we might easily dispense with this bell-ringing, as it is a downright nuisance three Sundays out of the month, and it is

perfect torture to listen to the high-class musician who pulls the string at Christ Church. If Sunday closing and Sunday observance will do away with the ringing of the church bell, by all means let us have it at once. "Tis a consummation devoutly to be wished."

I note that "Meph," a writer in the Colonist, has a little affair with the editor of THE HOME JOURNAL and a correspondent of that appropriately termed "street dodger," whose name to the public is "The Bystander." It has always been a matter of surprise to me why an editor whose knowledge of music is confined to an ill-defined suspicion that "Annie Rooney" is by far a more meritorious musical composition than "The Kreutzer Sonata," should lend his paper, or wretched leaflet as the case may be, to self-styled critics, whose only right to the title may be that they hold diplomas from the London College of Music, to ridicule amateurs. The rebuke of "Meph" was well timed, and I regret exceedingly that the whole of the communication as the author informed me it was written, did not appear in the Colonist.

A medical man who recently visited an eastern city, has come back with a new idea which he wishes could be developed here. Down there the half-hundred doctors in the city have a rather unique scheme to do away with the troublesome dead and delinquent bill payer. They have formed what they call a physicians' business association. All the doctors of all schools belong to it. It is the duty of every member to report to the secretary cases of non-payment of bills. The offending parties are listed, and if they persist they are blacklisted, and no doctor in the city will do anything for them till the bill is paid. It is said to work to a charm there, and, according to all accounts, something of the kind is badly needed here.

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Ergo, the best things of your true newspaper man rarely see the light in cold print, but are laughed and talked over among his office confreres. The humorous man of the staff has quips and quirks for all occasions of humorous of routine work, but they spring themselves on him as on his auditors, and when, as sometimes chances, he seeks to set them down with pen or pencil he grows too critical or too discursive, the atmosphere which made the remark or the gibe so apt has evanesced, and his mind declines to give the funny nothing a printed habitation or a fame. This, however, must not be considered in the light of an invitation to the general public to drop into the newspaper offices and catch the brimming joke on the wing.

That same general public should not feel kindly to the telephone fiend who insists upon knowing without delay, from the city editor, "Was John Smith a passenger by the Islander?" To answer a telephone message of importance is often a trial when in the midst of work, and to be called on to answer the "hello" of a curious outsider a dozen times in an evening is exasperating, aside from the fact that the great mass of readers—whose curiosity is as great, but whose courtesy is greater than the querist—have a right as an aggregate to the newspaper man's time and to his best endeavors to prepare the news for them in succinct and comprehensible fashion.

I am pleased to observe that Mr. George W. Childs, the patron saint of the union printers, and millionaire publisher of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, will visit Victoria June 26th of the present year. Mr. Childs is noted the world over for his generosity to his employees, but the climax of his philanthropic nature was reached when he, in company with Hon. A. J. Drexel, the Philadelphia banker, donated \$10,000 (I believe that was the sum) towards the establishment of a home for old and disabled printers. This home will be dedicated at Colorado Springs, by Messrs. Child and Drexel, next Wednesday. The story of the Stratford-Upon-Avon Memorial Fountain is too well known to require reference. Before Mr. Child's arrival in this city I may take occasion to write at greater length of his many noble deeds of charity. In the meantime, I

trust Victoria union printers will arrange a reception worthy the great man who will be within our gates.

PERE, GRINATOR.

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LAKE DISTRICT—6 acres partly cleared, situated near tram line, \$2,100.

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PINE ST., Victoria West—Very good lot cleared, \$525.

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OAK BAY AVENUE—2 lots 60x120, \$500 each.

ALFRED STREET—One lot, 30x175, \$175.

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ETERNAL PUNISHMENT.

