

An Awful Gale.

Sweeps Over Sea and Land in the Old World. Scores of Lives Lost and Incalculable Damage Inflicted.

ready urgent. The poor law relief, according to the Freeman's Journal, is totally inadequate to meet the needs consequent upon the calamity.

A Dreadful Storm.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A severe gale has been blowing since Friday evening all over Great Britain, and the mail boats have been delayed at all ports.

Reports of the storm received from all parts of England show that immense damage has everywhere been caused by the recent gales. The loss will reach tens of thousands of pounds.

The British bark Kirkmichael, which was driven on the breakwater at Holyhead yesterday, has floated. Seven of her crew were drowned.

Several vessels went adrift in Aberdeen harbor and grounded. The brig Loven was wrecked in the Frith of Clyde near Ardrossan and her crew of five were drowned.

At Loch Winnoch, near Paisley, part of a three-story cabinet factory was wrecked. Forty persons were buried in the ruins.

Throughout the Netherlands and Belgium many persons were injured and a few were killed by falling chimneys and timbers.

The pilot cutter Manour capsize off Dunkirk and three of the crew were drowned.

Honors to the Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—After a night of pitiless rain, the weather cleared shortly before 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and under a bright sky the body of the late Sir John Thompson, Premier of Canada, left London for Portsmouth amid the profound silence of a large crowd of people who stood bareheaded in and about the railroad station until the train was out of sight.

The funeral procession reached Victoria station at 8:45 a.m. The coffin was in an open four-wheeled hearse, which was followed by four mourning coaches.

In the other carriages were the Canadian and home government officials, all bareheaded. As the coffin was silently borne from the hearse to the funeral car, in which the tapers were then lit, the Marquis of Lorne entered into conversation with Mr. Colmer and was presented to Senator Sanford, to whom he offered his condolences.

Punctually at 9:10 a.m., the funeral train left the station for Portsmouth, and the remains of Sir John Thompson entered the first stage of their journey home. Shortly after the funeral train with the remains of the late Sir John Thompson had left Victoria station, Father Longinotti commenced a private funeral service which lasted while the train traveled a long way on its journey to Portsmouth.

So soon as the funeral train was signaled outside of Portsmouth at 11:20 a.m., all the ships in the harbor hoisted their ensigns and at the first of the three twenty-minute guns boomed a salute across the waters. At this sound all flags ashore were dipped. Then the officers of H. M. S. Blenheim gave several sharp orders and eight bluejackets removed the coffin from the train and a procession was formed, headed by the Bishop of Portsmouth.

Behind them came the coffin borne by the pall-bearers, Messrs. Sanford, Colmer and Just on one side, and Sir Frederick Young, Mr. John Howard and Mr. Reynolds, Sir Charles Tupper's secretary, on the other. Behind the coffin walked Lord Pelham-Clinton, master of the Queen's household, who represented the Queen in this procession was Major-Gen. Sir John McNeil, the Queen's quarry. After these officials followed the other mourners.

The Blenheim presented a most impressive appearance. She was painted black fore and aft and her wide gangway was draped with black cloth. From the gangway to the mortuary chamber prepared for the coffin a black carpet was laid. The coffin was received on board the Blenheim by the officers of that vessel. It was carried on board between two files of marines with reversed arms, while the sailors and marines of the cruiser, drawn up on the upper deck, saluted the body. A solemn service followed in the mortuary chapel, but only a few of those present were able to attend, as the space at their disposal was very limited. Throughout the voyage the coffin will lie on a handsome catafalque in the captain's room, which has been draped with crepe-bound Canadian flags and black cloth ornamented with silver stars. In each corner of the chapel stand marine sentries. The chief mourners stood around the coffin during the religious service, at the conclusion of which the priests incensed the coffin six times, and the funeral party left the ship after bidding adieu to Senator Sanford, who accompanies the remains to Canada.

Unhappily, during the funeral ceremonies the wind had increased in force until a heavy gale was blowing, and it was decided that the Blenheim would not weigh anchor until tonight.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The cruiser Blenheim, with Sir John Thompson's body, sailed from Portsmouth at 8:45 o'clock this morning.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The United Empire Trade League yesterday telegraphed Sir Chas. Tupper, whom they assumed would be on the Blenheim: "Our earnest sympathy accompanies you on your sorrowful Christmas voyage to Nova Scotia which your services also to the great Dominion and United Britain." The dispatch spoke also of the keen sympathy felt by the league with all the friends and colleagues of the late Premier.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—When the White Star steamer Majestic arrived at Queenstown, en route to New York, and bearing Miss Thompson and Mrs. Sandford and daughters, a beautiful basket of flowers was sent on board for the orphaned young lady—a thoughtful gift from the Countess of Aberdeen.

Damaging Discovery

More Light on the Killing of Wm. Hendershott. The Missing Axe Found Hidden Beneath a Log.

Blood Stains on the Weapon That Could Not Be Washed Away—The Handle Shattered.

Late Canadian News.

Conscience Money From Reformed Smugglers.

A Boy Drowned While Skating—Luck of a Lady Who Lost Her Pocket-book Containing \$300.

The Ministers have taken charge of their new departments all that is required to do away with the accident theory and to confirm the assumption that one of the most cold-blooded murders in the criminal annals of this country has been committed. It is reported that the prisoner, Welter, is beginning to weaken and that a full confession may be expected in a few days.

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AN ATTEMPT had apparently been made to wash the blood from the axe, as a small pool nearby is discolored with blood. The axe has been identified as the one which was used by WELTER and HENDERSHOTT in the woods. Upon the root of a tree was found a clot of blood with some hairs of the same color as that of deceased mixed with it.

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Feeding the Hungry.

St. George's and the Irish Benevolent Christmas Cheer

Brings Happiness to Hundreds of Homes.

The Scene at the Annual Distribution Today—A Goodly Supply for All.

St. George's Society and the Irish Benevolent Society made happy several hundred of London's poor but deserving citizens today with their Christmas cheer. Both societies distributed wholesome food and plenty of it without regard to color, religion, nationality or politics, and if the heartfelt out-spoken thanks of the recipients are worth anything the promoters of the charities are already well repaid. St. George's cheer was given out in a vacant store in the west end of Dundas street. It began at 10 o'clock, but for a couple of hours before—and a couple of hours after, for that matter—a mixed crowd of citizens and citizenesses, small boys, small girls, larger boys and larger girls, all with some means of carrying away the provisions, found their way to the spot in a constant stream. Of the means of transportation there were many. Discarded baby carriages were pressed into service; of small express carts there was a little army; baskets of every variety, shape, size and color, meal sacks, flour sacks, wooden boxes, and, in more than one instance, the good old-fashioned apron, were brought into service. It was a pushing, jostling, but withal good-natured crowd that struggled for admittance around the back door, where P. C. Gib. Woolway stood guard. There was no need for any undue haste, and a peep through the window would have shown that there was ENOUGH AND TO SPARE for all in the huge carcases of beef, rows upon rows of bread, chest after chest of tea, barrels of biscuits and sugar, and boxes of raisins.

Each person on being admitted produced a ticket with the name, address and number of the family marked thereon. And in proportion to the size of the family was the food distributed. In each basket was placed a nice roast of beef, two or more loaves of bread, a large package of flour, a parcel of biscuits, a package of tea, some sugar and some raisins—sufficient, indeed, to make a luxurious Christmas dinner.

A BIT OF SUPERSTITION. With Englishmen's love for holly the members of the society provided a quantity of that plant, and a sprig was stuck into each piece of beef. One woman who might be from Devon by her accent found that her sprig of holly had been overlooked. She struggled back from the front door to ask for a piece, and was profuse with her thanks on receiving it. "You know," she said, half apologetically, "I would be afraid to spend Christmas without a bit of holly in the house. They say that if you do you will lose a child by next year."

And poor and all as the woman evidently was she could not afford to lose a child.

The committee in charge of St. George's cheer consisted of ex-Ald. Wm. Skinner, G. B. Clappitt, R. A. Jones, John Pannell and Samuel Roberts. They were assisted by Mr. H. T. Smith, president of St. George's; James Carter, first vice; John Sussex, second vice; Ald. Coe, Richard Ashton and others. Over 300 families were "cheered" by St. George's Society alone. The provisions distributed amounted to 2,500 pounds of beef, 600 loaves of bread, 1,500 pounds of flour, 4 barrels of biscuits, 170 pounds of tea, 350 pounds of sugar, 300 pounds of raisins.

THE IRISH BENEVOLENT SOCIETY. While the St. George cheer was being distributed in the west end a similar scene was being enacted at the corner of Maple and Richmond streets, where the distribution of the Irish cheer took place. Here also a brawny policeman was necessary to control the crowd, and P. C. Charles Tuke was on hand. The same methods of transportation were noticeable, and the thanks of the recipients were just as deep and as fervent. There was the characteristic "blarney" of the Emerald Isle and a pleasant banding of the season's compliments and good-natured Irish wit.

The applicants were admitted one at a time and, presenting the necessary tickets, were treated to a bountiful supply of beef, pork, bread, biscuits, oatmeal, barley, raisins, currants, sugar and tea. Over 250 families were made happy and some of them ran as high as twelve members.

One woman, handed in a ticket. "Six" was the number printed on it. "How is your family?" asked one of the assistants.

"'Tis fine and healthy, please yer honor."

"It must be growing rapidly," continued the assistant, as he looked from the ticket to the woman.

"Yes, indeed it is," answered the little old woman, "and," she continued, with a knowing glance, "it always gets larger about Christmas cheer time. Bless yer honor."

The committee in charge of the distribution consisted of Messrs. John Daly (secretary of the society), John M. Keary (treasurer), James Grant, Arthur Magee, John Turner, M. Gaud and Dr. Mitchell (president).

HEAVY SENTENCE FOR DREYFUS. PARIS, Dec. 23.—Albert Dreyfus, charged with having sold plans of fortifications and other Government secrets to foreign agents, was found guilty on all the charges. The sentence was confinement in a fortified place for the term of his natural life and to suffer degradation of all military rank and honors.

CARD FROM LADY THOMPSON. MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 23.—The following card to the public has been issued by Lady Thompson: "Lady Thompson desires to express her deep and lasting appreciation of the assurance of sorrow and sympathy which have reached her from all quarters. As it is impossible for her at present to send a separate response to each, she trusts that this acknowledgment will kindly be accepted as marking her grateful thanks."

STEAMSHIP ARRIVALS. From Dec. 22. New York. Med. Ports. From Dec. 23. New York. Hamburg. From Dec. 23. New York. Havre. From Dec. 23. New York. Med. Ports.

—Fred Darville, of Chicago, is in the city for a few days.

But One Day More

KINGSMILL'S

Is What You Want Here?

STORE OPEN EVENINGS UNTIL CHRISTMAS.

Colored Border Hemstitched Handkerchief. A Yard of Silk Ribbon. A Ruche for the Neck. A Christmas Booklet. A Boy's Tie. A Linen Doilie. For 5 Cents. Your Christmas Nickel.

A Silk Handkerchief. A Christmas Book. A Pair of Hose. A Pair of Cashmere Gloves. A Pair of Wool Gauntlets. For 10 Cents. Your Christmas Dime.

A Japanese Handkerchief. A Pure Silk Tie. A Gentleman's Scarf. A Dozen Doilies. An Antimacassar. A Pair of Men's Gloves. For 25 Cents. Your Christmas Quarter.

An Umbrella. A Lady's Hat. A Pair of Kid Gloves. A Pair of Lace Curtains. A Rug for the Floor. A Knitted Shawl. A Blind for the Window. For 50 Cents. Your Christmas Half.

A French Fan. A Child's Coat. A Pair of Evening Gloves. A Silk Muffler. A Suit of Underwear. For \$1. Your Christmas Dollar.

