

The Planet.

DAILY AND WEEKLY
Chatham, Ont.TO-MORROW WILL BE EASTER
SUNDAY BY ACT OF THE
BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

There has been some discussion as to whether Easter Sunday falls on the right day this year, April 15th. The prayer book of the Church of England declares that Easter Sunday is the Sunday following the first full moon after March 21, and that if the full moon is on a Sunday, then Easter Day is the Sunday following. As the first full moon after March 21st is a little after one o'clock on Sunday morning, April 15th, in Great Britain the matter came up in the House of Commons on a request to the Attorney-General to introduce a bill making April 15th Easter Day in law as well as by the calendar, so as to prevent doubt in regard to bills falling due on a date dependent on the date of Easter. The reply was that the law already made provision by declaring that Easter shall be observed according to the statutory tables and rules, one of which provides that the paschal full moon in 1900 shall be held to fall on April 14th. The same thing occurred in 1818 and 1845 when a fictitious full moon was also recognized. Canadians on consulting their calendars will find the full moon set down for a few minutes past 8 o'clock on the 14th, but it is then after one o'clock of the morning of the 15th in England.

WILL MR. PARDO PLEASE READ THIS.

That staunch Liberal paper the Windsor Record, has this to say about Mr. P. P.'s who have no independence, who jump every time the government pulls the string. "Mr. Pardo should ponder over it as it comes from a paper that has hitherto been very friendly to him."

By a strict party vote, the agreement between the Ontario government and the Spanish River Pulp Company passed the legislature by a majority of seven. It was evident that only loyalty to party enabled the government to put the agreement through. So-called loyalty to party is responsible for a great deal of bad legislation. We know of no better system of parliamentary government than that by party, but when party is pushed to the extent of converting men into mere registering machines government by party is abused.

There is no doubt that the government found itself in a tight place in this pulp matter, and, as we have said, loyalty to party alone enabled it to pull the agreement through, but not until after the Premier had admitted the necessity of investigating the pulp wood resources of the province.

This province has a valuable asset in its pulp wood and one that is rapidly growing in value. The government should ascertain the extent of our resources, and then, instead of making private agreements with companies, proceed in an intelligent and business way to dispose of our woods. Premier Ross in his amendment admits this. The amendment begins by saying: "This House, believing that, unless the result of further experience in the sale and disposition of pulpwood, it is found practicable to establish general regulations on the subject, the control of the amount of dues, which may be charged, including the power to increase the same from time to time," and so on.

There was no pressing necessity, so far as we can see, of pushing this Spanish River agreement through, and everything set out in the amendment should have been done before any more pulpwood concessions were made.

HOW CANADIAN CONSUMERS SUFFER.

In the debate on the tariff at Ottawa Mr. Moore compared the prices of goods to consumers, pointing out that whereas twenty-five pounds of sugar could a few years ago be purchased for a dollar, only twenty pounds can now be had for a dollar. He said a long list of articles used by farmers on which prices had been advanced from ten to fifty per cent. An exception was the article of scythes, in regard to which he made the interesting statement that the Dunn Bros. Tool Company, of Maine, which had always supplied a large number of scythes, were paid by the Canadian manufacturers \$20,000 cash to give up the Canadian market. After that bargain the price was advanced in Canada exactly 75 per cent. Dealing with the coal oil question, Mr. Moore gave the history of the Standard Oil Company, and showed how that monopoly had got possession of the whole Canadian industry and controlled transportation. He estimated that it costs some two millions of dollars a year to keep this combine in operation, this sum being taken out of the pockets of the Canadian people, many of them poor, and put straight into the pockets of the monopolists of the United States. This was our tribute to a country which turns back every laboring man who seeks employment across the border.

"To Do Ill Costs More Than To Do Well."

This might properly read, "It costs more to BE ill than to BE well." The source of all health is rich, strong blood. It is to the body what the mighty streams are to the earth. If the blood is pure, the body thrives; if the blood is weak or impoverished, then every pulse-beat carries weakness instead of strength.

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Mr. Moore was pleased when he could join with politicians opposite, and was therefore glad to quote speeches by Sir Louis Davies and other ministers, who, when in Opposition, disclaimed free oil and cheaper oil. He called upon them now to put their principles in practice and strike at the high prices of the combine by putting coal oil on the free list.

With times as prosperous as they are, why is the population of Kent declining as the county returns show?

The property owners on King street have no kick coming about the broken stone for filling in. The city at large is paying for it.

Who would have thought that in the year of real civilization 1900 Chatham's leading business street would have to be repaired with broken stone?

By all means abolish hansom if it will have any effect in curtailing the speeches of the parliamentary windbags who tell the country the same thing a dozen times over.

Richard the Third offered a whole kingdom for one horse, while the Lord Roberts can do so to guarantee two republics if he is furnished with 50,000.

A woman has made application at Osgoode Hall to have her marriage set aside on the ground that her husband was a lunatic when she married him. Old bachelors will now have a chance to rise and remark that if lunacy during the matrimonial ceremony is to be taken as sufficient cause for divorce there are a whole lot of people of their acquaintance who could apply at once.

We are pleased to see that our esteemed contemporary, Mr. James McIntyre, of Ingersoll has sent a book of his poems to Lord Wolseley, commander-in-chief of the British forces.

