

Our White-Wear Opening

We hold an Annual Display of White Goods on Tuesday next, the 9th inst. We have made greater preparations than usual for our White Goods Sale this year and feel confident that you will be pleased with our offerings. Special displays will be made of cottons, sheetings, pillow cases, embroideries and torchon laces, but of course the main feature of the display will be the ready-to-wear white muslin underwear. We spent a great deal of time and attention in the selection of our underwear two months ago and it has just come to hand and opens up to our entire satisfaction. We invite your inspection on Tuesday.

FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY

Jackets at Half-Price

The latest styles and best made jackets are yours for one-half of original price. We hold nothing back. You can walk amongst our jackets stock and make any selection you wish and it is yours for one-half price.

- \$5.00 Jackets.....\$2.50
- \$8.00 Jackets.....\$4.00
- \$10.00 Jackets.....\$5.00
- \$15.00 Jackets.....\$7.50
- \$18.00 Jackets.....\$9.00

FOR SATURDAY AND MONDAY

- 2 pos. 46 in. wide, all-wool figured black Dress Goods, very suitable for skirts, matalasse effect, reg. \$1.75 a yd., for.....98c
- 5 pos. fine, all-wool Coating Serges, 48 in. wide, in brown, green and grey mixtures, reg. price 90c, for.....35c
- 2 pos. black blistered Crepon, very effective, reg. price 85c yd., for.....55c
- Five Lawn Pillow Shams, with hand-some applique work, reg. price 75c each, for.....45c

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We just like to put his feet into stout, well made shoes, easy to wear, but not easy to wear out. Just the thing boys for who romp and play vigorously. The prices on new lines in this week are as follows:

- BOYS' Grain, High Lace Shoes, solid leather soles and counters, a good fitting, strong, nice looking shoe, in sizes 11, 12, and 13.....\$1.00
- BOYS' SAME LINE, in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5... \$1.25
- BOYS' High Lace Shoes, toe caps, hooks, got up in good shape, will wear well, in sizes 11, 12, and 13.....85c.
- BOYS' SAME LINE, in sizes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5... \$1.00

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January Clearing Sale

Matchless Values

To-night Monday

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AROUND COLENSO

Buller's Troops are Engaging the Enemy.

The Boers Reported Very Short of Supplies—Shelling the Colenso Lines.

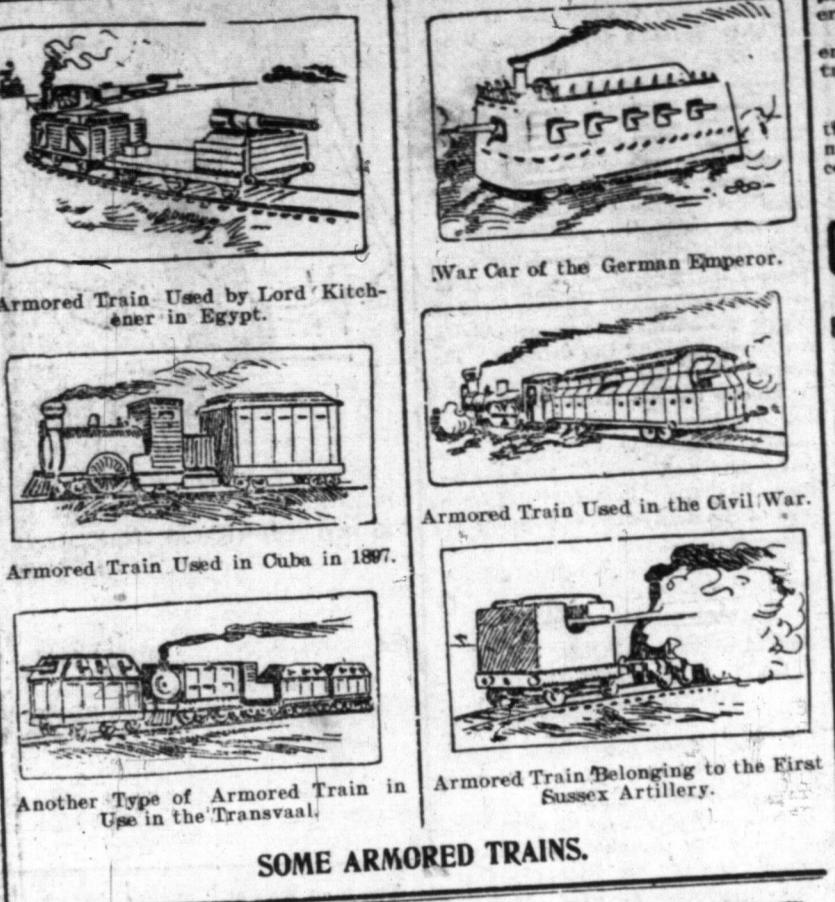
London, Jan. 6.—A despatch to the Daily Telegraph from Frere camp, dated Friday, Jan. 5, says:—"There has been firing to-day at Ladysmith and at Colenso. A strong cavalry reconnaissance, under Lord Dundonald, proceeded westward this morning toward Springfield where firing is proceeding. There is a revival of the report that the Boers are short of provisions. Gen. Buller's army is eager for the advance."