A Persian Hearth Rug. A Lady's Mantle. A Wool Shawl. A Black Dress. An Umbrella. A Silk Fichu. For \$5. Your Christmas Tenner.

A Silk Dress. A Pair of Curtains. A Suit of Clothes. A Table Cover and Napkins. A Lady's Dining Gown. For \$10. Your Christmas Tenner.

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The Great Drygoods and Carpet House of the West.

AMUSEMENTS, ETC.
Not less than 15 words. 12c. Per word.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE TONIGHT
Special return engagement of the charming comedienne, Miss Emily Baucker.

MEETINGS.
Not less than 15 words. 1c. Per word.
ODDFELLOWSHIP - BEAVER LODGE
No. 10, Manchester street, meets second and fourth Mondays, monthly, K. of P. Hall, Duffield Block.

WANTED.
One time, 25c.; three times, 50c. for fifteen words.
WANTED - HORSE BROKEN TO THE SADDLE
Wanted a good, steady, heavy horse, broken to the saddle, for a gentleman's use.

TO LET - HOUSES.
These adlets pay. 1c. Per word.
HOUSE TO LET - 24 HORTON STREET
Eight rooms, two parlors, summer kitchen and brick cellar, hard and soft water. Apply on premises.

AGENTS WANTED.
One time, 25c.; three times, 50c. for fifteen words.
AGENTS WANTED - LIFE OF SIR JOHN THOMPSON
Proprietors, 35 cents. WINSTON, PHILLIPS & Co., Toronto.

ARTICLES FOR SALE.
Not less than 15 words. 1c. Per word.
XMAS OFFER - A CHOICE CANARY
Genuine imported Canary birds, male and female, with full song.

MALE HELP WANTED.
One time, 25c.; three times, 50c. for fifteen words.
WANTED - CASHIER - SALARY \$800
Must give satisfactory guarantee. Apply by letter to box 339, London.

FEMALE HELP WANTED.
One time, 25c.; three times, 50c. for fifteen words.
FEMALE TEACHER WANTED - FOR LONDON WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL
Applicants should send curriculum vitae and references to the undersigned until Jan. 1, 1895.

DOMESTICS WANTED.
One time, 25c.; three times, 50c. for fifteen words.
WANTED - GENERAL SERVANT REF.
References required. Apply 556 King street.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
DR. GEO. C. DAVIS - DENTIST
Graduate B. C. D. S. Toronto, 1878; graduate Philadelphia Dental College, 1883. Specialties: Preservation of natural teeth.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
HOLLY - LEAVE YOUR XMAS ORDERS
With Mrs. Woodliffe, 265 Dundas street, for English, holly mistletoe, etc. Best in the city. Prices to suit.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
DR. JARVIS HAS RESUMED PRACTICE
At 129 Dundas street.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
P. McPHILLIPS - BARRISTER - MONEY
To loan. 50 Dundas street, London.

W. J. HARVEY, BARRISTER
Solicitor, notary public, etc. 72 Dundas street. Money to loan.

W. J. HARVEY, BARRISTER
Solicitor, notary, London, No. 9 Market street, London, to loan.

J. H. A. BEATTIE - BARRISTER, ETC.
To loan on real estate at lowest rates. 87 Dundas street.

LOVE & DIGNAN, BARRISTERS, ETC.
418 Talbot street, London. FRANCIS LOVE, H. DIGNAN.

GIBBONS, McNAB & MULKERS - BARRISTERS, ETC.
London, Office, corner Richmond and Carling streets.

McVOY, WILSON & POPE - BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ETC.
402 Ridgway street, opposite court house. Telephone 578.

MASSAGE TREATMENT.
SWEDISH MASSAGE - MRS. RAY
Gadby, 28 York street, graduate of Walker's Park Sanatorium, Berks county, Pa. Swedish massage and electric treatment given. Rem oval of facial blemishes a specialty.

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Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
ONTARIO HOUSE - KING STREET
Opposite Market House; remodeled and furnished; good stabling. JERRY McDONALD, proprietor.

ACCOUNTANTS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
W. M. MAGEE, ACCOUNTANT.
413 Richmond street, or 610 Talbot street, London.

ARCHITECTS.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
HERBERT MATTHEWS, ARCHITECT
Formerly with C. C. Haight, New York, Carling Block, Richmond street.

INSURANCE.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
INSURE IN THE PHOENIX INSURANCE
Company, Hartford, Conn. Assets, \$5,520,000. EDWARD TOWLE, agent, Office City Bank Commerce, London, telephone 507.

MONEY TO LOAN.
PRIVATE FUNDS TO LOAN ON REAL
estate at lowest rates. J. H. A. BEATTIE, barrister, etc., 87 Dundas street.

MUSICAL INSTRUCTION.
Advertisements under this head a cent a word.
MRS. NOBLE - TEACHER OF PIANO
Organ and harmony; terms moderate. Residence, 256 King street.

THE NEW
Lyceum Theater
(LATE WONDERLAND.)
Will open Monday, Dec. 24th, with a first-class Vaudeville Company.

Wm. Jones
MAYOR FOR 1895.
Your vote and influence respectfully solicited for

ADWAY'S
PAIN CURED IN AN INSTANT.
Let Radway's Ready Relief be used on the first indication of Pain or Unpleasantness. It cures with Diseases of the Head, Neck, Face, and Throat.

ACHES AND PAINS.
For headache (whether sick or nervous), tooth-ache, neuralgia, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and weakness in the back, spine or kidneys, pains around the liver, pleurisy, swelling of the joints and pains of all kinds, the application of Radway's Ready Relief will afford immediate ease, and its continued use for a few days effects a permanent cure.

ADWAY'S
PILLS.
Always Reliable. Purely Vegetable.
Perfectly tasteless, elegantly coated, purge, without pain, and without danger. RADWAY'S PILLS for the cure of all disorders of the Stomach, Bowels, Kidneys, Bladder, Nervous Diseases, Dizziness, Vertigo, Headache, Piles, SICK HEADACHE, FEMALE COMPLAINTS, BILIOUSNESS, INDIGESTION, DYSPEPSIA, CONSTIPATION AND ALL DISORDERS OF THE LIVER.

GRATEFUL-COMFORTING.
EPPS'S COCOA.
BREAKFAST-SUPPER.
"By a thorough knowledge of the natural laws which govern the operations of digestion and nutrition, and by a careful application of the fine properties of the purest cocoa, Epps's Cocoa is prepared for our breakfast and supper a delicately flavored beverage which will save us many a painful hour of illness. It is by the judicious use of such articles of diet that a constitution may be gradually built up until strong enough to resist every attack of disease. Hundreds of subtle malarial diseases are floating around us ready to attack wherever there is a weak point. We believe we are fortified with pure blood and a properly nourished frame." (Civil Service Gazette.) Made simply with boiling water or milk. Sold in packets by grocers, labeled thus: JAMES EPPS & Co., Ltd., Homoeopathic Chemists, London, England.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Joseph P. Molloy, late of the town of Ingersoll, in the county of Oxford, parish priest, deceased. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the R. S. O. 1887, chap. 115, and amending acts, that all persons having any claims against the estate of the above named Joseph P. Molloy, who died on or about the 21st day of November, 1894, are on or before the 23rd day of January, 1895, required to send by post prepaid, to John B. Jackson, Ingersoll, Ont., or to deliver to John B. Jackson, Ingersoll, Ont., a statement in writing containing their names, addresses, descriptions and full particulars of their claims and nature of the securities (if any) held by them, duly verified, and that after the said day the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said estate among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice; and they will not be liable for the said estate so distributed, or any portion thereof, to any person or persons whose debts or claims they shall not then have notice of. JOHN B. JACKSON, Solicitor for the Executors. Dated Ingersoll the 24th day of December, A. D. 1894.

Bible and Ballot.
The Necessity and the Means of Municipal Reform.
"Righteousness Exalteth a Nation, But Sin is a Reproach to Any People."

ASKIN STREET METHODIST.
Rev. Mr. Cullen's text yesterday morning in the Askin Street Methodist Church was I. Cor. iii, 10. His theme was "Builders and Building." While covering the ground of character-building in general, both personally and relatively, he laid down the following propositions along the lines of municipal reform: "Our lives are chiefly made up of duties and privileges, and the working out of these produce our experiences and opinions. Public men, create, mold and fashion public opinion to a very large degree. They build-up or pull-down the moral and political safeguards of a community. Man's first duty is to his Maker, Preserver and Redeemer. His next duty is to himself and to his family if he has one. He next owes a duty to the community of which he is a citizen. According to the highest authority his love for his neighbor is to equal that which he has for himself. In the nature of things these duties need not conflict, nor will they if a man be true in all his relationships. No man is true to God while he neglects his own soul. No man can be true to his state while he neglects his true to his family. He who rears a family while he fears God and works righteousness gives to the state the best service a man can render it. Neither the municipality nor the state has any claim upon his service in the form of direct or extra work until the claims of God and of the family are met. He who after proper service is rendered to his Maker in all matters concerning his best interests for both worlds, and after caring for those dependent upon him, has still time for further work and refuses to give that time for the benefit of his municipality or state is morally guilty of injustice to his fellows, and betrays the high and holy trust of true citizenship.

None of our best men should be allowed to fill important offices in either municipal, Provincial or Dominion affairs. There is, however, another side to this question. Our public men are not as well treated nor as highly appreciated as they ought to be. There is seldom a word of commendation. There is always a "dog in the manger" smart at them. They are often blamed for what they could not prevent. Such treatment drives many good men from the field of municipal management and reform, and discourages others from attempting to enter it. The moment a man presents himself for our suffrages he stands in the glare of the flashlight of both favorable and unfavorable public opinion, and becomes the target alike for the thoughtless and the unkind and mud-throwers of the community. "Most of us in our prayers devoutly remember Her Majesty the Queen, but I am afraid we do not as regularly and heartily remember our municipal officers. On the whole I think our public men are a fairly good reflex of ourselves. They are just what they are. If we want them to be better we must possess the power either to equal or make them. Other things being equal I much prefer a man of ability and culture, but in no case will I vote for a candidate whose record is not clean."

TALBOT STREET BAPTIST.
"THE Christian in Politics" was the subject of a sermon by Rev. Ira Smith in the Talbot Street Baptist Church on Sunday evening. He took as his text Proverbs, xi, 11—"By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted, but it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked." In the course of the sermon Mr. Smith took occasion to say among other things: "There is a class of men who would prohibit Christians from sharing in all in public business, and deny to them the privilege of giving their vote, uttering their opinions and convictions, and from seeking to influence their fellows politically. But no man is more a citizen of this world than the good man, and no man is more personally interested in ridding the world of abuses, of all forms of vice, and of the control of unworthy persons, than the man of God. God has given to man three great institutions for the church. Every man should love his family and provide for its maintenance, education and training. Every man in the state is interested in the conduct of its affairs, because its laws, its enterprises, its conduct reflect the private character of its citizens and mold the character of the rising generation; and because every man is responsible to God, who has ordained the powers that be, and appointed magistrates for the punishment of offenders and the praise of them that do well. To the support of such an institution every right-thinking man is bound to lend himself. He has no right to disfranchise himself; no right to shut himself up in disgust and isolation; no right to denounce politics as a filthy pool past all remedy. I take it that no man should be so true and active a patriot as the man of pure heart and life, practically he is a patriot living—whether he will or not—for his country's good. He is one whose presence is a bulwark against the worst enemies of his land, and who in official bodies is a channel of uncommissed good therefore. Religion is for the many religion affects a man's thinking and should affect his voting. I have no confidence in the religion of the man who is a saint in the chapel and a devil in the committee room; who will pray his fellow-citizen a bribe, and then offers which makes a man thoughtful of God in all relations, respectful of the rights of all men, desirous not of the triumph of a party, but of a principle—this is the religion that is good for church and state."