He should have sent them to Lord Roberts to use on the Boers. There is nothing in the Geneva Convention to prevent it. When the powers decided to lessen the horrors of war they were unaware Mr. McIntyre was going to write poems.

Dr. R. W. Bruce Smith, of the Hamilton Asylum staff, formerly of Sparta, read a very interesting paper at the Hamilton Scientific Association's meeting on the Relation of Religion to Insanity. He pointed out two things of importance in connection with his paper, that the gospel of the lowly Nazarene never disturbed a person's mind, and that there must be physical defect before insanity showed.

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It seems that the recent coal famine in Russia was largely due to the action of coal combines. There are no combines there now. The Russian government attended to them just as soon as it found out the cause of the trouble.

Here and there are other men again, taller and sturdier than our infantry line—grim, solid men, straight as poplars. There is a maple leaf upon their shoulders, and the British brigade is glad enough to have these maple leaves beside them, for the Canadians are the men of Hardeburg—Canon Doyle's description of the ninth division.

In some respects Sam Hughes may be a chump, but he has lots of grit, and if there were more officers with his dash in the British army the Boers would be hugging their entrenchments instead of roaming the country and hitting British outposts. Sam's plucky seizure of a pont, as told by the cable, shows that he lacks neither courage nor energy, even if his mouth and his pen do work over-time and without a safety gauge.

HOW HE GOT A PAPER.

Exchange.
A farmer stepped into a printing office and said to the editor: "I'd like to take your paper but I'm too poor." "Go home," said the editor, "pick out a hen, and call her mine, sell or save the eggs from her for me, and if she wants to set let her, and next fall bring her and the produce of that hen. I'll send the paper." When fall came he found he was paying the price of two papers. After that he was never too poor to take a paper.

THE WAY IT IS PUT IN QUEBEC.

Mr. Monet, M. P.
The Globe, La Patrie, and other papers had condemned the participation of Canada in foreign wars. Sir Charles Tupper had started this agitation for the sending of Canadian troops. The Premier in his memorial interview had taken a perfectly constitutional view of the question, but later became scared by the agitation aroused by Tupper, Clarke Wallace, Bergeron, and the other Conservative leaders, and the English members of the cabinet had forced Sir Wilfrid to consent to the sending of a contingent.

REPREHENSIBLE NONSENSE.

New York Mail and Express.
This scheme to get all the school children of the city to sign a monster petition to the president beseeching him to intervene in the South African war is reprehensible nonsense. Few of the children know or care what the war is all about, and to ask them to sign a petition as has been proposed would be exactly like urging them to invite the government to make an insufferable fool of itself by meddling in other people's affairs.

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LITERARY NOTES.

WEEDS OF ONTARIO.
"The Weeds of Ontario" is the title of a very interesting little pamphlet, published by Professor F. C. Harrison, B. S. A., and published by the Ontario Department of Agriculture. A copy of it in every farmer's hands would probably result in a better knowledge of the farm pests, and how to exterminate them.

Preparations for a Bath.
Billy Darch, the traveling man, tells of a hotel experience in the interior of Arkansas that is looked upon by his friends with suspicion. He had arrived at a small settlement, and at once repaired to the Eagle House, which was situated on the outskirts of the town on the bank of a small stream.

After a dinner of side meats and corn bread Billy lighted a cigar, and the proprietor said:—
"Stranger, is that anything we 'uns kin do for you?"

Thinking to confound his host, Darch answered:—
"Well, yes, come to think of it, I'd like to have a bath."
The proprietor let his feet droop from the railing upon which he had hoisted them, disappeared in the house, and returned in a moment with a large tin cup full of soft soap, a rough towel and a pick and shovel, which he offered Darch.

"What's the pick and shovel for?" asked Darch.

"Wal, stranger," answered the landlord, "th' water's low, and y' all 'll hev to dam up th' creek."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

No man can acquire the doubtful good of extreme wealth without subjecting others to the undoubted evil of poverty.

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Kidneys That Won't do
Kidney Work.

CHATHAM TALK

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Ginger Snaps, per lb. 5c
Corn Starch, per package. 6c
Laundry Starch, per package. 35c
No. 2 Flour, 12 lbs. 18c, 24 lbs. 35c
Judd Soap, 12 bars. 25c
Jam, 5 lb. pail. 35c
Lemons, per doz. 10c
Sardines, per can. 10c
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LOCAL BRIEFS

On Good Friday eight tons of rain to the acre fell.

Fred. Jarvis, of Toronto, is the guest of Mrs. Wm. McKeough.

Chas. Cherry, King street east, is the father of a new baby boy.

Andrew Neal, of Harwich, is recovering from the effects of the operation on his knee.

Miss Daniels, daughter of Jos. Daniels, of Dover, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday.

Mrs. (Dr.) Frazier and son Archie, of Tilbury, are visiting at the residence of Hugh Macaulay, Raleigh St.

The Little Minister, which will be presented at the Grand on Tuesday night, needs no puffing. It is well known as one of the best attractions on the road.

The remains of little May Reid were interred in Maple Leaf Cemetery yesterday. The funeral took place from Janke & Sons' undertaking establishment. The Rev. Dr. Hannon conducted the obsequies.

