

PIANO RECITAL PLEASANT SURPRISE TO DURHAM AUDIENCE

Wonderful Musical Ability of Durham Pupils of the Misses Fursman Last Thursday Night Very Much Enjoyed by Large Audience

The surprise of the season, perhaps, happened last Thursday night in the Town Hall, the occasion being the pianoforte recital of the pupils of the Misses Fursman. It was one of the best entertainments to be held in town in a long time, and apart from the amusement provided, which in any musical festival is almost sure to become monotonous, but which was lacking in this instance, the musical program provided by the young people of the community must have been a revelation to the most of us. Entertainers were there from the Introductory to the Senior classes, and all, without exception, acquitted themselves with great credit to themselves and their teachers. It is unfortunate, perhaps, that The Chronicle does not boast of a musical review editor on its staff; then, perhaps, we might be able to more technically express our views on the matter and in a more enlightened manner tell of the feast of good things provided last Thursday evening.

From the commencement, the program was put through without a hitch, and a most versatile program it was, and when the final curtain fell after two hours of continuous entertainment, there were few in the audience who did not feel considerable pride over the performance of the various pupils which demonstrated in a most conclusive manner their musical ability and the ability also of their teachers, the Misses Fursman.

Following the program, a vote of thanks was tendered both pupils and teachers by Rev. J. E. Peters, which was ably seconded by Mr. E. A. Hay, both gentlemen referring to the great pleasure it gave them to know that the town and community possessed such excellent musical talent. They warmly congratulated the Misses Fursman as well on the manner in which they had brought the pupils to their present musical perfection and predicted great things for the future musical life of the town if the present advancement could be continued. We give below the program presented, the title of the production being quoted and the name of the composer in parenthesis:

Introductory Class

Olieda Hahn, "Buttercups" (Engelmann); Elsie Hunter, "Hungarian Dance" (Engelmann); Mary Pickering, "Wayward" (Zilcher); (Continued on page 4)