Concluding, Mr. Smith said that good man owed it to their generation and to their God to give something of their ability, time and influence to the betterment of society as reflected in civic and state affairs. Self-interest was becoming too potent, and he urged the selection of self-respecting, modest men, free from ambition

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and lust of office, either for the honor conferred on the gain to be reaped. Mr. Smith then referred feelingly to the death of Sir John Thompson. ST. JAMES PRESBYTERIAN. Rev. M. P. Talling preached to a large congregation in St. James' Presbyterian Church Sunday night on "Christ the World's Counselor." He took for his text Isaiah, ix., 6-8, where these words are found: "Unto us a child is born, unto us a child is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end." Mr. Talling said these words were part of a prophecy uttered to a king who was rebuked for his lack of faith and assured that God had come to govern the world. In speaking of government the preacher said God took an interest in the government of municipalities, as well as nations. Only righteous and good ruling could stand, and injustice and wrong-doing would be sure to fall. In this age the people were rulers, and with them the responsibility of good government rested. If, however, the righteous men and women of this generation took as deep an interest in the municipal government as did the unholly element, there would be very little corruption such as existed in many places at the present or has existed in the past. Mr. Talling denounced in strong terms a practice carried on by some men when seeking votes at election time—that of treating voters. It was dangerous, and frequently started a young man on a downward career.

CENTENNIAL METHODIST.
The popular pastor of the Centennial Methodist Church—Rev. A. G. Harris—preached an excellent sermon Sunday night, touching at some length upon the question of municipal reform. It was, said Mr. Harris, the watchword of the day. Affairs had become so bad in some places that the better people saw that it was necessary to bestir themselves to prevent everything going to ruin. It began in Chicago, struck New York, and was now raging in Toronto. The situation in Toronto was dwelt upon at some length by the preacher, who said it was a disgrace to Canada. Investigation there had revealed the fact that the city's affairs were in the hands of those who had failed to fulfill their duties and who had very little at stake. Among those unfit for public service were the ward politician and saloonist. Mr. Harris said Christian men should largely withdraw from the direction of public affairs. Reasons for this were given. They were taken up with other things which they thought higher and of more importance. The speaker related this idea. Another reason was that Christians did not like the associations of municipal affairs, but they should be made proper. There were several difficulties in the way of many good citizens securing election; they did not want to make a house-to-house canvass, they would not "treat" their friends and they would not believe their opponents. After dwelling strongly on the duty of every elector to cast his ballot, Mr. Harris spoke of the men who were needed in council halls. They should be men of good judgment, successful in business, whose general course had shown them to be worthy of being trusted. They should have fitness of moral character; men who would not buy or sell a vote; total abstainers. Aldermen especially should be free from the grip of the hotel-keeper. They should have a right view of God, and they should do right with man; a right view of the fatherhood of God and they would have a right view of the brotherhood of man.

ADELAIDE STREET BAPTIST.
Rev. D. M. Mihell, at Adelaide Street Baptist Church, took for the text of his evening discourse, Prov., xiv, 34: "Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." The reverend gentleman illustrated the first part of his subject—the elevating power of the gospel—by references to the history of Japan and other countries, more notably Madagascar, where the entire community had been raised from the lowest depths of heathen degradation and barbarity till they stood on a higher level than some so-called Christian countries.

Coming to the second part of his subject, "Sin is a reproach to any people," the reverend gentleman instanced the startling revelations of corruption in New York city, brought to light through the efforts of Dr. Parkhurst and the investigations of the Lexow committee. The inquiry now going on in Toronto showed that purity in civic affairs even in this Sabbath-keeping land is lamentably wanting. "The question might be asked," he said, "How many municipalities can truthfully say, 'These hands are clean.' The foundations of all good government are laid in righteousness, but righteous government is the aggregate of individual convictions crystallized in wise and honest legislation. If human governments are to be righteous, civic honors and official positions must be given to upright men—men who love righteousness and hate iniquity. So the electors should be able to say to the candidate: 'We vote for you because your record as a man is clean; your administration by your life that rectitude of character is worth more than money, that you have loved righteousness, and hated iniquity.' I do not believe that official bodies should carry all the responsibility for misgovernment or mismanagement in public affairs. They are the representatives of the people who placed them there by their votes, and while they do not always represent the wishes of their constituents, they can do no other than follow the bent of their lives, for their judgment is warped and twisted by influences that date back from the remote past. It takes more than mere election to office to change the skin of the Ethiopian or the spots of the leopard. If the electors want righteous administration in civic affairs let them elect to office men of known probity and business integrity. The Christian man or woman who would vote otherwise is recreant, and deserves to suffer all the ills that are in this way sometimes inflicted. In saying this I am not standing up for any political party respecting, modest men, free from ambition

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God's in his heaven,
All's right with the world.
—[BROWNING.]

And there were in the same country
shepherds abiding in the field, keeping
watch over their flock by night.
And, lo, the angel of the Lord came
upon them, and the glory of the Lord
shone round about them; and they
were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear
not; for, behold, I bring you good
tidings of great joy, which shall be to
all people.

For unto you is born this day, in the
city of David, a Saviour, which is
Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you;
Ye shall find the babe wrapped in
swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the
angel a multitude of the heavenly host
praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on
earth peace, good will toward men.

[Gospel according to St. Luke, chap.
ii., 8-14.]

—To their thousands of friends in Lon-
don and the West the members of the
editorial and reporting staffs of the AD-
VERTISER extend the compliments of the
season, and particularly desire to express
their good wishes to those who have
throughout the year aided them in making
the ADVERTISER a first-class newspaper.
There is nothing that delights the heart of
the editor or reporter more than the earliest
possible "pointers" in regard to matters
likely to prove of interest to the general
public. With many thanks for kind aid in
the past, and the brightest of expectations
for the future, the ADVERTISER staff again
wishes their many friends every prosperity
and happiness in the year upon which we
are soon to enter.

CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART.

What is the thought of Christmas? Giving.

What is the hope of Christmas? Living.

What is the joy of Christmas? Love.

No silver or gold is needed for giving.

If the heart is filled with Christmas love,

For the hope of the world is kindly living.

Learned from the joy of God above.

—Laura Hooker.

In the pure soul, although it sing or pray,

The Christ is born anew from day to day;

The life that knoweth Him shall abide apart,

And keep eternal Christmas in the heart.

—Elizabeth Stuart Phelps.

CANADA'S SERVICE TO THE EMPIRE.

(Toronto News.)

The extent of the service which Canada
has rendered the empire was strikingly
illustrated by the speech of the Hon. G. W.
Ross at the banquet given by the Old Boys
of Upper Canada College. That college
alone has, as the Minister of Education
said, given four generals to the British
army, while two others of its graduates
shared in the glories of the charge of the
Light Brigade, and one gave useful service
in Wolsey's expedition up the Nile.

When one educational institution has
done so much for the imperial cause, how
much more must the whole Dominion have
done?

WHO IS THE TRUE PATRIOT?

We must bear in mind that in Canada
today there is not one family in ten, there
is not probably one family in 100 which
has not one or more of its members in the
United States; you will bear in mind that
there are 900,000 Canadian-born people in
the United States, and that the last Ameri-
can census shows that there were fully
1,500,000 children born of Canadian parents
in the United States; so that, to all intents
and purposes, there are nearly one-half as
many, if you count the children, Canadian-
born residents in the United States. If I
were to define the traitor to this country
I would say that the true traitor was a man
who wantonly stirs up bad blood, and
panders to the national prejudice, who
attempts to divide two nations, which, in
the fullness of time, will unite again, and
which ought never to have been separated;
that is, the people of Great Britain and
the people of the United States.—[Sir
Richard Cartwright at Toronto.]

A CANADIAN BOY SUICIDES

On Account of Marital Unhappiness—
An Editor's Son.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Dec. 24.—Edward
Metzloff, 20 years of age, has committed
suicide by taking morphine. From letters
on his person it appears he was disappointed
and morose on account of his marriage. He
was the son of Charles Metzloff, editor of
the Independent, at New Hamburg, Ont.

Trafford's prices for furniture beat
everything. I don't see how he does it. A
two roomer for \$1; sideboard, \$3 50; bed-
room set, \$10. See them. At 95 and 97
King street.

From Greater London

Cream of the Cable Gossip of the Day.

Electrical Revolution Devised by Scotchmen.

Curious Facts About the Great Metropolis.

Another Bad Scandal Revealed by the Editor of Truth.

According to the latest London cable-
grams, bacteriologists are spreading ter-
rific warnings against practices to which
the English are particularly addicted at
the present season. They point out the
fearful peril of touching the lips to the
communion cup at church and kissing under
the Christmas mistletoe or anywhere else
for that matter. They even investigated
the railway carriages, and found 16,000
microbes to the cubic inch in the first class,
34,000 in the second class, and 78,000 in
the third class compartments. There is a
suspicion that the railroad managers have
prompted these statistics in order to check
the waning popularity of the expensive
classes.

Died Without Warning.

From Apia, Samoa, comes the following
telegram: Robert Louis Stevenson, the
eminent novelist, died at his beautiful
home, Vailima, on Monday, Dec. 2, in
a very sudden manner. He had been busy
at work until 4 o'clock, and had written
what are said to be some of his finest pas-
sages and had left his work for dinner. He
had gone into the kitchen with his wife
to prepare some particular dish which he
had a fondness for, and while there complained
of a pain in the top of his head. He went
into his drawing-room and almost immedi-
ately fell back unconscious in a chair.
Medical advice was obtained, but it was
useless, as he never recovered consciousness,
and died at 8 o'clock.

The community was greatly affected and
much regret is felt. Although Stevenson
met much opposition owing to his political
views, socially he was highly esteemed.
Before his death, when in good health, he
had expressed a wish to be buried upon the
top of Vailima Mountain, in a most romantic
spot, 1,400 feet above sea level, known by
the name of the Traa-Soola, or pigeon
catching place of Soala, and his interment
took place there in the presence of the inti-
mate friends of the family.

An Electrical Revolution.

According to the Glasgow newspapers
two young Scottish workmen, sons of a
mechanic employed in the Singer sewing
machine works on the Clyde, have invented
a battery which, it is asserted, will revolu-
tionize electrical work, and a great man of
science like Lord Kelvin thinks so much of
it that he offered to buy the patent rights
for \$50,000. The inventors, aged 21 and
18 years, have, it is said, made a primary
battery "in which, while the decomposi-
tion of the zinc plates is rendered enormo-
usly slower, and the chemicals used are
of trivial value, the strength of the battery
thus formed is very greatly increased."
The battery has been put to some severe
tests, and is said to have stood them
triumphantly. It is evident that these
lads have made some sort of a discovery
which is likely to bring them fortune, but
general expert opinion discredits the idea
of an electrical revolution.

Wonderful Facts.

Some curious facts about London life are
presented in the annual reports of the
police and other departments today. The
rate of growth is not so rapid as usual.
There are only eighteen miles of new
streets against 31 the previous year. The
city is being made more compact. Thirteen
thousand houses were added. The facilities
for street transport were slightly reduced.
There are 10,800 cabs, which is 600 less
than five years ago. The omnibuses and
street cars number 3,500. Londoners are
careless people. They left 19,000 purses
in cabs, but it is past comprehension how
they should leave 94 watches and 43
clocks in these vehicles. Oddly enough,
people lost themselves in almost the same
number that last property. The number of
articles left in public
conveyances was 28,270 and the number of
persons reported missing was 28,269. Fifteen
thousand articles were returned to
their owners and 14,000 missing persons
were restored to their friends. There is no
doubt that many of the remaining 14,000
came back of their own accord, but the
bare statistical report of this great army of
disappearances hides vast chapters of mys-
tery. The police buried 66 bodies which
were never identified. Serious crime in
London is decreasing. Felonies relating to
property are a fraction over three in a
thousand of the population, whereas ten
years ago they were nearer five. Burglaries
dropped from 637 to 509, and house-
breakers chiefly flourish at the expense of
the poor, who have to leave their dwellings
unoccupied for hours.