The lieutenant, sergeant and five men who were reported missing from Capt. Thornycroft's patrol, which found the enemy in some force at the little Tugela bridge, Jan. 3, when their presence was discovered by the Boer scouts, after being hotly chased, they eluded the Boers and returned to camp.

Our big naval guns are shelling the Boers' Colenso lines. One shell burst in a trench causing the Boers to scramble rearward. Another exploded among a drove of horses, killing several and stampeding the rest.

Nineteen Kaffirs, who escaped from the Boer lines, came in from Colenso. They say the enemy are short of everything, and the commanders treat them so badly they could stand it no longer.

The Chatham and London artillery contingents has arrived at Ottawa.



A DISASTROUS SORTIE.

Garrison Made One at Mafeking.

WERE REPULSED BY THE BOERS WITH GREAT LOSS—DETAILS OF THE AFFAIR.

London, Jan. 6.—A Mafeking despatch just received, but dated Dec. 26, confirms the report of the British sortie from that place, as first announced from Pretoria, Dec. 30. The Mafeking despatch says:—"There was a sortie to-day with the purpose of capturing the Boer outposts, but it was unsuccessful. The Boers were crowded with Boers, repelling the assault, and a hail of bullets forced the British to retire, killing and wounding a number."

BRITISH MOWED DOWN.

The Times publishes the following despatch from Mafeking, dated Dec. 26:—"At dawn to-day Col. Baden-Powell organized an unsuccessful sortie from a strong position of the enemy at Mafeking, two miles from Mafeking, from which the Boers have been maintaining a desultory, but annoying shell and rifle fire for several weeks. The railway has recently been reconstructed between the town and Mafeking, where the Boers had destroyed it, the fittings being destroyed in the night. The train, with Maxims and Hotchkiss guns, under Captain Williams and troops, took up positions for attack from two sides. Capt. Lord Charles Bentinck and a squadron were in reserve upon the left, while the extreme left wing was occupied by artillery under Major Cape Polee, the whole being under the command of Col. Baden-Powell. The Boers were to be attacked during the night, the artillery fire to be sustained by the Boers. At daylight the guns opened fire and rapidly drew the fire of the enemy, our shells bursting within effective range. Captain Vernon gave the signal to cease firing and to advance, his squadron leading off. Gametree is surrounded with scrub, which contained many sharpshooters, and their accuracy of fire still further confused the men who had followed Capt. Vernon, and who save him and his brother officers killed. Being without cover, they were driven off at one point, but they endeavored to scale the position at others. They found the position of the Boers, however, almost impregnable. When we retired under cover of the armored train, so many men had been wounded that a suspension of hostilities occurred under the auspices of the Red Cross. The veil around the Boer position was at once dotted with flags of mercy, and it was seen that our wounded were scattered within a short radius of the fort. We had almost completely surrounded it and had it not been so extraordinarily well protected, we should have been in possession. I was permitted to assist in the dressing of wounds, a majority of which appeared to have been caused by explosive bullets. The wounded were being attended to by several litters and dirty, but physically fine men. Many of them were under the command of Col. Baden-Powell, and all were British. I pointed out that so far as Mafeking was concerned, these had been recalled. Later on I called the attention of the field cornet to four of our men, who were rifling dead bodies. He expressed his regret to a British officer that, despite his instructions to respect the dead, beyond his control, he had accused the British soldiers of stripping Gen. Kock and leaving him naked and wounded, thus indirectly causing his death."

non-commissioned officers and troopers.

Wounded—Capt. Charles Fitzcarran, 23 non-commissioned officers and troopers.

Prisoners—Three troopers.

