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RICE SMILED AND DIED!

Valet Jones' Gruesome Details of Rice's Alleged Murder.

Chloroformed the Helpless Old Man, Who Went Into Eternity With a Laugh on His Lips—Story of the \$25,000 Check.

New York, April 9.—The commitment proceedings in the case of Albert T. Patrick, who is accused of having caused the death of Wm. Marsh Rice, the aged millionaire, in September last, were resumed before Justice Jerome.

Chas. F. Jones, who was Rice's valet, and who has turned informer, was recalled for cross-examination. Jones said that the stenographic notes taken of the statements made by him at police headquarters after his arrest had not been read over to him. A transcript of the notes was handed to him and he was told to read it carefully. In this statement, Oct. 4, Jones said Rice died a natural death, and that the will dated 1900 was genuine.

Jones took fully half an hour to read the document and finally said his statements were correctly recorded. A copy of Jones' statement to Assistant District Attorney Osborne in the Tombs, Oct. 28, in which he said Patrick administered chloroform to Rice, was produced, and Jones said it had been read over to him and was substantially correct.

Lawyer Moore asked Jones several questions as to his movements during the evening of Sept. 23, the day on which Rice died. Jones said he left Rice's apartments, went to a restaurant and returned again about 6 o'clock after having taken dinner.

"When you got back about 6 o'clock what did you do?" asked Moore. "I remained awhile upstairs, and then went and telephoned to Patrick."

"ORDERED TO DO THE MURDER." "Did you see Rice during the time you remained upstairs?"

"No, sir." Jones said he telephoned to Patrick that he was going to send a telegram from Fifty-sixth street and Sixth avenue and telephoned again about 8 o'clock to Patrick, telling him Rice was very ill. When Jones met Patrick at Seventh avenue he told him that Rice was sleeping and resting easily.

"I told him I expected him to do what he had promised," Jones continued, "and he said he could not. He had a family of children. He told me that I would have to murder Rice. Patrick gave me a bottle of chloroform and told me to fold a towel, cone shape, with a sponge in the narrow end, saturated with chloroform. I returned to the house and Rice was still lying in bed, and I placed the towel and saturated sponge as directed."

RICE'S LAST LAUGH ON EARTH. "You did that?" asked Patrick's counsel. "I did that," replied Jones.

Jones was then questioned closely as to Rice's condition when the towel was put over his face, but Jones said he could not say whether Rice's eyes were closed or not, as the room was dark. After he had placed the towel in position he went out into the hall and did not return for half an hour. He had a faint recollection of having, while out of the room, heard Rice laugh; otherwise there was no noise in the room.

"After you removed the towel and telephoned Patrick the second time, what occurred?"

"Patrick and Dr. Curry came to the apartments, and I told Dr. Curry that Rice was dead."

Jones said that Dr. Curry placed his head close to Rice's face and pronounced him dead. Patrick remained continuously in the house after Dr. Curry had left, and was there until

after the embalming process was gone through. Jones said Patrick did nothing in regard to the papers, to his knowledge, until after the undertaker left.

Later on Jones said he handed some papers to Patrick on that Sunday night. They included notes, coupons, deeds and other papers, he had made a list of them, but could not say where that list is now. Patrick took all the papers away with him. Patrick called at the Rice apartment the next day but nothing of importance happened.

"When after that did you see Patrick?"

"About 2 o'clock on Tuesday morning." Jones said the funeral was postponed in the papers, and told of the arrival of four police officers at the apartments. Jones denied that he had had a conversation with Mr. Osborne in the house of detention, during which Mr. Osborne had threatened to get a magistrate and have him recommitted to the Tombs.

CORROBORATION OF JONES' STORY. Miss Lillian Scherer, operator for the New York Telephone Company at the Thirty-eighth street exchange office, was called. She handed a slip to Justice Jerome, which showed that a call had been received from some person using a telephone used by Lawyer Patrick.

She said that the call came in between 6 and 7 o'clock on Sunday, Sept. 23. This is the day Rice died. Jones testified that he called up Patrick on the telephone between 6 and 7 o'clock on the day of Rice's death.

Miss Nellie J. Mellett, another operator at the same exchange, identified a slip which showed that Rice's telephone had been connected with the instrument used by Patrick between 8 and 9 o'clock on Sunday, Sept. 23. There was another call between 10 and 11.

Joseph F. Bedell, driver for the American Express Company, testified to Jones, at the Berkshire apartment house, Aug. 3, 1900. The package came from Galveston, Texas.

His testimony was brought in to support the evidence of Jones, who said that he had received poisons in a package from his brother at Galveston.

THAT \$25,000 CHECK. John H. Wallace, paying teller in the banking house of Swenson & Co., testified that on Sept. 23, 1900, David H. Short presented a check for \$25,000, which he asked to have certified.

It was indorsed by Albert T. Patrick. It was indorsed by the letter 'I' was omitted in the word 'Albert.' I handed back the check to Short and said that as it was for a large amount it would be better to have a new one made out. Short went away, but returned half an hour later. Mr. Swenson had arrived in the meantime, and he called on the telephone. I told him about the check, and Jones replied: 'I drew that check; it is all right.' I then told him that Mr. Swenson wanted to speak to Mr. Rice. Later I sent another clerk to again call Mr. Rice to the telephone, and he returned and said Mr. Rice had died the night before. I then handed the check back to Short. Some time later, probably an hour, Mr. Patrick and another man came into the office and asked to see Mr. Swenson, and said: 'Our good friend Rice died last night. That is all I heard.'

NOT IN RICE'S HANDWRITING. Mr. Wallace testified that in his opinion the signature on the check was not in Mr. Rice's handwriting.

On cross-examination, Teller Wallace said that when he stamped the word "accepted" on the \$25,000 check presented by Short, he had his own opinion as to the genuineness of the signature, and still held that opinion. He would not swear that the Rice signature was not genuine, but he said it was not a good imitation, and that there were discrepancies between the upward and downward strokes in the letters of the name. He described the difference as being pronounced.

A HEATED SCENE. A feature of the examination of Valet Jones in the day session of the hearing was a line of questioning which led to a heated scene between Attorney Moore, who represented Lawyer Patrick and Assistant District Attorney Osborne. The cause of the dispute was Mr. Osborne's success in

wringing from Valet Jones certain testimony against Patrick. Frederick House is one of Patrick's lawyers. Previous to Jones' turning state's evidence, Mr. House represented the valet also. By a ruling of the court, Mr. Osborne was allowed to ask the witness what he and Patrick did together in the Tombs. Jones replied that it was a complete confession of murder, differing not at all from his story at the hearing.

When at last Mr. Moore said: "We are through with the witness," Mr. Osborne, on the rebuttal, leaned back in his chair, and asked quietly: "Jones, to whom did you first tell the story of your having chloroformed Mr. Rice? I mean the same story you told here?"

"To Mr. House," was the reply. The question, apparently, was a surprise. Mr. House flushed and looked hard at the floor. Patrick tugged at his beard, and Mr. Moore sprang to his feet. "We object to that question," he shouted. "We have some rights in this court. Anything the witness said to his counsel involves the prisoner. It is a professional confidence which must not be revealed."

Justice Jerome said: "Objection overruled," and Jones then described at length his first interview with Mr. House in the Tombs' counsel room. "I told Mr. House that I murdered Mr. Rice," said Jones.

"And what did Mr. House say?" "He told Patrick that it would not do for him to put all the blame on me; that he was as much in it as I was."

Mr. Osborne brought out the fact that the talk with Mr. House occurred several days before the district attorney-general had the faintest idea that the prisoner would make a confession.

RAILWAY MATTERS. C. P. R. Adopts Standard Time—Clever Invention for Spiking Rails.

Montreal, April 10.—The Canadian Pacific Railway has issued an order adopting what is known as the standard time system. This means that a new series of clocks will be put in at all the terminals and dispatching stations on the Canadian Pacific system. These clocks will vary only a few seconds, which will enable the five-minute limit to be done away with. It will also mean the introduction of standard time watches.

Montreal, April 9.—The directors of the C. P. R. met this afternoon at 2 o'clock under the presidency of Sir William Van Horne, chairman of the board. Among those present were: Mr. Shaughnessy, president, and Messrs. Angus, Harris, Osier and Matthews. It is understood that the business was of a routine character. The annual meeting, under the old law, would have been held on the first Wednesday in April, but it has been changed to the first Wednesday in October.

Detroit, April 10.—John Kerwin, superintendent of tracks for the street railway company, has invented a patent steam track spike, which entirely does away with the necessity of men driving the spikes in railroad ties. The machine is run along the tracks on four ordinary hand-car wheels, and has one cylinder for drawing up the tie to rails and two others on each side of the track for driving the spikes. Four spikes are driven in at once; and two men, one at each cylinder, are sufficient. Kerwin says that two men can spike one mile of track a day in this way, while it now takes two men twelve days to spike one mile of track. The apparatus was tested this morning and worked perfectly.

FILIPINO SITUATION

War May Last a Long Time Yet—The Latest Surrender.

New York, April 10.—Major-General S. B. M. Young, who has served nearly two years in the Philippines, is quoted in a Tribune special from Washington as saying in an interview: "Even if all the leaders of the Filipinos do come in and surrender, there would not be any organized bands for some time to come, which will cause trouble. I am not in favor of reducing the 60,000 limit. We shall need fully this number of men to maintain peace and give assurance of tranquility. Had not General Trias surrendered before the capture of Aguinaldo, he would not doubt have been selected as the Filipino leader, and made an effort to continue the insurrection."

Washington, April 10.—The navy department has received the following cablegram from Admiral Remy, dated Cavite, April 8, showing the size of the insurgent force which surrendered to Lieut.-Col. Goodrell on the 4th inst., at Olongapo: "Insurgent Colonel Alba, 13 officers, 83 men, 22 rifles, 4,000 cartridges, surrendered to Goodrell; 311 named men swore allegiance."

Gen. Emilio Funes, Filipino rebel, after surrendering in Bulacan, P. I., dutifully observed Washington's birthday.