The magnificent floral display being made by the Victoria Ave. Greenhouses in the Oddfellows' block will be continued until 11 o'clock. All kinds of Easter flowers, cut and uncured, are on sale.

James W. Lamb, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lamb, passed away at St. Joseph's Hospital this morning. The funeral will take place Sunday morning.

Artist Sandy Fleming has painted a life-sized picture of the late Thos. Stone. The work is exceedingly well done and the picture is striking. The picture will be hung in the office of the store.

P. H. Kenny, clerk of the Westcott House, Dresden, has resigned his position and is spending Easter holidays with his father, before leaving for Syria, where he has secured a similar position in the Belsham Hotel.

The contract for the improvements to the Bungalow at Erieview, let to John Piggott & Sons, will be commenced on Tuesday. The improvements will include an extension of 76 ft. with double storey verandah and some 36 bedrooms.

COULD NOT IDENTIFY HIM.
Yesterday James Battbridge was tried before Judge Houston in the charge of the larceny of a sealine sash from the residence of S. J. Sutherland. The crown evidence could not, however, establish any identification of the accused, who was dismissed. J. B. Rankin, Q. C., acted for the defence.

EASTER SUNDAY Dainties

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Pineapples
Strawberries
Pie Plant
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Oranges
Bananas
Lettuce

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BOERS BADLY OFF.

They Have Lost Many Horses as well as the British

London, April 14.—Much has been telegraphed about Gen. Roberts' heavy losses in horses and transport animals during the march across the country to Bloemfontein, but nothing has been said about similar losses on the Boer side. It is confidently asserted among military men here that there have been heavy losses on the Boer side during the march, whereas only a portion of their force can now be mounted at all.

The Dutch have also lost an immense number of oxen, and are crippled in transport service. Their raiding operations have exhausted their horses, whereas the British cavalry brigades will be fresh for service when marching orders are issued.

The only weak point in the British campaign is Mafeking. Veterans here are anxious about the fate of the garrison and are unable to perceive how Gen. Carrington can relieve it without a march of 500 miles, which will take up many weeks. The closest observers are convinced that this attempt will be made, but are disposed to believe that his force will be employed exclusively on the northern frontier of the Transvaal.

There are no further details of the reconnaissance of Clermont's position at Bloubaai, which has dwindled into an outpost affair with a practice on both sides. The extent to which Gen. Buller's arm has been reduced by the withdrawal of troops under Gen. Hunter is not yet known, but the strength of his force is probably three times as great as Buller's, and it needs to be, since the Boers will be operating on the defensive under the most favorable circumstances.

No further results of the change of Boer tactics in the Free States are reported. Gen. Roberts holds the railway line in greatest strength from Norval's post to Modder River, and is now directed eastward or westward by Boer strategy. He is saving his horses for a march northward, and allows the raiders to hang on his eastern flank from Wepener and Smithfield to Theunissen and Winburg.

Wepener still remains in possession of the Colonial garrison, under Col. Dalgetty, and no additional advantage has been gained by the British. They have taken seven trains and 1,000 prisoners during the fortnight, but otherwise their counterstroke has failed. Since Gen. Roberts' forces are massed for the march to the Vaal river, a overwhelming strength and cannot be diverted to the hills in the east. Gen. Roberts' latest reports are cheerful, the Boer movement having been checked and Wepener holding out well.

CRICKET ASSOCIATION.

London, April 14.—The Western Ontario Cricket Association was organized at a meeting of enthusiastic cricketers, held in the Tecumseh House here last night, and it is expected that a general revival of interest in the game will be created throughout the province this summer. The clubs of several of the cities and towns are already in the association, and more will be in line before the season's play begins.

Last night's meeting was attended by Messrs. J. Nicholson, J. H. Forest, W. B. Wells, of Chatham; H. R. Pousette, Sarnia; P. A. Errett, Brantford; and E. C. Monteith, Aylmer. Mr. Wells was elected chairman, and Mr. Carver secretary.

The following officers were elected:—

Honorary President—R. Bayley, Q. C., London.
President—T. F. Pardee, M. P. P., Sarnia.

Vice-President—Jeffery Hale, Brantford; S. J. Sutherland, H. J. Petty, Windsor.

Secretary—G. W. Carver, London.

The executive committee comprises Messrs. Wells, Chatham; Errett, Brantford; Monteith, Aylmer, and L. H. Dampier, of Strathroy.

The executive were given, until May 1 to draw up a schedule of house and league games. Rules and regulations were also adopted.

IT'S FLOURISHING

Park Street Methodist Church Ladies' Aid Society.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of Park St. Methodist church, was held on Wednesday afternoon, April 11th. Mrs. Scott, president, in the chair. The year's report showed the society to be in a flourishing condition, having a membership of seventy. Death has visited its ranks and taken the oldest member, Mrs. Marquand. The cheerful and encouraging presence of our dear sister, the reports declared, will be greatly missed at our monthly meetings, and in the church, of which she had been an earnest and faithful member for so many years.

It was moved, seconded, and carried unanimously that a hearty vote of thanks be tendered to the ladies and gentlemen, who so kindly assisted at the annual concert.