Gen. Forester-Walker points out that, while the despatch gives all the names, it fails to show that six officers were hit.

COLESBURG FIGHT.

British Carry Another Kopje Capturing 19 Boers

Two English Officers Mistake the Boers for New Zealanders and are Taken—War Notes.

London, Jan. 6.—A special despatch from Rensburg says Maj. Harvey, of the Tenth Hussars, was killed and that Maj. Alexander was wounded while the Hussars were pursuing the retreating Boers after the attack on the British left Jan. 4 near Colesburg. Last evening again about 1,000 Boers, while leaving Colesburg made an attack under cover of darkness, on Gen. Forester-Walker's position in the Royal Horse Artillery, with four guns, compelled the Boers to retire upon a kopje. After considerable rifle and shell fire the mounted infantry dismounted and took nineteen prisoners. The Boers' casualties were fifty. The English losses are reported to be negligible. During the fighting the English Dragoons effected a surprise, and charged on the retreating Boers. They killed seven and cut their way clear through. Two British officers, who mistook the Boers for New Zealanders, were captured. Lieut. Gibson, of the Inniskillens, was wounded.

WAR NOTES.

The Canadians, with Col. Pichea, have arrived safe and well at Belmont, having marched 22 miles during the last night.

The Government of Natal has given the Zulul permission to arm for their own defence. They are anxious to attack the Boers.

Seven cases of typhoid fever have broken out among the crew of the transport Montezuma, and the port physician has ordered their quarters to be disinfected, and says there will be no danger to the contingent.

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	Opn.	Higt.	Low.	Close
Wheat—Dec.	69	69	68	68
May	69	69	68	68
July	69	69	68	68
Corn—Sept.	33	33	32	32
May	33	33	32	32
July	33	33	32	32
Oats—Sept.	23	23	22	22
Dec.	23	23	22	22
May	23	23	22	22
Lard—Dec.	10.75	10.85	10.72	10.85
Jan.	10.75	10.85	10.72	10.85
May	10.75	10.85	10.72	10.85
Ribs—Oct.	5.92	5.90	5.90	5.92
Jan.	5.92	5.90	5.90	5.92
May	5.92	5.90	5.90	5.92
Wool—Jan.	5.70	5.67	5.67	5.67

The Hanover Courier says 40,000 improved German rifles have been sent to Pretoria since the war began.

The Ark

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THE PROBABLES

G. N. W. Special Toronto, Jan. 6.—10 a. m.—Fine and mild to-day and on Sunday.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

OLDERSHAW—On Friday, January 5th, Myra, beloved son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Oldershaw, aged 1 year, 1 month and 9 days.

LOCAL BRIEFS

J. P. Smith and Master Kirby are visiting in Chicago. Miss Annie Head, Emma St., entertained a number of friends last evening.

THE MAYOR IS GAME

"I am, indeed, thoroughly in accord with the suggestion to hold a patriotic concert in the interest of the Maple City boys going to the front," said his worship Mayor Smith to the Planet this morning.

Candy for Christmas Let us show you what size candy we can sell you. A one lb. box means for 20c, a 5 lb. box 10c. A large stock of fancy boxes and packages, especially adapted for holiday trade. Come in and see them. W. S. RICHARDS

Palace Meat Market 1900 1900 Meat Cheap for Cash Start the new year right by buying your meats for cash, at the following prices:

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Dress Well! It is poor economy to go around in ill-fitting, ready made clothing when you can have a suit made to order for the same price. A tailor makes it his duty to remedy your bad points, while the ready-made suit is cut from one model and must serve all. A tailor has the advantage as to style, because ready made clothes are made up at the beginning of the season and thus they miss the latest and ever changing fads. MORLEY & CO. The Leading Tailors

IS COLESBURG TAKEN?

General French Reported to Have Captured the Place.

London, Jan. 6.—The inconclusive fighting around Colesburg was renewed this morning, the British artillery The despatches indicate that attack was a pause until the arrival of reinforcements. A later special from Cape Town says it is rumored that Gen. Buller reached Mochudi from Fort relief force. As Col. Plumer had news is correct, he ought to be able to raise the siege of Mafeking. It is recent sortie Col. Plumer must be in

ALL WAS HARMONY

Members Elect of the New Council Meet in Caucus And Draft a Slate for the Various Committees Which will Select Their Own Chairmen.