To the Editor of the Victoria Home Journal:

DEAR SIR,—Will you permit me to refer briefly to an article which appeared in your last issue, entitled "Eternal Punishment." I cannot say that I read it very carefully, and I am sure that few of your readers bestowed much attention to it—not, I am persuaded, on account of the subject being abstruse, but rather because of the manner in which the writer dealt with it. In fact, the first glance convinced me that it must have been the production of a very youthful, and therefore very inexperienced, writer, especially one who has read a good deal but whose powers of assimilation of such matters are not only not working properly, but seriously defective. I confess the title of the article caught my eye, but the idea that impressed itself on my mind on scanning the first paragraph was that the youthful writer was posing as a philosophical philosopher; then he stoops to pessimistic views. But the true philosopher cannot afford to be dogmatic, and the philanthropist abhors pessimism. Above all, the young writer strikes at the root of every philanthropic institution of the age when he aims a blow at Christianity. Atheism may be philosophic—it cannot be philanthropic.

There was a manifest lack of weight or solidity about the arguments advanced, in fact, as is usual with such writers, their arguments are a secondary consideration, assertion being given the precedence, and when the assertion is made, they argue from that point. Of course, it is an easy matter to prove that the assertion was true (so far as it was made).

The composition of the article, however, is good, and if he were to confine himself to a less lofty range of subjects, this writer would undoubtedly make a name for himself, as he evinces considerable originality and clearness of comprehension. He is also very courageous.

I would be the last among your numerous readers to attempt to shut off discussions of the kind "A. M." broaches, but it has fallen so "flat" that I must recommend him to study it a little more carefully before again venturing to speak of it publicly. Let him study it with a view to presenting it clearly, so his readers will be insensibly carried away with the reason of his arguments. But I am afraid this is impossible, seeing greater men than he

have striven in vain for a like object. "A. M." should begin at the bottom, or if there be no bottom (and I am inclined to believe there is not), let him begin at the top and delve down till he strikes the pure gold of truth, instead of skimming the rugged sides of cold metaphysics.

It is probably one of the evils arising out of the invention of printing that literature of every kind is spread out before our young people, who have not been sufficiently well trained in the proper selection of reading matter, and whose mental pabulum is therefore seriously impoverished by wandering over ground which, even for the most advanced and careful thinkers, contains little sustenance. It is to be regretted that many people unhesitatingly receive and promulgate as doctrine an aggregation of ideas which the savants of the present day have long ago relegated to the muck-heap.

I would not wish you to think me an enemy of progress, and I assert that it is my earnest desire to give a fair share of attention to every doctrine which purports to be for the benefit of mankind; but you and almost every one of your readers will agree with me when I say that progress in this, as in other directions, is quickened by following the clear stream of thought as marked out by the great men of the day, and not by puddling in every little turn and shallow.

LUX BENIGNA.

May 4, 1892.

COMING EVENTS.

Coming Prophetic Events, according to Daniel and Revelation, during next Nine Years before End of this Age in Passover Week, April 11, 1901. The Greatst War ever known, in 1892—Change of Twenty-three Kingdoms into Ten in 1893—Earthquakes, Famines, Pestilence—A Napoleon to be a Hellenic King in 1893, before his Seven Years' Covenant (as Syrian King) with the Jews on April 21, 1894—Their Sacrifice Restored, November 8, 1894 (Daniel vii. 24, viii. 14, ix. 27)—Ascension of 144,000 Living Christians to Heaven without Dying on March 5, 1896—Napoleon's Massacre of Tens of Thousands of Christians during 1,260 Days from August 14, 1897, to January 26, 1901—Christ's Descent on Earth and Commencement of Millenium in Passover Week, April, 1901.—Advertisement in English Church Paper.

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ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Q.—How old is Wilkie Collins?  
A.—He was born in 1824.

Q.—How many rounds did John L. Sullivan and Charley Mitchell fight in France? A.—Thirty-nine.

Q.—In what year did the telephone come into general use? A.—In 1876; in August, 1877, the whole number of telephones in the United States was only 780.

Q.—How many battles were fought between the Union and rebel troops during the late civil war? A.—Including engagements of a minor character, 156 fights occurred during 1861; 564 in 1862; 627 in 1863; 779 in 1864 and 135 in 1865. Total, 2,261.