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

Dear Sisters—We are to-day celebrating the 47th anniversary of our society, and in so doing we have great reason to thank our Heavenly Father for the way He has led us. The years have been years of great prosperity, both spiritually and financially. To-day, the beginning of the year in this society, will bring with it new opportunities for usefulness. To seize them and make the best of them is the wisdom that cometh from above. Let us use the opportunity for doing good and not live to ourselves, but to remember the sick and lonely ones. The strangers in our midst, bid them a hearty welcome, and in every way try and lift the standard of holy living in our church. Death has entered our ranks this year, and removed one of our oldest and most active members, Mrs. Marquand. She has crossed the river to dwell forever with her Lord and Master. I hope her place will soon be filled by others willing to follow her as she followed Christ. In the year 1893, six years ago, you elected me your president. During those years I have received nothing but kindness at your hands,

It Costs

Just as much to have cheap paper put on a wall as it does to have good paper put on. It takes just as much paste and time, and disturbs the occupants of the house just as much. And cheap paper does not look quarter as well, or retain its cheerfulness nearly as long. We sell cheap papers, but we advise our customers to buy what, at first thought, they may consider expensive.

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Dingman's
For which I desire to thank you. No matter how much a president tries to do her duty, she must have the help and cooperation of the members or she will fail. I can truly say you have always done your part cheerfully. During these six years we have raised \$2,346.24, which has been expended on our church and parsonage. We have paid \$800 on the church debt. Every one in the congregation, the pastors and their families, you and I, have been benefited, and made comfortable by the expenditure of this money. Let us pray and work on till the Master calleth us.

Rev. Dr. Hannon then took the chair and proceeded with the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—
Pres.—Mrs. E. W. Scott, re-elected.
First Vice-Pres.—Mrs. T. Smook.
Second Vice-Pres.—Mrs. Morley, re-elected.
Secretary.—Mrs. C. F. Chanter, re-elected.

Assist. Sec.—Mrs. A. Wemp.
Treas.—Mrs. Oldershaw, re-elected.
Church Com.—Messdames Williams, Barfoot and Henderson.
Parsonage Com.—Messdames Ball, Mosey and Shaw.
Pianist—Mrs. W. J. Snell.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Receipts:— | |
| Monthly teas | \$ 38.07 |
| Memberships fees | 117.75 |
| Proceeds from Annual tea meeting | 138.77 |
| Concert | 27.70 |
| Other receipts, including balance from last year | 211.43 |
| Total | \$433.72 |
| Expenditures:— | |
| Parsonage carpet and furniture | \$ 89.28 |
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

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| Receipts:— | |
| Monthly teas | \$ 38.07 |
| Memberships fees | 117.75 |
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WILLIAM ST. BAPTIST.

Pastor—Rev. J. J. Ross.
Musical Director—Mrs. Alice James.
Organist—Miss Ada Howe.

Morning Service.

Duet, Love Divine—Shenker.
Anthem, The Risen Lord—Hawley.
Solo, The Holy City (by special request)—Adams.

Evening Service.

Duet, Heavenly Guidance—Shepherd.
Anthem, Renew Thy Spirit—Root.
Solo, Fear Not, Ye Seek Jesus—Tynes.

ST. JOSEPH'S.

Clergy—Rev. Father Francis Solanus.
Rev. Father de Paul and Rev. Father Hermon.
Musical Director and Organist—Miss Nellie Rhody.

Morning Service.

Millard's 8th Mass.
Offertory, Regina Coeli—Choir.
Veni Creator, Millard—Soloists.
Misses Smith, Dillon and McDonald, and Messrs. Wilson and Rhody.

Evening Service.

Musical Vespers—Est.
Vocal Solo, Hosanna, Granier—Mr. J. Rhody.
Grand Chorus, Regina Coeli, Lambillotte—Choir.
Magnificat, Mozart—Choir.
Bass Solo, O Salutaris, Wiegand—Mr. W. Wilson.
Trio, Tantum Ergo, Berge—Miss Smith, Messrs. Wilson and Rhody.
Closing Hymn—Holy God, we Praise Thy Name.

ST. ANDREW'S.

Pastor—Rev. Dr. J. R. Battisby.
Musical Director—S. H. Marshall.
Organist—Mrs. S. B. Marshall.

Morning Service.

Organ, Adeste Fideles, Dudley Buck.
Anthem, Easter—Choir.
Christ is Risen—Solo, Quartette and Chorus.
Solo—Hosanna.

Evening Service.

Organ, Abide with Me, Ashford.
Anthem, The Son of Man Glorified—Solo, Duet, Quartette and Chorus.
Duet—Emanuel.
Solo—See now the Altar.

PARK ST. METHODIST.

Pastor—Rev. Dr. Hanson.
Musical Director—Miss Edna Idle.
Organist—Miss Lillian Pratt.

Morning Service.

Anthem, Hosanna, Granier—Miss Edna Idle and Choir.
Ladies' Quartette, I'm a Pilgrim—Misses Idle, Weese, Callie Idle and Merriam.

Evening Service.

Anthem, This is the Day, Cooke—Choir.
Solo, The Resurrection, Shelly—Miss Callie Idle.
Ladies' Quartette, Oh Lord, be Merciful—Misses Idle, Weese, Callie Idle and Merriam.
Crossing the Bar, Woodward—Choir.

CHRIST CHURCH.

Rector—Rev. Rural Dean McCosh.
Musical Director and Organist—E. J. Forsythe.

Morning Service.