The city council-elect in their preliminary caucus, held last evening, demonstrated the ease in which poetic sentiment can dove-tail in harmony with the most prosaic details of even municipal matters. The committee drafted Oh, why, of course," said an alderman, "in response to the Planet's enquiry this morning. Finance is represented by the three S's, the board of works by the three S's, and property by Faith, Love and Truth, alias, Fleming, Liddy and Taylor. We ought to have a good year, should we not?"

WAR NOTES.

Germany may retaliate by seizing 45,000 shells Krupp is making for Britain. A man named Rendie, who was arrested on the charge of selling whiskey to the troops without a license, has been sentenced to six months' imprisonment with the alternative of paying a fine of £20.

FUNERAL NOTICE—Canadian Foresters.

The members of Court Kent, No. 394, and Court Chatham No. 6, are requested to meet at the lodge rooms, over the Standard Bank of Canada, on Monday, at 3 p. m., sharp, to attend the funeral of the late Bro. Thomas. Boyes.

MUST TAKE IT BACK.

J. B. Rankin, Q. C., on behalf of Mrs. Craddock in the case of Piggott against Craddock has served the banner with a notice under the statute, complaining of an untruthful and inaccurate report of the pending case, and giving notice to correct the same and apologize therefor in a public manner as the inaccurate report was given. This is the usual notice called for by law preliminary to a writ for libel.

DEATH OF MISS GLASS.

With deep regret the Maple City's social circles learned this morning that Miss Edith A. Glass, eldest daughter of Douglas Glass, manager of the Bank of Montreal, had passed away. Miss Glass was an exceedingly popular and pleasant young lady and was prominent in society in this city. Last summer while the family were residing at the Eau du Lac, which proved fatal to her health, she was taken to Grandford for her health but her condition became so much worse that her life was despaired of. The young lady, however, recovered sufficiently to return to this city about November. She was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital where she stayed till the Christmas season. Desiring to spend the holidays at home, Miss Glass left the hospital. She, however, became worse and this morning she died quietly and peacefully. Miss Glass was a resident of Chatham about nine years the family having come here from Wallaceburg. Besides Mr. and Mrs. Glass one sister survives. The funeral will take place Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock to the G. P. S. station and thence to Toronto.

NOW IS THE TIME to give your Horses and Cattle TONIC AND BLOOD PURIFIER To bring them into proper condition for the winter work. Radley's Condition Powder Price 25c per 3 lb. Bag For Sale at all Dealers and General Stores.

Dress Goods and Millinery | C. Austin & Co. | Carpets and Clothing

Our Annual Sale Of White Goods

Has always proved a marvellous success. We need offer no explanation. Our customers are well pleased, we think, judging from the unprecedented numbers who throng our store.



22 to 42 bust measure, plain English cotton corset covers, at 12 1/2c. Fine cotton corset cover with shaped embroidery yoke, at 25c. Fine cotton cover with 2 rows embroidery around yoke, at 35c. Fine cambric corset cover, with square yoke of valenciennes insertion and lace, at 75c.

Ladies' Chemises White cotton chemises, round neck with torseaux edging, at 25c. Fine cotton chemise, finished with cambric frills, at 35c. Cotton chemise, with insertion front and finished with cambric frills, at 40c. Finer qualities and better trimmed at 50c and 75c. Cambric chemise with deep square insertion yoke and embroidery trimmings, at \$1.50.



Ladies' Drawers White cotton drawers, with hem cluster tucks and torseaux edging or cambric frills, at 25c. Fine cotton drawers with cluster tucks and finished with embroidery or deep cambric frill, at 35c. Cotton drawers with lawn and torseaux lace frill, at 50c. Fine cotton drawers with cluster tucks and cambric frill of embroidery, at 65c. Cambric drawers with cluster tucks and umbrella extra fine embroidery, at 75c. Fine cambric drawers with cluster tucks, one row insertion and very fine embroidery frills, at 95c.

Ladies' Skirts White cotton skirt, yoke band, cluster tucks and embroidery frill, at 75c. Extra heavy cotton skirt, deep umbrella frill of cambric with 3 clusters of tucks, at \$1.00. Fine cotton skirts with lawn frill, with one row of lace or cambric insertion, at \$1. Cotton skirts with deep embroidery flounces and cluster tucks, at \$1.25. Fine cotton skirt with frill of embroidery and 1 row insertion \$1.49. Cambric skirt with deep lawn flounce, one row of guipure insertion and wide frill of embroidery, at \$2.50. Fine cambric skirt with 22 inch lawn flounce, five rows valenciennes insertion and frill of valenciennes lace, at \$5.00.

