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ALLOW me to thank the people of the County of Victoria for the magnificent response they have given to our appeal of the 17th inst. In every way the Sale has been a pronounced success. Owing to the unfavorableness of the weather of the past few days, we have decided to continue the Sale until the 7th of February, that those who have not participated may have this opportunity. This Sale should be of special interest to those who contemplate the purchase of new Carpets, Curtains, Blinds, Blankets and House Napery. Also, bear in mind that you buy Furs at this Sale at manufacturer's prices. At an early date we will make a further announcement which we trust will be of interest to our friends and patrons.

E. E. W. McGAFFEY.

Inventory Sale.

Do YOU wish to save money? If so, read this list of some of our Inventory Sale values. The extremely low prices should interest you—the superior quality will satisfy you.

- Men's Railroad Arcotics, Maple Leaf Brand, regular \$2, now..... \$1.75
Men's 2-Buckle Snow Excluder Overshoes, special price..... 1.95
Men's Snow Excluder Overshoes, all sizes, sale price..... 1.65
Men's Klondike, high top, snag proof Rubbers, fleece lined, regular \$2.85, now..... 2.50
Men's Lumberman's Arcotics, 2-buckle, pure gum rubber, fleece lined, sale price..... 1.40
Men's 1-buckle heavy Rubbers..... 1.40
Men's Grain Lace Boots, felt lined, warm and durable, sale price 1.50

20 per cent. reduction on Hockey Boots. Prices \$1.00 to \$2.00

Snaps in House Slippers.

All the balance of our Xmas stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers has been put out on tables at clearing prices, 10c. to 75c. Bargains in Felt Boots and Fleece Lined Rubbers. The prices and quality of the goods on sale will appeal to economical buyers.

R. NEILL

Boots, Shoes Trunks and Valises. 90 Kent St.

Dunlop's Rosery

96 Yonge St. TORONTO. Dunlop's Choice Flowers only dealt in. Floral Designs for all occasions. Flowers shipped to any point between Halifax and Calgary, and safe conditions guaranteed. Illustrated Price List on application. 100,000 Rose Trees in bloom. JOHN B. DUNLOP FLOREST

PUBLIC NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Farmers' Union Mutual Fire Insurance Company, will be held on TUESDAY FEBRUARY 6th, 1906, in the Council Chamber, in the Town of Lindsay at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Financial Statement, the election of Directors and such other business as may be brought before said meeting. Lindsay, January 8, 1906. R. G. CORNEILL, Sec-Treas.

THE ESSENCE OF CHRISTIANITY BY THE REV. G. R. WELCH

Religion Not a Question of Externals—The Secret of a Strong, Affectionate and Well-Balanced Life—The Folly of Missing the Greatest Good.