Welcome, Easter Morning—Danks.
Christ Our Passover—Shelling.
Te Deum—Hopkins.
Jubilate—Tallis.
Solo, But the Lord is Mindful of His Own, Mendelssohn—Mrs. Mills.
Kyrie Eleison—Forsythe.
Gloria Tibi—Tallis.
Offertory Solo, Hosanna in Excelsis, St. Quentin—Miss Ida Cycles.
Presentation—Whitney.

Evening Service.

Proper Psalms—113, 114, 118.
Magnificat—Woodward.
Nunc Dimittis—Woodward.
Anthem, Hearken Unto Me, Ye that Know Righteousness—Foster.
Solo, I Know that My Redeemer Liveth, Handel—Miss Emma Burke, London, Ont.
Vesper Song—Vincent.
Tallis' full choral service will be sung. The Proper Psalms for the day being sung antiphonally by the adult choir and choir of boys.

HOLY TRINITY.

Rector—Rev. R. A. Sims.
Musical Director—Harry Horstead.
Organist—Frank Phelps.

Morning Service.

Opening Hymn—Welcome, Happy Morning.
Easter Anthem, Christ our Passover—H. P. Danks.
Gloria—King Hall.
Te Deum Laudamus—Bruce Steane.
Jubilate—John Goss.
Anthem, Alleluia, Now is Christ Risen—T. Adams.
Kyrie Eleison—F. G. Plummer.
Gloria—B. Sura.
Hymn—Jesus Christ is Risen.
Offertory, Let Your Light so Shine, Give Aids of the Goods—H. P. Danks.
Hymn—According to Thy Gracious Word.

Evening Service.

Opening Hymn—Alleluia, the Strife is Over.
Responses, etc.—Tallis.
Psalms—Battisbail.

Magnificat—King Hall.
Nunc Dimittis—Kitts.
Anthem, Christ the Lord is Risen Today—Rev. E. V. Hall.
Hymn—Jesus Rises.
Offertory, Hallelujah! Christ is Risen—Finlay, Lyon.
Hymn—The Day of Resurrection.
Vesper Hymn.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN.

Pastor—Rev. F. H. Larkin, B. A.
Musical Director—Mrs. John Cooper.
Organist—Wm. H. Brockin.

Morning Service.

Anthem, He is Risen, Smper—Choir.
Offertory, Organ Voluntary, The Palms, Faure—Wm. H. Brockin.
Vocal Solo, Collect Thou Thus, O Master, Metake—Mrs. John Cooper.
Quartette—Shadows of Eventide, Shelly—Mrs. John Cooper, Miss Ada Ross, H. W. Anderson and W. H. Brockin.

Evening Service.

Anthem, King of Kings—Choir, with solo by Miss Maud Oliver.
Offertory, Violin solo, Largo, Handel—Henry McCaw.
Vocal Solo, Come to the Land of Rest, Greeley—Miss Ada Ross.

Quartette (unaccompanied), One Sweetly Solemn Thought, Ambrose—Mrs. John Cooper, Miss Clara Blight, Miss Lily Simpson and Miss Ada Ross.

VICTORIA AVE. METHODIST.

Pastor—Rev. H. W. Locke.
Musical Director—J. W. Humphrey.
Organist—Miss Louise Hillman.

Morning Service.

Anthem—Bright Easter Morn, E. L. Ashford—Choir, with soprano solo by Miss Jackson.
Offertory, Calm on the Morn, A. Beirly—Choir.

Evening Service.

Anthem, Christ Our Passover, M. L. McPhail—Choir.
Offertory, Quartette, Come Unto Me, Philpen—Misses L. and M. Jackson, Messrs. J. W. Humphrey and C. Tilt.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Eat Richards' Bread.

Bicycle repairs at Brisco's.
J. F. Marley, Waterloo, spent Good Friday in the city.

F. S. Jarvis, manager Merchants' Bank, Galt, is in the city.

D. McLachlan left for Detroit this morning on a business trip.

Miss Abram and Miss Longwell are spending the day in Detroit.

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Mrs. R. A. McVean and Miss Sharpe are spending the day in Detroit.

Mrs. Woodcock, Grey street, left today to visit friends in Wyandotte, Mich.

Miss Nellie Young left to-day for Amherstburg to spend the Easter holidays.

Mrs. R. E. Smith, of Detroit, is spending Easter holidays with her friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Shaw and son Roy, of Toronto, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh McDonald.

See Mrs. Charles MacDonald's advertisement in another column. The entire contents of the house will be sold and no reserve.

James Coote, of Kingsville, is spending a few days with his brother, P. S. Coote, manager of the Chatham Gas Co.

Miss Effie Lafferty, B. A., of the Wallaceburg school teaching staff, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Two barber chairs and a marble top wash stand, with two bowls for sale, cheap. Address, Box 338, Chatham, P. O.

Morrison Bros. will rebuild Snell's grist mill on Queen street, recently destroyed by fire. It will be running again by the middle of May.

"I'll leave my sloppy home for you," she sang. She was a Chatham girl and welcomed the chance to escape to a town with ideal streets.—Hidgetown Plaindealer.

Another factory has been added to Walkerville's industries. The Walkerville Match Co. Limited, have erected an extensive plant and are now ready for business.

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Vocal solo—Miss Dunlop.
Recitation—Miss G. M. Swan.
Cantata—"Smiles and tears of by-gone years."