Extra Values in Cotton by The Yard Lot 1.—8000 yds. extra heavy unbleached sheeting, 34 and 36 in. wide, fine soft finish, free from black specks, this cotton is the best in the trade and at the old price 5c. Lot 2.—2000 yds. the finest yard sheeting in the trade, extra heavy and soft round thread, this cotton as well worth 10 yds. but you can buy it from us at 7c per yard. Lot 3.—Special value, 39 in. bengal, fine sheeting cotton, very soft and clean, special for domestic use, at 7c per yd. Lot 4.—1 case (20 pieces) 34 in bleached factory, fine soft finish, round even yarns and extra heavy, per yd. 7 1/2c. Lot 5.—Special yard wide bleached cotton, pure bleach, fine soft finish, special per yd. 8c. Lot 6.—1800 yds. extra special value bleached cotton, pure bleach, fine soft finish, special per yd. 8c. Lot 7.—See our special values in Louisa cambric, English long cloth and night gown cloths, at 10c, 12 1/2c, 14c and 15c per yd.

Pillow Cottons 40 in. plain pillow cotton, best quality 12 1/2c per yard 44 in. plain pillow cotton, best quality 13 1/2c per yard 46 in. plain pillow cotton, best quality 14c per yard 48 in. extra value plain pillow cotton 12 1/2c per yard 52 in. plain pillow cotton, best quality 15c per yard 40 in. circular pillow cottons, best quality 12 1/2c per yard 42 in. circular pillow cottons, best quality 13 1/2c per yard 44 in. circular pillow cottons, best quality 14c per yard 46 and 48 in. circular pillow cottons, best quality 15c per pair

Inbleached Sheetting 8 1/2 x 7 1/2 in. plain or twilled unbleached sheetings, per yd. 12 1/2c 8 1/2 x best value, plain unbleached sheetings, extra heavy, per yd. 15c 9 1/2 x plain unbleached sheeting, best quality, soft finished, per yd. 20c 9 1/2 x twilled, best quality unbleached sheeting, extra heavy, per yd. 22c 10 1/2 x plain unbleached sheeting, extra good value, per yd. 18c 7 1/2 x bleached sheeting, for hospital use, per yd. 20c 8 1/2 x bleached plain sheeting, best quality, per yd. 25c 7 1/2 x plain bleached sheeting, heavy quality, per yd. 25c 8 1/2 x best value twilled bleached sheeting, soft finish, per yd. 25c 9 1/2 x twilled bleached sheeting, best quality, per yd. 25c 10 1/2 x twilled bleached sheeting, best in the trade, per yd. 25c

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MURDERED BY A FOOTPAD IN TORONTO. Toronto, Jan. 6.—Last night, about 6:30, while Miss Rachael Ferguson, 28 First Avenue, was on her way home from Nasmith's confectionery, where she has been employed as bookkeeper, she was assaulted by a footpad. This occurred at a rather lonely spot near the jail. Her cries brought help, but it came too late. She had been beaten into insensibility and her purse and watchchain taken. She died a few hours later, after giving a good description of her assailant. Miss Ferguson was 23.

TEACHERS MEET. The teachers of the continuation classes in Kent county schools held an inaugural meeting in the county buildings here to-day. There were present J. G. Cameron, Thamesville, president; P. B. Tetterley, Hagersville, Miss Hardcastle, Highgate; J. C. Hamilton, Blenheim; J. W. Plewes, Wallaceburg. The forenoon was occupied in the discussion of school matters in general. The afternoon was devoted to methods. Latin being dealt with by Mr. Hamilton; science by Mr. Tetterley; algebra by Mr. Plewes; French by Mr. Hardcastle; and history by the president, Inspector Collins and Park, to whom the organization of the association is due, gave valuable assistance and advice. The meeting adjourned at four p. m., to meet again on March 3rd.

A TALE THAT IS TOLD

Some Practical Thoughts on the Closing Year.

A GOOD STORY OR A BAD STORY

Rev. Dr. Talmage Makes Some Suggestions as to Right Living Experiences of the Past as Guides for the Future Years of Our Lives.

Washington, Dec. 31.—In this holiday discourse, Dr. Talmage takes the opportunity of offering some very practical and useful suggestions.

