

Four-Thirty

The Hour at Which Society Services May be Held.

Lively meeting Between the Lodgemen and Clergymen.

The Chairman's Rejoinder to an Unruly Speaker.

Now Will the Ministerial Association Accept?

Parades to Start at 4:15 p.m.—Lodgemen Satisfied—An Interesting Discussion.

The joint conference of the lodge representatives and the committee of the Ministerial Association having the Sunday parade matter in hand, which was held in St. Andrew's Church last night, could not truthfully be described as a love feast. There was a preponderance of lodge men in the assembly, being present, as compared with about one-fifth of that number of clergymen. A number of interesting incidents occurred during the progress of the meeting, and in the end a resolution setting the hour of parade at 4:15 and the time of service at 4:30 was passed. Rev. Mr. Rigby, however, gave the lodge representatives to understand that it was not likely that the clergymen of the city would agree to the resolution.

On motion, the Dean of Huron took the chair, and Mr. A. E. Munson was appointed secretary. Among the clerical gentlemen present were Archdeacon Davis, Canon Richardson, J. W. Pedley, Walter Rigby, George Fowler, E. B. Laneley, Robt. Johnston, Thos. S. Johnston, W. M. Seaborn and Ira Smith. Among the lodge representatives present were Messrs. Dr. Davis, C. A. Kingston, J. H. Flock, R. K. Cowan, Alex. McDonald, Alex. Stewart, Ed. Fish, James Carter, Robert Caldwell, J. A. Shand, Walter Fairbairn, D. L. Hardey, T. Hogg, W. E. Jackson, Walter Richards, Frank Woolsey, Kirkpatrick, Essery and many others.

There were a number of active Sunday school workers present, including Messrs. Jeffrey, Crawford, Armitage, McGregor, Bapty, Munro and others. The Dean briefly explained the object of the meeting, and said that the subject had not been discussed heretofore on strict Sabbatarian lines, but the action had been taken because of the demand of the city school superintendents of the city. He mentioned that he belonged to the Masonic brethren and St. George's Society himself, and said that the clergymen thought the gentlemen of the lodges had sufficiently good sense to come to a satisfactory understanding on the matter. He outlined the action of the ministers, and said that the clergymen present were only a committee who would in turn have to report to the Ministerial Association.

"We have no right," said he, "to dictate as to how you are to go to church, whether by a band or without a band. But we have a right to say at what time the parade shall be held so as not to interfere with the organizations in connection with the several congregations." He said that the Salvation Army band had become a regular institution, and did not have the same attitude as a band. He could hardly blame the boys for wanting to hear the band; when young he would probably have done so himself. As an old military man, he acknowledged that the band still had a fascination for him.

An endeavor was then made, at the suggestion of Mr. Pedley, to find out just who were delegates to the meeting and who were not. Several proposals were made as to how this should be done, and finally the chairman asked the Masonic contingent to arise. Messrs. Flock, Kingston, Davis, McDonald and Galpin stood up. These were recorded, and the Odd-fellows asked to stand up. "How would it be if the gentlemen who called us here to give us the reasons why they brought us here?" asked Mr. Esery. "We are here in just as good standing as the gentlemen of the other side, and if we go questioning what each other's rights are there will be anything done. I have been asked to come and hear what you have to say. Hadn't you better say it?" (Hear, hear.) Mr. Stewart-Why, the chairman stated his case a few minutes ago. An effort was made to enroll the names of the Odd-fellows, Messrs. Jeffrey, Stewart, Fairbairn, Canon, Jackson and others standing up. Rev. Walter Rigby suggested that to save time the lodge representatives should write out their names and hand them in. "Now," said Mr. Stewart, "if you are tired of it already, let us quit." A delegate-A better way to do would be to get the credentials.

A voice-Aw, sit down. Dean Innes said that it occurred to him that there was no use taking the names, and called on Mr. Pedley to make a further explanation of the causes underlying the action of the Ministerial Association. Mr. Pedley said that he hoped both sides would be willing to put aside their prejudices and consider the parade question as a matter of expediency. He asked the clergymen to consider whether the ministers were justified in protesting, inasmuch as the superintendents of the city Sunday schools stated that the Sunday parades interfered with the Sabbath school services. The ministers, he said, were willing to preach to any lodge at either of the regular services, even if accompanied by a band, but not during the afternoon.