Torturing Animals.

Over a year ago Queen Victoria gave a
promise which was justifiably construed
into an assurance that the practice of
hunting tame deer in her name should
cease, and preparations were, in fact, made
to abolish the ancient institution known
as the Royal Buckhounds. It is now al-
leged that the Queen merely promised to
have inquiries made, and that the result
thereof satisfied her that the sport
involved no more cruelty to animals
than fox hunting. The result is
that tame deer harrying, mis-called
hunting is again in full swing, and the
newspapers are recording, as of old, the
suffering inflicted by royal and aristocratic
sportsmen wearing the Queen's uniform.
Already this season several of these hard-
hearted stags have been so badly torn by
the hounds that they had to be killed. The
scandal is by no means a new one, for quite
50 years ago a letter appeared in the Times
describing how the Queen's buckhounds
hunted a stag down Piccadilly, and how the
poor animal had worn the pads off his hoofs
and left a trail of blood behind.

The P. P. and His Portrait.

The diffusing spectacle was presented in
a minor London court on Saturday of a
member of Parliament using an artist be-
cause the expression of his face was not
satisfactory in a large official portrait
group recently published. This was one of

the engravings of members of Parliament
and other dignitaries such as are occasion-
ally issued, in which the prominence of
the various individuals is proportionate
to the amount of their subscriptions.
The terms ran something like this: First
row, \$100; second row, \$60; talking to
royalty, special tariff, etc. In this case
Mr. Bayley, M.P., bargained that justice
should be done to the intellectuality of
his expression. His wife appeared in court
to testify that the likeness was not so
spiritual as the real Bayley. Mr. Bayley
himself declared that it was only his tie
which was a speaking likeness. The judge,
having duly compared Bayley on the
canvas and in the flesh, considered it a
very fair likeness, and decided in favor of
the artist.

A Scandal Laid Bare.

Mr. Labouchere has been compelled again
to expose a horrible scandal, which there
is no law in this country to suppress. It
is the work of professional floggers of girls,
boys and men. The establishment of the
woman who advertises her services at
terms from five shillings is described in
Truth as the result of a call by prospective
clients. The flogger showed what she
rankly called the torture room. There is
an iron bedstead on which, she explained,
the victim is extended across a pillow. On
either side are straps intended to meet
across the body and hold the victim down,
while the arms and legs are fastened to the
four legs of the bedstead by contrivances
like handcuffs. Gags and pads used to
stifle the cries of the victim were also pro-
duced, the pads being used for the
younger girls who are liable to bite their
lips under the torture, and thus disfigure
themselves permanently.

Among the instruments of flagellation
exhibited by the woman were two cat-o'-
nine-tails, one consisting of thongs of
leather and the other of knotted cord,
about sixteen inches long. There was also
a comb made of a leather strap with late
strips about a foot long. Birches of
ordinary pattern were produced, these
being preserved in brine to keep them
supple. The flogger explained that she no
longer received children at her house, but
treated them at their own homes, taking
her appliances with her. The torture
room was reserved for big girls and adults.
The last time Mr. Labouchere exposed
this interesting industry he found it impos-
sible to check it by law. The neighbors,
however, made the place so hot for the
flogger that she had to move several times.
Her latest address is printed in Truth with
the suggestion that the same remedy be
applied again.

Other Cable Gossip.

The agitation against the modern society
drama which makes very bad conduct in
high life a leading feature, is beginning to
have some effect on the Lord Chamberlain,
who, within a few days, has refused to
license three new plays. These included a
short piece by Capt. Marshall, which
George Alexander intended to present at
the St. James Theatre.

Arrangements are completed for a road
race, open to all nations, next year, for
vehicles propelled by any mechanical
power, between Paris and Bordeaux. The
sum of \$10,000 is already subscribed for
prizes. The winner will receive half.
Electricity, steam, carbonic acid and com-
pressed air are among the motive powers to
be used.

The Postmaster-General of Great Britain
finds it necessary to issue an official warn-
ing to the people of the country against
inviting letter carriers to drink during the
Christmas holidays. This, he points out,
"is an act of mistaken kindness which is
calculated to bring them into trouble and
disgrace."

Emperor William has dispatched Major
von Moltke, his aide-de-camp, to the court
of the Hague to convey to little Queen
Wilhelmina, who was born in 1880, a
Christmas present.

MONTAGUE A SICK MAN.

His Doctor Says He Is Suffering from
Nicotine Poisoning.
An Ottawa dispatch to the Toronto News
says Dr. Montague, the member for
Haldimand, who has been taken into the
Cabinet without portfolio over the heads of
Messrs. Wallace and Wood, is known to be
a sick man. When he left for Montreal
with Mr. Bowell his old friends were
astonished at the change which was ap-
parent in him, as he fairly staggered into
the car. His face was bloodless, and it
cost him a great effort to acknowl-
edge friends who were standing near.
He was accompanied by Dr. R. W. Powell
of Montreal, who stated that his patient
was suffering from a nicotine poison in the
nerves of the stomach, being to a certain
extent paralyzed from over-smoking.
Though this may be true, it is publicly
stated that he is suffering from the com-
plaint with which Sir John Thompson was
stricken down, viz., fatty degeneration of
the heart. Lookers-on did not hesitate to
say yesterday that it was folly to have him
go down to Montreal in the condition he
was in.

A Bishop Dead.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Right Rev. James
Atlay, D.D., bishop of Hereford, is dead.

Railway Disaster.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—T... accounts of yester-
day's railway accident near Cheford
still vary. Thirteen people were killed
and seventeen are in the hospital. The
which had been derailed, and a complete
wreck resulted.

Thirty Below Zero.

St. JOHN, N. B., Dec. 23.—The thermo-
meter took a tremendous fall Saturday
evening. This morning at some points it
is 30° below zero. It is very cold tonight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—A severe
snow storm prevailed in the extreme north-
ern portion of this state during the last
few days, and in some places the snow is
eight feet deep on a level.

Trotters Burned

St. CATHARINES, Dec. 24.—Joseph
Welsh, training stables, situated on
Phipps street, were totally destroyed this
morning. Three trotting horses, River
King, Robert Welsh and Reiner, were
burned to death. The horses were owned
by Loyd and Tate, of this city, and Healy
Brox., of Niagara. Insurance on barns
\$600 and some slight insurance on the
horses.

Enterprising Port Huron Women.

PORT HURON, Mich., Dec. 24.—The
woman's edition of the Port Huron Daily
Times, issued Saturday evening, was a
most gratifying success and reflects credit
upon the ladies who had the matter in
charge. Both the business and editorial
departments of the paper were conducted
entirely by ladies and they can well feel
proud over the result. Over \$600 was
netted for charity, which will be divided
equally between the Hospital and Home,
the King's Daughters, for the free kinder-
garten, and the Port Huron Art Institute.

"THE HEATHER'S AFIRE."

Splendid Outlook for the Liberals in the
Maritime Provinces.—Mr.
Davies' Tour.

The Charlottetown Guardian says: Hon.
H. L. Davies returned to his home in this
city on Saturday evening. The active,
laborious campaign which he has just
finished in New Brunswick and Nova
Scotia has had an effect upon him exactly
the reverse of what his friends feared. It
has not increased his illness; it has restored
his health. That is the physical result of
the campaign as far as Mr. Davies is con-
cerned. As to the political results Mr.
Davies sums them up in the strong old
Scotch metaphor—"the heather's afire."

"The meetings, said he, "were successful
beyond our highest hope. Each gathering
excelled the previous one. In point of
numbers, intelligence and spirit, the oldest
campaigners in the Province were em-
phatic in their declarations that they had
never seen these meetings equaled, not
to say excelled, in the Provinces. At one
place there was almost a free fight to ob-
tain admission, and hundreds of farmers
who came late from long distances raised
such a clamor to get in that all the windows
had to be opened for the benefit of the
crowd outside."

A BIG BLACK BEAR.

Brin Adds to a Splendid Show at
Gatecliff.

Gatecliff, the Dundas street butcher, has
another magnificent array of Christmas
meat. He excels in this way and enjoys
the patronage of the greatest epicures of
the city. Whether it is a juicy roast, a
tender sirloin or a prime bit of lamb, no
matter what may be desired in the
butcher's line, Gatecliff has it and it is
good. This season his supply is grander
than ever. His shop and storerooms are
crowded with the best that the market
affords of turkeys, chickens, guinea fowls
and in everything in the poultry line he
has a large range. Gatecliff's sausage,
lard, hams and bacon are unsurpassed in
quality. As usual he is to the fore with
holiday novelties. A huge black bear,
captured at Eversham, Barry Sound dis-
trict, and especially fed for the Christmas
market, tips the scale at 300 pounds, a
Rocky Mountain goat, shipped direct from
the Rockies, is a beauty, and to add to the
game list are a nice lot of wild turkeys.
In fact, Gatecliff can't be beat. As a fur-
ther evidence of prosperity the popular
butcher shop is undergoing extensive im-
provements prominent among which is a
new metallic and wood ceiling, a work of
art done by Mr. George Lewis.

Three Killed.

CAPE MAY, N. J., Dec. 24.—An accident
is reported on the South Jersey Railway
at Richland, and three persons are reported
killed.

RAILWAY TIME TABLES

MICHIGAN CENTRAL RAILWAY

LONDON TIME.

Canada Southern Division—Going East.

Table with columns: Station, Leave London, Leave St. Thomas. Rows include American Express, Atlantic Express, Mail and Accommodation, New York and Boston, Special (daily), Fast Eastern Express.

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Table with columns: Station, Leave London, Leave St. Thomas. Rows include North Shore Limited (daily), Fast Western Express (daily), American Express (daily), Mail and Accommodation (daily), Pacific Express (daily), Boston, New York and Chicago special (daily).

[NOTE.—No trains to or from London on Sundays.]

JOHN PAUL, City Passenger Agent, 205 Richmond street.

GRAND TRUNK—Southern Division CORRECTED Nov. 18, 1894.

MAIN LINE—Going East.

Table with columns: ARRIVE, DEPART. Rows include Lehigh Express, Wash Express, Accommodation, Atlantic Express, Wash Express, Mixed, Detroit Express.

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St. Marys and Stratford Branch.

Table with columns: ARRIVE, DEPART. Rows include Mixed-Mail, Express, Express, Express-Mixed.

Toronto Branch.

Table with columns: Hamilton-Depart, Hamilton-Arrive. Rows include a.m., p.m. times.

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IN SPORTING CIRCLES.

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THE CUE.

THE MONTEAL TOURNAMENT. MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The big billiard tournament, which has been in progress here for two weeks, ended tonight...

THE WHEEL.

Spokes. The London Bicycle Club's members are requested to wear their uniforms for club run Christmas morning.

CRAZED BY DRINK.

The Terrible Death of a Railway Laborer. VANCOUVER, B. C., Dec. 23.—A Canadian Pacific Railway laborer named George Frederick Ashwood while crazed with drink yesterday morning shot his wife and two children while they were asleep in bed.

POPULAR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

—Extra street car service was put on Dundas street Saturday. Traffic was heavy.

—St. Andrew's Society wishes to return thanks to the promoters of the charity concert for St. Andrew's share of the proceeds.

—Dr. Ross of the London Asylum staff leaves today for Brockville, where he will occupy the position of assistant superintendent of the new asylum.