Q.—Who is the author and where are the words found, "To teach the young idea how to shoot," so often quoted in reference to teaching and school teachers? A.—The author was James Thompson, and the lines, "Delightful task to rear the tender thought, to teach the young idea how to shoot," will be found in the "Seasons," near the close of the poem on "Spring."

Q.—Can you give the horse power of the earth in its movement around the sun? A.—Not exactly, but any competent student can reach an approximate measure of the force required to propel the earth in its orbit around the sun; the mean density of the earth is known to be 5.67 times that of water, and its exact size and weight have been ascertained. Now this mass moves at the rate of 99,000 feet in a second, and any good mathematician and physicist can work out the number of horses it would require to keep such a ball in motion.

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SATURDAY, MAY 7, 1892.

## BOGUSBURG BUGLER BLASTS.

From the Bogusburg Bugler.  
Tear-a-Boom-de-ay!

Bogusburg the Beautiful!

Lots 105, but in the shade now!

Lots in Bogusburg oft remind us  
That we can all be rich in time,  
And departing leave behind us—  
—Ain't it rough to call this rhyme?

A small lake has been found at the head of Bogusburg Harbor, which will offer unequalled facilities to those contemplating self-destruction.

This is the way a Portland exchange puts it:

All hail the power of Mammon's name,  
Let boomers prostrate fall,  
Bring forth your freshest bouquet, dame,  
And crown him Lord of Gall.

A new game has been introduced in this city by the townsite kings. Any number can play it, and all that is required is hats, which are used on the same principle as the telephone. The name of this fascinating little game itself is "Talking Through Your Hat."

Those who ought to know say that no man can ever be truly great who was brought up on the bottle in infancy. After mature consideration of this important information, we are irresistibly impelled to the conclusion that the mayor of Bogusburg was reared on the bottle, and the idea is collaterally assisted by his bovine tendencies of mind and body.

Being in the confidence of the Imperial Government, we are in a position to announce officially that Bogusburg Harbor has been reported on favorably as a naval station. All that is now required to make our beautiful young city the headquarters of the Pacific squadron is the removal of the dry dock

from Esquimalt, which, of course, will be done in time. Too much cannot be expected from the Imperial Parliament at once.

## SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

Princess Mary Victoria, in matrimonial matters, seems to be in the hands of her friends.

A fashion note in an exchange reads that "black caps are very much worn at hangings now."

Detroit bakers have resolved to strike for day work, which may result in a strike of the people for bread.

The May-day celebration in Queen's Park, New Westminster, was uneventful, notwithstanding the fact that several Vancouver anarchists were present.

Now that May-day has passed off quietly in Europe, all eyes are turned in the direction of Belfast, waiting patiently for the developments of the 12th of July.

"Would you like to live in a flat," he asked, thinking to pave the way to a more vital question.

"I wouldn't like to live on one," she said, and so broke his train of thought.

Miss Attalie Claire, a Canadian girl, who is a member of the Lillian Russell opera company, is said to be engaged to Alfred Kaine, a New York millionaire. This goes without comment.

"That is Mrs. Street Commissioner Robinson over there, isn't it?" "No; not now." "Divorced?" "No; her husband's been promoted. She is now Mrs. First Assistant Deputy Sub-Comptroller Robinson." —Harper's Bazar.

"I thought you advertised that you were selling out at cost," growled the customer, throwing down the required 25 cents for a small package of note paper. "Yes, sir," replied the stationer briskly. "That's right. We referred to postage stamps. Want any?"

It is proposed, prior to the next Provincial elections, to open up several of the mounds said to abound in endless profusion throughout the length and breadth

of this island, and excavate enough of the builders thereof to create a real live opposition in the Legislature.

The name of this paper has been changed once or twice already, but if, as "Meph," a contraction of "mephitic," asserts, The Street Dodger is more euphonious than our present name, we shall adopt it at once. We will be pleased to hear other suggestions on this point.

It is stated that the attitude of the United States towards Chinese immigration will probably result in turning it to Mexico. We sincerely trust the Victoria members in the Dominion House will see to it that Mexico does not reap all the advantages of immigration from old Cathay.