Intermission, 20 minutes.
II Part.
Instrumental duo—Caprice—1st piano, Miss Sullivan, 2nd piano, Miss Edmondson.

Semi chorus—Softly sweet the song is stealing.
Recitation—Miss Gertrude M. Swan.
Cantata (Conclusion).
Inst. duo—Overture—Misses Faucher and Bowers.
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Ladies' black cheviot spring jackets newest style, lined throughout.....\$7.50

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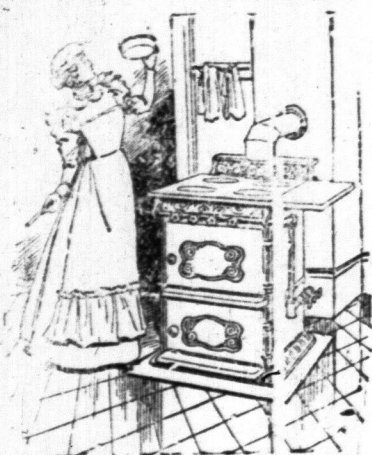
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gestions as to the best styles of
Christian work and points out the
reasons of so many pious failures;
text, Joshua viii, 7. "Then shall you
rise up from the ambush and seize
upon the city."

One Sabbath evening, with my
family around me, we were talking
over the scene of the text. In the
wide open eyes and the quick inter-
rogations and the blanched cheeks I
realized what a thrilling drama it
was. There is the old city, shorter
by name than any other city in the
ages, spelled with two letters, A. I.
At Joshua and his men wait to
take it. How to do it is the ques-
tion. On a former occasion, in a
straightforward, face to face fight,
they had been defeated, but now they
are going to take it by ambush.
General Joshua has two divisions in
his army. The one division the bat-
tle worn commander will lead him-
self, the other division he sends off
to encamp in an ambush on the west
side of the city of Ai. No torches,
no lanterns, no sound of heavy bat-
talions, but 30,000 savorily wait-
ing in silence, speaking
only in a whisper, no clicking of
swords against shields, lest the
watchman of Ai discover it and the
stratagem be a failure. If the rois-
tering soldier in the Israelite army
forgets himself, all along the line the
word is "Hush!"

Joshua takes the other division,
the one with which he is to march,
and puts it on the north side of the
city of Ai and then spends the night
in reconnoitering the valley. There
he stands in the night and says to
himself, "Yonder is the division in
ambush on the west side of Ai. Here
is the division I have under my es-
pecial command on the north side of
Ai. There is the old city slumber-
ing in its sin. To-morrow we will
take it. Look! The morning
already begins to tip the hills. The
military officers of Ai look out in the
morning very early, and, while they
do not see the division in ambush,
they behold the other divisions of
Joshua, and the cry "To arms! To
arms!" rings through all the streets
of the old town, and every sword,
whether hacked and bent or newly
welded, is brought out, and all the
inhabitants of the city of Ai pour
through the gates, an infuriated hor-
drent, and their cry is, "Come, we'll
make quick work with Joshua and
his troops!"

No sooner had these people of Ai
come out against the troops of Josu-
hua than Joshua gave such a "Fall
back!" as he seldom gave. "Fall
back!" Why, they could not be-
lieve their own ears! Is Joshua's
courage failing him? The retreat is
beaten, and the Israelites are flying,
throwing blankets and canters on
every side under this worse than
bull run defeat. And you ought to
hear the soldiers of Ai cheer and
cheer and cheer. But they huzza
too soon. The men lying in am-
bush are straining their vision to
get some signal from Joshua that
they may know what time to drop
upon the city. Joshua takes his bur-
nished spear, glittering in the sun
like a shaft of doom, and points it
toward the city, and when the men
up yonder in the ambush see it with
hawklike swoop they drop upon Ai
and without stroke of sword or stab
of spear take the city and put it to
the torch.

So much for the division that was
in ambush. How about the divi-
sion under Joshua's command? No
sooner does Joshua stop in the fight
than all his men stop with him, and
as he wheels they wheel, for in a
voice of thunder he cried "Halt!"
one strong arm driving back a tor-
rent of flying troops. And then, as
he points his spear through the golden
light toward that fated city, his
troops know that they are to start
for it. What a scene it was when
the division in ambush which had
taken the city marched down against
the troops under Joshua doubled up
their enemies from the other side,
and the men of Ai were caught be-
tween these two hurricanes of Israel-
ite courage, thrust before and be-
hind, stabbed in breast and back,
ground between the upper and the
nether millstones of God's indigna-
tion! Woe to the city of Ai! Cheer
for Israel!

Lesson the first: There is such a
thing as victorious retreat. Joshua's
falling back was the first chapter in
his successful besiegement. And
there are times in your life when the
best thing you can do is to run. You
were once the victim of strong drink.
The demijohn and the decanter were
your foes. They came down upon
you with greater fury than the men
of Ai upon the men of Joshua. Your
only safety is to get away from
them. Run for your life! Fall
back! Fall back from the drinking
saloon! Fall back from the wine
party! Your fight is your advance;
your retreat is your victory.