There was a large congregation at the Baptist church last Sunday evening. The singing by the choir was much appreciated. Mr. Noyce sang with feeling the popular song of the Torrey-Alexander meetings, 'Till Mother I'll be There.' The pastor, Rev. G. R. Welch, took for the subject of his discourse, 'The True Spirit of Christianity.' The text was 2 Timothy, 1st chapter, 7th verse which reads, 'For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love, and of a sound mind.' In introducing his subject the speaker remarked that owing to two millenniums of theological and philosophical speculation and discussion of the great truths of the religion of Jesus, Christianity has lost its simplicity and the main issue is in danger of being overlaid amidst all the complexity of creed and dogma that the church has added to it. So it has come to pass that leaders in Christian thought are asking and seeking to answer the great question: 'What is Christianity; its meaning and purpose?' In the illuminating text under consideration is found the apostolic answer to this searching question. It reveals the fact that the purpose of Christianity is not, as many suppose, to save men from hell to heaven, but from sin to righteousness, from selfishness to service, from devilishness to Christlikeness. That is, its purpose is subjective; to impart to its disciples health and strength and life and peace and joy; to free the mind, emancipate the soul and ease the conscience. True religion is primarily a question not of externals but of the spirit. God hath given us not a ritual for worship, nor a code of morals, nor a system of theology, but a spirit of power, of love, of a sound mind. We are slow to learn that Christ's Kingdom is not of this world. It is within, not without. The divine principle of redemption is not reformation, but regeneration. The former is the outer manifestation of the latter. Christianity's sphere of operation is in the soul. God's chief concern is to change, not men's outward conditions, but men's hearts. But the result of changing the life principle is reformation of conduct and revolution of environment. This is always the divine procedure both in nature and grace. Mere organism never begets life but life does build about itself its appropriate organism. The essential difference then between religions is not in outward form of worship or creed but the more radical difference of life or spirit. The all-important difference between the edible and the poisonous fungi is not in the mere accident of form or color but in difference of nature; one is wholesome, in the other lurks death. To change the nature then you must change the life. You cannot transform tares into wheat by the art of cultivation, nor the goat into a sheep by robbing the former in the latter's woolly fleece. So the apostle says, 'Be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind.' And there is deep philosophy in God's request of his degenerate children 'Son, give me thine heart.' For the heart is the key of the situation as Gibraltar is of the Mediterranean; it is the seat of the spirit which is the main-spring of the life. The hidden secret of all motive and conduct is spirit and the whole life is determined, dominated and colored from this center. This, therefore, is the sphere of religion. The true value of Christianity consists in the superior power and quality of the spirit it imparts to the disciples of its Great Founder. It imparts, not the spirit of fear common to other religions, but of power, love and intellectual sanity. And does it not follow that a man's chiefest good is found not in external things but within him, his own character. Not what he has, but what he is, is the true rating of his wealth. In all as thought, nothing so vast as love, nothing so sublime as a Christ-like character. Like a diamond the soul's glory is in itself not in its setting, even though this may be golden. Glorious is the universe yet it is but the manifestation and product of the divine thought and will. Is not the Creator's mind greater than the created thing? Is not the artist's soul greater than the artist's masterpiece? There are, speaking broadly, just two spirits in the universe and these are diametrically opposite. They are the spirit of God and the spirit of the devil, of good and of evil, of light and of darkness, of love and of malice. The spirit of good is free and courageous; the spirit of evil is slavish and fearful. We are all dominated by one or other of these spirits and by it the whole trend of life is determined. Christ came to free us from our fears and to give us the free spirit of courageous manhood. This is the meaning of the Christian religion.