JOTTINGS FROM NEAR-BY PLACES

SOUTHOLD. Southold, April 8.—Mr. Charles Kent, St. Thomas, wheeled to our village to spend the day.

Mr. Douglas Campbell, Jun., left on Monday for St. Thomas, where he has secured a position on the M. C. R. Mr. John Smith, who is now in the building of his new residence. The mason-work is being done by Jas. McDougall.

The Weidman hoop and stove mill is running full blast.

A number from our village intend taking in the hop at Glanworth Monday evening.

Mrs. John Man and son returned home from visiting relatives in Thamesville.

Mrs. Donald Turner is spending Easter with her daughter, Mrs. Campbell, London.

Mr. Jas. McFarlane spent Easter in Detroit.

Miss Hagarty, Delaware, is the guest of Miss Flo. McLaughlin.

A number of friends and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. Wm. McLaughlin to bid farewell to his son Mair and wife, before their departure for their new home in Manitoba.

KOMOKA. Komoka, April 9.—Mr. Dan McLachlan, who is attending business college in Stratford, is spending his vacation at his home here.

Miss L. Mowat, London, spent Good Friday with relatives here.

Miss Regina Jones, of Petrolia, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Lince.

Miss L. Mowat, London, is spending her vacation at her home in Stratford.

Mr. B. Wyatt, principal of the public school here, is spending his vacation at his home, Springbank.

Mr. H. Lince is now residing in Delaware.

Mr. D. McMurphy, who has been suffering with erysipelas, is somewhat better.

Mr. T. Hayward returned from Algonka.

Mr. David Mathewson, of Detroit, is visiting at his home here.

Mr. W. Scott, Detroit, is visiting relatives here.

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Miss Lizzie Waugh is visiting friends in Toronto.

Mr. Willie Waugh is spending a few days in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Smith are visiting friends in Bothwell and Chatham.

Mr. Neil Fletcher and family, of Lobo, have moved to the village.

Mr. Jefferson Fonger left for Bay City.

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Mr. Neil McPherson is very low.

The Baptist Church here was nicely decorated for Easter Sunday.

Mr. Dan Cushing, of London, is visiting at Mr. Alex. McIntyre's.

GLEN OAK. Glen Oak, April 8.—Mr. John Chisholm, of North Elfrid, died last Monday after a long illness, at the residence of his brother, where he was most tenderly cared for. He was buried at Kintore on Wednesday, beside his wife, who predeceased him a few years. The body was conveyed by train to Thamesford station, thence to Kintore, Oxford county. Mr. Chisholm was 70 years of age.

Mr. Josiah Hardy, of North Elfrid, died this afternoon. Mr. Hardy was brother of Henry Hardy, the late warden of West Middlesex. Four or five days ago he appeared to be in the best of health. He was about 60 years of age.

One of Mr. William Mills' children died last week in North Elfrid.

Mr. John Weber, whose wife died ten days ago, is seriously ill, and is under the doctor's care.

Mr. John Pullin, of this place, is improving.

Chas. Mills, who was very low, is in a fair way to recovery.

We notice the farmers are quite busy plowing, disking and preparing the land for seeding.

Mr. Hardy's funeral takes place on Wednesday, leaving his late home at 1 o'clock for Mount Carmel cemetery.

EX-CONGRESSMAN LOGAN DEAD. New Orleans, April 10.—Former Congressman Matt D. Logan died here, aged 72 years.



This store closes at 7 p.m. Saturday because we believe we can serve you better by day.

Party and Ball Gloves

Good deal better to stay home from the social function than to go attired in some out-of-date garments. New and fashionable gloves are as indispensable as any of the other pretty things worn by ladies at balls and parties. Now that the Lenten restrictions have relaxed, there will be considerable entertaining, and we draw your attention to the following:

Ladies' White Kid Gloves, 3 button, pique sewn, derby points; real style at only 85c
Ladies' Fine French Kid Gloves, 3 clasp, in white, lemon, self and black, embroidered points; a charming glove.....\$1 25
Ladies' Mousquetaire French Suede Gloves, 20-button length, in white and black.....\$2 00
Ladies' Mousquetaire French Suede Gloves, in white, cream, pink, blue and black; the correct thing.....\$1 50
Ladies' Mousquetaire French Glace Kid Gloves, 20-button length, in cream and black.....\$2 75
Ladies' Mousquetaire French Glace Kid Gloves, in cream, green, yellow, pink and black, at.....\$1 75
Ladies' Pure Silk Gloves, in white, pink, sky, yellow, crimson, mauve and black, 28-inch, at.....\$1 00
Ladies' Pure Silk Gloves, in white, cream and black, 20-inch, at.....50c
A splendid White Kid Glove, for gentlemen, much better than you usually see for the price.....75c

Then we have Gloves for all ages, all purposes, and at all prices, which, quality considered, are very low in price.

French Novelty for Evening Wear.

The latest French novelty for evening wear is Bonnet's Crepe de Chene. It is also most desirable for cool summer dresses. It comes in colors of fine rich black, pearl gray, and white; is selling quickly at \$2.50 per yard, 46 inches wide, and we ask you to speak about it when next in silk department, and it will be shown you. Considering the splendid quality the price is most reasonable.

Also all the newest colors in Taffeta Silks, nearly 150 shades to choose from. Seldom does such an assortment find its way to London, and when it does we bring it. You can have your choice of these wonderfully handsome shades for so small a price as 65c or 75c

36-inch Black Taffeta Silk, of heavy quality, especially desirable for skirts and linings. Selling at per yard.....\$1 25

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149, 151 and 153 DUNDAS STREET.

SPORTING NEWS.

A match race is being arranged between Andy O. and Dolly Barton, to take place at the races in Saratoga on May 24.

BASEBALL. Grand Rapids, Mich., April 9.—"Dirty Bill" Smith, one of the best known minor catchers, and once a Grand Rapids player, will do the receiving. A Stunk played with the Rochester "Rowdies" last year, going there from London, where he is remembered as the man with the choleric temper.

DOUBT IN WOODSTOCK. Woodstock Sentinel-Review: Uncertainty holds sway in senior baseball circles in Woodstock, and it must be confessed that the outlook, so bright and encouraging earlier in the season, is now anything but hopeful.

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PURE READY-MIXED PAINTS

Sherwin Williams' Oil and Varnish Stains, Floorlac for Floor Borders, Enamels, Etc.

Wall Colors, Alabastine, Kalsomine, Step-Ladders, Curtain Stretchers.

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PRESBYTERIAN FAITH

The New York Presbytery Declares Against Changing.

New York, April 9.—The ministers of the New York Presbytery, who are opposed to revision of the church creed, gained another victory yesterday, when the ballots for communion to the General Assembly were counted. The total number from the Presbytery is fourteen, seven past and seven elders, and it is said that nine of the fourteen are conservatives. When the Presbytery voted on the question of creed revision, the vote was 75 against 71 ayes, and there was quite a contest in the election today on that platform.

The Rev. A. C. Dill, formerly connected with the work of the federated churches, was dismissed to go to the Congressional Association of Niagara Falls.

Rev. Frank B. Everitt was received into the Presbytery as pastor of the Sixty-third street Chapel of the Fifth Avenue Church. He came from the Presbytery of New Brunswick.

MIKE CONLEY WANTED — A SERIOUS CHARGE. Cincinnati, Ohio, April 9.—The police are looking for ex-fugitive Mike Conley, who is wanted on a charge of being implicated in the murder of Chas. D. Gliden, a telegraph operator, who died on Sunday afternoon from injuries received in a saloon brawl, Sunday morning. Conley was the door-keeper of the place. Mike Conley, of the "Ithaca Giant," as he was known throughout the country, was the sparring partner at different times of both Corbett and Fitzsimmons.

Starving Children. Thousands of well-fed children are starving simply because their food is not of the right kind. They are thin, pale and delicate. Stock's Emulsion will change all this. It gives vim, vigor, flesh and force.

ROBBERY AT WINNIPEG. Winnipeg, April 10.—The residence of J. W. Sifton was burglarized last evening, and the thieves carried away jewelry and money to a considerable amount. Mr. Sifton's private desk was gone, though papers examined and a revolver stolen. The depredations were evidently disturbed by the return of the maid, who was also a loser to a certain extent.

TWO YEARS FOR BIGAMY. Winnipeg, April 9.—John Schofield was sentenced yesterday to two years in the penitentiary for bigamy.

To cure a cold in a night—see Vapo-Cresol. It has been used extensively during the last twenty-four years. All Druggists.

Boils keep coming

pus, as it is usually called, clogs up the accumulation of this poisonous matter, which must be removed from the congested parts. At the same time the blood should be enriched and purified by the use of BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS. The best proof we can give you is the testimony of others. Here are some; others will be supplied on application to the proprietors.

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Yours truly, GEO. CALDWELL.

MISS MAUD SLATER, West LaHave, N.S.: "In the spring I was troubled with boils, one coming after another. My blood was bad and I was miserable while taking B. B. B., but before taking many bottles was completely cured."

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Has been the scene of one of the most successful events in the history of our Millinery openings. We have striven hard to give you something finer and more worthy than ever before, and the result justifies our efforts. Not a lady who has been here who has not felt that she has seen and appreciated the highest art that can be achieved in millinery at the prices quoted:

We Are Having a Big Sale of our \$3.00 and \$3.50 Hats.

Not made to look at only, but, as one lady expressed it, made to wear.

We have also two other lines we are making specials of: Ladies' ready-to-wear Hats; Fancy Black Straw, Chiffon and Flowers. Special price, \$1.69, \$1.89, each.

We are showing some very Handsome Trimmed Hats, at \$5.00, \$7.00, \$10.00 each, that would cost you quite a few dollars more elsewhere.

New lines just in Children's Straw Hats, very fancy, 60c and 75c each. One special line at 35c each, in navy, white, cardinal and brown.

In Our Print Department.

We are showing 4,000 yards of New Prints, in navy blue, spots and stripes, black in spots and stripes, white grounds in spots and stripes. Our price is 5c and 6c a yard.

Ladies' Glove Department.