Now that the mysteries surrounding the adventures of Jack the Ripper have been cleared up, there is good reason in hoping that the Victoria police may some dark night stumble over a clue that will lead to the detection and subsequent detention of the thief who robbed the clothes line over the Bay.

This time, the ubiquitous urchin has ruthlessly invaded the city hennery and kidnaped a good-looking hen pheasant. We see that the worthy aldermen held a wake over the melancholy event, but we think it is a source of congratulation that people will no longer be disturbed by its cluck in their Sunday afternoon meditations in the park.

A merchant tailor inquires, "How is it that in every part of Canada, except British Columbia, watch and clothes clubs are stamped out as an evil and a pest, and come under the provisions of the Lottery law?" We are not sufficiently posted on the subject, but THE HOME JOURNAL will examine the tomes in its law library upon this all-important theme, and, in the course of a few days, will fulminate an opinion thereupon.

The proposition of the Victoria Trades Assembly to send lecturers throughout the east to enlighten the people on the evils of Chinese immigration meets with general approval. If Tom Keith would be

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willing to sacrifice his time for a monetary consideration, and furnish bonds that he would not change his views to suit each locality, he would fill the position acceptably, and we therefore take much pleasure in placing him in nomination; but we are afraid this gentleman's record as a "lightning change artist" will go against him.

Upon the wings of summer, comes, stealing once more into our editorial nostrils, the everlasting aroma of the Johnson Street Sewer. As we rambled down one day upon the premises of the E. & N. Railway, with a view to settling our noon-day meal, we saw a lady peer over the railing. She staggered, and to parody the parody:

"With the whiff and wind of that fell sewer,  
Th' unnerved lady falls."

When a sewer gets strong enough to unbalance mortals at a reasonable distance, it is time for the proprietors thereof to take note of the fact and abate the nuisance.

From the many communications received at this office on the subject of eternal punishment we are forced to conclude that there a great number of people in this city who have a thorough knowledge of the topography of that region over which the Prince of Darkness is Supreme Ruler. Hitherto it has been a tradition over in James Bay that the members of the opposition were really the only ones who could speak authoritatively on the subject, inasmuch as they have had a long and varied experience in dissecting a superior article of Hades hurled across the floor of the House from the Government side.

#### ENGLISH SOCIETY GOSSIP.

Though the London season is still in its infancy, everything indicates that it will be the dulllest season known for many years. Shopkeepers and purveyors of popular amusement are in despair.

Canadians can scarcely form a conception of the positively withering effects the example set by royalty in staying away from London has on fashionable frivolities. Well-known Americans, who arrived in London expecting to find the season in full swing, were disappointed with its dullness, and hurried on to Paris.

It is a matter of common talk in London that Prince George's be-

trothal to Princess Mary of Teck will be formally announced very soon. Everything that club gossip and drawing-room chat can accomplish is being done to familiarize the British public with this idea. Society journals print detailed accounts of the time the young couple spend in each other's society at Cannes.

Another topic of general conversation is the Queen's unconcealed anxiety about the Prince of Wales' health. The truth is that since the death of the Duke of Clarence, the Prince has become a prey to an almost insane fear that the succession may pass out of the male line of his family. He broods over this possibility day and night, and will never have a moment's peace until Prince George is married, and it is placed beyond doubt that the succession through George is assured. The Prince has grown moody and hippish, and is in constant terror of his own life and that of his son. The Princess, on the other hand, has got over her affliction much more rapidly, and is proving a genuine helpmate to her husband.

The usual royal festivities will be crowded into a few weeks. The result will be a tremendous crush of people. Few outsiders get invitations. Nearly two thousand invitations will be issued to each of the two state concerts, the first in the latter part of May, the second early in June.

Invitations to the May Drawing-Rooms are also to be limited as closely as possible.

The Royal Academy was formally opened May 2. A picture which caused most talk, apart from its artistic merits, was the Marchioness of Lorne's portrait of Paderewski. Unfortunately for the Princess Louise's work, which is exhibited in the New Gallery, the same show contains a portrait of this famous pianist by Alma Tadema.