the that spirit of the universe is love, that God is love, then we can realize the truth that 'to them that love God all things work together for good.' What room is there for craven fear in a universe the centre of which is love. 'Love suffereth long and is kind; love envieth not; seeketh not its own; beareth all things; believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Love never faileth.' So there is love behind the Father's discipline; behind the teacher's training; love behind the surgeon's knife; love behind law. And it is the spirit of a sound mind. A sound mind also casteth out fear. Most of our fears are the vagaries of a mind diseased. 'Hell,' says Dr. Torry, 'is the insane say-hum of the universe where the inmates remember.' Sin is moral insanity. A sane mind is heaven, and a sin-blinded mind is hell. For whatever these may be objectively there is no doubt about heaven and hell as subjective states. We need the Christian spirit to enable us to think straight and strong. The foundation of a sane life is a sane conception of God. To know Him is to know intellectual and moral excellence in its perfection. It is the topmost pinnacle of all knowledge. No mind can do its best work when it is beset with superstition, warped by prejudice or bogged down by sin. Lust and self-indulgence destroy a man's intellectual power. Christianity gives the sanity of self-control and reveals the blessedness of plain living and high thinking. How excellent then is the spirit of Christianity. Consider its scope. It is all-embracing, all-dominating in the life. It purifies and energizes the will, the affections and the mind. Consider its mission. Not to break the spirit, but to ennoble it. It is not slavish fear, but power and love and sweet reasonableness. Judge ye how unmanly and unmaning is servile fear! For how much of our social evils is it responsible! How much dishonesty, injustice, miserliness and violence we may credit to fear of possible poverty! How different when we can breathe the spirit of David who could say, 'I have been young, and now am old; yet have I not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread.' And the Christian spirit frees us from base fear of man for He who fears God fears none else. Luther, Knox, John the Baptist, the Apostle Paul illustrate the courageous spirit of Christianity. How many again, are cowed by the fear of evil. Evil is of two kinds: there are physical and moral evils. Physical forces are strong and often seem hostile, but the omnipotent Creator is stronger. In regard to the moral forces, there is a striking difference: there is between the ghostly fear of paganism and the free, confident Christian spirit of science that reverently studies the giant forces of the lightning, the cataract, steam, etc., and like the genius of the Arabian Nights' dreams harnesses them to the service of man, according to the Christian fear-moral evil, for the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin and he can say with Paul, 'I know him whom I have believed and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him.' Numberless indeed are our fears; the fear of death, the fear of working, the fear of pain, of the judgment, of ourselves, etc., but the spirit of Christianity is able to drive them all away and make us free and strong and brave as men should be. The spirit of Christianity is the spirit of power. Power is one great need of the human life. This world is a place for the working. The conditions under which we live demand that we shall be physically, mentally and morally strong. Few things are more debilitating than fear. It is one of the best allies of disease; many a student falls at examination because he loses his nerve; many a man is wrecked by the mere wreckage of those who have lacked the courage to say No. To live our life successfully we must have power—our own or Another's and in our case we must have a higher power than our own for none of us is sufficient unto himself. The natural spirit of man is weak and cowardly. Most children are afraid of the dark; all primitive peoples are superstitious and all pagan religions are timid and fearful. But the spirit of Christianity gives us immunity from fear because it allies us to Omnipotence. Rockefeller's son knows no dread of gnawing poverty because he is allied to his father's millions. The student fears no famine of ideas because he is allied to the wisdom of the ages. Britain's ambassador in Russia or Turkey is unmoved by the prevailing social unrest of those unhappy countries, because the resources of that 'greater empire than has ever been' are pledged to his protection. As the street lamp shines bravely into the night, and the electric car climbs steadily up the hill, because they are connected through the dynamo with the mighty power of Niagara, so the Christian, amid all the clash and change of hostile circumstances, can live his life and do his work with stout heart and serene brow because the spirit within him is the spirit of Almighty God. 'If God be for us who can be against us?' Christianity imparts to its true disciples physical power. For the clean, temperate, industrious and cheerful life that it inculcates is most conducive to health and strength. All forms of sin enfeeble the physical powers. So Sir Galahad could truthfully say, 'My strength is as the strength of ten because my heart is pure.' Moreover, to this is added the power of a noble and dominant will. The Christian can say, 'I can do all things in Him that strengtheneth me.' This spirit gives power to achieve and endure; power over self and sin. No man need whine over his own moral-impotence when such a spirit is in the world for all things are possible to them that believeth. The spirit of Christianity is also the spirit of love. 'Perfect love casteth out fear.' When we recog-

WATER COMMISSIONER'S MEET.

Ex-Mayor Ray Assumes Office as Secretary Treasurer and Manager.

The regular meeting of the Board of Water Commissioners was held last Saturday afternoon. All members were present, including the new manager and secretary, Mr. J. D. Flavell, Mr. J. D. Flavell in the chair. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was passed, a letter was read from the late superintendent re an account presented by Mr. G. H. Lindsay. On motion the secretary was instructed to arrive at a settlement with Mr. Lindsay and pay the account.

A by-law providing for the regulation and management of the water-works; and providing a previous by-law was read clause by clause, and after discussion was passed, signed and sealed. The manager, Mr. Duncan Ray, and the superintendent, Mr. Hammond, read declarations of office.