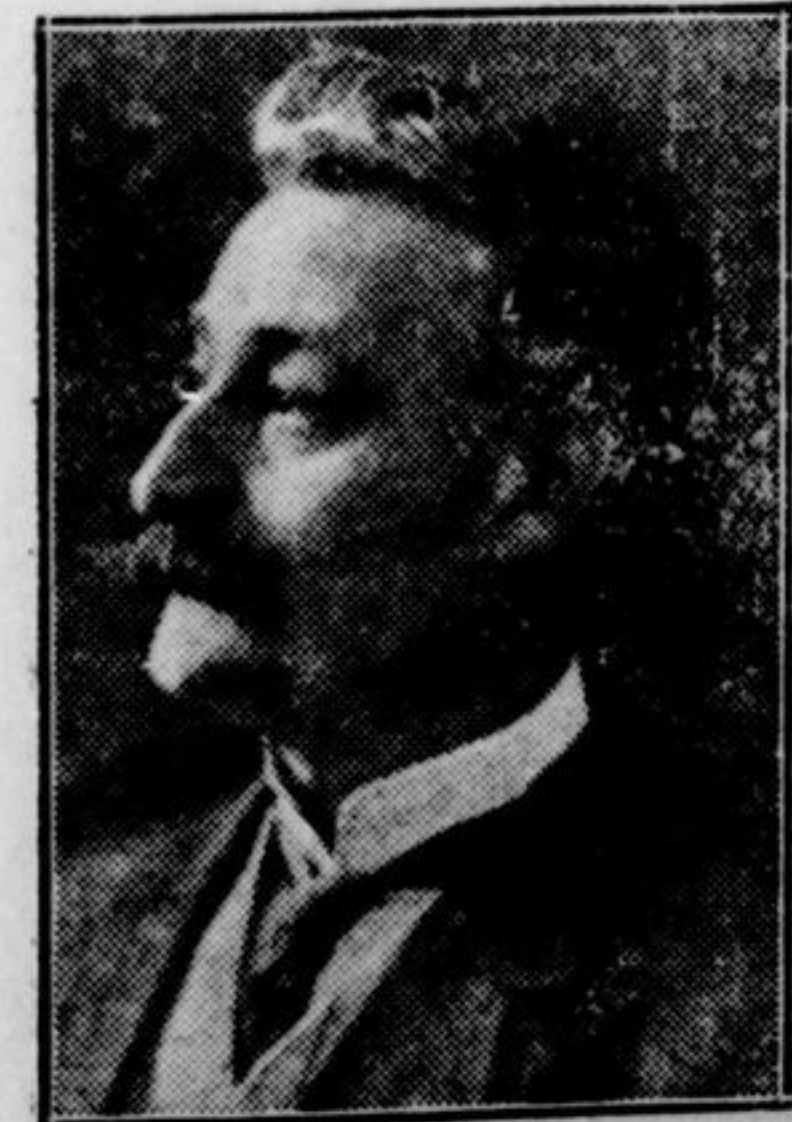
MISS JANE TOMKINS DIED VERY SUDDENLY

Native of Bentinck, She Lived in Sydenham Township Many Years.

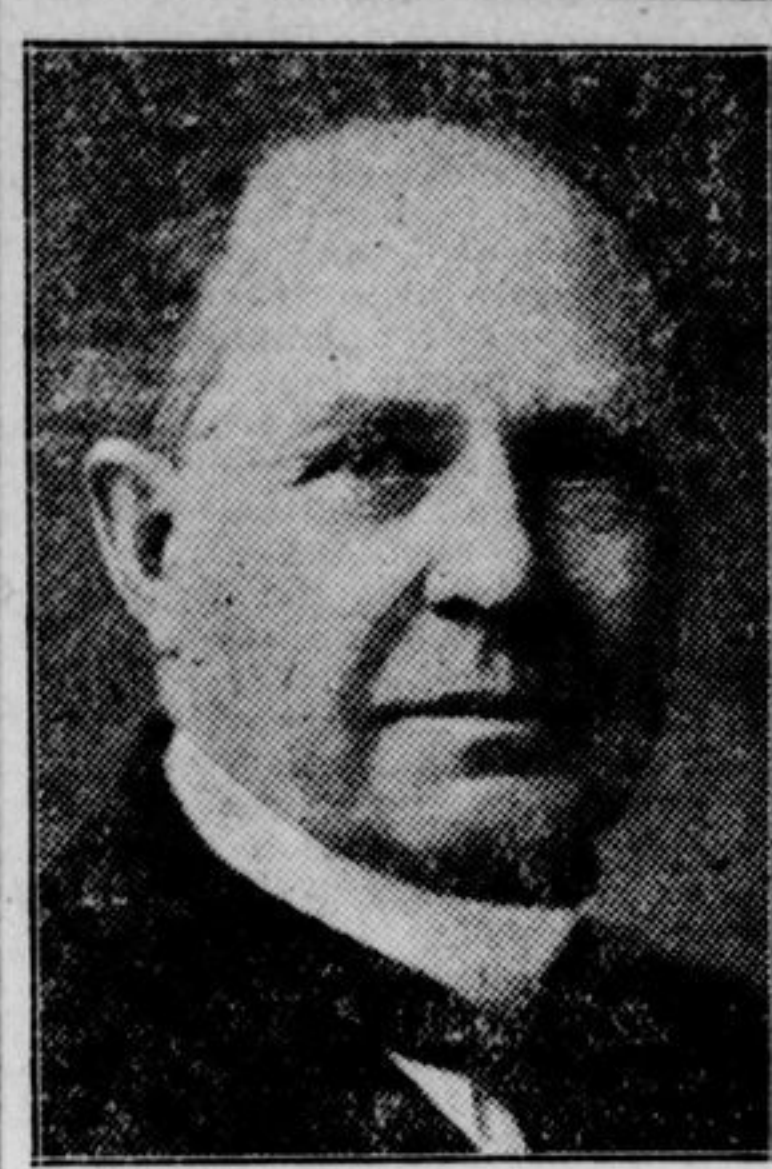
Very suddenly the death occurred Tuesday morning of Miss Jane Tomkins at Owen Sound. Deceased, though she had been in failing health most of the past winter, was not considered dangerously ill for she was not obliged to stay in bed and awoke and dressed as usual Tuesday morning. She became ill however, and passed away in a very short time. The late Miss Tomkins had resided at Owen Sound for many years with her nephew, Mr. W. J. Hope, 590 7th street east. Though inclined to be of a quiet nature, she made many friends and was very highly esteemed.