—Gertrude Sifton, a little girl 10 years of age, while riding to school at Byron on horseback Friday morning, was badly injured.

—Assistant General Passenger Agent Bell, of the Grand Trunk Railway, passed through the city yesterday on his way east from Chicago, where he has been for the past ten days attending a meeting held with the western lines concerning migrant business.

—The Order of the Good Shepherd of St. John's Church gave a very pleasant entertainment in the school house on Thursday evening in aid of the poor of the parish.

—The Conservatory of Music and School of Elocution, gave the following programme at its weekly rehearsal Saturday:

Overture—Wagner's Hochzeit (two pianos) Misses Bowen, Laing, Wright and Mr. Barron

Waltz (D flat, from memory)..... Chopin Miss E. Johns (Mrs. J. L. Johns)

The Mill Wheel..... Jensen Miss Reta Doyle

Overture—Die Gartenlaube..... Mozart Misses G. Stewart, E. Atkins, Proudfoot and Mr. Barron.

Chant du Paysan (from memory)..... Rendaw Miss Edna Fitzgerald

Cradle song..... Lohr Miss Nellie Butler

Polish dance, No. 1 (two pianos)..... Scharwenka Misses A. Kearns, B. Ashplant, M. Merritt and A. Durand.

Prelude and Fugue (from memory)..... Vogt Messrs. A. L. Lawson and Barron.

Duet—Valse..... Roeder Miss Maud McKay and Mr. Lawson.

Etude—If I Were a Bird..... Honsett Miss Steele.

Overture—Cortina (two pianos)..... Beethoven Misses Proudfoot, Jones, Messrs. Lawson, Barron.

Invitation a la Danse..... Weber-Taubig Miss Edna Fitzgerald.

An Old Resident Dead.

Mr. George Potter, of No. 8 Bathurst street, died at his residence on Saturday at the advanced age of 86 years. Mr. Potter was a native of Devonshire, England, and 40 years ago he came to London. He has been a continuous resident ever since, part of the time being engaged in the furniture business on the south side of Dundas street, near Wellington. Mr. Potter had lived a retired life for about twenty years. He leaves a widow and three children—Mrs. William Jury, 689 Colborne street; Mrs. William Quick, of Strathroy, and Charles Potter, 274 Thames street, city. Deceased was a member of Queen's Avenue Methodist Church for many years.

Work for the Firemen.

A faulty grate in an upstairs room in the house of George Stuart, 28 Picton street, nearly caused a serious fire yesterday morning. By some means a fire started in the grate dropped through the floor and set fire to the rafters between the floor and the ceiling. It was in a hard spot to reach, and the damage to the ceiling and floor made in getting at the fire was greater than the loss by the fire itself. The companies were early on hand and put out the flames before they could spread. The place owned by a man named Marshall, living near Goderich. The damage amounts to \$25 and is covered by insurance.

Serious Runaway Accident.

A runaway accident, which may result in the death of a little boy, 2 years of age, occurred yesterday afternoon. Shortly after 1 o'clock a young man, whose name could not be learned, hired a horse at Ardel's livery. He drove to the house of a friend on Piccadilly street, and instead of tying the horse, got a small boy to hold the lines. The animal was rather spirited, and becoming frightened, it broke away from the youth. Down to Richmond it went at a lively gait, and then turned south. As it reached Albert street Wm. Clark, who resides at the corner of Waterloo and Grosvenor streets, was crossing the road together with his wife and 2-year-old son, William Edger. The little fellow was toddling a few feet in advance when Mr. Clark, seeing that he was in danger, reached out to draw him back. It was too late, however. Willie was struck by the horse and was thrown clear across the road. Mr. and Mrs. Clark were both knocked down. Their injuries, however, consisted of only a few slight bruises, and they were soon to the rescue of their son. Willie was picked up and Dr. J. Deane summoned. It was found that the child was suffering from severe internal injuries, besides a long cut on the head which required the insertion of sixteen stitches. Very little hope is held out for the child's recovery.

A Few Snaps.

Solid oak rockers, 90 cents; solid oak or walnut tables, \$1; card tables, \$1.50; platform rocker, upholstered in plush or silk Florentine, \$3.50, cannot be elsewhere under \$7; children's chairs, pictures, easels, etc. Buy now before the rush. KEENE BROS., 127 King street, opposite Market House.

Imported German canaries, beautiful singers, can be had at Bart Cottam & Co.'s, Talbot street. Price \$2.50. See other advertisement.

Bible and Ballot.

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or candidate. I simply plead for purity for righteousness—because I believe God's word that "righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." The preacher concluded this part of his discourse with an exhortation to his hearers to show their faith by their works. "It were better not to vote at all," he said, "than for one whose life (not his promises) is not the pledge of righteous administration."

COLBORNE STREET METHODIST.

Rev. Mr. Rigby based his remarks on Acts vi, 3, 5—"Wherefore brethren look out from among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and of faith, whom we may appoint on this business. And the saying pleased the whole multitude."

Mr. Rigby said that if good reputation, wisdom, discretion and tact were qualities needed in the narrow circle of the church, they were equally requisite in the management of the general business of the community. "London may not be as bad as New York, or Toronto, or Montreal, but the wise adage may be applied, 'Prevention is better than cure.' I consider that man a dastard who attacks another character without cause; and I have no disposition to be personal in my remarks, but I am wise in saying that many of the citizens of London are not satisfied that the business of this city is being wisely managed, nor am I convinced that the murmuring is unfounded. I am quite well aware that everything man touches partakes of his fallibility and that human weakness shows itself both publicly and privately. I have no sympathy with a union externally of church and state, but I have the strongest faith that Jesus Christ is to reign in this world, both in human hearts and lives and in human governments. If he is to "break in pieces the oppressor" and "judge the poor and needy" in righteousness, he is to do it through my agency and yours, as a spring can rise no higher than its source. To have righteousness in public requires that we have righteousness in the individual. Citizens should see that those for whom they vote represent them properly and that they enjoy deservedly the reputation of being not only honest, but capable men. A man whose principal qualification for office is the ability to make promises, or to "set them up for the boys," does not deserve the responsibility of governing men or women. Further, what kind of an object lesson do parents present to their children when they permit men of no moral character to manage school affairs, or aid them to become aldermen in their ward? In too many cases the barroom and the corner grocery have manipulated municipal affairs. Let the churches assert their moral responsibility through misrepresentation and partly through the opposition of designing men, but he has proved, as others have done and ever will, that "if a man's way pleases the Lord he will make even his enemies be at peace with him," and, more than that, if he be honest and true, God "will bring forth his righteousness as the light and his judgment as the noonday." I think it only just that so far as faithful men serve our city in the mayor's chair or in the position of aldermen they should receive a generous measure of praise. Most persons in public positions receive "more kicks than half-pence," and while we blame officialdom, remember who are their makers, and that we share their responsibility. No man, or woman either, should be responsible for the sins of others but it is not necessary in this matter that our right hand should know what our left hand doeth. We should claim the privilege of keeping our own counsel save as duty points us to public advocacy for any man or measure. "I speak unto wise men; judge ye what I say."

QUEEN'S AVENUE METHODIST.

"It is not my purpose," said Rev. J. W. Annis, of Queen's Avenue Methodist Church, in the course of a sermon on municipal politics Sunday night, "to look to the past; neither to commend or to condemn any of the municipal affairs in this city, for this year, or other years. You know them better than I do; you know where praise ought to be given, where blame ought to rest. But I will ask you this, you good men, when have you ever gone to the council or to anyone connected with it when they have done conspicuously the right thing and said: 'Now, I am glad you did that; I stand with you?' When have you gone to them in the midst of trial and doubt, and said, 'Now stand for the right and we will stand with you?' But as I say, I do not desire to say anything about the council at all. Their record is before you. You know it better than I do. It is not the past, it is the future which I want to touch on. You look out broadly on the cities of the world. Does Jesus Christ govern the cities? To ask the question is to answer it."

SURPRISED HIS CONGREGATION.

Rev. M. P. Talling to Resign His Pastorate

After Nearly Five Years' Service for St. James' Presbyterian Church—Progress of the Church During that Time.

The congregation of St. James' Presbyterian Church received an intimation from the pastor last night which created a great surprise and gave cause for general regret. Mr. Talling had preached an excellent sermon on "Municipal Reform," and as he arose to pronounce the benediction stated that he had a few words to say. Mr. Talling then announced that it was his intention to resign the pastorate of St. James, which he only did, however, with sorrow. He had been in the charge four and a half years, and during that time had received the hearty co-operation of the congregation in every department.

Mr. Talling gave a brief review of the church's growth since he assumed the charge. The membership was then 150, but now it was over 250. A Christian Endeavor Society, a Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and a Mission Band had been organized, and the work carried on by them had increased rapidly, until this year a larger sum was contributed for mission purposes than for any previous year. A lecture hall had also been erected at a cost of \$1,000, the masonry had been refitted, and new furnaces had been placed in the church, necessitating a considerable outlay.

Referring to the financial affairs of the church Mr. Talling stated that when he came there was a floating debt of \$400 (beside the mortgage), which had been wiped out. The alterations and extensions increased the mortgage about \$2,000, making it \$7,000 in all, which was a very heavy burden. The receipts were not sufficient to meet the expenditures, and he had decided to resign. It was with great reluctance, however, that he did so, as during his pastorate he had worked in perfect harmony with his people.

Mr. Talling was very much touched during his remarks, but no more so than the congregation, who had not the slightest inkling of their beloved pastor's intention. Mr. Talling was met by many of the members after the service, and he was urged by several to reconsider his decision.

Death of a Missionary.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A dispatch has been received here by the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian Church, from Batavia, West Africa, announcing the death in that region of the Rev. A. G. Flood, a well-known missionary explorer connected with the board. No particulars of the death of Dr. Flood accompanied the dispatch.

Boy Burned to Death.

PORT ERIN, Ont., Dec. 23.—Last night a fire started in a frame dwelling, a mile out from the town, owned by D. Wildfang and occupied by Mr. Moore, totally destroyed the building and contents. The 7-year-old son of Mr. Moore, who slept up stairs, was burned to death, and a younger child very badly burned, but not fatally. Money lost about \$500.

Fired Into a School—Four Fatalities.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 22.—Near Brundage on Friday, Wilton Bowden, 18 years old, fired a shotgun through a window in Pearville schoolhouse. A panic followed, teachers and pupils bleeding and screaming, running over each other. Four pupils were fatally wounded. Bowden claims the shooting was accidental, and it is not believed.

Our Hionocular Boodler.

All countries, as you know, have their heroes. Green had her Ajax, New York had her Tweed, and Canada has her Caron. (Loud cheers and laughter.) Whether that illustrious gentleman at any time in his earlier career was or was not an attentive student of the works of Dr. Watts I cannot say; but I confess that when I listened to Sir Adolphe Caron on that occasion he brought to my mind a rather celebrated stanza which must have been quite familiar to most of you in your young days: 'Tis the rolice of the boodler, I hear him maintain I have boodled before, I would boodle again. (Loud laughter and cheers.) Though he was careful to explain that if the Parliament of Canada would only give him a little effective gerrymander in the Province of Quebec similar to that which we have so long enjoyed in Ontario, he would not be under the necessity of boodling at all. (Hear, hear.) [Cartwright at the Toronto Liberal banquet.