During Mr. J. D. Flavell's absence in Winnipeg, Mr. McNeillie will countersign the cheques. In view of the report and explanations made by the superintendent, meters will be put in the services at the Sylvester Manufacturing Co. and the House of Refuge.

A letter from Mr. Begbie re the double service through the meter on the premises of Mr. J. P. Maunder, was held over for further consideration. On motion a number of accounts were passed.

Mr. Flavell instructed the secretary to invite Mr. W. A. Jewett to attend the next meeting and explain an account which includes items as far back as 1900.

The chairman also suggested that the manager take up the matter of irregularities in contracts and unreported service immediately, and report to the Board as soon as possible, and that the Beall Leather Co. and H. Williamson's services be metered. The Board then adjourned.

DROWNED AT MILLBROOK.

Youth Drowned by Boat Capsizing. About 7 a.m., on Saturday, during the high water caused by the heavy rain, while Fred and Charles McIvor were in a boat trying to reach some fire logs, the boat capsized in the heavy current below the mill at Millbrook, and Charles, a lad of 18, was drowned, despite the efforts of his brother, father and a large crowd to save him. Fred was with difficulty rescued. The body was recovered in about two hours at the flume of a mill a mile below. The deceased was a son of William McIvor of Millbrook, and was in the employ of Needler's flour mill.

Distressing Accident.

On the 4th inst. Mr. Wm. Thurston who resides on the 14th concession of Emily, and is one of the best known and most popular men in the township, met with a terrible accident. He was working at a portable sawing machine, and raising his hand to give some instructions to the men assisting it came in contact with the rapidly revolving saw, splitting the back of the hand and fourth finger, the top of which was severed. In drawing his arm away his hand by some means came in contact with the saw and was completely severed at the wrist. The hand and mit in dropping jammed between the saw and timbers, bringing the horses to a standstill. Mr. Thurston was only aware of his serious injuries when he again raised his arm and found it minus the hand. 'Boys,' he claimed, 'my saving days are over' and a bandage was passed around the wrist and drawn tight to prevent the further loss of blood. The injured man was quickly driven to Downeyville and medical aid summoned from Lindsay. Notwithstanding the shock and loss of blood, Mr. Thurston displayed remarkable nerve, and is now improving rapidly.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

ANNUAL MEETING—SOME SATISFACTORY REPORTS.

The annual business meeting of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church was held last week, when a very large number of members and adherents were present. After devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Mr. Wallace the chair was taken by Mr. Duncan McDougall, and Mr. John Smith was requested to act as secretary. The first report was that of the Session, and was read by Mr. Wallace throughout all the reports. There were added to the church roll of membership during the year 84, and 52 were taken off, leaving a net gain of 32, making the membership at the close of 1905, 572. There were 13 baptisms and 18 deaths.

The report of the Managers was read by J. M. MacLennan, and compared very favorably with former years. The total expenses on ordinary account were \$3,771.12, leaving a small deficit of \$22.03. The floating debt of nearly \$400 was also paid off, leaving only the mortgage debt of \$14,000, which is to be tackled in earnest from this out, the idea being to reduce it to \$10,000 as quickly as possible. The total money raised by the congregation for all purposes was \$6,513.33, the principal items being: Ordinary revenue, \$3,895.30; General Missions, \$887.04; Debt fund, \$275.30; W. F. M. S., \$209.25; Sunday school, \$318.81; Talent Workers, \$251.06. After paying all matters in connection with the different organizations there will be left the handsome sum of \$1750 for missionary and benevolent objects or about \$3 per member. Three decided treasures and Messrs. McWilliamson, Mr. J. P. Donald and John A. Fadyen and Naylor, auditors.

The arrangements for the annual (4) were left in the hands of the ladies.—Com.

Obituary

MR. A. H. CLARKE.