Mr. Carter asked if the regular service of other churches would not be interfered with by holding the parade as requested by the clergymen. Mr. Canon Richardson said that all the members would be attending their own services and would not be disturbed. Mr. Pedley-If the ministers had

their way they would say "Do away with the bands." Mr. Cowan asked if it was unalterably determined that the clergymen would not hold service for the societies at any other than the regular service. Canon Richardson said that it was merely a request for the societies to consider.

Mr. Cowan thought that the matter could be solved by the societies commencing their parades at 4 o'clock or 4:15. The Dean said that even the formation of the parade interfered very materially with the Sabbath school attendance. Mr. Cowan argued that if the parade was held either in the morning or evening it would have the effect of causing people to stay away from their own church.

Rev. George Fowler suggested that the resolutions passed by the Ministerial Association ought to be read and considered. Mr. Esery said that the ministers began by refusing Christian burial to the Christian people on the Sabbath. They then proceeded to set up by refusing to preach to societies unless they went to church without a band. Now they were told that this had been done at the instance of the Sunday school superintendents. Would it not have been just as polite to have asked for the views of the lodges concerned at the preliminary meeting as to do so now? They were doing work that the church was not able to do, or had not the courage to face. (Hear, hear.) It was very decent work to be engaged in, and they were going to keep up, whether the ministers liked it or not. (Hear, hear.)

The speaker urged that the resolutions should be read, and went on to say that in the old days Christ preached to everybody, the rich and the ragged, but he was not always looking for a call, and he did not move because his salary was increased. Wm. Jeffrey, superintendent of the Wellington Street Methodist Sunday school-I think, Mr. Chairman, that this is altogether uncalculated for. Mr. Esery here to discuss another question and there is no such necessity for such sarcastic references. It is to proceed, we cannot possibly do any business.

Mr. Esery-You had better understand that you are not going to do any business. As for sarcasm, do the newspaper reports there was evidently a great deal of sarcasm displayed at the Ministerial Association meetings. The person who spoke to me does not know enough to stop my voice while we are discussing this matter. I have been inside of parliament rules, and have been talking about what the circular calls for. Canon Richardson-I don't think it is gentlemanly for any of us to rise and condemn the ministers in the tone used by Bro. Esery, and I still hold that it is not gentlemanly to talk that way.

The Dean-We must take to the dress with more or less good nature, and consider the quarter from which it comes. (Laughter and applause.) A Delegate-More sarcasm. The Dean again said that all that was said would have to be considered by the source from which it came. He said that the resolutions referred to were published in the papers, and all present must be aware of them. Mr. Rigby said that he did not know that the resolutions were being read upon the meeting. They contained what the ministers would prefer, and Sunday afternoons, the societies say that this cannot be accomplished. Mr. Stewart-is the series of resolutions the ultimatum of the clergymen? Mr. Rigby-There was no ultimatum.

Canon Richardson-Hear, hear. Mr. Rigby said that the Ministerial Association last year could not get in touch with the societies. A delegate-They never tried. Mr. Rigby advocated methods of peace, and pointed out that it was in the interests of the moral welfare of the community to have no hindrance to the Sunday schools. If the society people asked the clergymen if they did it they would feel that they did not want to do, though they did consent.

Rev. Mr. Fowler said that he did not think it an act of discourtesy to preach, and because there was one minister who refused to be bound by them during the time that negotiations were pending, he was politely, more or less, given to the meeting to be presented there, and if they were going to meet ought to be taken up. He moved that the motion was lost. He refused to be bound by the resolutions, but all the rest stood by them. It was their duty to discuss the resolutions. (Applause.) Mr. Davis said that he did not think it was at all necessary that the resolutions should be presented, because he understood that the clerical gentlemen were willing to abide by and denounce them to be divided into hostile camps, but were there for a friendly conference. He was glad to see there men who were an honor and a credit to the societies they represented. He pointed out that the Ministerial Association had withdrawn their opposition to the band, and the question became merely one of time. He said that the societies were wedged to the present custom of going to church, placing the figure at the outside, the parades only amounted to twelve in the course of a year-at a time when the attendance at all Sunday schools was depleted, anyhow. He argued that to hold the parade in the morning would disarrange the regular services, and fathers would be taken away from their family pews. The societies were willing to meet the clergymen on a fair, square and reasonable basis, and he thought that if the Sunday school people would give in a little in the time of calling their Sunday school together, the lodge men could put the parade off for a little while, and so come to a harmonious understanding. (Applause.)