The late Jane Tomkins was born in Bentinck Township, where her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Tomkins, resided. Her father was a pioneer settler of that township. She lived in Sydenham for a great many years, and 15 years ago moved to Owen Sound, where she has lived with her nephew until her death. She was in her 79th year. Deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Barbara Merritt, in the West. She was for many years a member of Division Street Presbyterian church.

The funeral took place on Friday afternoon from the residence of Mr. W. J. Hope, 590 7th street east, to Greenwood cemetery at 2:30 o'clock.



MAYOR MEDERIC MARTIN
Once more elected Mayor of Montreal, this time with a majority of twenty-two thousand votes.



THOMAS CANTLEY, M.P.

During the debate on the Maritime Rights Commission he denied there was a desire for secession, but warned Parliament that Nova Scotia might become another Ireland if its demands for consideration were ignored.

BAPTIST MISSIONS IN WEST REVIEWED

Young People's Society Held Interesting Meeting in Baptist Church Tuesday Evening.

On Tuesday evening, the president of the Baptist Young People's Society at their meeting, gave an illustrated lecture on Baptist work in the West. The lecture was both interesting and instructive, not alone from the viewpoint of the Baptist Missions, but also because it showed the rapid growth and development of the Western Country.

Baptist work in the West began in Winnipeg with a church of five members which was organized by the Rev. McDonald. This is now the First Baptist church of that city. From Winnipeg, the work extended throughout all the four Western provinces. The early pioneers endured great hardships in seeking to take the Gospel to isolated scattered settlers. There were no roads as there are today, and most of the traveling had to be done on foot. But the work was not in vain. The beautiful church edifices which are now to be found in all the principal western cities bear silent but eloquent testimony to the great and noble men of earlier days who sacrificed their all in order to lay the foundation of Baptist work. And the work is still going forward. New churches are constantly springing into existence, not only among English-speaking people but also among European peoples who have flooded the West in quest of homes and social freedom.

Evening Service in Charge of B.Y.P.U.

The services in the Baptist church on Sunday evening will be entirely in the hands of the Young People's Society. The service will be led by the president, and four of the young people will give papers on four of the ten commandments. There will be a special choir and special singing by the young people. This is a young people's service for the young people. You are invited to come.

MRS T. A. MCCONKEY DEAD IN TORONTO

Passed Away at Home of Her Son H. McConkey, on Monday.

Mrs. Charlotte McConkey, widow of the late Thomas A. McConkey, died at the home of her son, Herbert McConkey, 1159 Davenport Road, Toronto, on Monday, following a brief illness from paralysis. She was in her 74th year and was well-known in Priceville and Dundak.

Mrs. McConkey was the mother of Mrs. Robert Campbell of Walkerton, wife of Conductor Campbell of the Walkerton-Saugeen freight, and a cousin of Postmaster R. H. McConkey of Priceville. She had been ill for some time, we understand, and last Friday Mr. Campbell received word to come to Toronto at once and left on the afternoon train. She lingered on until Monday, when she passed away.

Interment was made yesterday from the residence of her son, the remains being laid in the family plot in Prospect cemetery.

VETERANS' STAR THEATRE TO OPEN EARLIER

First Show to Commence at 7:45 Instead of 8 o'clock.

Owing to the lengthy programs now being offered at the Veterans' Star Theatre, Manager J. A. Lloyd has decided to open the first show at 7:45 p.m. in the future instead of 8 o'clock. For some months past, the Veterans' Star has been handling a high class of motion pictures that are too long for the 8 o'clock opening, holding the last show till after 11 o'clock, and it is with the idea of closing earlier that this new move is being inaugurated. Many of the pictures shown are really intended for towns much larger than Durham, and it is hoped the public will take kindly to the new regulations.