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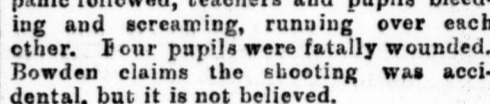
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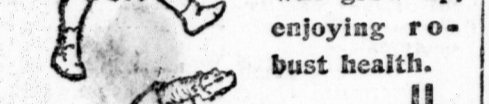
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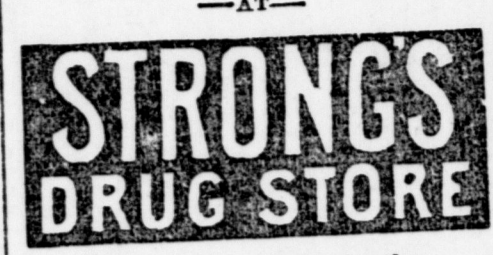
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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Miss Kate McIntosh, city, is the guest of Mrs. Charles Rennie, Dresden.

The Divisional Court, High Court of Justice, has adjourned till Thursday, Jan. 10, 1905.

Miss Bertie Bradford, who is pursuing the study of music in Toronto, is home for the holidays.

Miss Gertrude Black, of Toronto, is visiting friends in the city during the Christmas holidays.

Several serious on municipal government are crowded out of this issue, and will appear tomorrow.

Mr. R. O. Brooks, formerly a resident here, but now with the city fire department, Windsor, is in the city.

Mr. Walter Lee, of London, is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bland, Wellington street.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Robb, of this city, left today for Toronto, where they will attend the Christmas convention.

Mr. E. W. Westland has received a permit to erect a frame cottage on Gardfield avenue, South London, to cost \$500.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Brown and daughter, of Parkdale, Toronto, are in London, spending Christmas with the old folks at home.

A union Methodist service will be held at 11 a.m. tomorrow, in Queen's Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. Chas. Smith will preach.

Conciliar Wm. Moore, of London West, has been so earnestly requested to enter the council of 1895 that he has consented to be nominated.

Mr. Walter Lee, of London, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ince, 711 Queen's avenue.

The induction of the new rector of Christ Church, Rev. J. H. Moorehouse, was performed last night by Bishop Baldwin before a large congregation.

The Bible class of the Dundas Street Central Methodist Church presented their leader, Mr. I. M. Mayell, with an address and an easy chair yesterday.

For the Webbing concert at the Grand Opera House tomorrow afternoon the price has been reduced to 25 cents for the first balcony instead of the first row which is 35 cents.

The extension to the King Street Presbyterian Church is about completed. The edifice will be re-opened on Sunday, Jan. 13, when Rev. Dr. Mungo Fraser, of Hamilton, will preach at both services.

Several London West residents are objecting very strongly to holding the village municipal nominations at noon. They claim that a bylaw is in force setting the hour of nominations from 7 to 8 p.m. This is the time at which they were held last year.

Campbell was a staunch Presbyterian and a staunch Liberal. A little son of Mr. Alex. Macdonald, 16 Cartwright street, met with a painful accident yesterday morning.

The union Christmas entertainment of the seventh and eighth grades of the Rectory street school was held in the kindergarten room on Friday afternoon. The parents and friends of the scholars were invited, and a large number attended.

The double trouble between the city of London and Westminster township, arising over an account for uncollected school money at the time of the amalgamation of South London with the city promises to be settled shortly. The money in question, amounting to some \$1,400, has been handed over to the city at considerable discount in consideration of the city probably having to take legal proceedings to obtain possession of the same.

A dispatch from Rochester, Ill., says: "D. H. Carroll, wrestler, of London, Ont., arrived in this city this morning to meet Farmer Martin Burns, according to the conditions of his challenge recently published, and as an evidence of good faith, Carroll deposited \$250 forfeit money. He is anxious to meet the 'farmer' as soon as possible in a three-act match—Cumberland, Graco-Roman and catch-as-catch-can. Burns' friends will probably arrange for the match to take place here in Chicago."

When Mr. Joseph Dunn's case was called at this morning's Police Court no evidence was offered to bear out the insanity charge, and Mr. Dunn was discharged. A young man named McLeod was arrested for alleged fighting on Wellington street on Saturday night. He claimed that the other man—who got away—struck him first and forced him to defend himself.

The regular meeting of Dixon Council, No. 125, Canadian Order of Chosen Friends, the following were elected for the ensuing term: Chief councillor, Friend David A. Dibbs; vice-chancellor, R. Mullins; recorder, Geo. B. Nash; treasurer, A. B. Greer; prelate, B. J. McCall; J. J. Richardson; wardens, W. P. Marshall, J. J. Richardson; A. O. Webb; Henry Richardson and Richard Taylor; night auditors, A. D. Huff, T. M. King, H. M. Dow; medical examiners, Mrs. R. Ferguson, M. J. Hanavan, J. W. Fraser, Friends Davis and A. D. Donaldson acted as scrutineers.

The advertisement of the court of revision of the voters' list to be held on Dec. 27, at Albert Hall, has caused considerable commotion among London West ratepayers, and legal proceedings are talked of. It is freely stated that the list is not what it should be and that no public notice was given as required by law to enable the ratepayers to strike off or add names, and that the notice of the court was not a ten-day notice, as required by the statute. It was the apparent intention of the list, but the position claim that the revised voters' list for 1894 must be used, if it is not there is a prospect of further complications.

A very enjoyable social and entertainment was held the other evening in the Albert Hall, London West under the auspices of Council No. 27, C. O. C. F., the hall was crowded by members of the order and their friends. R. A. Jones presided by a chair. Musical selections and other instruments. The program was well received, and the evening was a success.

The closing entertainment in the London West school on Friday afternoon, a lengthy but excellent program was carried out. It consisted of songs, recitations, dramatic selections, readings, and musical selections, in which the following took part: Ethel McPherson, Orrie Crafts, Ralph Wilson, Wattie Gash, Frank Ware, Willie Hea, Nellie Stinchcombe, Minnie Bell, Pearl Chapman, Jennie Kelland, Ellen Robinson, Dorrie Kennedy, Aggie Milroy, Percy Spence, Ada Bailey, B. Gregory, M. Stinchcombe, M. Crofts, M. Armstrong, M. Harris, E. Greenway, E. Armstrong, M. Fowler, E. Donaldson, Louis Parks, B. Tuttle, M. Paul, E. Farrar, M. Johnson, L. Moutouy, E. Gash, L. Sharp, L. Smith, E. Johnson, L. McLellan, P. C. Howie, N. Watson, A. Brodie, P. Bartlett, Norma Hamilton, Nellie Leigh, E. Lawrence, Rhoda Houghton, Emma Ruse, Lena Stanton, Ethel Spence, Mabel Lawrence, Louise Ward, Mabel Moutouy, Lawrence, Basil Kershaw, Florie Fowler, Lizzie Hardy, Ella Robertson, Maud Smith, Dorothy Kershaw, Pamela Bartlett, Lillian Armstrong, M. Clarke, E. Ludwig, Herbert Wilson and Lindsay Lackie.

The King's Daughters in connection with the Young Women's Christian Association have been busy in the last few days distributing well-filled baskets to worthy families. The report of the committee in charge has not yet been made. St. Andrew's cheer will be distributed on Hogmanay, one week from today.

London Pythians in Chicago. Mr. Alex. Gardner, P. S. R., well-known in local and Ontario Pythian circles, was the general organizer for the State of Illinois for the endowment rank, K. of P., with headquarters at Chicago, is spending Christmas and New Year's with his family in this city. Mr. Gardner is now engaged in the formation of a unique inter-domain lodge in Chicago, and already the charter list numbers nearly one hundred. There are 64 grand domains in the United States and Canada, and the object of the

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TANGLED THREADS

But, after some fencing with Richard, questions, jelly came in. He was resolved to hearing all she could tell, and at length she made a clean breast of it. She related what she knew, and what she suspected, from beginning to end; and before she had finished, a strange relief, that Richard should know it, drew upon her.

"For I shall consider that the responsibility is now taken off my shoulders, sir," she said. "And perhaps it has been nothing but this that the ill-fated lady has wanted me to do, in coming again."

In the whole narrative, the part that most struck Richard North was Jelly's positive assertion that she had since twice seen Mrs. Lane. He was simply astounded. And, to tell the truth, he did not attempt to cast ridicule or disbelief on it. Richard North was an educated and practical man, possessed of an abundance of good common sense, with no more tendency to believe in supernatural appearances than men have in general; but his mind had been so unshaken since the interview with Sir Thomas Ticknell, that he almost felt inclined to admit the possibility of his sister's not resting in her grave.

He sat with his head leaning on his hand. Collecting in some degree his scattered senses, he strove to go over the grounds of suspicion. But he could make nothing more of them than Dale had said. Grounds there certainly were, but none that Dr. Rane might not be able to explain away. Jelly drew her own deductions, and called them proofs; but Richard saw that of proofs as yet there were none.

"Ever since that first night, I've lived in mortal horror of seeing it again," said Jelly interrupting his reverie. "Nobody can imagine, sir, what a dreadful time it has been. And when I was least thinking of it, it came the second time."

"To whom have you repeated this story of having seen her?" asked Richard.

"The first time I told Dr. Rane and Mrs. Cass. This last time I told the doctor and Mr. Seesley."

"Jelly," said Richard quietly, "there is no proof that anything was wrong, except in your fancy."

"And the hasty manner that she was hid out of the way, sir—no woman called in to do anything for her; no soul allowed to see her!" urged Jelly. "If it wanted proof positive before, it can't want it since what Thomas Heburn related to me."

"All that may have been done out of regard to the welfare of the living," said Richard.

Jelly shook her head. To her mind it was clearer than daylight.

But at this juncture, a servant came in to know if she should bring lights. Richard took the opportunity to depart. Of what she saw to prolong his stay? As he went out he

saw Mr. Seesley standing at his door. Richard crossed over and asked to speak with him; he knew of Dale's interview with the surgeon.

"Can Rane have been guilty of this thing, or not?" questioned Richard, when they were closed together.

But not even here could Richard get at any decided opinion. It might have been so, or it might not, Seesley replied. For himself, he was inclined to think it was not so; but he began to question whether it would not be better for his father's sake, for all their sakes, to let the matter lie. Richard put the two aspects together, and compared them. On the one side there would be the merited punishment of Oliver Rane and vengeance on Beesley's wrongs; the other would bring a terrible amount of pain, exposure, almost disgrace. And Richard feared for the effect it might have on Mr. Rane. Before his trial was over, he decided that it would be infinitely best to hush up the scandal, should that still be possible.

But, for his own satisfaction, he wished to get at the truth. It seemed to him that he could hardly live in the uncertainty. Taking a rapid resolution, he approached Dr. Rane's, knocked at the door, and asked old Phillis if he could see her master.

She at once showed him into the dining-room. Dr. Rane, weary, perhaps, with the cares of the day, had fallen asleep in his chair. He sprang up at the interruption; a startled, almost frightened expression appeared in his face. Richard North could not notice it, and his heart failed him, for it seemed to speak of guilt. Phillis shut them in together.

How Richard opened the interview, he scarcely knew, and could never afterwards recall. He soon found that Dr. Rane remained as yet in ignorance of the stir that was abroad; and this rendered his task all the more difficult. Richard entered on the communication in the most delicate manner that the subject admitted of. Dr. Rane did not receive it kindly. He first swore a great oath, and then—his anger checked suddenly as if by some latent thought or fear—he sank back in his chair and beat his head on the wall, as a man struck dumb with tribulation.

"If I think you need not have given credit to this report against me, Richard North, he presently spoke in reproachful accents. "But I believe you lost confidence in me a year and a half ago."

He so evidently alluded to the anonymous letter that Richard did not affect to misunderstand him. It might be better to speak openly.

"I believe you wrote that, Rane."

"True, I did. But not to injure your brother. I thought Alexander must be a bad man—that he must be leading Edmund into difficulties to serve himself. I had no cause to spare him, but the contrary, for he had injured me, was injuring me daily; and I wrote what I did to Mr. North, hoping it might expose Alexander and damage him.