LADIES' KID GLOVES, special two-dome fasteners, all colors. Special, 50c pair.

LADIES' FINE KID GLOVES, in black and colors, at 95c, \$1.25, pair.

LADIES' WASHING TIES—Real hand-work ends in Battenburg lace and gold thread, worth \$1.50; our price 90c, 95c, each.

Lace Curtains.

See our large window for special value in Lace Curtains and prices.

In Our Housefurnish-ing Department.

You will find splendid lines of Rugs, Floor Oil Cloths, 4x4, 5x4, 6x4, 8x4, 10x4; Mats, Wool Fringes, Window Shades, Poles and Trimmings, Carpet Squares, etc.

Just in, special line in CHINA MATTING, fancy and plain, at 12½c yard.

Splendid lines of Tapestry Table Covers, Chenille Table Covers, Chenille Curtains, Damask Table Covers, Damask Curtains, at our usual low prices.

SUGAR BEETS VERSUS WHEAT.

Interesting Statistics Which Show Profits of Beet Culture.

"What Can I Grow in Place of Wheat?" the Paramount Question With Western Ontario Farmers.

Until a few years back the Ontario farmer depended on wheat as his main crop for making money. If he had a large payment to make on his farm or machinery, or a large score bill, he depended on making it out of wheat, and \$1 a bushel was considered a low price.

For several years wheat has seldom reached 70c a bushel, which hardly pays expenses. The Ontario farmer sincerely asks the question: "What can I grow in place of wheat?" The Michigan farmer answers: "I grow sugar beets, and find them the best paying crop I ever raised." Here are figures of beets shipped to the Alma sugar factory:

G. W. Abbott, 18 acres, \$913.47; A. G. Breese, 5 acres, \$906.06; E. Adams & Son, 10 acres, \$607.58; W. A. Blackie, 22 acres, \$1217.72; W. E. Bartley, 8 acres, \$829.49; D. J. Best, 1½ acres, \$63.85; Wright & Doan, 10 acres, \$8,321.05; F. Fink, 2 acres, \$158.46; Kate E. Church, 2 acres, \$229.07; Levi Keefe, 8 acres, \$104.53; C. D. Perrine, 1 acre, \$98.80; T. Richardson, 4½ acres, \$2,145.35; E. Ludwick, 1 acre, \$68.24; N. L. Miller, 16 acres, \$1,265.05; E. Dunham, 10 acres, \$544.36.

Saginaw county—W. Brunner, 2 acres, \$177.27; John Dow, 1 acre, \$99.65; J. Hilderbrand, 1 acre, \$158.16; G. T. Tanner, 2 acres, \$221.64; E. Jaenck, 5 acres, \$473.72; G. Spengler, 2 acres, \$148.89; G. Huber, 2 acres, \$168.28; L. Ragner, 2 acres, \$175.42.

Bay County—S. Bradbury, 10 acres, \$1,502.46; I. Obey, 4 acres, \$325.52; G. Webber, 2 acres, \$266.52; J. Helm, 2 acres, \$145.85; S. C. Young, 3 acres, \$231.05.

Auburn, Bay County—O. M. Rose-

That Spot

Did you ever have that little tickling spot in your throat? Felt as if you could almost touch it with your finger, didn't it? How hard you tried to reach it, but couldn't! It's easy with Vapo-Cresolene, for you breathe it. There's nothing in the world equal to it for stopping these tickling coughs; and it's so pleasant, too. For asthma, croup, bronchitis, catarrh, and whooping-cough, it's the great remedy.

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Vapo-Cresolene, complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene complete, \$1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene complete, \$1.50. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials also upon request. Vapo-Cresolene Co., 150 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

PROTEST BY A CLERGYMAN

Open Letter From Rev. Egerton R. Young,

Dealing With the Methodist Book Room and the Publication of Novels—An Old Warning Reiterated.

Rev. A. Carman, D.D., general superintendent of the Methodist Church, Canada:

Rev. and Dear Sir—All Christians are, or should be, interested in the spiritual as well as in the material development of the church of their love. Every phase of the work that tends to its progress should have their sympathy and cordial co-operation, while everything that tends to its deterioration or decline should be bravely faced and speedily conquered.

There has been some long time a feeling that is rapidly intensifying in the minds of many of our ministers and laymen, that the character of the book room of the Methodist church is being sent out from our book room is neither in harmony with the purposes for which it was originally established, nor does it tend to the religious growth of the individual Christian, or really advance the interests of our Methodism.

More than fifty years ago in conference assembled, our forefathers, who established the book room, uttered these impressive words: "Avoid the poisonous literature of the day. Suffer not the useless but oftentimes demoralizing writings of the day to take the place of the invaluable works of a Fletcher, a Benson, a Clarke, a Watson, or a Wesley. Above all, suffer not the modern novel, which is a deadly poison to displace the Bible. In that Book of Books, and in the immense variety of Wesleyan literature, enough will be found to interest and improve the mortal mind. With such resources at command, none need ever go to a corrupt fountain."

Years after the following were their words of counsel to the members of the church: "We hope that our well-conducted denominational paper and our book establishment is the intention of the managers of that department, by the cheapness and abundant supply of books on experimental and practical religion, to encourage persons to purchase, and thereby subserve, our glorious mission of spreading Scriptural holiness over the land."

Coming down to the present in the history of the church, we find the following utterance: "The committee, keeping before them the fact that the establishment of the book room is to be a means for the diffusion of religious literature, and especially that which is truly Christian, and which is calculated to be a blessing to the church, are not in any way able to say that it is steadily and successfully answering its end."

Here, in the above statement, we have what was for long years believed in Methodism, that the primary object of the book room was for the exclusive purpose of disseminating religious literature, and not to be a keen competitor with secular publishing houses in the sales of the modern romance, or the latest novel.

It may be, perhaps, interesting to many to know that even when the above words were written, long before the union of the Wesleyan Methodists with the other churches, the book room was the object which they called "secondary," yet an important one, viz., that of securing good financial returns, resulting that year (1857) in a net profit of \$4,700. Yet this amount, they add, "is somewhat less than that of several years back."

"Considering that the stock or whole investment, then, was not one-tenth of what it is now, the above is a very much more creditable showing than that which the book room has reported for some years past. At that time the book room only represented one of the Methodisms of Canada. Since then it has absorbed in the union the publishing interests and patronage of all of the uniting bodies, and yet, with all its capital, and the gratuitous services of over two hundred clerical and laymen, yet, with all its enormous capital and its boasts of prosperity, it is only able to hand over to the superannuation fund the paltry sum of \$1,900 or \$2,000 a year."

In these days, when there are great "searchings of heart," and earnest consultations among both ministers and devout laymen as to the sad declension of spirituality in our churches, is it not our imperative duty to search out for the cause of this declension? We cannot disguise the fact that successful evangelistic services, such as our fathers saw, are almost of the past, while the love of the world and its amusements and frivolous so-called "multitudes" of our people that the week-end services are neglected, and there is but little zeal for the family altar or even the Sabbath Day service.

Already many reasons have been advanced to account for these sad declensions, that in many parts of our beloved church are being mourned over. There is a growing conviction in the minds of many that it is in a large measure owing to the character of the literature which is not supplied to our people, especially that which is furnished for perusal on the Lord's day. Formerly this was carefully looked after. Once, there was a religious publishing house where only such books as were of a helpful religious character were admitted. Canadian Methodism has no such house at present.

The latest novel or the sensational romance has taken the place of the choice religious books that our fathers and mothers who were Methodists gave to their children on the Lord's day. Ministers and Sunday school teachers, as well as godly parents, are feeling their helplessness against this torrent of iniquity, for the name of the Lord is blasphemed in our city.

"How can I prevent my children from reading these latest novels even on the Sabbath?" they cry. "I do, instead of going to their Sunday school, when they tell me they are published at the book room, and have on the name of the Methodist church. Surely, it is high time for some one to ask for an explanation."

Is it too late to get back to the original design of the book room? Do fathers, who in their faith and poverty started the book room for the spread of sound religious literature among our people, could be done, it would cause many hearts, both among ministers and laymen, to rejoice.

But, if this is impossible, then let the Methodist book room come out boldly and tell the whole Methodist church and the world where it stands; and let us have the official authority for the innovation, or rather revolution. Then, if the church approves of the change, let the book steward,

when he meets the brethren in the various conferences, proclaim with the usual flourish that the profits of the book room are in advance, because of the large sales of exciting romances and the latest sensational novels. Shades of Lang, Ryerson, Sander-son, Green, Rose and others do not come and listen to statements so humiliating about the old book room you once loved and guarded so well. Then what will be the thoughts and impressions of the beloved and venerable superannuated ministers of our church, when they hear that a large part of the amounts which they receive are now derived from the sale of sensational novels, although, when they were in the active work of the ministry, they were conscientiously denouncing such books as sinful and pernicious.

Let the Methodist Church then by all means know if the methods which are in harmony with the feelings of the masses of the ministers and people of Canadian Methodism. If we are, and it is to be understood that the great purpose for which the Methodist Book Room exists is primarily for making money, then let the services of a trained, successful business layman, at a good salary, be secured. There are some Toronto and elsewhere, who are of the opinion that that immense concern, with its interests so extended, could meet every contingency, and yet be easily made to pay over to the superannuation fund not less than twenty thousand dollars a year. But, even with this glittering prospect, would it not be better to get back to first principles?

Very sincerely yours,
Egerton R. Young.

Toronto, April 8, 1901.

LABOR MATTERS

Situation Re New Jersey Central Railway Employees Critical.

Ottawa Bakers Want a Uniform Wage Scale—Porto Rican Workers in Distress.

New York, April 9.—The employees of the Central Railroad of New Jersey are balloting in secret today on the proposition that if two-thirds vote affirmatively they will leave their posts as soon as the result shall be officially declared and the approval, at religious, there's only one Fair-Killer, Perry Davis. 25 cents and 50 cents.

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A WOMAN'S BRAVERY!

How a Nebraska School Teacher Saved the Lives of Her Pupils.