QUEEN STREET W.M.S. HELD GOOD SESSION

Met at Home of Mrs. M. Knechtel Thursday of Last Week in Regular Monthly Session.

The monthly meeting of the W. M. S. of the Queen Street United church met in the home of Mrs. Knechtel on Thursday afternoon, April 15. Mrs. McClocklin was in the chair and presided over the first part of the meeting.

After exercises of singing and prayer, a leaflet entitled "The Transforming Power of Prayer" was read by Mrs. McClocklin. Instance was made of Robert Louis Stevenson, who though obliged by ill health to be a wanderer and establish his home on a little isle in the South Seas, was able to make his voice heard and his influence felt all over the world. One might say that if anyone else could live perfectly the prayer life, the transformation would be so complete that people would say of him as they said of Jesus, "That man is like God." The study of "Building With India" was taken up from the viewpoint of the Indian church by Mrs. McClocklin, Mrs. McGowan and Mrs. Wiggins. This church now has a membership of five millions, or about one in seventy of the population. The two outstanding Indian Christian leaders who have been markedly zealous in their efforts to develop a peculiarly Indian type of Christianity are N. V. Tilak and Sadhu Sundar Singh.

N. V. Tilak was born in 1862 in a Brahmin home and early taught the fear of God by his fine spirited mother. He was educated under a great Hindu scholar, and because of his passionate love for his country, he was led to search for a religion which could do more for his land than any he saw practised there. At twenty-two he heard of the teaching of Christ, and immediately he began to study the Bible. It was his patriotism that caused him to embrace Christianity. Before he died in 1919, he founded an Indian hymnology. Sadhu Sundar Singh was converted at sixteen. He is still a young man and probably has many years of life yet to continue the building up of a native church.

Reports were read from the other fields where the missionaries are at work, from China, where the cry is the need for properly equipped schools, better means of communication, enlightened habits of cleanliness, modern methods of sanitation and a government capable of guaranteeing the safety of property and life. Japan is rejoicing in the radio with its programmes published every day in the papers.

Many of the pupils in the Indian Institute of British Columbia are sons and daughters of former graduates. (Continued on page 4)

WARMER WEATHER EXPECTED NOW

Spring's Arrival Now Seems Assured Judging From Rise in Temperature This Week.

At last Miss Spring has apparently arrived. We say "apparently" for, from past experiences this year, she has been a most elusive dame, and for the past month has been conducting a most strenuous flirting campaign. With near zero weather every night, though the sun shone brightly enough in the day time, the warmth Old Sol tried hard to give us was thrust aside by a persistent north-west wind, and it seemed for a time that those prophets who predicted a summerless summer knew what they were talking about.

Monday, however, the scene was changed, the weather moderated, and for the first time for a number of nights, the thermometer stayed above freezing. Tuesday was a little warmer, and yesterday the sun came out for the first time this season with a real, spring-like warmth. Weather probabilities say that we are to have rain and higher temperature, and with a few days such as yesterday, the snow will disappear and the roads become navigable for motor vehicles. While there are several cars being used around town, not many have ventured outside the corporation, though a few have gone as far as Hanover. Roads to the south and north are still blocked, while to the east, the roads are passable for two or three miles.

With a good start and continued warm weather, motor travel should be general in another week or so.

HAVE ACCEPTED PLANS FOR NEW CLUB HOUSE

Building Committee Met Tuesday to Discuss Erection of New Club House at Bowling Green.

The Bowler's Building Committee met at Cross & Sutherland's store Tuesday night and looked over the plans for the new club house to be erected on the local green this summer. After considerable discussion, the plans submitted were accepted and tenders will be called for the contract of erecting the building. The plans to be followed are those described in The Chronicle last week with the exception that the committee have decided to erect a verandah for the accommodation of players or others who wish to watch games in progress. The erection of the building will be preceded with at once, we understand.