Here is a converted infidel. He is
so strong now in his faith in the
gospel he says he can read anything.
What are you reading? Boling-
broke? Andrew Jackson? Davy
Crockett? Tyndall's Glasgow univer-
sity address? Drop them and run.
You will be an infidel before you die
if you don't quit that. These men
of Ai will be too much for you. Turn
your back on the rank and file of un-
belief. Fly before they cut you with
their swords and transfix you with
their javelins.

So, also, there is victorious retreat
in the religious world. Thousands
of times the kingdom of Christ has

of the Scotch Covenanters gave a
deeper dye to the heather of the
highlands, when the Yauds of
France chose extermination rather
than make an unchristian surrender,
when on St. Bartholomew's day
mounted assassins rode through the
streets of Paris, crying "Kill! blood-
letting is good in August! Kill!
Death to the Huguenots! Kill!"
when Lady Jane Grey's head rolled
from the executioner's block, when
Calvin was imprisoned in the castle,
when John Knox died for the truth,
when John Bunyan lay rotting in
Bedford jail, saying, "If God will
help me and my physical life contin-
ues, I will stay here until the moss
grows on my eyebrows rather than
give up my faith," the days of re-
treat for the church were days of
victory.

But there is a more marked illus-
tration of victorious retreat in the
life of our Joshua, the Jesus of the
ages. First falling back from an
appalling depth, falling from celestial
hills to terrestrial valleys, from
throne to manger, yet that did not
seem to subvert him as a retreat.
Falling back still farther from Beth-
lehem to Nazareth, from Nazareth to
Jerusalem, back from Jerusalem to
Golgotha, back from Golgotha to the
mausoleum in the rock, back down
over the precipices of perdition un-
til he walked amid the caverns of
the eternal captives and drank of the
wine of the wrath of Almighty God,
amid the Abahs, and the Jezebels,
and the Belshazzars. Oh, men of the
pulpit and men of the pew, Christ's
descent from heaven to earth does
not seem to subvert him as a retreat.
It was from glory to perdition. He
descended into hell. All the records
of earthly retreat are as nothing
compared with this falling back.

But let not the powers of dark-
ness rejoice quite so soon. Do you
hear that disturbance in the tomb
of Arimathea? I hear the sheet rend-
ing! What means that stone hurled
down the side of the hill? Who is
this coming out? Push him back! I
The dead must not stalk in the open
sunlight. Oh, it is our Joshua. Let
him come out. He comes forth and
starts for the city. He takes the
spear of the Roman guard and points
that way. Church militant marches
up on one side, and the church tri-
umphant marches down on the other
side. And the powers of darkness
being caught between these ranks of
celestial and terrestrial valor, nothing
is left of them save just enough to il-
lustrate the direful overthrow of hell
and our Joshua's eternal victory. So it
is said he will be all the crowns. In his
hands be all the scepters. At his
feet be all the human hearts; and
here, Lord, is one of them.

Lesson the second: The triumph of
the wicked is short. Did you ever
see an army in a panic? There is
nothing so uncontrollable. If you
stood at Long bridge, Washington,
during the opening of our sad civil
war, you would know what it is to
see an army run. And when those
men of Ai looked out and saw those
men of Joshua in a stampede they
expected easy work. But their exhi-
bition was brief, for the tide of bat-
tle turned, and these quondam con-
querors left their miserable carcasses
in the wilderness of Bethesda. So it
always is. The triumph of the wicked
is short. You make \$20,000 at the
gaming table. Do you expect to
keep it? You will die in the poor-
house. You made a fortune by in-
suring traffic. Do you expect to
keep it? Your money will scatter, or
it will stay long enough to curse
your children after you are dead.
Call over the roll of bad men who
prospered and see how short was
their prosperity. For awhile, like
the men of Ai, they went from con-
quest to conquest, but after awhile
disaster rolled back upon them, and
they were divided into three parts.
Misfortune took their property, the
grave took their body and the lost
world took their soul. How much may
be accomplished by lying in ambush
for opportunities. Are you hyper-
critical of Joshua's maneuver? Do
you say that it was cheating for him
to take that city by ambush? I
answer, if the war was right, then
Joshua was right in his stratagem.
He violated no flag of truce. He broke
no treaty, but by a lawful ambushade
captured the city of Ai. Oh, that
we all knew how to lie in ambush
for opportunities to serve God. The
best of our opportunities do not lie
on the surface, but are secreted. By
tact, by stratagem, by Christian am-
bushade, you may take almost any
castle of sin for Christ. Come up
agent to a regular besiegement and
toward men you will be defeated,
but just wait until the door
of their hearts is set ajar, or they
are off their guard, or their severe
caution is away from home, and then
drop in on them from a Christian
ambushade.

Oh, make a flank movement! Steal
a march on the devil! Cheat that
man into heaven! A \$5 treatise that
will stand all the laws of homiletics
may fail to do that which a penny
tract of Christian entreaty may ac-
complish. Oh, for more Christians
in ambushade—not lying in idleness,
but waiting for a quick spring, wait-
ing until just the right time comes!
Do not rub a man's disposition the
wrong way; do not take the impera-
tive mood when the subjunctive mood
will do just as well; do not talk in
perfidious style to a phlegmatic nor
try to tickle a torrid temperament
with an icicle. You can take any
man for Christ if you know how to
get at him.