Next to this portrait, Shannon's portrait of Lady Skelmersdale, an American, painted by an American, carries off the honors of the New Gallery.

Prince George, eldest living son of the Prince of Wales, will wed Princess Mary Victoria, daughter of the Duke and Duchess of Teck.

The young Prince has a reputation for heartiness and lack of display which has endeared him to English men, and he is accounted an excellent sailor, a quality that in the greatest maritime nation of the world could not fail to bring him popularity. His full name is George Frederick Ernest Albert, and he was born at Marlborough House in June, 1865. At the end of the cruise of the *Bacchante*, the two young princes published a book about it. It was written partly by Prince Albert Victor (the late Duke of Clarence) and partly by Prince Albert. Prince George wrote like a fun-loving young midshipman and spoke of his brother as "Eddie." It is said that while on this cruise Prince George once threw himself on a transom in the gun-room of the *Bacchante* and said: "Eddie, get down your violin and play 'God Save Your Grandmother.'" Wherever Prince George went, he was popular and was "up to" all sorts of pranks common to young middies.

Mrs. Langtry has gone to Paris to buy dresses for her role as a courtesan in Wyndham's new play.

#### THE NEW VERSION.

Now it came to pass on a certain day that Ananias II. and Jack the Capper were standing together on a great rock on the ironbound coast of Bogusburg.

For Jack the Capper had grown wealthy in Bogusburg lots, and stood in the presence of the King.

Now Ananias II. was king of Bogusburg.

And Ananias did wear a hat of great length—the like of which was never seen in Bogusburg—which did shine as the noon-day sun. And the people did veil their faces to look upon the king.

And it came to pass as Ananias II. and Jack the Capper conversed together, that Jack the Capper said unto Ananias: "Let us go down together even unto the mighty dry-dock which Nature hath hewn out of the rock, that we may be clean."

And after that they had disrobed and given the hat of great length together with the costly garments (which had been purchased with Bogusburg lots) into the hands of Gehazi, the page, they went down together unto the mighty dry-dock which Nature had hewn out of the rock and were made clean.

R. B.

## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

The Victoria Amateur Dramatic Company have reason to feel proud, at least from an artistic point of view, of their performance given last Monday evening in *The Victoria*. All doubts as to the capabilities of the amateurs to produce "*Leah the Forsaken*" were dispelled almost as soon as the curtain went up on the first act. Leah is a difficult part, but in the hands of Miss Howe it received a highly appreciable rendition. Mr. Isadore Philo played the leading role, (Rudolph) in a highly creditable manner. The nervousness, common to all amateurs, wore off before he was on the stage many minutes, and, in the heavier scenes, he more than once brought down the house. Mr. J. Philo doubled Father Lorenze and Abraham, and did it so successfully that few were able to identify him in the latter part. His acting throughout was good, and was a revelation to his friends. Walter Sillman, as the apostate Jew, was very clever, and more than one in the audience believed that if he applied himself to the drama he would yet become an ornament to the profession. Barney Phillips had not much to do, but was equal to the task. Mr. Griffin made the best of a very difficult part. Miss Clara Phillips, as "Madelon," could not very well have been better. She possesses two of the strongest attributes to success on the stage—a pretty face and graceful carriage. Her voice is sweet, and although her lines were many, she never faltered throughout the piece. In one scene, she brought forth a perfect ovation of applause. Her sister, Miss Leah Phillips, gave a good representation of Martha, in fact there are many character women on the stage to-day who could not do nearly so well. Miss Nettie Danneberg was assigned the soubrette part, and we have no desire to flatter this young lady when we say that she is infinitely superior to two-thirds of the soubrettes with travelling combinations. She combines good looks with a sweet voice, and, with a little training in stage business, Miss Danneberg could adopt the profession with a good chance of success. Miss Louise Philo sang well, and pleased the audience with the interest she manifested in her work, as did also little Sarah as Little Leah. Altogether, the performance was one highly creditable to all concerned, and, should it be repeated, it would be received with a crowded house.