The death occurred on Tuesday, Jan. 16th at Baptiste Lake of Mr. A. H. Clarke, the well known engineer of the I. B. & O. railroad. Mr. Clarke left home on Tuesday morning, apparently in good health, but whilst hauling up his engine after his run, he dropped dead. The deceased was only thirty-seven years old and leaves a wife and five children to mourn his demise. The funeral which was largely attended, took place to Gelert on the following Friday with full Masonic honors, the deceased being a member of that order. Mr. Clarke was a brother-in-law of Mr. Lou McGreggor of this town. Much sympathy is expressed for the widow and family in their sad loss.

LINER'S STORMY PASSAGE.

Mr. A. Eastwood Back from Old Country Trip—Had a Trying Time on the Return Voyage.

Mr. A. H. Eastwood returned last week from a trip to the Old Country which extended over about six weeks. He looks remarkably well and was highly delighted with what he saw in England. Mr. Eastwood, accompanied by Mr. Thos. Robinson, sailed from Quebec on Nov. 25th per S.S. Philadelphian, in charge of 201 head of fine cattle shipped by Mr. V. Silverwood of Oakwood. Other shipments brought up the number of cattle to 411 head with twenty-two men in charge of the same. The trip out was a pleasant one. The cattle were landed at Deptford docks, London, on Dec. 7th, in splendid condition. Mr. Eastwood then took advantage of the time at his disposal and proceeded to visit friends in Lancashire and Yorkshire, and afterwards spent a week doing the only city, as he expressed it, in the world, London. Not a minute was lost in the latter city, and Mr. Eastwood's one regret is that time did not permit him seeing more.

The voyage back was destined to be a remarkable one, as the worst weather was experienced. The passage was replete with furious gales and fearful seas which held the liner back to such an extent that she was three days late in arriving at Boston. On the morning she entered the bay the boat was caught in a blizzard two miles off the light-ship. It was too rough for a pilot to board her, so Captain Gardner put about and headed seaward, running out over fifty miles. The sea was running mountains high, and the vessel was pounded by giant combers as she attempted to make her way to the coast. In ten hours steaming full speed ahead she only covered five miles. Capt. Gardner said it was one of the worst seas he ever had to contend with. The Philadelphian sailed from London on Dec. 30th, and passed down the Thames in the face of a terrific gale. On reaching Dover it was too rough to land and the crew thought they would have to make the trip to Boston, but at the Nat's lighthouse off the Isle of Wight, there was an opportunity to get him ashore, and he was safely landed. The weather throughout was boisterous, gales from the west to the northwest buffeting the craft, and the heavy seas deluging the decks with water. She came in however, without damage and the cargo of 2-in perfect condition.

Farmers Beware!

The issue of the Farmers' Advocate of Jan. 10th gives publicity to the actions of a clever fakir who is travelling to purchase stock, etc., and incidentally borrowing sums of money from the farmers. Under the name of R. H. Reid he went through Elgin County, saying he was a brooder from Bruce County, wanting to buy stock. A short time ago under the name of Duncan, of Toronto, he visited Harwich, presumably purchasing Jersey cattle. He made a sale, on paper, with W. W. Everitt, but speaking to The Planet last week, Mr. Everitt said he promised to send a draft for the amount of the purchase which had not been shipped. He was not successful in borrowing money. The man is described as about 40 years of age, 5 ft. 6 in. in height, 110 lbs. in weight, with dark hair and moustache. He was well dressed in black and wore a stiff hat and prairie wolf overcoat. He spoke with a foreign accent, probably French, and was left-handed.—Chatham Planet.

Bank of Montreal

Capital \$14,400,000 Res. \$10,000,000. Hon. President - Rt. Hon. Lord Strathcona, Mount Royal, G.C.M.G. President - Sir Geo. A. Drummond, K.C.M.G. Vice-President and General Manager - E. S. Clouston. Fenelon Falls Branch is now open for a general Banking Business. Savings Bank Department. Deposits taken of \$1 and upwards, interest at current rate added half yearly. R. NYLES HAMILTON, MANAGER.