FATHER TIME -- UP - TO - DATE



KNOX UNITED CHURCH HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Annual Supper and Business Meeting Held Tuesday Evening—Only Church in Grey County to Exceed Allocation.

The annual Congregation Meeting of Knox United church was held in the church on Monday evening, April 19. The ladies of the congregation served supper, after which the meeting was opened by the Pastor, Mr. C. Ramage acted as secretary. The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted, and the reports of the various organizations were also adopted.

The report of the Ladies' Aid Society proved exceptionally good. Their successful work enabled them to contribute \$200 towards the reduction of the manse debt. They also propose to plant shrubs to beautify the grounds. The choir received favorable comment, and a vote of thanks and appreciation was tendered.

The contribution towards missions was one of the largest and most generous in the history of the church. The congregation accepted a larger allocation than was proposed and exceeded its allocation by a generous amount. Durham congregation was the only one to do this in the County of Grey.

It was shown that financially the church was in a healthy condition, the various organizations showing a balance on the right side to the extent of over \$300, and the General Fund showed a surplus for the year. The meeting decided to repeat the congregational picnic of last year.

Mr. W. J. Derby retired from the Board of Management after twenty years of active service and was replaced by Mr. W. G. Ritchie. The other retiring members, Messrs. J. C. Adams, W. J. Ritchie and Thomas Young, were re-elected, and H. R. Koch and D. C. Town were appointed auditors.

A vote of thanks was tendered Rev. and Mrs. Smith in appreciation of the good work done by them.

HANOVER WORKMAN MET TRAGIC DEATH

Edward Grieb Wound Around Shaft in Sawmill and Horribly Mutilated.

A distressing accident occurred in Hanover on Friday morning of last week about 7:45 o'clock when Edward Grieb, a young man 27 years of age, was wound around a shaft in Burrell's sawmill and received injuries from which he died five minutes after the accident.

The unfortunate young man had commenced work only that morning and was oiling up the bearings of the main shaft in the mill. When working near a coupling, his clothing was caught, and he was whirled around the shaft, the clothing being literally torn from his body, his legs and arms broken and otherwise horribly injured before the machinery could be brought to a standstill.

Mr. Grieb, whose home was about three miles from Hanover, was employed on the county good roads system in the vicinity of Allan Park last summer, running the steam roller, and we understand that since then he had been out of employment, starting work in Burrell's mill only an hour before the accident occurred. He was a good workman, and the terrible accident has cast a cloud of gloom over the whole neighborhood. He was unmarried.

An inquest was ordered by Coroner Dr. A. W. Brown, a jury empaneled, which, after viewing the remains, adjourned until tomorrow, when the evidence will be taken.

BRILLIANT DISPLAY OF NORTHERN LIGHTS

Whole Sky Illuminated Wednesday Night With Brilliant Streamers.

The finest display of Northern Lights, or more correctly, Aurora Borealis, to be seen here in several years, was in evidence Wednesday night of last week. From shortly after sunset till long past midnight, the display continued, and during this time, handed out nearly everything known in a display of this kind. Rising in streamer-like columns, well past the zenith, the corona was beautiful to watch, and then as if not satisfied with itself, the display appeared as an arch across the sky. What are known in a display of this kind as the "merry dancers" were also in evidence, and a variety of colors were to be observed if the phenomena was watched closely.

The display was seen as far south as Toronto, according to Thursday's papers, but would not likely appear to us as good an advantage as from points as far north and of the same altitude as this part of Ontario. It was a pretty sight, very fascinating for anyone interested in these things, and well worth the three or more hours' observation required to witness it.



COMMANDS FOOT GUARDS
Lieut.-Col. C. B. Topp, D.S.O., M.C., who has succeeded to the command of the Governor-General's Foot Guards. He was formerly a newspaper man and made his first trip to the front in 1914 as a war correspondent.