The great Actors' Fair for the benefit of the Actors' Fund of America, and which has created tremendous controversy in the profession, opened in Madison Square Garden, New York, Tuesday afternoon. It is the most remarkable affair of the kind ever held in America. The immense garden has been transformed into streets and promenades, lined with May-poles and Oriental mosques and booths, representations of Shakespeare's old Globe Theatre in London, of the ancient Duke's Theatre, of Stratford on Avon, the home of Shakespeare, of Dickens' Old Curiosity Shop and numerous other reminiscences. In each booth, fancy articles will be sold by well-known female members of the profession, and it was expected that fully \$150,000 would be received during the week. The contributions had already reached over \$40,000 before opening, the donors including Grover Cleveland, George W. Childs, Mrs. Frank Leslie, Dr. De Witt Talmage, Elliott F. Shepard, Mrs. Kendal, James Gordon Bennett, Joseph Pulitzer and members of the theatrical profession all the world over.

The appearance of Frank Daniels' company here, next Monday night, will be greeted with pleasure by the lovers of comedy. Little Puck, by all accounts, is no ordinary company, being composed of some of the brightest comedians on the stage. Miss Bessie Sanson is a very clever lady, and no doubt she will make herself just as popular here as in other cities in which she has appeared this season.

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Fred Summersfield has left Berry's Imperial Comedy Co. The company opened a new opera house in Whatcom, last Wednesday night.

The Victoria Amateur Opera Company will give "*The Pirates of Penzance*" at Vancouver, to-night.

The Princess Opera House, Winnipeg, was burned, last Sunday Morning. Loss, \$25,000.

## ADVERTISING BARRISTERS.

*Truth and The World* both assert that barristers advertise. These journals ought to know. They say they receive in advance the names of counsel retained in sensational cases. They add that sensational cases are spun out to advertise not only the counsel engaged but the judges as well. Journalists are becoming very bold in dealing with legal dignitaries.—*Law Times*.

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Mrs. Teltale—"I've been to see Mrs. Tittletattle, and the way she ran on about you was perfectly scandalous."

Mrs. Homebody—"So she has been talking about me, has she?"

Mrs. Teltale—"Yes, indeed, she has."

Mrs. Homebody—"What a nice time you two must have had!"—*Boston Transcript*

## NOT HER FAULT.

Mrs. Gofrequent—"They say a husband and wife often change in appearance so as to look like each other, and I believe its true. You and your husband look almost exactly alike."

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**PERSONAL GOSSIP.**

The concert of the flowers given last Monday evening by the Homer street Methodist Sunday School of Vancouver was a success beyond the most sanguine expectations. The singing was rendered by 50 children, each dressed to represent a flower, except one, Lily Marsden, who represented Spring, and at whose command the crocuses, wild flowers, violets, rosebuds and daisies came forth. Master Willie Breeze was the only little boy flower, and he came all alone. He represented Bachelor Button, and his solo was well received. Miss Breeze as Brier Rose and Miss Queenie Mattland as Dandelion sang their solos very acceptably, the choruses being all good, and choir leader R. Spice, who trained them, has reason to be proud of his proteges. It was the unanimous wish to have the concert repeated.

The Ladies' Committee of the P. O. Home acknowledge the following donations in April:—Hair cutting, Mr. Webber; brocoli, Mrs. Hugh Nelson; milk, Mrs. G. Rogers; Mr. Knowles; clothing, Mrs. McMicking, a friend, Mrs. Christie, Mrs. Foster, Miss Bunting, Miss Beeton; fruit, Mr. J. P. Burgess; twelve dozen buns, a friend of children; ten dozen buns, Steltz restaurant; Easter cards, M. W. Waitt & Co.; sandwiches and cake, Temperance Society; four dozen eggs, Mrs. Warlock; 44 Easter eggs, a friend.

The donations to the Old People's Home for the months of March and April were from the following:—Mr. E. G. Prior, from a friend, Mrs. John Trutch, Mrs. Sehl, Mrs. McBean, Mrs. Pemberton, Mr. John Kinsman, Mrs. W. Bywater, clothing; Mr. A. Lewis, Mrs. McKay, Mr. Grant, Mrs. A. Green, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. G. Winter, Salvation Army, books and papers; D. & H., meat; Mr. E. G. Prior, potatoes; Y.M.C.A., pies and cakes; Mr. C. Bossi, eggs.