Lesson the fourth: The importance
of taking good aim. There is Josu-
hua, but how are those people in am-
bush up yonder to know when they
are to drop on the city, and how are
these men around Joshua to know
when they are to stop their flight
and advance? There must be some
signal—a signal to stop the one di-
vision and to start the other. Joshua,
with a spear on which were ordi-
nary lying the colors of battle, points
toward the city. He stands in such a
conspicuous position, and there is
so much of the morning light drip-
ping from that spear tip, that all
around the horizon they see it. It
was as much as to say: "There is
the city. Take it!"
God knows and we know that a

great opportunity of Christian attack
amounts to nothing simply because we
do not take good aim. Nobody
knows and we do not know oursel-
ves which point we want to take
when we ought to make up our minds
what God will have us do and point
our spear in that direction and then
hurl our body, mind, soul, time, eter-
nity at that one target. In our pul-
pits and pews, and Sunday schools
and prayer meetings we want to get
a reputation for saying pretty things,
and so we point our spear towards
the flowers, or we want a reputation
for saying sublime things, and we
point our spear towards the stars,
or we want to get a reputation for
historical knowledge, and we point
our spear towards the past, or we
want to get a reputation for great
liberality, so we swing our spear all
around, while there is the old world,
proud, rebellious and armed against
us, all righteousness, and instead of run-
ning any farther away from its pur-
suit we ought to turn around, plant
our foot in the strength of our point
in the direction of the world's con-
quest, till the redeemed of earth,
marching up from one side and the
glorified of heaven marching down
from the other side, the last battle-
ment of sin is compelled to swing
out the streamers of Emanuel. O
church of God, take aim and con-
quer!

I have heard it said, "Look out for
a man who has only one idea; he is
irresistible." I say look out for the
man who has one idea, and that a
determination for soul saving. I be-
lieve God would strike me dead if I
dared to point the spear in any other
direction. Oh, for some of the cour-
age and enthusiasm of Joshua! He
flung two armies from the tip of that
spear. It is sinful for us to rest un-
less it is to get stronger muscle and
fresher brain and purer heart for
God's work. I feel on my head the
hands of Christ in a new ordina-
tion. Do you not feel the same ordina-
tion? There is a work for all of
us. Oh, that we might stand up side
by side and point the spear towards
the city! It ought to be taken. It
will be taken.

It is comparatively easy to keep on
a parade amid a shower of bouquets
and hand clappings and the whole
street full of enthusiastic huzzas, but
it is not so easy to stand up in the
day of battle, the face blackened
with smoke, the uniform covered
with the earth plowed up by whiz-
ing bullets and bursting shells, half
the regiment cut to pieces, and yet
the commander crying "Forward,
march!" Then it requires old fas-
tioned valor. My friends, the great
trouble of the kingdom of God in
this day is the cowards. They do
splendidly on a parade day and at
communion, when they have on their
best clothes of Christian profession,
but in the great battle of life, at the
first sharpshoot of skepticism,
they dodge, they fall back, they
break ranks. We confront the enemy,
we open the battle against fraud,
and lo, we find on our side a great
many people that do not try to pay
their debts. And we open the battle
against intemperance, and we
open the battle against profanity, and
we find on our side a great many
people who make hard speeches. And
we open the battle against infidelity,
and lo, we find on our own side a
great many men who are not quite
sure about the book of Jonah. And
while we ought to be massing our
troops and bringing forth more than
the united courage of Austerlitz and
Waterloo and Gettysburg we have to
be spending our time in hunting up
ambushades. There are a great many
in the Lord's army who would like
to go out on a campaign with satin
slippers and holding umbrellas over
their heads to keep off the heavy dew
and having rattions of canvasback
ducks and lemon custards. If they
cannot have them, they want to go
home. They think it is unhealthy
among so many bullets!

I believe that the next year will be
the most stupendous year that has
ever saw. The nations are wak-
ing now with the coming of God.
It will be a year of successes for the
men of Joshua, but of doom for the
men of Ai. You put your ear to the
rail track, and you hear the train
coming miles away. So I put my
ear to the ground, and I hear the
thundering of the lightning train
of God's mercies and judgments. The
mercy of God is first to be tried up-
on this nation. It will be preached
in the pulpits. Year of mercies and
of judgments: year of invitation and
of warning; year of jubilee and of
woe. Which side are you going to
be on—with the men of Ai or the
men of Joshua? Pass over this Sab-
bath into the ranks of Israel. I
would flap my hands at the joy of
your coming. You will have a poor
chance for this world and the world
to come without Jesus. You cannot
stand what is to come upon you and
upon the world unless you have the
pardon and the comfort and help of
Christ. Come over! On this side
are your happiness and safety; on the
other side are disquietude and des-
pair. Eternal defeat to the men of
Ai! Eternal victory to the men of
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a half times that of the steel.

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understand me.
Ethel—I should consider that ex-
cellent proof that he is just what he
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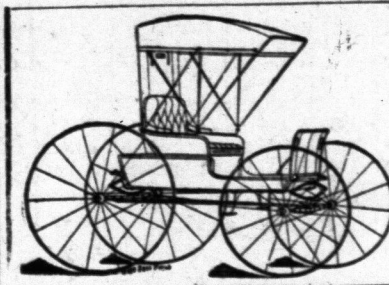
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Officers for the Lawn Tennis Club were elected Thursday evening,