scholars, as if by magic, as soon as they heard the first sound of the drum. "Good for the children," commented a lodgeman. R. K. Cowan-It must have been a very entertaining service. Mr. Hogg-And the discipline must have been good. Dr. Davis then moved that the hour of starting the parade should be 4:15 and the commencement of the services at 4:30. He asked the lodgemen to endorse it and then report back to their different societies.

Rev. Geo. Fowler seconded the motion, it being understood that it did not debar any society who wished, from attending the morning service. Mr. Kingston said it would be advisable to have it understood that the bands should not play on the way from their headquarters to the lodge rooms before the parade commenced. "I didn't Rigby said that the 4:30 church service would interfere with the attendance at the evening service. Mr. McGregor spoke from the Sunday school side of the question and Mr. Stewart said this right to being an ex-superintendent. Rev. Robt. Johnston defended Mr. McGregor's right to speak.

Mr. Munro, superintendent of the Christian Church, East London, said that during a recent parade 30 or 40 of his scholars got to the door before he did. A delegate-You evidently went yourself. (Laughter.) "I didn't go to the door to hear the band," exclaimed Mr. Stewart, "but to tell them to come back." (Laughter.) R. K. Cowan-I think it would be a good thing to call a meeting of the parents and lecture them on teaching children obedience. Walter Richards asked what time the East End societies would start to march to meet their down-town brethren.

Dean Innes-I think that you might start at any time. Mr. Richardson-All right. Mr. Esery-Has the question been put? The Dean-I have just been waiting for it to be band-ed. Mr. Esery-Yes; well, I have been waiting, too. He said he wanted to get an agreement that would be binding on both parties, and he moved in amendment that the motion be not voted on until the clergymen and the lodges had passed upon it. The Dean ruled that this was not an amendment. Rev. Robt. Johnston did not understand why the resolutions passed by the Ministerial Association had not been put.

Rev. Mr. Fowler-They were called for. Mr. Johnston said that the interruption of Sabbath school work was entirely aside from the question at issue. There must be a band. He did not object to the band so much as to the spirit that demanded it. They must have it to attract attention. In England Sunday parades with bands were done away with. If the parade was chiefly for the purpose of attracting attention he objected to it as a disturbance of that quiet so essential to devotion. He was not a strict Sabbatarian, and even allowed boys to "whistle" on the Sabbath. (Laughter.) He objected to a noisy parade which would gather together a lot of onlookers, who, in the case of St. Andrew's, would lie around under the trees during the service, showing merely a desire to spend the afternoon in that idle fashion. He saw no reason why the Sabbath school should not meet at 9 o'clock in the morning, or after 12, but the question was not a Sabbath school question at all. The Lord's Day, he said, was used because the lodges were too stingy to take one day out of the six that were theirs for that purpose. It was a question of loyalty to their lodge or loyalty to their God.

Rev. T. S. Johnson favored the motion, and the chairman and Mr. Esery had a short argument as to what constituted a band. The latter said that if the motion had been made binding on anybody an amendment would not be necessary. Mr. Kingston said it would not be fair to ask the ministers to bind themselves to what they were not at present binding themselves. Rev. Mr. Rigby said that that experience had proven that likely soon the clergymen would refuse to be bound by it. Rev. Geo. Fowler-Hear, hear. Mr. Fairbairn regretted that the matter could not be met in a spirit of tolerance. Supposing some ministers did not agree, it was not at all likely that every minister would be asked to preach, anyhow. (Hear, hear, and laughter.) Finally the question was put and only Mr. Esery, who was not a member, voted. "Mr. Esery; did you ever support any resolution?" asked the chairman. "Let's sing 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds,'" suggested Mr. Rigby. "No; let's move a vote of thanks to the chairman," said a lodgeman. This was done, and the meeting adjourned.