Chicago, April 9.—A special to the Chronicle from Harrison, Neb., says: Miss Lizzie Cottam, a school teacher in district No. 19, Sioux county, is today the heroine of this state. The little frame school building is located in a glade on the bank of the White River, which has been overflowing its banks during the recent thaw.

When Miss Cottam arrived at the school house this morning she found the building surrounded by water. For a time she entertained no fears from flood. But the water began to undermine the foundation of the building, and the supports were giving way. The brave teacher closed the school and told the pupils to remain inside the building, plunged into the torrent, which was by this time waist deep, wading to a barn nearby, she secured a horse and a rope.

Returning to the building which was now afloat, she fastened one end of the rope to the doorknob and the other end around the horse's neck. Then she headed for dry land, and, after a desperate struggle reached the shore, where she fastened the rope to a tree. Then she halted a farmer who came for assistance and the thirteen pupils were safely landed.

The parents of the children and the county commissioners are discussing plans for rebuilding Miss Cottam for her heroic deed.

BLOODHOUNDS CHASING PRISONER.

Wheeling, W. Va., April 9.—It came out today that Joe Green, a United States prisoner at the West Virginia penitentiary at Moundsville, had escaped in a daring manner Saturday night, and though bloodhounds have been placed on his trail he has escaped by crossing the river into Ohio.

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The Governor of Alabama was not afraid of exercising the veto power. On the last day of the session he sent in 13 vetoes.

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London, Wednesday, April 10.

Senator Dandurand.

Senator Dandurand, of Montreal, was the principal speaker at a banquet given by the young Liberals of Toronto—they are great on banquets, at any rate—on Monday night last. The senator took for his text a recent attack by the Toronto News on the loyalty and language of the French Canadians, in reply to which he spoke as follows:

"It seems to me that a responsible editor, conscious of his responsibility and of his duty to his readers, a patriotic newspaper man, a patriotic journalist, should have been throwing words of discord or suspicion throughout our land. (Applause.) The distance that separates us from here and Montreal is not so great that any man who thinks this country should contain people of good-will could go there and institute an inquiry to find if there is anything serious in this charge. If the Evening News sent a representative to Quebec to interview the classes and the masses he would very easily find out that there is no more contented or more satisfied population or people in Canada than the French-Canadians. (Applause.)"

"I venture to affirm that he would come back to Toronto satisfied that there is no section of this country that is more interested in maintaining the present condition than the French-Canadians; that they are as good as this country; we have no single tie with Europe; this is our home. When we leave it to go to a foreign land we do not say that we are going home until we are returning to Canada. Now, the charge goes further. It says that we would desire to fall back under the French flag. This is an insult to our intelligence. Why should we desire to abandon our freedom, our autonomy, our absolute control of our own affairs, to return to what? To the status of a French colony, which has but the empty honor of a representative in the Parliament? We have here a self-governing colony; we elect our own members of parliament, do our own business as we please. And we are expected to throw that to the winds, abandon it, and return to a system in which we would have no control of our own affairs, would be governed by a non-responsible government, as the French colonies are! It is absolutely preposterous. Let any newspaper man in this country, through the province and he will not find a single French-Canadian so foolish as to think of ever changing our allegiance as we have it today." (Applause.)

With reference to the question of language, Senator Dandurand made a convincing point when he said, that when traveling in Switzerland last summer, he found a strong patriotic people, speaking three, perhaps four, languages. But he did not hear in the German, Italian or French Switzerland any Swiss accuse his neighbor of being a traitor because he spoke a different language.

Sensor Dandurand gave a graphic sketch of the gradual yet constant growth of the Liberal party in Quebec Province during recent years; and he playfully hinted that there were few complaints from the Conservatives against either the language or loyalty of the Province of Quebec, so long as the people voted largely Conservative.

Sensor Dandurand is an able lawyer, and, indeed, a very able man all round, one likely to be heard of some day still more prominently. In the Dominion Senate, he is outspoken and fearless, with a certain clearness of perception and positiveness of note that would mark him as a man of influence in any representative assembly.

The Meaning of Social Work.

Mr. Bernard Bosanquet, an able thinker and distinguished writer, in a recent address, before the Association of Post Students of University College, Cardiff, discusses the meaning of social work. It is evident that he would like to see the contrast broken down between the theoretical and the practical people; in a sense we should be all theoretical and all practical. If this were the ideal man, man would be a keen, clear thinker, pursuing a consistent course of action, which springs from his knowledge and understanding of principles. There is much in this essay that is suggestive, and we may refer to it again, but in the meantime we are content to note and dwell upon this one thought, that we should all do our part to lessen the gulf between what we call the intellectual and the practical interests of life.

"So, then, our doubly social work, however humble and spontaneous, dealing however directly with persons and class relations, is not to be set in contrast with the spirit of the student. It is, too, an aspect, being an art and science, a clear purpose with a reasonable method, there is nothing in this against the strength and freshness of human feeling which it embodies. We are not to make our social work victim of the foolish opposition between heart and head, it is impossible to utter profound and serious feeling, except through the instrumentality of thorough brain work. A great drama or a great piece of music shows us both feeling and intelligence at the highest pitch, and each of them at a pitch which can be

attained solely by their fusion, and in no other way whatever."

This is a great thought, and worth pondering; feeling alone may produce fanaticism, thought alone mere speculation; but together they do the highest work for the development of the individual and the uplifting of society.

The Free Press and the Army Site.

It is difficult to understand the position taken by the Free Press in connection with the acquiring by the Government of a site for the new Army, and especially difficult when it is so easy to demonstrate the untenable nature of the position taken. Our contemporary yesterday morning declared that reference to the city registry office would prove that not one foot of land had been acquired on Dundas street, or elsewhere in the city, for army purposes. The Free Press evidently did not take the precaution of verifying the accuracy of its statement, or it must have discovered the facts to be as follows. Three deeds are registered in the city registry of office which convey to the Government lots, with a total frontage on Dundas street of 211 feet, and with a varying depth of 79 and 155 and 165 feet. The first deed, No. 9,417, executed Dec. 13, 1899, conveyed to Her Majesty the Queen a rectangular lot, with frontage of 92 feet on Dundas street and 79 feet on Waterloo street. The second, No. 10,130, is dated Dec. 29, 1900, and the lot conveyed to Her Majesty has 50 feet frontage on Dundas street and a depth of 165 feet. The third deed was executed on Feb. 22, 1901, and conveys to His Majesty the King a lot whose dimensions are 68 feet on Dundas street, thence southerly 115 feet, thence westerly 5 feet, thence southerly 40 feet, thence easterly 73 feet, thence northerly to Dundas street 155 feet, together with a right of way of 10 feet at the south end.

When next the Free Press advises a reference to a recognized source of information, it should first be sure that the facts to be found there will support and not, on the contrary, destroy its own contentions.

The Outlook for Japan.

In the survey of the world, given by the Daily News (England), a competent writer deals with the progress made by Japan and the present position of that interesting country. After dealing with the past, he casts a keen, intelligent glance towards the future, and asks the suggestive question, "Are the Japanese for long to go on utilizing the final results of centuries of painful western political and commercial evolution, without themselves suffering more severely than they have done those three which have hitherto been regarded as the accompaniments of progress?" This writer, who has evidently given close attention to the subject, takes a hopeful view of the situation. He does not profess to be able to answer his own question, and is far from advancing a mere abstract theory. His hopeful view, however, does not spring from mere partiality for those "Britons of the Far East"; four strong reasons he gives in this compact form: "These questions cannot now be answered; but when the gravest view has been taken, four important facts remain. The first is, that Japanese statesmen have been able to keep a fiery and much tried people in hand in four grave international crises. The second is, that the personal authority of the emperor appears little impaired, and may well survive a long period of commercial depression. The third, that there is seemingly no lack of capable, public men. The fourth, that despite the extraordinary expenditure of Japan, her national debt is very little more than the lowest in Europe, and consequently quite four times less than that of Russia, eight times less than our own, and sixteen times less than that of France."

This student of Japanese life is, then, on the whole, inclined to give a favorable answer to the question: "Is the Japanese character sound, or only a weak one if the phrase may be pardoned, 'japanned'?" But seeing that things are so unsettled in China, that Russia steadily pursues her unshaking, unrelenting policy of aggression, and that Japan has planned to spend thirty-two million pounds on her navy during the next six years, it is difficult to say what may or may not happen in the Far East. There are no doubt other crises in store, and Japan, that seems to have taken on western civilization so quickly and so easily, will have to pass through a severe ordeal; her career is watched sympathetically by several western nations, but all the ability of her statesmen and the patient self-control of a high-spirited people will be needed in these trying times.

We are tempted to quote one more statement, which tends to strengthen the hope that the Japanese will acquit themselves well: "The precocious and volatile Japanese get on the nerves of many writers in the Far East, but do not the same men often denounce quite as vigorously the Chinese, who are nothing, if they are not slow, grave, conservative? The Japanese merchant has the best reputation, but on the other hand, the leached and official classes have the credit of possessing souls above money considerations, which is surely something in the east, and in an age in which western aristocracies are succumbing to the temptation of sudden riches; while the financial obligations of the government, the budget statistics of which are honest, have been honorably met."

Again the Emperor William.

The Emperor of Germany has managed to advertise himself during a number of years, by a series of extravagant speeches, generally addressed to the army or some military organization, which latter would seem to be his last reliance, rather than the mass of the people or general public opinion. The other day, after emerging from the confinement caused by the attack made upon him, he delivered another sensational speech, to the effect that serious times were coming; that a hand had been raised from out the people against him; that he knew the army would remain steadfast to him; that the authority of the crown must be maintained at all hazards; and "woe to the soldier who listened to the voice of the tempter"; and much in the same vein.