There; you have it. I would rather have had my hand cut off than have hurt your brother. I wished afterwards that it had been cut off first. But it was too late then."

And because of that anonymous letter Dr. Rane knew, and Richard felt, that the accusation, now made, gathered weight. When a man has been guilty of one thing, we think it a reason why he may be guilty of another.

A silence ensued. They sat, the table between them. The room was rather dark. The lamp was shaded, the fire had burned low; before the large window were stretched the sombre curtains. Richard North would have given some years of his life for this most distressing business never to have come into it.

He went on with what he had to say. Dr. Rane, motionless now, kept his hand over his face whilst he listened. Richard told of the public commission; of the unparalelled shock it had been to himself, of the worse shock he feared it might be to his father. Again there was an interruption; but Dr. Rane in speaking did not raise his face.

"If my liberty is in danger?"

"Not yet—in one sense of the word. I believe you are under the surveillance of the police."

"Watched by them?"

"Yes. But only to see that you do not get away."

"That is—they track me out and home. I am to understand I am watched in and out of my patients' houses, if I have occasion to pay country visits, those stealthy blood-hounds are at my heels, night or day?"

"I conclude it is so," answered Richard. "Since when has this been?"

"Since I think since the day before yesterday. There is a probability, as I hear, that the Home Secretary will be applied to."

"For what purpose?"

"For authority to disturb the grave," said Richard, in low tones.

Dr. Rane started up, a frenzy of terror apparent in his face.

"They—they surely they are not talking of doing that?" he cried, turning white as death.

"Yes they are. To have her disturbed will be to us the most painful of all."

"Stop it, for Heaven's sake!" came the imploring cry. "Stop it, Richard North! Stop it!"

But at that moment their broke upon their ears a frightful commotion outside the door. Richard opened it. Dr. Rane, who had sunk on to his seat again, never stirred. Old Phillis, coming in from the scullery after a cleaning excursion, had accidentally dropped a small cartload of pots and pans.

(To be Continued.)

PUPILS WHO PASSED.

Results of the Middlesex and London Model School Examinations—The Names in Order of Merit.

The county board of examiners completed their labors on Saturday night. In the following report of the successful candidates the names are arranged according to their standing in the tests for practical work in the school room:

LONDON.

Jennie Johnson, Siddle C. Thacker, James Rogers, W. J. Kennedy, A. V. Charlton, Lillie M. Cullen, Blanche E. Cullen, William Heath, Arthur Scott, Lizzie McKenzie, Arthur Manning, W. E. Armstrong, Agnes E. Fram, Bella R. Moore, Annie Callard, E. M. Cranston, Theresa Snibert, Arthur McKerricher, S. M. Kennedy, Edgar R. McMillan, James Bruce, Albert E. Fitzgerald, Rob Coleman, Jos. T. J. Collinson, Edgar L. Beece, Josephine Barrett, Victoria Goulding, Winifred E. Hootson, Sadie McNea, Hannah Corsaut, Annie M. Shipley, Rachel Morrison, W. E. White, Lily Hardy, John Furze, Annie Bolter, Hattie M. Giddens.

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1, Geo. P. Smith; 2, Agnes Thompson, Annie Anderson; 3, Chas. H. McDougall; 4, Emily Blott, John W. Walker; 5, Sarah McLenn; 6, Alfred J. Dole; 7, Annie Davidson, Lettie Whiting; 8, Emma Augustine, Katie Carrothers, Dugald Moore; 9, Myrtle Foster, Robert Fox, Rose Owens, Chas. Winters; 10, Donald Morton, A. E. W. Torrance; 11, Donald Cameron; 12, Ida Hutton, Geo. Knight; 13, Fred Brown; 14, Mary Hickey.

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Dec. 22.—The following officers were elected for the ensuing term at Aylmer Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W.: P. M., J. B. Hambridge; M. W., W. B. Purdy; foreman, W. Boettlinger; overseer, G. Beckett; recorder, A. E. Haines; financier, W. Warneck; receiver, Dr. G. F. Clarke; guide, J. E. Scott; I. W., W. Montait; O. W., H. Biall.

The annual meeting of the ratapayers in the public school section in union with section No. 12, Malahide, will be held in the town hall, Aylmer, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at 12 o'clock, for the election of three trustees to succeed G. Beckett, J. L. Lamboer and C. J. Timpany, whose terms of office have expired.

There was a political meeting in the town hall, Aylmer, on Wednesday last. There was a good crowd of electors present when J. P. Martyn, the Patron-Labor candidate addressed the meeting, and Mr. Currie, vice-president, also delivered an address. A large number of citizens waited upon J. J. Nairn, of the Aylmer Canning Company, yesterday, requesting him to stand for the position of mayor. It is not known whether he will accept.

Dr. Sinclair has decided to stand for mayor for 1895, after being urged by his many friends.

Miss Youell will spend the winter in Toronto with her sister, Mrs. Eakins.

The following officers of the Canadian Order of Foresters were elected for the ensuing year: V. G. R., Charles White; F. S., J. N. Winder; R. S., Wm. Bothwell; Treas., D. W. Turnbull; Chap., John Liddle; Sec., James Trim; J. W., Walter Snuck; S. B., George Trim; J. B., George Peters; physician, Dr. Marshall.

Mr. T. A. Harris and Miss D. Dredge are reported as slowly recovering.

Mr. A. Leslie was appointed issuer of marriage licenses for this section Thursday.

The Baptist Church, Aylmer, on Sunday at both services was crowded, to greet their new pastor, Rev. Mr. Kemball.

Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald left yesterday on a visit to their sons in Illinois and Wisconsin.

The officers of the Methodist Sunday school for the ensuing year were elected on Wednesday evening. They are: Superintendent, C. F. Cavin; assistant superintendent, C. L. Kassar; secretary, Miss Alice Morton; assistant secretary, J. Angus; librarians, J. Elliott, M. Turner, C. Martin, E. Lesmore; auditors, R. W. Restall, J. F. Messmore; organist, Miss Annie Morton.

Responding a few days in town with friends.

The following officers of Aylmer Chapter, R. A. M., were elected for the ensuing term: Past Z., W. W. Rathford; principal Z., J. B. Hoffman; principal H., W. H. Mann; treasurer, Dr. T. F. Clark; principal S., J. B. Ogilvie; scribe E., J. E. Richards; scribe N., H. Hodgkins; treasurer, Dr. C. W. Marlett; auditors, C. T. Burdick and H. A. Ambridge; Tyler, Mayor Feulds.

The Independent Foresters have elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: P. C. R., J. T. Rowe; C. R., D. C. Oline; V. C. R., B. Harris; R. S., W. B. Purdy; F. S., W. H. Mann; secretary, D. G. Bingham; chaplain, J. J. Elliott; S. W., A. J. Sanders; J. W., L. McMillan; S. B., J. B. Morphy; J. B., T. Bennett; C. D. H. C. R., W. B. Purdy and B. Harris; physicians, Drs. Kingston and A. H. Backhouse; financial committee, A. T. Elliott and U. Bailey; janitor, W. B. Purdy.

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AILSA CRAIG.

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Dec. 21.—Municipal matters are becoming more interesting as election time draws near. Two candidates are in the field, with a rumor of a couple or so more by 1 P.M. nomination day. A very interesting time is expected in the campaign.

A big shooting tournament is to take place in the village on the 14th prox. Live pigeons, good purses and lots of sport are the attractions.

Mr. Wm. McKay, Knox College, Mr. H. Munro, Chicago, and Mr. J. McKay, Port Stanley, have been spending part of this week with their friends here.

A meeting of the executive of the Sabbath School Association of East Williams, Ailsa Craig, East McGillivray and Bidduiph was held in Lucan today to arrange for the programme and debate for the convention to be held in Lucan the second Wednesday in February.

Our genial townswoman, Mr. H. Bowman, was joined in marriage to Miss Margaret J. Gilbert, daughter of Mr. Wm. Gilbert of McGillivray. Miss Gilbert was attended by her sister, Miss Dorothy, as bridesmaid, and the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. Wm. Bowman. The happy couple took the evening train for Detroit, followed by the congratulations of their many friends.

Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1894, will be a memorable day in the lives of Miss Georgina Walker, of this village, and Mr. G. E. Hodson, of London. The home of Mr. Robert Walker, ceremony of the union of the two whose lives henceforth will be as one. The bride was attired in cream cashmere, and was attended by her sister, Miss Maggie, while the groom was supported by his brother, Mr. J. W. Hodson, of Innerkip. After partaking of a sumptuous repast the happy couple departed for their new home in London, followed by the heartiest congratulations of the guests and the goodwill of the bride's many friends.

DOCTORS WAKE UP.

Medical Men Investigating the Diabesity of an Absolute Remedy for Diabetes.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Medical men are on the alert just now when the subject of kidney disease comes up for discussion. Diabetes has always been looked upon as a sure death by the profession, but lately the doctors have had their eyes opened to the possibility of a cure by Dr. E. A. Rose, of Portland, Ont. He has stated in writing that he was cured of this disease after being pronounced "in extremis" by six medical brethren, and his cure was effected by means of Dodd's Kidney Pills. This remedy has attracted much attention from the medical profession because of its success in the cure of kidney disease, and many physicians are today prescribing it in affections of these organs.

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

The future has a golden tinge. The past, too, may seem pleasant: But just about the Christmas tide there's nothing like the present.

—Miss Mary Lee, Winnipeg, is visiting here.

—Mrs. Wm. Hooper, of 178 Horton street, is visiting in Detroit.

—Mr. Fred Fysh, of Des Moines, Iowa, is visiting his parents on Dundas street.

—The Forest City Pleasure Club will give an assembly in the City Hall tonight.

—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Firth, of Detroit, are visiting the former's mother on King street.

—Mr. and Mrs. David Millar, of New York City, are spending Christmas with relatives in this city.

—Every married man in the McClary Company's works was presented with a turkey on Saturday.

—Mr. Charles Swaisland, who is studying at the Ontario College of Pharmacy, Toronto, is home for the holidays.

—Miss McKenzie, supervisor of city kindergarten, has left with her mother and brother to visit friends in Toronto.

—The C. P. R. train from the east was considerably delayed on Saturday night owing to a slight accident to the engine.

—Mr. Robert Dreaney, deputy reeve of London township, was taken sudden ill in the City Hotel on Saturday and had to be removed home.

The crowds on Dundas street Saturday afternoon and evening were the largest in years.

—Mrs. Conrad Lenz, Chicago, Ill., is spending the Christmas holiday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Taylor, 560 Adelaide street.

—The pig stealing charge preferred by Wm. Abrey, of London township, against his neighbor, George S. Colbert, of con. 14, was adjourned till Jan. 10.

—Miss Georgie Calver, formerly of the ADVERTISER office, but now with Parke, Davis & Co., Walkerville, is spending Christmas at her home in London West.

—Miss Henderson, director of the Workley road kindergarten school, has left for her home in Guelph. Miss Henderson has been granted a three months' leave of absence.

—Misses Powell, Matthews and Henderson, city kindergarten teachers, who have been taking a course at the Toronto Normal School, arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas holidays here.

—Mr. Joseph Halliday, of the Park-Davis printing house, Detroit, formerly of the ADVERTISER, is visiting relatives in the city.

—Mr. Halliday had the sad misfortune a short time ago to lose his wife by death, leaving him with a little boy a few months old.

—Engineer Findlay is continuing the series of twelve-hour tests on the new waterworks pumps and boilers at Springbank. The test of Wednesday last was satisfactory with the exception of a slight hitch in the working of one of the boilers.

This, however, can easily be remedied.

—A man carrying a 25-pound turkey by the neck and riding a 20-pound bicycle attracted some attention as he threaded his way through the crowd of shoppers at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets on Saturday afternoon.