The Israelites were 40 years in the wilderness, and during 38 years of the 40 nothing is recorded of them.

In the wilderness, and I suppose, no other emigrants had a duller or more uninteresting time than they had. So they got to telling stories—stories concerning themselves or concerning others; stories about the brick kilns of Egypt.

Indeed, there were persons whose one business was to narrate stories, and they were paid by such trifles as they could pick up from the surrounding listeners.

At this tremendous passage from the year 1899 to the year 1900 it will do us all good to consider that our whole life is a story told.

In the first place I remark that every person's life is a very interesting story. My text does not depreciate "a tale that is told."

As Oliver Cromwell on the anniversary of his greatest victory followed his darling daughter to the grave, so in the humblest and most unpretending life there has been a commingling of gladness and gloom, of triumph and despair.

Every century is a big wheel of years, which makes a hundred revolutions and breaks down. Every year is a big wheel of months and makes 12 revolutions and then ceases.

Oh, yes, while "we spend our years as a tale that is told" it is an interesting story. It is the story of an immortal, and that makes it interesting. He is launched on an ocean of eternal years, in a voyage that will never terminate.

But short as time is it is long enough if we rightly employ it. The trouble is we waste so much time we cannot catch up. Some of us have been chasing time we lost at 20 years of age, or 30 years of age, or 40 years of age, and if we lived 250 years we could never overtake it.

The New Testament suggests the power of the "tale that is told" in the parables of all the ages. The parables are only tales well told. Matchless stories: That of the traveler cut up by thieves and the Samaritan paying his board bill at the tavern; that of the big dinner, to which the invited guests sent in fictitious regrets; that of the shepherd answering the bleat of the lost sheep and all the rural neighbors that night

helping him celebrate the fact that it was safe in the barnyard; that of the bad boy, reduced to the swine's trough, greeted home with such banqueting and jewelry that it stupefied the older son with jealousy and disgust; that of the Pharisee full of braggadocio and the publican smiting his breast with a stroke that brought down the heavens in commiseration; stories about leprosy, about paralysis, about cataplexy, about dropsy, about ophthalmia—stories that he so well told that they have rolled down to the present and will roll down through the entire future.

The most of the Old Testament is made up of inspired anecdotes about Adam and Eve, about Jacob, about Esau, about Ahab and Jezebel, about Jonah, about Daniel, about Deborah, about Vashti, about men and women of whom the story gave an accurate photograph long before human photography was born.

In what way could the fact that infidelity will not help any one die well be so powerfully presented as by the incident concerning a man falling ill in Paris just after the death of Voltaire, when a professional nurse was called in and she asked, "Is the gentleman a Christian?"

You might argue upon the fact that these fallen are brothers and sisters, but could we impress any one with such a truth so well as by the scene near Victoria park, London, where men were digging a deep drain and the shoring gave way and a great pile of earth fell upon the workmen.

A second reading of my text reminds me that life is not only a story told, but that it is a brief story. A long narrative stretched out indefinitely loses its interest. It is generally the story that takes only a minute or half a minute to rehearse that arrests the attention.

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Oh, that the story of our life might be fit for such an audience in such an auditorium! God grant that wisdom and fidelity and earnestness and truth may characterize the "tale that is told."

And we all would yet listen to, and be redeemed by a "tale that is told." We are all telling it, each in his own way—some by voice, some by pen, some by artist's pencil, some by harp and some by song, mother telling it to child, teacher telling it to a Sabbath class, reformer telling it to a outcast, preacher telling it to an assembly.

My friends, as our life is short, punctuality is one of the important virtues and lack of punctuality one of the worst of crimes. How many who know nothing of punctuality they arrive at the depot five minutes after the train is gone. They get to the wharf in time to see that the steamer has swung 500 yards from the dock. They are late at church and annoy all who have promptly taken their places; the late comers not being as good as a Christian woman who when asked how she could always be so early at church replied, "It is part of my religion not to disturb the religion of others."

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A third reading of my text reminds me that life is not only a story told, but a story listened to. There is nothing more vexatious to any one than to tell a story when people are not attending. They may be whispering on some other subject, or they are preoccupied. One cannot tell a story effectively unless there are good lis-

HEALED OF HER HEART PANGS!

After Doctors had Said no Cure—Acute Heart Disease had put Mrs. Fitzpatrick Well Nigh in the Clutch of the "Grim Reaper" But Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart Met Her at the Hospital Door, Offered her Life, She Accepted the Great Healer and Today is Well and Strong.