The Kaiser is a man of much force, and of no small ability, but erratic to a degree, and of the somewhat hysterical type of character. There have, indeed, been whispers of intermittent mental unbalance. The tremendous idea of the divine right of kings seems to have taken complete possession of him, so much so as to constitute a war in his mind. Any person or newspaper, unwilling to fall down and worship the idea, as embodied in the Emperor William, must be prosecuted and put under. It is the old struggle of absolutism on the one hand, and freedom of speech and thought on the other. From Herod, down to the Kaiser, has never been too easy for monarchs, inflamed by a human pride which, added by the manure of human sycophancy, grows with the rapidity of the mushroom, to remember that their pomp and pretensions, like themselves will one day be the sport of the worms.

The Emperor William will fall in the long run. Even in Russia, the new wine of freedom is beginning to be felt in the veins of the body politic. Much less can the absurd and fantastic notions of the Emperor William, capable man though in many respects he undoubtedly is, be able to crush into a mere submissive mass, a people with the strong fundamental qualities, physical, mental and moral, which mark the great Teutonic race.

The unconsciously humorous answers of a certain type of school boy make up many a humorous paragraph. One of the best and most recent is that of the boy who was asked in the physiology class, a question about the abdomen. "The abdomen," replied the boy, "is the place where they keep the vowels—*a, e, i, o, u*, and sometimes *w* and *y*."

There is a great deal of talk about the Canadian office maintained in Great Britain. Everybody admits the liberal and self-denying manner in which Lord Strathcona uses his time, money and great influence in keeping before the eyes of the British people. But it is contended that the entire office needs to be reorganized, made a distinctly Canadian office, and run by those who know about Canada. It is time the whole business was entirely remodelled and made more practicable and immediately useful—a task which cannot be set about too soon.

After Lent.

[Chicago Tribune.]
Re-enter, the world, the flesh and the devil.

Up in Rossland.

[Toronto Star.]
The old Golden Lion that was taken down on King street Saturday ought to be sent to Rossland, where a good deal of that sort of thing is still indulged in.

STILL MORE TRUSTS

Furnace Operators, Drygoods Concerns and Linen Spinners May Form Combines.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 10.—A conference was held here Monday, by the independent furnace operators for the purpose of forming a combine of all these plants with a capitalization of \$12,000,000. While no definite information could be obtained in regard to the action taken, it is said that the combine will undoubtedly go through in a short time. Satisfactory progress has been made in the venture, and nearly all the plants wanted for the new company have been optioned by the proprietors.

DRYGOODS.—New York, April 10.—In regard to a current report of a proposed consolidation of large retail drygoods stores, under the auspices of John Clafin, the latter says: "I am preparing a statement about the matter, which I shall have ready in two or three days."

LINEN SPINNERS.

Washington, D. C., April 10.—Information concerning the formation of what amounts to a gigantic trust, embracing every linen spinning concern on the continent of Europe, has reached the state department in a report from United States Consul Mahen at Reichenberg, Austria. The object is believed to be to steadily and possibly to enhance the price of linen yarn.

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They come unexpectedly, and when they are least expected. Be armed with a one minute cure for cramps, and keep Polson's Nervine handy; it acts instantaneously. Nervine's anodyne power is unique, for its composition expresses the highest medical progress of the age. Polson's Nervine is a true comfort in the family, for in all dangers of the stomach and bowels it is an absolute specific. Nervine has five times greater medicinal value than any other remedy, and is sold in large 25 cent bottle. Try it.

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THE FUTURE OF FRANCE!

Loubet Says That It Depends on More Unity.

People Should Cultivate the "Give-and-Take" Principle.

Effusive Courtesy Shown by the Russian Authorities—British Mission to Berlin Cordially Welcomed.

Nice, April 10.—The officers of the Russian squadron, which was at Toulon last week, landed at Villefranche, and were received by President Loubet yesterday. In the evening President Loubet gave a dinner in their honor.

President Loubet subsequently repaired to the port of Nice, three-quarters of a mile away, where he was welcomed by the Chamber of Commerce and visited the hospitals. He was everywhere warmly greeted. At a banquet later, and replying to a toast to his health, Loubet said that the needed unity and concord, and that the conflicts of interests and the country's increasing wants would be met by the future of the nation. The give-and-take principle must become part of the conscience of the nation. The speech was loudly applauded.

At a levee in honor of the Russian officers, M. Loubet proposed the health of the czar. President Loubet, accompanied by the French ministers, and other officials, placed a crown of flowers upon Gambetta's tomb. He expressed the hope that the French Parliament would soon give a transfer to the republic of the Pantheon. It is hoped that this transfer may be accomplished by June 14 next, the French national holiday.

It appears that Admiral Birliet disembarked at Barcelona and was summoned to the Russian legation at Madrid, where a dispatch from the czar was communicated to him, instructing him to return to the Riviera and salute President Loubet. Admiral Birliet immediately telegraphed to the Russian minister, and on his return there at 7 o'clock in the evening the squadron sailed for Villefranche, where it arrived at 10 o'clock. The Russian ships would be able to participate in the ceremony of the embarkation and departure of President Loubet, without the Russian warships' presence constituting a political share of the Franco-Italian demonstration. The Russian minister, Loubet's surroundings, as well as the population, displayed keen satisfaction at the welcome the Russians.

DWARFED ALL OTHER EVENTS. Paris, April 10.—The unexpected return of the Russian squadron dwarfed in importance all other news of the day. The news is in the lips of everyone in Paris, and joy is expressed by both the public and the press.

BRITISH MISSION CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY THE KAISER.

Berlin, April 10.—At the reception yesterday of the British special mission to announce the death of Queen Victoria and the accession of Edward VII, Emperor William wore a British admiral's uniform, with the Order of the Garter. After the formal ceremonies were over, his majesty conversed freely with each member of the mission, and then conducted them to an adjacent room, and introduced them to the emperor. The members of the mission are the emperor's guests while here. The ceremony of conducting the mission to the palace was imposing. The emperor sent to fetch them three elaborately ornamented court carriages, with gorgeously liveried coachmen and lackeys. The military detachment escorting the mission was the regiment of which the late Queen Victoria was honorary colonel. The police were much in evidence, and kept the streets clear of people above and below the hundred yards and half-way across Unter den Linden.

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Ladies' French Corset Covers, very fine quality, six rows fine lace insertion and finished with ribbon. Price

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Ladies' 4-Piece Suits, fine English Cambric, Skirt, Gown, Drawers and Corset Cover, trimmed with fine quality lace, at, per suit,

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Ladies' Drawers, fine quality, good width, trimmed with tulle, lace. Special at, per pair,

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Ladies' 4-Piece Suit, in fine Lonsdale Cambric, Skirt, Gown, Drawers and Corset Cover, trimmed with fine tulle lace, at, per suit,

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Ladies' Night Dresses, in Lonsdale Cambric, good width skirt, yoke in back, made Empire style, trimmed with good lace, regular \$1 Gown. Special

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Ladies' Night Dress, in English Nainsook, made with square yoke of insertion, cuff of embroidery, all sizes. Price

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CABLE NOTES.

Turkish Masons have asked Edward VII. to give his influence to get Muevit, elder brother of Abdul and a member of the craft, freed from a Turkish dungeon, where he is confined as an insane person.

The Emperor of Germany has sent a check of \$500 to the treasurer of the fund for the Max Muller memorial at Oxford.

Herbert Spencer's health is not improving. He spends most of his time on a lounge by a window that looks out to sea from his home in Brighton, England.

Money is to be used to purchase Polish votes for the Prussian Government's policies in the Polish provinces of Prussia.

Russia feels that Yang Yu, Chinese minister in St. Petersburg, performed a thoroughly Oriental trick when he fell on his head and thus stopped Manchurian negotiations.

DRAMATIC RELIGION

Demanding by the Twentieth Century—Starting Statement of "The Christian World," an Anglican Organ.

London, April 10.—Staid Church of England men and women are upset in the midst of Easter tide rejoicings over the demand of the Christian World for "dramatic religion." That long established organ of conservative churchmen devotes its Easter greeting to an earnest plea for a religion "which shall appeal to the eye, the ear and imagination of the people."

It asserts that Christianity enters the twentieth century degenerated into a mere faith for the elite, and that it needs a coat of picturesqueness to bring it into touch with the masses. It calls for the rejection of Puritanism and the substitution of some of the spectacular features so common in the Salvation Army. The Christian World goes on to say:

"We are face to face with the query whether the current of Protestant conception of religion fully represents human need, especially the need of our day. Puritanism with its stern simplicity, its inwardness, its lofty spirituality, is not the religion of the people. We have refined our idea of worship, but in so doing we have put it ever farther and more remote from average human nature."

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AROUND THE CITY.

From Yesterday's Last Edition.

—W. L. G. Snell, of Chatham, is in the city.

—W. P. Kerr and wife, of London, are visiting Sarnia relatives.

—Miss Edith May Pratt, of Stratford, is visiting her brother in London.

—Mr. Hogg, who has been in New York for some time, has returned to the city.

—Miss Flossie Hoskin, London, is the guest of Miss Leata, Center street, St. Thomas.

—Miss Nona McBride, of London, is visiting her friend, Miss Olive Smith, Stratford.

—Sarnia Observer: Miss Hattie Sheppard, of London, is visiting with friends in town.

—Miss Ethel McKenzie, of London, is visiting Mrs. Cornell, Dufferin avenue, Stratford.

—Toronto Star: Mrs. Jack Weld, of London, is the guest of Mrs. Barker, of Cecil street.

—Mr. R. J. Blackwell is attending the convention of the Library Association at Toronto.

—Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Morgan, of Burgessville are visiting friends in London and Woodstock.

—Chas. McDonald, of 232 St. George street, left this morning for Sault Ste. Marie, via the C. P. R.

—Woodstock Express: Mr. T. A. Dawson, of London is spending a few days with friends in town.

—The water rates are now due and a larger number of citizens than usual are making early payments.

—St. Thomas Times: John Labatt, of London, was in the city on Saturday, the guest of Dr. Austin.

—Miss Chapman, of London, was the guest of Miss Esther Thomson, at Woodstock during the holidays.

—Miss M. Copway, of Port Dover, has been spending the Easter season with her aunt, Mrs. W. D. Eddy, Cartwright street.

—George May appeared before Judge Wm. Elliot this morning, and was committed to the asylum for the insane.