The Y. P. L. A. of the First Presbyterian Church held its winding-up meeting last Monday night, receiving the report of the Concert Committee. The report, although satisfactory, did not indicate a financial success. This association has furnished a number of delightful entertainments during the past winter, and it is proposed to continue the good work throughout the summer months, but in the form of outdoor gatherings.

The following gentlemen were successful in the recent examination of candidates for the right to practice in British Columbia:—T. W. Lambert, Yale; R. E. Sproule, Fairhaven; A. G. Ferguson, Vancouver; David Lebau, Nelson; W. Gordon, Vancouver; and G. H. Duncan, Victoria.

Chas. N. Bell, secretary of the Winnipeg Board of Trade, is in the city. Mr. Bell is well known by his contributions to natural history, and has the distinguished honor of lecturing before some of the leading scientific men on this continent. He is an author of some repute as well.

Geo. E. Price, of St. John, N.B., a graduate of the New Brunswick Pharmaceutical Society, arrived in Victoria a few days ago, and has become manager of the Central Drug Store. Mr. Price is an expert at his business, having been engaged in it for the past six years.

Mrs. A. A. Green and family left on the 27th ult. for England. They propose staying over at Suspension Bridge a couple of days, and sail on the Cunarder Umbria to-

day. Their visit to the old country will occupy about twelve months.

Dr. W. T. Strother, of Port Angeles, well known in Victoria, is at the Oriental. The doctor is undecided yet, but will probably make his home in this city, where he would be a welcome addition to the medical profession.

D. M. Ferry, of Detroit, Mich., the largest seed merchant in the United States, with his wife, D. M. Ferry, Jr., and Miss Perry, were at the Driard this week.

Misses Eda and Hattie Newbury have returned home from Duncan's Station, after having spent two months very pleasantly with Dr. and Mrs. Watson.

The degree of Master of Arts has been conferred on Miss Agnes Raxter by Dalhousie, N.B., University. Miss Raxter is the first lady M.A. in Canada.

A double marriage, in which two brothers will be married to two sisters in one family, will take place in Victoria shortly.

The members of the Y. M. C. A. Ladies' Auxiliary have decided upon giving an open social in Assembly Hall in a week or so.

The engagement of Mr. G. W. R. Almon, who visited Victoria last autumn, to a young lady of Hamilton is announced.

The anniversary sermon of the Pandora Avenue Methodist Church will be preached to-morrow forenoon.

F. B. Gregory, of Belyea & Gregory, returned from Clinton last Thursday evening.

Mrs. Nelson has issued an invitation for an "At home" on May 11th, at Carey Castle.

W. H. Whittaker and wife, of Kamloops, are visiting Victoria relatives and friends.

Mr. McGillis has returned from the east, and resumed practice at his old quarters.

William Alton and wife and D. C. Alton, of Chicago, are at the Hotel Victoria.

R. H. Hall, M.P.P., left for the north on the Danube last Monday evening.

Capt. C. S. H. Macauley, wife and family, of Portland, are at the Victoria.

The Vancouver I.O.O.F. will give an excursion to Victoria on May 24.

Dr. and Mrs. Bates, of Mare Island, Cal., are guests at the Driard.

George McL. Brown and wife, of Vancouver, are in the city.

Mrs. Hendry arrived over from Westminster on Wednesday.

Miss Ward returned from the mainland last Tuesday evening.

W. H. and Mrs. Lomas, of Duncan, are at the Oriental.

St. M. Robins, of Nanaimo, was in the city last week.

Miss Ida Carmichael has returned from Golden, B.C.

The official announcement of the approaching marriage of Mr. Henry Austin Lee, Secretary of the British Embassy in Paris, with Mrs. De Wolff Taylor, has not taken Mr. Lee's friends by surprise, as for eight months past the probability of such a union has been a matter of speculation.

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