In these days of hurry and bustle, nervous strain, poor digestion, the struggles of the humble classes for an existence and the everlasting fun of

the married man for more money, the heart, the human engine, is wrought upon for double the duty that Providence originally assigned it. Thus it is that we may pick up any newspaper any day and read of the sudden taking off of this, that and the other person, here, there and yonder—the cause assigned, heart failure, strain too great, and no assistance offered nature to help her carry her load.

where sure and sudden death seemed imminent, its wonderful curative powers have been demonstrated, and in most acute forms of heart disease relief has come inside of 30 minutes after the first dose has been taken.

Some of the most pronounced symptoms of heart disorder are: Palpitation, shortness of breath, weak and irregular pulse, smothering spells, swelling of the feet and ankles, tenderness and pain in the left side, chilly sensations, uneasiness if sleeping on the left side, fainting spells, hunger and exhaustion. Any one of these symptoms is enough to convince of the seating of heart disease—and any one of them, if neglected, may mean sudden death to the patient.

Mrs. John Fitzpatrick, of Gananoque, Ont., was a great sufferer from heart disease. Her was a stubborn case of over five years' standing. She was treated by several eminent physicians and heart specialists, without any permanent relief. She became so bad that she went to the hospital, and was in a short while discharged from there as a hopeless incurable; but, to use her own words, "As a last resort, I bought a bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. One dose gave me almost instant relief from a very acute spasm. I felt encouraged and persisted in its use. It just took three bottles to cure me completely, and I gladly bear my testimony to this wonderful remedy as a life savor."

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toners. Well, that which in my text is called the "tale that is told" is plenty of listeners. There is no such thing as being alone. God listens, and the air is full of spiritual intelligences all listening, and the world hopes it will be successful, others hoping it will be failure.

We all talk about public life and private life, but there is no private life. The story of our life, however insignificant it may seem to be, will win the applause or hiss of a great multitude that no man can number. As a "tale that is told" among admirers or antagonists, celestial or pandemoniacs, the universe is full of listening ears as well as of gleaming eyes. If we say or do the right thing, that is known. I suppose the population of the intelligences in the air is more numerous than the population of intelligences on the earth.

Oh, that the story of our life might be fit for such an audience in such an auditorium! God grant that wisdom and fidelity and earnestness and truth may characterize the "tale that is told."

While reading my text the fourth time I bethink myself that the story of life will end when the group breaks up. The tale is told. The listeners depart. Sometimes we have been in groups interestedly listening to some story told when other engagements or the hour of the night demanded the going of the guests. That stopped the story. My text, in referring to the years, reminds me that in 12 hours this year will forever have gone away. Ninety-nine out of the hundred years of this century will have disappeared.

Oh, crowd this last year with prayers, with hosannas, with kind words, with helpfulness. Mark the peroration of the century, the climax of Christlike deeds. Close up the

ranks of God and during this remaining 12 months charge mightily against the host of Abaddon. Have no reserve corps. Let swiftest gospel cavalry gallop, and heaviest moral artillery roll, and mightiest evangelistic batteries thunder on its scene. Let ministers of the gospel quit all controversy with each other, and in solid phalanx march out for the world's disinthralment. Let printing-presses, secular and religious, make combined movement to instruct and emancipate the world. On all hills let there be Elijah, praying for "a great rain," and on every contended field Joshua, so that final victory is gained before the sun goes down, and every mountain become a transfiguration, and every Galilee a walking place of him who can hush a tempest. Let us be jealous of every month, of every week, of every day that passes without something significant and glorious wrought for God and this sin-cursed world. Let our churches be thronged with devout assemblages. Let the chorals be more like grand marches than requiems. Let this coming year see the last wound of Transvaal and Philippine conflict, and the earth quake with the grounding arms of the last regiment ever to be marshaled, and the furnaces of the foundries blaze with the fires that shall turn the last swords into plowshares.

And may all those whose lives shall go out in this last year of a century, as many will meet in the heavenly world those who in the morning and noonday of this hundred years toiled and suffered for the world's salvation. To tell them how much has been accomplished for the glory of his name since he trod the ground a hundred centuries and through all the coming centuries the Scriptures describe as going forth "conquering and to conquer." Oh, the contrast between that uplifted spectacle of eternal triumph in the presence of God and the Lamb and these earthly scenes, where "we spend our years as a tale that is told!"

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