—Miss Vivian Jacques, of Thorold, Ont., is visiting with her friend, Miss Daisy Le Clear, Bruce street, South London.

—W. G. Adams, a nephew of Sergt. Adams and a member of the firm of Wm. Adams & Co., Belfast, Ireland, is in the city.

—Mrs. J. Piercy, of London, is spending her Easter holidays with her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Dick, Gore street, Stratford.

—Mrs. Edward Smith and daughter, of Detroit, are spending a few weeks at the residence of her mother, Mrs. Evans, 816 Talbot street.

—It is particularly desirable that the adjourned annual meeting of the London Old Boys' Association, tomorrow night, should be largely attended.

—Brantford Express: Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hawkes, of London, and Mrs. R. Eacrett, 21 Brock street.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. Pearen and their daughter, Nettie, of London, and Miss Charlton, of Ilderton, spent Easter with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Stonhouse, 25 Barnes street, St. Thomas.

—At St. Matthew's Church, Rev. Arthur Murphy held his opening week-day meetings. Much interest is already aroused in the East End by them. The attendance was very good.

—Chatham Banner-News: Sergt. Beales, of London, was in the city last week recruiting soldiers for Halifax. He received only one application, Jas. Burgen. He left Friday night for Windsor.

—Mrs. (Dr.) Wilson, of St. Thomas, is the guest of Hon. George W. Ross and Mrs. Ross, at Toronto. Mrs. Wilson has just returned from Ottawa, where she spent several weeks with Sir Wilfrid and Lady Laurier.

—Mrs. Jennie McDonald, wife of Alton McDonald, formerly of this city, died in Algona, Mich., on March 28. Deceased was the only surviving sister of Mrs. Reddick, Victoria street. She leaves four children, one son and three daughters.

—The King Street Opera Company appear at the Children's Aid Society concert tomorrow evening. The concert in many respects, and as the object is a worthy one the attendance should be large.

—Chatham Banner-News: W. J. Connor & Bros., of London, are making inquiries at Blenheim as to what inducements the town will offer for the establishment of their factory for the manufacture of stoves. They employ about 20 or 25 hands.

—The preparations for the rummage sale are about completed, and contri-

utors are asked to send in their articles to the rooms, corner Dundas and Talbot streets, on Thursday next. The sale will open on Friday, at 3 p.m., and continue for four or five days. Refreshments will be served at very moderate prices, and gentlemen are not debarged from entering. On the contrary, they will receive a hearty welcome.

POLICE COURT.

At the police court this morning Maud Saunders, alias Cavanagh, was sentenced to three months imprisonment in the Mercer Reformatory for stealing a watch last week from a male companion.

Two footpath bicyclists paid \$1 each and two other citizens who rode on the sidewalk contributed \$2 each. Four grass-walkers netted the treasury \$4. Sentence was suspended on a boy with a catapult, and one drunk was discharged. Edward Grant, charged with neglecting to supply his wife with the necessities of life, will appear in a week.

A PIE SOCIAL.

A pie social was held last evening at the residence of Mrs. Ashworth, 417 Ridout street, in aid of the York Street Mission fund. A very interesting programme was introduced by the chairman, Evangelist Belcher, as follows:

Instrumental, Imrie Bros.; trio, Messrs. Cannon, McInnis and Imrie; recitation, Mr. Campbell; Miss Shire; solo, Mr. Bloomgarden; trio, Messrs. Cannon, Imrie and Imrie; recitation, Mr. Gordon Imrie; address, Mr. Joshua Holmes; recitation, Imrie; duo, Messrs. MacInnis and Imrie; duo, Messrs. Imrie and Cannon; doxology.

EPWORTH LEAGUE MEETING.

The annual business meeting of the Epworth League of the Wellington Street Methodist Church was held last evening. Rev. R. D. Hamilton in the chair.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. Thomas Snell; first vice-president, Miss Jessie Taylor; second vice-president, Miss Fannie McInnis; secretary, Mr. Joseph Merritt; treasurer, Miss Mary Mickleborough; secretary, Mr. Albert Lepper; corresponding secretary, Miss Beatrice Cooke; treasurer, Mr. George Winder. The league intend doing everything in their power to make their meetings a success, and strangers may be assured of a hearty welcome. The next meeting will be held on Friday evening at the residence of Mr. W. G. Young, of the First Methodist Church.

WEDDED AT HAMILTON.

A very pretty wedding took place on April 8 at the residence of H. E. Thornhill, Hamilton in which Emily Drusilla Thornhill, Comfort Villa, this city, and John Wallace Baynes, of the firm of Hally, Boyd & Co., wholesale shoe merchants, of Toronto, were contracted to be married. The bride was tastefully attired in white silk organza, veil and orange blossoms, and carried a shawl bouquet of white roses. Little Miss Gladys Thornhill, dressed in white, and carrying a basket of white flowers, made a very pretty maid of honor. The groom was assisted by Master J. Gilmour, pastor of St. James Street Baptist Church, Hamilton, officiated, and after a bountiful repast, the bride and groom left for the east and the congratulations of their friends. Guests were present from London, Toronto, Grimsby, and other points.

ONTARIO LIBERAL CLUBS.

Mr. George M. Reid, of this city, president of the Federated Liberal Clubs, met the executive committee of the federation at the Rossin House, Toronto, yesterday, and there was a good attendance of the members of the committee. A general discussion took place as to the best methods for the Federated Liberal Clubs throughout the province, and it was decided that each member of the executive should find out from the local people where clubs are requested, and communicate with the president of each of these clubs, who will direct the club organizer where to work. The two organizers who will thus be called upon are Duncan McInnis, of this city, and E. J. Butler, Belleville. It was the opinion that it would be advisable for the federation, during the coming summer, to have an excursion to New Ontario, and thus give the young men of the country a better idea of the forward policy of Premier Ross. The members of the executive will intercede with the members of the provincial assembly, and it is expected that a large number of Liberals from all over Ontario will take in the trip.

NO PLEASURE POSSIBLE

Could Entertain No Company—Ill All the Time—A Sad Case With a Happy Ending.

Napanee, Ont., April 8.—"I have been troubled for over two years with kidney disease. The pain was so great I could not endure it. I could not entertain any company. One night I was feeling particularly miserable. I called a doctor, but he could not cure me. I decided to try them. I did so, and am completely restored to good health."

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SPRING ASSIZES HAVE OPENED

Chief Justice Sir Wm. R. Meredith the Presiding Judge.

His Lordship's Address to the Grand Jury—Sifton Murder Case Will Be Opened Today.

The spring assizes and general jail delivery for the county of Middlesex opened at 1 o'clock yesterday before Chief Justice Sir Wm. R. Meredith. The first session was a short one, lasting only an hour, which was occupied by the judge's charge to the grand jury, and various applications to the court in reference to the cases on the docket.

In response to an inquiry from the court, as to whether the crown was ready to go on with the Sifton trial, W. R. Riddle, K.C., crown prosecutor, replied that by arrangement both sides would be ready for the trial to go on on Wednesday morning.

I. P. Edmuth, of Toronto, and T. W. Scandrett, London, counsel for Sifton, were in attendance when the court opened. E. F. B. Johnston, of Toronto, was not in court, but in the city. The expert medical testimony for the defense will not be brought from Toronto until later in the week.

Provincial Detective Wm. Greer is in attendance. In the Eaton county case, Inspector John Murray, who worked up the case, and who has been seriously ill, Detective Murray took a trip to the Bermuda Islands, but he is expected to return within a few days.

In opening his charge to the grand jury, Chief Justice Meredith commented unfavorably on the fact that the grand jury had failed to put in an appearance without giving a satisfactory reason for his absence, and he said that the crown officers should be ordered to take steps to punish those who offend in such a manner.

The criminal business for the grand jury's consideration, the chief justice pointed out, is light. One is the case of Isaac Kersey, a merchant, of Edy's Mills, charged with obtaining goods under false pretenses from J. C. McInnis & Co., of London, making a fraudulent statement of his financial affairs. The other case is that of the King vs. David Ferguson and Joseph Wrinkle, farmers, of the same township, charged with the theft of saw-logs, the property of the Cemeron, Dunn Manufacturing Company, of Stratford. The judge briefly outlined the law in each case.

Among the prisoners in the jail would be found several lunatics, some awaiting removal to the asylum. The law is most unsatisfactory on this point, and it is a shame that the law should go but to the common jail, even for the period while their case is under consideration. The law should be amended so that they could be accommodated either in the asylum or the hospital until the authorities have decided whether they shall be sent to the asylum or the hospital.

The chief justice closed with a reference to the duties of the jury in visiting the jail, the asylum, and other public institutions. The grand jury then retired. Mark Walker, of Mosa township, was elected foreman of the jury.

Counsel for the defendant, Mr. Barrim, made a motion before his lordship for a written direction to prefer a bill of indictment for perjury against Barrim before the assizes. At the present assizes, Mr. Barrim reviewed the proceedings before the police magistrate, and the acquittal of the defendant. The acquittal of the defendant, the chief justice pointed out, was a very serious matter, and he called upon Barrim for his defense, and through the evidence of Barrim was corroborated by letters of the defendant. He then stated the result of an application to the court of appeal, which had declined to direct the question of jurisdiction under section 791 of the code, and intimated that the judgment of the high court of justice, refusing jurisdiction of return, was a serious matter, and he called upon Barrim to state his defense. He then stated that either the defendant should be tried for perjury or the police magistrate should be acquitted. As otherwise the police magistrate was irresponsible to the law, there being no appeal in ordinary cases of summary conviction.

The chief justice refused the application on the ground that the defendant had been tried and acquitted, and that he would not direct an indictment to be returned against him.

Mr. J. M. McEvoy asked leave to transfer the case of Brennan vs. Harding & Lenthorn from the non-jury to the jury list of civil cases. Leave to serve jury notice was granted.

The case of McNully vs. James, action for \$2,000 damages for injuries sustained in a fall from a scaffold, was settled out of court for \$200.

The case of Beaton vs. the G. T. R. was settled out of court. Mr. T. R. G. Gunn was counsel for the plaintiff.