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Plea for the Dying Government.

Sir Charles Tupper has issued an address to the electors of Canada, in which he pleads for the return of himself and his friends to power on June 23 next. Like all the effusions of the Nova Scotia politician, the document is long, windy, padded. But it does not contain an argument in favor of himself or of the high tax policy which has not again and again been met and refuted.

There is simulated seriousness, of course, in the contention that the Liberal leaders of Canada should not be trusted to take their turn at the helm of the Ship of State because they would be less safe as managers of public affairs than the men now in office. But the attempt to gloss over the grossest misgovernment and corruption at Ottawa by raising the bogey of a supposed revolutionary programme by the Liberals will not go down with the sober-minded elector, no matter how he has voted in the past. The statesmen at the head of the Liberal party are really more worthy of the confidence of the electorate than are the Family Compact which now dominates the Conservative party.

The able men at the head of the Liberal party, including Sir Oliver Mowat, the most successful manager of public affairs in Canada, are trusted by the people, and will continue to be trusted long after the Tupper benches are relegated to the opposition benches. The Tupper cry of alarm is but the wail of the despairing office-holder.

A pretense is made by Sir Charles Tupper that he and his friends are really in favor of increased trade with Great Britain. It may be so, but the record of his followers proves to the contrary. It is but a short time since Hon. L. H. Davies moved the following resolution in the House of Commons: "Inasmuch as Great Britain admits the products of Canada into her ports free of duty, this House is of the opinion that the present scale of duties exacted on goods mainly imported from Great Britain should be reduced." This resolution was supported by every Liberal in the House and opposed by every member on Sir Charles Tupper's side. Was there loyalty to the motherland in the voting down of a proposition so very fair to both Britain and the Dominion? More than a suspicion may fairly be entertained that Sir Charles Tupper and the combine managers who master him are no more anxious to have freer trade with Great Britain than they are to aid our farmers and workers to profitable reciprocity with the United States.

In another portion of his address, Sir Charles argues in favor of the big subsidies to fast steamship lines between Canada and Europe and between Canada and Australasia. It does seem strange that the taxpayers of Canada should be called upon to contribute large sums annually from their earnings to make traffic between Canada and other lands profitable to speculators while their rulers at Ottawa have been piling on taxes at both seaboard to make that same commerce just as difficult as possible. Sir Charles pretends that the high tax policy has helped the agricultural population, but if he does not know better the farmers do. He gives no defense of the bungling at Ottawa which has resulted in our live cattle being scheduled in the British markets, to the great loss of this country.

After the exposure in the House of Commons, only Tupper would seriously argue that the course of the dying Cabinet in regard to the Manitoba school question had been "clear and definite" and "constitutional." We know that in the bye-elections fought a month or two ago, the Administration had one explanation of its intentions for Quebec and another for Ontario. We know that the conspiracy which resulted in the decapitation of Premier Bowell was caused by quarrelling in regard to the course to be taken by the Ministers on this same question. And we know that in this way many weeks of valuable time were frittered away in Parliament. Not till a few weeks before Parliament rose did the men in power make up their minds whether or not Parliament died on April 24, and when they did cease quarrelling long enough to decide to go on with their Manitoba bill it was proved, on the evidence of the best constitutional authorities in the House, that the measure was so badly drawn that in every clause, if passed, there existed a lawsuit for the Manitoba minority. Conservative and Liberal authorities alike condemned the measure, and clause after clause had to be changed or emasculated to even moderate

ly meet the intentions of the law. This measure, then, Sir Charles Tupper tells us, gives the "clear," "definite," "constitutional," position of the Government, and though he does not say so in so many words, he is determined that the coercive policy shall be insisted on, and not the policy of conciliation upheld by Mr. Laurier, by Sir Oliver Mowat, by Hon. George W. Ross, and other statesmen, who have in the past so well reconciled people of different creeds to live together in harmony. We are confident that if Sir John A. Macdonald had been alive and at the head of his party he would have never allowed this question to have reached its present acute shape without a happy solution on the lines suggested by Mr. Laurier and endorsed by Sir Donald Smith. Sir Oliver Mowat, in his letter accepting office in the new Liberal Cabinet, to be formed after the ensuing general elections, said on this subject: "In the light of past events I should not despair of the question being settled in a manner acceptable to the reasonable people of Manitoba and the reasonable Roman Catholics of the Dominion. We have had in Ontario questions of various kinds which seemed as difficult of solution as this question is, and they have been dealt with by the Ontario Legislature satisfactorily." The question has not been settled by the men now in power because they went the wrong way about it, and were insincere in their methods, vacillating and bungling from beginning to end. When Mr. Laurier and Sir Oliver take the matter up, we do not doubt that it will soon be out of Dominion politics, and settled with fairness towards both minority and majority.