And this in the Canada of alleged Arctic winters!

—Mr. Wesley Crocker, son of Mr. J. J. Crocker, 414 1/2 Rectory street, arrived in the city after a six years' absence in the Northwest. He reports business in Manitoba as very dull and states that in the early part of the season farmers could only obtain 36 cents per bushel for No. 1 hard wheat, 20 cents for barley and 16 cents for oats.

—The scholars of the King Street Presbyterian Sunday school had their Christmas treat and concert on Friday night.

The school room was crowded with the children and their parents and teachers.

Rev. D. Robertson occupied the chair and with a happy address introduced a programme in which the children distinguished themselves.

The Christmas tree was relieved of its heavy burden by Mr. D. L. Hardey, who acted as Santa Claus.

—Forest City Camp, No. 1, Woodmen of the World, has just completed another prosperous year, and the members are looking for greater success in the next twelve months.

A reunion of this pioneer camp is proposed for the near future.

At the annual meeting of the other evening the following officers were chosen for 1895:

P. C. commander, W. H. Trebilcock; chief commander, J. Farrell; adv. lieu., T. Hogg; escort, — Newton; clerk, C. Doe; banker, C. F. Morris; physicians, Drs. Logie and Teasdale; watchman, — Snyder; sentry, M. Hoehn; managers, — Ferguson (three years), J. J. Barnwall (two years), — Hardy (one year); delegate to head camp, F. Scolliek; alternate, W. H. Trebilcock.

—A special meeting of the London West School Board was held Friday night to consider the resignation of Miss Evans, teacher of the primary class in the village school. The resignation was accepted, and Miss Evans will be given a recommendation.

Will You be First or Last? Christmas Presents.

We have just received a large consignment of the newest ideas for the holiday trade, including toilet, odor and manœuvre cases in the latest and most novel designs.

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tion as a teacher. She has secured a position in New York State. The school will not reopen until Jan. 8, instead of Jan. 3, as intended.

This change was made on account of the building being used for election purposes.

The remaining staff of teachers will be re-engaged for another year.

Trustee Jones, chairman of the finance committee, presented a statement of the expenses of the year.

It had recently been asserted by Reeve Macdonald that the school cost the village \$3,200 annually.

According to Mr. Jones' figures the receipts were \$2,985—\$2,700 from the village, \$235 from the Government and \$50 from different fees.

The expenses were: Salaries \$2,384.00, and miscellaneous \$343.04, and a total of \$2,727.04, leaving a balance of \$257.00.

That Rare Bird.

Mr. W. E. Hamilton, of Chatham, writes to the ADVERTISER: "I see a letter in your journal about the Guillemot from Mr. Saunders.

Mr. R. C. Burt, of this town, has three specimens, shot at the Eau, of this rare bird now in the taxidermist's hands.

As one peculiarity of his specimens, I may mention that of the down to the extreme point of the body and the unusual length of the breast bone.

Mr. Burt will give further information to any inquirer.

'Our Flat' Tonight.

Miss Emily Bancker and her capable company of comedians will appear at the Grand tonight in that laughing comedy success, "Our Flat."

On Friday evening, Dec. 7, the same company appeared at the Grand here, and the following was the ADVERTISER'S criticism of the performance.

The funniest comedy seen here this season was "Our Flat," produced last night at the Grand by an excellent company, headed by Miss Emily Bancker.

The audience showed a degree of enthusiasm that must have been encouraging to the actors.

The comedy is remarkably brisk in action, full of cleverly contrived and side-splitting situations, and free from vulgarity.

Miss Bancker shows a vigor and versatility that delighted her auditors, and received capital support.

If she returns she will doubtless be greeted by a large house.

Rev. Dr. Eby Resigns.

The executive of the mission board of the Methodist Church met in Toronto on Friday.

The general secretary presented a report of the work and suggested changes that he considered necessary, including an additional building, a school and recreation room at the Red Deer Institute.

A letter was read from Rev. C. S. Eby, D.D., tendering his resignation as missionary to Japan.

The resignation was accepted, to take effect at the close of the present year, and in the meantime his relation continued as a missionary on furlough.

On behalf of the Students' Mission Society of Victoria College, Fred Wallace wrote proposing to found a scholarship of the annual value of \$300, tenable for three years, on the basis of which a native missionary or probationer for the ministry, selected in Japan, might obtain special training for the work in his native land.

It was decided that before taking definite action the secretary should correspond further with the Students' Mission Society, and also with the representatives in Japan.

Travelers' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Western Ontario Commercial Travelers' Association was held in the secretary's office in the Masonic Temple on Saturday afternoon.

Owing to the election of officers by acclamation the attendance was not so large as in former years.

The retiring president, Mr. R. C. Struthers, presided.

The annual statement placed the receipts for the year at \$20,249.43, and the disbursements at \$13,287.15, and the balance, \$6,962.28.

The assets are \$33,457.86, and the liabilities \$2,079.09.

The traveling members number now 906, and the associate, 47.

Mr. A. S. Tassie, in criticizing the report pointed out that the membership was less than last year.

Mr. Dan McKenzie said that the cause of the decrease was a man died within six months after receiving the tickets of a couple of hundred insurance men.

Mr. Robinson said that 197 new members had been received during the year and he thought the number compared favorably with other associations.

Three mortuary beneficiaries amounting to \$2,000 were paid during the year to the executors of the late D. H. Williams, T. P. C. Eryan and John E. Richards.

Twenty-one claims for accident indemnity amounting to \$950.24 were also paid.

There are five claims for minor accidents and one for accidental death awaiting proof.

The reserve fund now amounts to \$31,408.77, a gain for the year of \$4,320.43.

Several alterations and additions to by-laws were proposed and adopted.

They related to accident benefits and the word "or" by the taking of poison.

In section 5, article 10, and the words "or suicide," in the same article, were eliminated.

This means that when a man accidentally takes poison or commits suicide, while temporarily insane, the family will receive the amount of bonus carried by deceased.

A clause was added whereby if a man should die solely from injuries received, but not within six months after receiving such injuries, his death shall be considered to be from natural causes and his heirs shall be entitled to the mortuary benefit.

The year the law stood before unless a man died within six months after receiving the injuries his heirs could not claim the accident bonus; and as he did not die from natural causes there might be trouble over paying the mortuary benefit.

The new clause definitely settles the question.

After the discussion of the by-laws Mr. Struthers handed over the gavel to Mr. J. M. Dillon, and the latter assumed the presidency.

Mr. Tassie was accorded a vote of thanks for his work in relation to the by-laws, and in turn moved a vote of thanks to the retiring board.

Mr. Struthers, P. J. Conroy and Dan McKenzie replied.

The association will hold a smoking concert on Friday, Jan. 18, 1895.

Saturday and Monday AT Mara's Emergency Sale

—WILL BE THE— Banner Bargain Days

OF THE YEAR.

There are only two days more before "the great holiday" will be ushered in. This house has scored a wonderful record for Christmas bargains—their thoroughly genuine character capturing people far and near, as our modern methods of doing business please everybody.

LADIES' Glove Department:

Fine Cashmere Gloves, on these Bargain Days, 15c per pair. Colored Cashmere Gloves, extra quality, 20c per pair. Mousquetaire Kid Gloves, in colors, 73c per pair. Long Cream Silk Gloves, for evening wear, 40c per pair. Special line of Kid Gloves, in tan, brown and black, 50c per pair. The "Josephine" Glove, in black and colors, only 99c per pair.

DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT:

5 pieces, Parous Coating Serge, in black, navy, browns, myrtle and dark garnet, 44 inches wide, worth \$1, on these special days only 65c per yard. A big range Estamine Serges, in black and navy, 44 inches wide, on Bargain Days at 30c, 37 1/2c, 40c, and 45c per yard. Cheviot Serges, in grays and browns, 44 inches wide, worth 75c, for 45c per yard. 8 pieces Shot Effect Dress Goods, 44 inches wide and assorted shades, on Bargain Days 25c per yard.

Silks & Draping Materials

23 pieces Japanese Silks, beautiful shades for Christmas work, worth 75c, on Bargain Days 39c per yard. Shanghai Draping Cloth, on Bargain Days only, 19c per yard. 1 piece Black Merveilleux Silk, worth \$1.25, on Bargain Days for 92c per yard. Fine French Satens, in art shades, on Bargain Days 10c per yard.

Ladies' Sundries:

Ladies' Ribbed Vests, only 23c. Ladies' Heavy Shirts for 62c. Mara's "Special" Corsets, 25c. Fine Black Woolen Mitts, 25c per pair. Ladies' Astrachan Gauntlets, in gray and black, only 95c. A fine assortment of Honeycombe Shawls, in all shades, only 25c.

Children's Department:

Children's Woolen Mitts, extra value, 15c per pair. Baby Carriage Rugs, worth \$1, for 50c. Children's White Lamb Boas, full 36 inches long, only 23c. Children's White Lamb Caps, worth \$2, for \$1.40. Children's White Lamb Muffs, worth \$1.75, for 85c.

Toys and Fancy Goods:

A big range of Dolls from 10c to \$1. Autograph Albums, worth 25, for 10c. Collar and Cuff Boxes, only 35c. Manicure Sets, 25c, 35c and 50c. Child's Trunks, worth \$1, for 49c.

Table Covers, Napkins and Spreads.

Bleached Table Covers, full 2 yards square, worth \$1.25, for 90c. 60 inch Table Linen, holiday price only 25c per yard. Turkey Red Tabling, 25c per yard. Linen Table Covers, with borders, only 49c. A fine range of Chenille Table Covers, at 59c, 95c and \$1.40. Five-Eight Table Napkins, on Bargain Days only 50c per dozen. Three-Quarter Table Napkins, at \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per dozen. Eleven Quarter Honeycomb Bed Spreads, only 99c. The Elephant Brand of Marseilles Bed Spreads, worth \$2.25, now going at \$1.50.

BOOT AND SHOE DEPARTMENT:

Ladies' Spats, Christmas price 35c. Misses' Fine School Boots, only 65c per pair. Ladies' Rubbers, only 25c per pair. Boys' Heavy School Boots, on Bargain Days for 65c per pair. Men's Fancy Push Slippers, worth \$2, for 99c. Ladies' Fancy Slippers with plush vamps, worth \$2, for 75c. Men's Fine Laced Boots and Gaiters, on these Bargain Days only 89c. See our German and French Felt Slippers.

Gents' Furnishings:

Men's and Boys' Braces, worth 25c to 40c, all going at 2 pairs for 25c. Fine Cashmere Neck Scarfs, worth 25c, now 2 for 25c. Gentlemen's Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, worth 50c, for 35c. Fleece Lined Kid Gloves, worth \$1.25, for 75c. Silk Ties, both four-in-hand and knots, in evening and dark shades, regular 50c goods, for 25c. All-Wool Socks, only 10c per pair. Home-Made Mitts for 20c. Gentlemen's English Collars, on these Bargain Days only, 4 for 25c. White Linen Laundered Shirts, only 69c.

LADIES' Furs and Mantles

One only, Gray Persian Lamb Jacket, worth \$100, on Bargain Days \$50. 2 only, Gray Persian Lamb Cape, ripple collar and Cavalry cut, 30 inches long, worth \$65, for \$38.50. 1 only, Sable Cape, plain collar and Cavalry cut, 24 inches long, worth \$90, for \$47.50. Opera Cloaks, merle lined, worth \$14, for \$7.50. Ladies' Black Muffs, only \$1.25. Ladies' Irish Frieze Jackets, worth \$7.50, for \$4.50. Ladies' Cheviot Serge Jackets, worth \$8.50, for \$5. Children's Reefer Jackets, worth \$3, for \$1.50.

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