Barrister R. K. Cowan asked that the case of Corp vs. the North American Life Insurance Company be transferred to the non-jury sittings on June 8, or to a non-jury sitting of the county court. Chief Justice Meredith intimated that the case was being an officer of the defendant company, he had no power to try the action. The case was postponed.

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Chicago Lady Meets Her Affinity on a "Flyer"—The Couple Married in the Sleeper Drawing Room.

Tacoma, Wash., April 12.—Miss F. B. Taylor, of Chicago, was married Saturday on the west-bound Cheyenne, of the Great Northern, at the residence of her father, Mr. W. H. Taylor, of Chicago. Three months ago Mr. Taylor came from Chicago, and was to be followed in due course by Miss Taylor. Last Tuesday she started for Tacoma. The Dalles she was met by the prospective groom, who had secured a license, and also procured the attendance of a preacher, the Rev. J. J. Moore, of the Dalles. It had been intended that all should go to Portland together, but the train was late, and the delay seemed useless, anyway. The couple occupied the sleeper drawing-room, and the ceremony was performed.

BEHEADED HIMSELF.

Chicago, April 9.—A special to the Tribune from San Jose, Cal., says: "Death resulted from a cut in the neck, made by a guillotine and operated by a man named here today by a coroner's jury empaneled to inquire into the facts surrounding the death of John Connolly, whose body was discovered in a cabin at Wright's station. Connolly had rigged up a guillotine and cut off his own head. He swung a broad axe by a rope in such a position that when he cut a cord across his neck, which was stretched on a block of wood, conveniently located. The plan worked effectively, as death probably was instantaneous. Connolly was 57 years of age and unmarried."

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Counties of Saginaw and Eaton Considerably Affected—A Health Officer One of the Victims.

Lansing, Mich., April 9.—Smallpox has been reported from Cheboygan, Kalamazoo, Saginaw, and Eaton counties, and Delta and Oneida townships, Eaton county. In the Eaton county townships a very bad condition of affairs was found by State Inspector At Grand Lodge there are now a dozen cases, including two barbers, a smallpox attended Sunday school. The state health authorities look for plenty of trouble from these outbreaks.

Death's Doings.

Windsor, April 9.—Capt. Oliver Manson died yesterday morning at his home in Sandwich East, from old age and pneumonia preceded by a stroke of apoplexy. Capt. Mansonville was born Nov. 1, 1827, in the old township of Fenian above Walkerville. At the age of 15 he carried passengers across the Detroit River in a canoe and came thoroughly adapted to the salt-water life. He began working as a carpenter in the shipyard which stood where the M. C. R. depot is now located. When he was a member of the Fenian raid he was employed by the Canadian Government as a scout on the St. Clair River. He was in the Fenian raid, and was a member of the Fenian commission board.

London, April 9.—George Smith, organizer and publisher of the "Daily Worker," and head of the firm of Smith & Elder, is dead.

Baltimore, Md., April 8.—Gen. Jos. M. Sudbury, a prominent soldier, died of apoplexy at his residence in this city today. Gen. Sudbury was born in Munich, Bavaria, in 1825.

Amusements.

WEST'S MINSTREL JUBILEE.

When the Wm. H. West Big Minstrel Jubilee for Minstrel performance in this city Saturday, matinee and night, of the current week, theater-goers will be given an opportunity to witness a minstrel performance, the superior of which, from an artistic, comedy and vocal standpoint, has never been seen in this country. It includes such famous performers as Tenny, Raymond Teal, and Charles Whalen—a quartet of fun-makers hard to excel. The list of singers is headed by the great contra-tenor, R. J. Jones, and includes Manuel Romain, John P. Rodgers, W. H. Hallett, and others of note. The olio presents a series of acts of pronounced fame, including Billy Van, Ernest Tenny, Raymond Teal, and Charles Whalen—a quartet of fun-makers hard to excel. The list of singers is headed by the great contra-tenor, R. J. Jones, and includes Manuel Romain, John P. Rodgers, W. H. Hallett, and others of note. 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Vestry Meetings.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, LONDON TOWN-
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The annual Easter meeting was held
Monday evening, Rev. Canon Richardson,
rector, in the chair. There was a good
attendance, and much interest was shown
in the affairs of the church. Mr. Alfred
Cummins was vestry clerk.

The churchwardens' financial statement,
together with that of the three parochial
societies—St. John's Guild, Women's Aux-
iliary and Junior Mission Band—and also
the cemetery report, were submitted,
showing good results, and having been
audited, were received and adopted.

The matter of a new fence for the
church and cemetery was discussed, and
steps taken toward securing it this sum-
mer.

The rectory and organ debt were re-
ported reduced since last Easter, and an
appeal will be made toward further re-
duction at once.

Messrs. R. Ambrose Powell and Thomas
McComb, jun., were re-elected church-
wardens.

Messrs. W. S. Graham, William Rod-
gers, William Cary and Charles Powell
were elected stewards.

Messrs. J. H. Marshall and John Stone-
man were appointed auditors.

At a meeting of the congregation sub-
sequently held, Mr. Thomas McComb,
sen., was elected lay representative to
synod.

The rector presented a report showing
20 Sunday services, 22 weekday services,
25 administrations of Holy Communion;
occasional Offices, 38; parochial visits, 49.

The Benediction was pronounced and
the meeting adjourned.

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Meteorological.
Toronto, April 9-8 p.m.—The weather
has remained very unsettled in the
Ottawa and St. Lawrence valleys. In
the Maritime Provinces it has par-
tially cleared, and elsewhere in Can-
ada it has been fine, and in Manitoba
very mild. The wind has been very
strong over the lower lakes regions,
whilst in the Lake Superior district it
has been calm.
Minimum and maximum tempera-
tures: Victoria, 42-50; Kamloops, 38-
64; Calgary, 22-56; Qu'Appelle, 34-42;
Winnipeg, 32-62; Port Arthur, 26-48;
Sault Ste. Marie, 30-46; Toronto, 35-52;
Ottawa, 32-40; Montreal, 34-42; Que-
bec, 32-36; Halifax, 36-46.
Local temperatures, Tuesday: High-
est, 49 above; lowest, 33 above.
Today (Wednesday) the sun rises at
5:44 a.m. and sets at 6:54 p.m. The
moon rises at 6:19 a.m. and sets at
9:53 a.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET.

—Edward Donegan, of Chatham,
spent Easter at his home in London.

—Miss Mamie Howard, of London,
has been the guest of Chatham friends.

—Miss Bessie O'Rourke and Miss M.
E. Meloche, of London, have been visit-
ing in Chatham.

—Mrs. Parker Little, of Hamilton, is
visiting with her cousin, Mrs. A. H.
Clinger, of Craig Street.

—Mr. Murtagh and son, of the
Hagarty, are the guests of
Mrs. Burness, Oxford Street.

—Mrs. Frank Grigg and son, of
Mount Brydges, are spending their
holidays with friends and relatives in
the city.

—Postoffice Inspector Hopkirk was
in Princeton Monday, and formally
handed over the office there to Mr.
Vickert.

—Miss Pamela Bartlett, teacher,
Comet, P.O., is spending her Easter
vacation with relatives and friends in
London.

—Mrs. Cameron Brown and children
left today for Hamilton, where they
will spend part of the summer months.
—Missville Sun.

—Inspector Park, of Chatham, has
been appointed practical examiner for
London Model School. He is at
present in Toronto.

—Mrs. Honour Gomersall, mother of
Mr. George Hughes, died yesterday, at
the residence of her son, on Bathurst
street, aged 81 years.

—Mrs. Henry Passmore, of Hamil-
ton, accompanied by Mrs. A. K. Mel-
bourne, and the latter's daughter Jean,
have been the guests of Mrs. Lamb,
556 Dufferin avenue.

—Chatham Banner-News: Lieut.-Col.
Buchan, of London, has notified Lieut.-
Col. Rankin that a drill instructor from
the Military School will report to him
for duty on Saturday next, April 12,
and will remain one month.

—Rev. John Morrison will deliver his
historical lecture, "Canadian Monu-
ments," in the Richmond Street North
Mission, opposite the McCormick Home
for Aged People, on Monday evening
next, April 15. The lecture is under
the auspices of the Epworth League.

—Mr. D. H. Porter, auctioneer, on
April 9, sold by public auction, parcels
Nos. 2 and 3 of the Meredith estate to
Mr. G. W. Newitt, price, \$10.50
per foot. Lots Nos. 4, 5 and 6, corner
of Dundas and Horton streets, were with-
drawn at \$11 per foot, and Nos. 7, 8
and 9, facing on Horton at \$16.75 per
foot. The residence was withdrawn at
\$3,000.

—Mr. David Glass has sent his pho-
tograph to City Clerk Kingston, to be
placed with those of London's ex-
mayors now hanging in the council
chamber. Mr. Glass writes from Lon-
don, England, and refers to the early
times in London, and the excitement
that usually prevailed at an election.

He has been on a tour of the world
during the past thirteen months, and
expects that when he arrives at his
home in British Columbia he will have

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traveled 20,000 miles. Last summer
he was at Tien Tsin, China, during a
portion of the Boxer troubles.

—Last night, at St. Matthew's
Church, the Rev. Arthur Murphy,
M.A., addressed a large and interested
gathering. His subject was "Sin." He
dealt with its salient features; its uni-
versality, strength and destructiveness.
His arguments were convincing,
and effectively illustrated. He was
most anxious in advocating the one
efficient remedy--free and immutable--
the completed propitiation of Christ.
The subject tomorrow night will be
"The Blessedness of Sin's Forgiveness."

—The final entertainment in the First
Congregational Church concert and
lecture course was given last night,
when Rev. W. J. Clark, pastor of the
First Presbyterian Church, delivered a
very interesting and able lecture on
"Characters to be Avoided." Mr. Clark
treated his subject from many view-
points, dealing with the bigot, the
snob, the flatterer and other types.
Rev. Mr. Oakley presided, and intro-
duced the lecturer to the large audi-
ence.