Money to Burn.

The ceremonies in connection with the long-delayed coronation of the Czar of Russia begin today, and will be continued until the 26th inst., though the actual crowning will only take five hours. It will be a costly affair, the national expenditure alone being \$12,000,000, or \$2,000,000 more than was deemed requisite in the brilliant coronation festivities of Alexander III. Some of the foreign nations have given their representatives full swing in the celebration. France, for example, authorizes her ambassador to spend \$300,000, and Austria \$70,000. A good deal of the barbarous yet lurid in the constitution of European peoples, or they would not countenance expenditures so very extravagant while the condition of the common people whose labor produces the money, is far from satisfactory. Just such a tendency to run riot in needless display and luxury causes Socialism to flourish and strengthens the antipathy to royalty which prevails in many quarters.

Societies and Preachers Agree.

The conference between members of the London Ministerial Association and representatives of the secret and friendly societies came to a happy termination last night. Our suggestion that an hour should be chosen for special society services which would not interfere with the attendance at the Sunday schools has been adopted.

The compromise resolution was moved by Dr. Geo. C. Davis, and it was wisely coincided in by almost every one present. In future, Sunday afternoon special services for the societies will not begin till 4:30 p.m., and no procession need start from its rooms before 4:15. Thus all the Sunday schools will remain undisturbed, and the only change necessary in past arrangements will probably be that the preacher of the day will have to curtail the service to one hour so as not to interfere with the usual evening services. The mover of the resolution, as well as all who have been parties to this conciliatory arrangement, are to be congratulated on its happy adjustment. Once more there is exemplified the fact that when contending parties honestly get together, and seek for a common ground of cooperation, it is comparatively easy to find it.

By the Way.

The Hamilton Herald says: "Tupper is a good hater. All the men who attack by Bowell have had to walk the plank." || || || ||
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The Tupper appeal will not have the fascination for the Conservative electors that the Macdonald manifesto of 1891 had.

Western Ontario.

Mrs. Geo. W. Sharrow, Port Huron, has been called to Petrolia on account of the serious illness of her mother.

The broken Pelee Island cable was repaired Monday. The islanders now have telephonic communication with the mainland for the first time since last fall.

The body of the boy Janesse, who fell through the ice and was drowned about three months ago, was found in Lake Erie Monday and was buried at Amherstburg.

At a public meeting of the ratepayers of Walkerton, to consider the advisability of issuing debentures for a new town hall, to cost \$10,000, the scheme was voted down.

A young man named Thomas Rankin, residing at Dover Center, has been brought into Wallaceburg by Constable Seney, on a charge of seduction preferred by a girl named Clark.

On Wednesday last a bear made its appearance on the farm of David Clarke, in North Easthope. Mr. Clarke and his hired man gave chase. After a lively skirmish the bear was finally brought to bay on Mr. McFarlane's farm and shot. He proved to be a cub weighing about 80 pounds. The scene of the hunt was about three miles distant from Stratford.

A little 5-year-old son of J. Baker, laundryman, and a daughter of D. McKenzie, Jackson street, of the same age, were on Jackson street, St. Thomas, on Sunday, when a man came along, took the pursers off the little boy, and part of the clothing of the little girl, and ran off with them. The police were notified and scoured the city and railway depots in search of the thief.

On Sunday, as train 32 on the M. C. R. was going west, a tie on the road one mile east of Kingsmill was struck. There was a tramp a short distance away from the place, and Conductor McKenzie, who passed the place at 8:55, stated that he had seen the tramp along the track. On Monday Constable Hoffman arrested the man and placed him in Aylmer lockup, where he now is.