MOVED TO NEW PREMISES

Mr. D. M. Saunders yesterday moved his stock of gent's furnishings to his new premises, recently purchased and renovated, and situated on the opposite side of the street near McLaughlin's grocery store. For the past couple of weeks, Mr. Saunders has had the carpenters, painters and decorators at work, and the transformation of the building into its present excellent condition has been rapid. With his residence at the rear of the store, Mr. Saunders will no doubt find this arrangement most handy, and when he gets fully settled, will have one of the nicest stands in town.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mr. Cecil Moffat of Glenelg underwent an operation on his nose in the local hospital on Wednesday of last week.

Mr. Arthur Hopkins underwent an operation for appendicitis in Durham Hospital yesterday morning. Both patients are doing well.

A Pleasant Journey
"Where are you going, my pretty maid?"
"To meet my bootlegger, sir," she said.

DIED SATURDAY IN HER 87TH YEAR

Mrs. H. W. Leeson, Former Well-known Resident of Varney Vicinity, Passed Away at Home of Daughter at Mount Forest—Funeral Held Yesterday to Maplewood Cemetery.

Another of the old pioneers of the district passed over the great divide last Saturday morning about 8 o'clock in the person of Mrs. H. W. Leeson, following a few days' illness from heart trouble and complications due to her great age.

Mrs. Leeson, who was one of the best-known residents of Normanby township, was born near Niagara Falls on March 13, 1840, and was therefore in her 87th year. When an infant, she came with her parents to Cathcart, in Brant County, where she grew to young womanhood and where, in 1858, she was married to Mr. H. W. Leeson, who predeceased her seventeen years ago. Her maiden name was Sarah Polley, and the old homestead at Cathcart is still in the hands of her nephew, Mr. George Polley, who, with his children and children's children to the fifth generation still reside on the land taken up by the family in the early forties.

The late Mrs. Leeson came from an historic family. Her mother was a nurse at the Battle of Waterloo and was afterwards commissioned by King George IV. to practise medicine and surgery anywhere under the British flag. Her mother's great-uncle was the well-known Lord Mansfield, who statue today adorns the Parliament Buildings at London, England.

Twelve years after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Leeson came to Normanby township and settled on the farm near Varney now occupied by her son, Dr. George M. Leeson, formerly representative for South Grey in the Ontario Legislature. This was in 1870 when the country roundabout was covered with the virgin forest, only about ten acres having been cleared, we are told, when they first took possession. Here they spent the better part of their life up to nineteen years ago when they moved to Mount Forest to reside with their daughter, Eleanor, now Mrs. Hooper. Here Mr. Leeson passed away seventeen years ago, and following the marriage of her (Continued on page 5)

ABSENCE MAKES THE HEART GROW FONDER

Miss M. Bull, Formerly of Durham, Still Has Warm Spot for the Old Home Town.

In renewing her subscription to The Chronicle, Miss M. Bull, in a letter dated March 10 gives evidence that though away from Durham for twenty-seven years, she still is interested in the old town. Miss Bull is now at Pincher Creek, Alberta, and has been for some years. While we in the East have had one of the longest winters on record, Sunny Alberta has been living up to its name and has enjoyed a remarkably warm season. Speaking of it, Miss Bull says:

"We have had the most wonderful winter I have ever seen. Today is like a beautiful day in late May. We have had so little snow or cold weather that it does not seem possible spring is here. The pussy-willows have been out for over six weeks, in places the grass is quite green and the leaf buds on the trees are swelling. Of course, we have had plenty of wind, but the odd thing is that in spite of scarcely any snow, and plenty of wind, the soil is quite moist to any depth that has been dug. If this kind of weather were the ordinary thing in Southern Alberta, we would spoil the tourist traffic to California. This is my twenty-eighth year in the West, and sometimes I wonder why I continue to take The Chronicle, for it is seldom a name that is familiar is seen; but I suppose even the name of one's old home town has a hold upon us.

We are sure the residents of Durham will appreciate Miss Bull's loyalty to the old town and, even though away in Alberta for so long a period, there are many residents here still who will remember the family while residents here.

Smilin' Charlie Says—



"Some professor has figured that a college education is worth \$33,000—We know a lotta young grads, who'd be willing to take 50% off for cash!.."