HALIFAX GARRISON RECRUITS.

Col. Peters, new D. O. C. of London
district, swore in the following thir-
teen recruits for the Halifax garrison
yesterday: Ptes. John T. Taylor, Mort.
N. Graham, Alfred Cooper, G. Lang-
lott, S. W. White and Charles Mor-
row, Windsor; Freeman Duffrance, Wy-
oming; George K. Chisholm and Wm.
H. Darr, Chatham; George W. Latham,
Sarnia; Samuel Young and James Col-
lins, Ingersoll, and Gordon Cavanagh,
London.

SLOT MACHINES TO GO.

A number of retail cigar stores and
other places were visited yesterday by
a police sergeant, who gave the
proprietors twenty-four hours in
which to remove from their
counters the slot machines which they
have been running. Although some of
the machines, it is believed, do not
come under the anti-gambling statute,
the merchants concerned will submit
without protest.

MRS. SMITH'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of the late Mrs. (Dr.)
Smith, of Lawrence Station, took place
on Easter Sunday to Macarthur's cem-
etery, and was very largely attended.
Mrs. Smith, who before her marriage
was Miss Jessie Drifill, of Bradford,
Ont., came to Lawrence Station 14
months ago a happy bride, and since
then her bright and pleasant manner
had endeared her to the hearts of ev-
eryone. The most heartfelt sympathy
is extended to the doctor and his in-
fant daughter in this great bereavement.

Rev. P. Currie conducted the
funeral services, speaking very im-
pressively from Proverbs, xiv. 32. The
pallbearers were John A. McIntyre,
Robert Turner, Donald Campbell, Alex.
Buchan, N. D. McLachlin and Spur-
geon Campbell. The floral offerings
were very beautiful.

THE MACY ENTERTAINMENT.

The entertainment produced by Mr.
J. Williams Macy, the well-known New
York basso, in Dundas Centre Meth-
odist Sunday school last evening was
enjoyed by a very large audience. Both
as a reader and a singer, Mr. Macy
possesses unusual ability, and the
audience on the numbers on the pro-
gramme received hearty applause. The ac-
companiments were played by Mr. W. H.
Hewlett, in his faultless style. The
selections given were as follows: "Old
Ace for Dot," "Dot Goot for Nodding Dog,"
"Uncle Eph's Heaven," "Watchin' the
Sparkin'," "The Whistling Boy," "The
Young Man Waited," "Encourage-
ment," a number of stories and songs.
"A Fair of Olden Times," a parody on

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the gray matter that builds the brain
and fills the nerve centers.

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made except by the action of phos-
phate of potash upon albumen, and
this mineral should be introduced to
the body just as it comes from Na-
ture's laboratory, and not from the
drug store. The system is more or
less fastidious about taking up the
needed elements, and as might be sus-
pected, it will favor the products of
Mother Nature rather than the prod-
ucts of the drug shop, however valu-
able the last may be for certain uses.
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z, Little Bee," and "A Jolly Good Laugh."

TO AID BALL CLUB.

A very successful entertainment was
given last evening in the schoolroom of
Memorial Church, by the Memorial
Athletic Club. The affair was arranged
with the view of procuring funds to
equip and uniform the baseball club
and it proved quite as successful as its
promoters had hoped. The chairman,
Mr. A. B. Cox, and Rev. C. C. Owen,
both made brief addresses, in which
they dwelt upon the importance of fos-
tering local amateur sport. Among
the features was the rendering of a
piano selection entitled "Ruben-
stein," by Rev. Canon Dann, which
brought down the house, and was ap-
preciated by Miss Myra Pickard and
Miss Myra Pickard and Mr. Tam-
bling. The other numbers on the pro-
gramme were a mandolin and guitar
selection, Messrs. Lambert and Moul-
ton; Miss Myra Pickard, solo; Miss
Smith; character sketch, William
Smith; solo, William Johnson; instru-
mental trio, R. Hudson, and recitation,
Miss Ina McLean.

"NIOBE" WELL PRESENTED.

The Fenberg Stock Company, which
is playing a return engagement at the
London Opera House last night, pre-
sented Harry Paulson's comedy,
"Niobe," to a large and appreciative
audience. The company gave an ex-
cellent presentation of the comedy,
which abounds in amusing situations
and bright lines. The action of the
play centers upon the introduction in-
to a modern household of the household
beautiful Greek statues, and the laugh-
able consequences which follow the
coming to life of the statue. Miss
Catherine Handish, gave a delightful
portrayal of the tearful Niobe, who
devotes herself to her master Peter,
despite the fact that he already has
a wife, while Mr. Oliver Bailey, as the
barrister husband, was very amusing.
The support was good throughout. En-
tertaining specialties were introduced
between the acts by Will F. Crockett,
and a modern version of the Stoll
Rhinehart and Miss Beatrice Fenberg.
The offering for the matinee today is
"East Lynne," while the bill for to-
night is "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde,"
which gave such satisfaction on its
last presentation here by the Fen-
bergs, and which should be greeted by
a crowded house.

ANOTHER LOOK AT THE LEASE.

The Port Stanley board tackled the
lease proposition again last night and
added a few modifying clauses that
are considered necessary for a more
perfect local satisfaction than is now
secured. The Walkers will be asked
to meet the board and discuss the am-
endments after a conference with the
London and Southeastern Railway
Company, re the running powers be-
tween Port Stanley and St. Thomas.

Ace for Dot, "Dot Goot for Nodding Dog,"
"Uncle Eph's Heaven," "Watchin' the
Sparkin'," "The Whistling Boy," "The
Young Man Waited," "Encourage-
ment," a number of stories and songs.
"A Fair of Olden Times," a parody on

THE ROUNDERS.

Several parties of Londoners went to
St. Thomas last night to see Thomas
G. Seabrooke, who appeared in "The
Rounders," at the new Grand Opera
House, and were agreeably entertain-
ed by the erstwhile merry master of
the "Isle of Champs-Élysées." The
name denotes his origin, he seizes ev-
ery opportunity to make a display of
the droll powers that have made him
famous. The second act is his best.
Everybody who remembers his terrific
drunk in the "Isle of Champs-Élysées"
will understand the possibilities of a scene
in which Maginnis comes on in a most
gloriously intoxicated condition. Will
Chio, who works in "Princess
Chio" is pleasantly remembered here,
was Seabrooke's leading support. His
part of a cynical and blasé man-about-
town becomes him well. Indeed, to
many, his dry humor was more agree-
able than Seabrooke's broad comedy.
Jeanette Lowrie and Bertha Walsinger,

two beautiful women, excellent sing-
ers and most attractive actresses, were
co-stars. With one or two possible ex-
ceptions, the support was indifferent.

**This Day in London
Thirty-Three Years Ago.**

[From The Advertiser Files of April
10, 1863.]

Today being Good Friday, business
is generally suspended. The London
Light Infantry marched out into the
country a few miles. Games of base-
ball and shinny were played on the
cricket square. The new steam fire-
engine was tested on the banks of the
river and gave every satisfaction. The
usual number of sportsmen departed
for a day's shooting and fishing in the
country.

His worship the mayor has issued
a proclamation, calling upon the
citizens generally to close their places
of business between the hours of 9
a.m. and 12 noon, on Monday next, that
being the time set apart for the
funeral of the late Thomas D'Arcy
McGee.

Ground has been broken for the new
Presbyterian Church.

At an immense mass meeting in the
city hall today, a resolution of con-
dolence with the relatives of the late
D'Arcy McGee, was passed. Among
those on the platform were Rev. Dr.
Walsh, R. C. Bishop of Sandwich,
Senator Leonard, the Very Rev. Dean
Helmuth, Vicar-General Bruyere,
Rev. J. H. Mahon, Rev. A. Kennedy,
Hannay and Messrs. E. Adams,
W. L. Moncrieff, M. Anderson,
D. Glass, John Mahon, R. Reid, Geo.
Macbeth, C. P. Smith, Lieut.-Col. Mor-
fitt and Mr. Landon.

The London Light Infantry and the
Oxford Rifles will have a shooting
match on Monday.

Lobo Soldier Honored.

Corp. Alexander McArthur, of Strath-
cona's Horse, was recently honored by
the council of his native township of
Lobo. Corp. McArthur served through
the South African campaign with great
distinction, and his friends decided to
mark their appreciation of his conduct
in a tangible fashion. At a public
meeting held in the Masonic Hall, Lobo
village, Councillor Thomas Johnston, on
behalf of the council, presented Corp.
McArthur with a beautiful gold watch
and chain, while Councillor D. A. Ste-
wart read a highly complimentary ad-
dress. Corp. McArthur made a suit-
able reply, after which addresses were
delivered by Councillors Alex. Gray,
James Stewart, Joshua Irwin, ex-Reeve
Archibald McGugan, and others.

Promotion Examinations.

**SCHOOL SECTION NO. 22, LONDON
TOWNSHIP.**

The following pupils were successful in
school section No. 22, London township:
Primary Room--Part I. to Part II.--
Olive Poak, Ruth Cannon, -- Hall,
Gordon Erskine, Aubrey McCracken.

Part II. to Junior Second--Willie Win-
slow, B. Smythe, Bernice Sharratt, Alice
Whitehead, Lewis Burnard, Lella Hedg-
es, Junior Second to Senior Second--
Eleanor Smythe, Aggie Dunham, Lillian
Early, Ermi Day, James Erskine, John
Lowther, Mary Lowther.

Senior Room--Senior Second to Junior
Third--Reg. Sharratt, Beatrice Gould,
Ernest Fern, Bernice Sharratt, Lulu
Davies, Myrtle Hall, Ethel Braund.

Junior Third to Senior Third--Janet
Sander, Florence Hedgcock, Edna Bowles,
Gordon McConnell, Arthur Griffith, Willie
Pratt.

Senior Third to Junior Fourth--Willie
Main, Albert Parkinson, Edith Scott,
Mabel Day, Mabel Earl.

Junior Fourth to Senior Fourth--Lily
Parkinson, Lizzie Dunham, Ethel Earl,
Birdie Yeates, Birdie Graham.

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