The Windsor Board of Health has received the report of the Provincial Board on the late epidemic of fever in that city. It finds that the war is very impure, and virtually orders that Windsor and Walkerville shall take the intake pipe above Askin's Point. As the powers of the board are unlimited, in all probability this will have to be done. It is estimated that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$80,000.

Woodstock's assessment returns show an increase in the total assessment over 1895 of \$46,850. In 1895 the assessment was \$2,718,350 and in 1896 \$2,767,000. The only decrease is in the personal assessment. Last year the value of personal property was \$123,900. This year a decrease of \$5,100 is shown. The population has increased by 15. The number of names on the roll in 1895 were 8,791, and this year the figure is increased to 8,806.

Wm. Smith, of Sarnia, an employee of the Excelsior Electric Company, met with a serious accident Monday at Port Huron. While stringing wires in front of the Forrester building on Water street, when he was struck by a wire he was holding gave way, precipitating him to the ground, a distance of 30 feet. He struck on his side, and was unknocked up unconscious, with blood oozing from his mouth and ears. It was at first reported that the man was dead, but the physicians believe he will recover, although his injuries are quite serious.

During a thunder storm Monday the barns of John Forsyth, con. J. Chatham, were struck by lightning, and, together with the contents, completely destroyed. The buildings contained a large quantity of hay, straw and hay, besides two horses, two fat cattle and other live stock, carriages and agricultural implements, which were all lost. Mrs. Forsyth and niece were in the barn when the lightning struck it, and had a very narrow escape from death by the shock. Loss about \$3,000; partially covered by insurance.

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We have just placed in stock two cases of Curtains, nice, neat patterns, the value of which there is no doubt of, in all lengths, widths and prices.

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Sometimes persons become blind from impure blood, which develops scrofulous ulcers on the eyeballs, tritis, granulated eyelids, etc. In such cases Hood's Sarsaparilla has been marvelously successful in restoring sight. It shows its powers as a blood purifier and radical cure for scrofula, by removing the cause, thus curing the

Sore

eyes and restoring all the affected parts to healthy condition. Read this: "As an act of justice and for the benefit of other mothers who may have afflicted children, I write this. About the first of February, 1892, my daughter Zola, then three years old, contracted sore eyes of the worst form and in a few weeks was entirely blind, being unable to tolerate light of any kind. She suffered and cried until I was almost heartbroken. The best eye specialist in the county treated her for months, but she

Eyes

became worse. Then I took her to a specialist in Indianapolis, who said he could do nothing. I came away with a heavy heart. I met my father's physician, Dr. Berryman, who examined Zola's eyes, and told me to try Hood's Sarsaparilla. I began to give it as directed and wash her eyes with warm water. Soon I began to notice improvement, and now, having given the child over a half dozen bottles, her eyes are greatly improved and she can see as well as any one. She is five years of age, and goes to school. When she began to take Hood's Sarsaparilla, she had to eat her meals in a darkened room, but now

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THE CHATHAM CHARGES.

Contractor Graham of London on the Stand—Denies Anything Wrong.
Chatham, May 6.—The inquiry into the charges of malfeasance preferred against ex-Ald. Henry Smyth by the city council was continued yesterday before his Honor Judge Bell. Mr. Cameron, the London barrister, renewed his application to report on the evidence in the last couple of games, but he is not by any means a sure hitter.

Sandford, the Toronto center fielder, has not been playing anything like good ball, and he is the man that will go off to make the grade for the National League tail-enders. Boyle, the catcher, was with New York a couple of seasons.

Buffalo's base-running is said to be very crude and amateurish. They lost the third game because of their inability to negotiate the bases properly. Wright, Toronto's new holder, showed up well Tuesday, making two hits. Stuart does not seem to be the man at short that the Demons want. His errors Tuesday were evidently very costly.

President Freedman keeps up his courage and determination in the face of all discouragement. He certainly deserves credit for his firmness under the existing condition of affairs.—New York Advertiser.

Taking it all in all the Phillies have a better chance of capturing the flag this season than ever before, and if they fail to get a bit of that "big league" money they will have no one to blame but themselves.

New York has four ex-pitchers on their nine, namely, Gleason, Stump, Tiernan and Van Halteren. The latter, rejuvenated at Washington may induce others to try it when the team is sorely needed.

Everett, third baseman of Chicago, played his first nine games without an error.

The New York aggregation deserved better luck than they had. In their three games with Philadelphia they made 43 hits and scored 31 runs. They should fatten their average considerably in the present series with Louisville.

Poor support was accorded Crane, who pitched for Providence against Wilkesbarre Monday, and he went to pieces in the seventh inning, the visitors making five runs off him. Up to that time he had pitched a good game. He was replaced by Rodson.

The Buffalo players are not held in very high esteem by the boys of Rochester, as they were stoned when they were returning to the hotel from the grounds on Saturday. Four of the hoodlums were captured by the players, who went in pursuit of them, and hustled off to jail.

Galt Reformer: McElroy signed with London, and should have the manliness to live up to his contract, and failing that, the league should see to it that he does play there or not at all in the Canadian League. If such business is allowed, the league will not last through one season.

The Pittsburg player with the best batting average this season will receive a gold watch. Fatsy Donovan is making a great bid for it.

THE WHEEL.

Y. M. C. A. BICYCLE CLUB ORGANIZED.

About 40 wheelmen met in the Y. M. C. A. parlors last night and organized. The following officers were chosen: president, F. H. Heath; vice-president, H. McEwen; captain, Bart Howard; first lieutenant, Fred Evans; second lieutenant, Charley Bridgeman; secretary-treasurer, Percy Millman; club war, W. H. Wilson.

SPOKES.
The London Bicycle Club will have a run to St. Johns Thursday night leaving the club house at 7:15 o'clock. There are two colored cycling clubs in Chicago and one in Buffalo. Frankie Nelson, the girl who won a name for herself as a racer at the female bicycle races at Madison Square Garden, is now racing in London.

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One of the great advantages of the game is that you can play and have good sport even if there is no one

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A PARK SUGGESTION. To the Editor of the "Advertiser": As there is an appropriation for a new band stand for the park, it might be well, before letting the contract, that the committee consider the advisability of building it in such a way that it could be used for other purposes.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKETS. NEW YORK, May 6. Flour—Receipts, 28,000 barrels; sales, 2,400 packages; state and western, dull.

CHICAGO. Chicago, May 6.—Higher cables and a big decrease in the visible supply led to an advance in wheat today, amounting to 1/2 cent.

Give Holloway's Corn Cure a trial. It removed the corns from one pair of feet without any pain. What it has done once it will do again.

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"I can tell them that, did I not use the noble Irish tongue in the old times when I was helping the dear lady who is gone, in her charities," said madame. "Come, M. le colonel, let us be going."

"This is awkward," cried Capel, "but pray do not be alarmed. I'll speak to them and they will probably disagree."

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"Ah, you see, I have been staying with Mme. la Comtesse—Laly Massarance. They lived in a very remote, wild country where they all speak Irish, so it all came back to me."

"Do not suggest false hopes to me," cried Capel. "It is cruel." "Ah, mon dieu, how tired I am!" said madame, and relapsed into silence.

"I wish to speak with him." The sentry called out the guard, and soon a bright-looking young officer came up. He shook hands cordially with Capel.

A FARMER'S WIFE Tells a Tale of Suffering and Happy Release.

Suffered From Rheumatism to Such an Extent That to Walk About Caused the Greatest Agony—Was Also Troubled With Sick Headache and Stomach Trouble—Her Experience Will Prove Helpful to Others.

Only those who have been afflicted with rheumatism can understand or appreciate fully the agony endured by its victims. Their days are days of sleepless misery.

"The Government was asked if it intended to legislate in regard to preventing men from invading such months of the curfew bell rung at 10 p.m., warning them by their wives; and if a bill would be introduced compelling men to consume their own wives' qualities."

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Opposition side—Leader, Miss Trebilcock. Private members—Dundas, Miss Ware; Hinton, Miss Hayes; Lennox, Miss Fields; Prince Edward, Miss K. Powell; Lennox, Miss Benson; Norfolk, Miss Fowler; Leeds, Miss Liff; Muskoka, Miss Parker; Northumberland, Miss Belton; Wentworth, Miss Covey; Kingston, Miss Edith Weldon; Opposition whip, Miss Ethel Weldon.

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