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Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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Calendar grid for September 1928, showing days of the week and dates from 1 to 30.

Editorials

MAKING GOOD

It will be pleasing to the Trustees of Trinity church cemetery to learn that their efforts to clean up the cemetery and make it more presentable are appreciated. This week we received a letter from a former lady resident in which she inquired the name of the treasurer, as she wanted to send him some money to be applied on the work. This was done after a visit to town a couple of weeks ago, when she visited the place where her parents were buried. She said in her letter: "I was so pleased with the improvement made since I last saw it I would like to add my mite to help in the cost."

There are a good many former residents of this town living in various parts of the world, and could they but know the work that has been done in Trinity cemetery during the past four or five years, they would be inhuman were they to object to contributing to its costs. It is true that the work is not yet finished—it is not really commenced, but with the finances at their disposal and the apathy of some of the plotters the Board is deserving of the highest commendation for their efforts. With funds, anything is possible. Trinity Cemetery Board is not only handicapped by lack of funds, but lack of interest in some quarters as well.

Everything considered they have done well, better even than might have been expected. The intention is to go on and make such improvements from year to year as their limited resources and lack of help will permit.

INCREASE THE PENALTY

There have been altogether too many highway accidents during the past week by "hit-and-run" drivers of motor cars who, after striking down their victim, put their feet on the gas and attempt to escape. In our opinion there is no punishment too severe for the man who will desert his victim after an accident and leave him bleeding and dying by the roadside. A man so inhuman has no business to be allowed out in charge of a motor car. His actions place him in the category of the irresponsibles.

Are the penalties for most of our crimes not too lenient anyway? Attempted highway robbery draws from one to three years in the penitentiary, and oft-times not that. Would it make the law more effective were the penalty for highway robbery, made punishable by hanging. There are some who would say that such a law was too brutal, but would it be more brutal than those who would be found guilty? We venture to say that, brutal, inhuman, or whatever you may want to call it, were the prospective highwaymen assured of the rope when caught, there would be less holdups.

The hanging of Hotrum and McCulloch, as well as McCulloch, for the deaths that resulted when the first two held up the Toronto drug clerk and the killing of a police officer when McCulloch was making an escape, were accomplished on circumstantial evidence largely. It was remarkable how quiet this class of thug became around Toronto for a time. The only reason we can give is that both Hotrum and McCulloch went to the gibbet purely on circumstantial evidence, and their ilk were too unnerved to attempt further holdups because they knew that in the event of a similar slip-up they too would be the principals in a life and death battle on the

scaffold, with Arthur Ellis winning. It is impossible to say offhand what should be done, but it looks to us that there must be a drastic change in the criminal code for some of our crimes if law and order is to prevail.

THE DRUG STORE JOKE

We published a joke a week or so ago about a drug store in which a customer entered and asked for a certain drug. She was informed by the man behind the counter that he didn't have that particular thing, but would like to interest her in lawn mowers, ice cream or sandwiches. It now seems that this was no joke at all.

Last week's Arthur Enterprise tells of having received a copy of the South Los Angeles News, in which was an extended reference to an old Arthur boy, described as "one of Los Angeles' leading druggists". In connection with his drug store, says The Enterprise, he "sells ice cream, and has lately installed a modern sanitary kitchen."

"Virginia baked ham dinners, sandwiches and waffles" are also part of the drug store he carries. We pass this on to our local druggists. Stanley MacBeth would look well in a white apron handling a waffle iron, while Moore McFadden would be a majestic figure juggling Virginia hams, frying eggs and handing out sandwiches.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

"Do you know your capital?" asks the last Maclean's Magazine, in publishing a photo of one of the pretty spots around Ottawa. Certainly we do. If another draft doesn't come in today we reckon it is at about 30 cents.

A feature story writer says that married people who do not quarrel are missing the spice of life. There are a lot who are darn well spiced.

The wreck of the steamer Manasoo last Saturday morning near Griffith's Island out from Warton in the Georgian Bay is one of the worst lake tragedies in years. Sixteen are missing, one is dead, and five survivors is the latest check-up. It is incredible to think that this passenger steamer was without wireless, though Saturday's tragedy happened so quickly, the boat sinking in about four minutes, that it would have been of no use in this case. The cause of the disaster is not known.

WIDESPREAD INTEREST IN METEOR SHOWERS

Recent Passage Through Perseid Swarm Received World-wide Publicity.—Cause of Phenomenon.

Since the earliest times occurrences of celestial phenomena have excited awe and wonder but the advances of modern science have dissipated the superstition with which the advent of comets and other travellers through the heavens were regarded. Eclipses, meteor showers, and the like are now no longer looked upon as signs of impending calamity and the growth of popular interest in these occurrences is evidenced by the world-wide publicity given to the recent passage of the earth through the Perseid meteor swarm, and in the large number of inquiries received by the Dominion Observatory, Ottawa.

Everyone has seen star-like objects shoot across the sky on a clear night, often leaving behind them for a moment phosphorescent streaks or trains. These are popularly known as "shooting stars." Many also have witnessed the passing of some larger celestial body, or a particularly brilliant meteor shower, a sight which is not soon forgotten. In reality "shooting stars" are small meteors, with which the heavens are thronged. It has been estimated that no fewer than 400 million of these solid particles rain down on the earth and are swept out of existence every day. Often a few of the larger meteors reach the earth but records of extensive damage done by them are rare. Investigations are at present being carried on to verify reports of the fall to the earth of two giant meteorites. In northern Arizona mining operations are under way to explore and determine the actual content of an immense meteor, which is estimated to weigh about 10,000,000 tons. A remarkable meteorite which is recorded as having fallen in the province of Yenissei, Siberia, did a vast amount of damage. The depression caused by this celestial visitor is several miles in diameter with evidences of the breaking up of the meteorite just before it struck the earth.

However by far the greatest number of the meteors which through the heavens are of such small size that their contact with the earth's atmosphere, which travels at the enormous speed of 19 miles per second, causes their annihilation. Even stationary objects would become almost instantly incandescent through contact with the earth's protective belt so that when a rapidly moving meteor attempts to penetrate our atmospheric shield it is even shorter lived.

Meteor swarms, which are usually the result of the disintegration of some comet, generally travel in a fixed orbit. The size of this orbit, assuming that it is crossed by that of the earth, determines how often so-called "meteor showers" occur. There are three meteor swarms through which the earth passes each year, namely, the Andromedes, which are encountered in Ap-

SOCIETY

Mrs. Chas. Tibbut of Goderich is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Moorhead. Mrs. Will Firth and family and Mr. Ben Whitmore visited with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Firth, Guelph, on Sunday.

Miss Jean Harding left for Toronto Monday, where she will attend Normal School this year.

Mr. Donald McCoskery of Toronto visited in town this week and was an attendant at South Grey Fair.

Mr. and Mrs. Farr of Kincardine visited in town with the Misses Hughes. They are moving near London the end of October.

Mrs. W. Dobie, Toronto, and the Misses Rixon of Owen Sound, were guests of Hon. and Mrs. Jamieson last week.

Mr. C. B. Lawrence returned this week from Quebec where he reports a good season in the lightning rod business.

Miss Margaret McNulty of Waterloo is visiting with friends in town this week. She returns to her position on Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair of Sault Ste. Marie visited with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCormick. Mr. Sinclair has returned, but Mrs. Sinclair is remaining over for a time.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Fine leave Sunday for Toronto where, on Monday, they will take part in the celebration of the Jewish festival of Yom Kipper. Their store will be closed all day Monday.

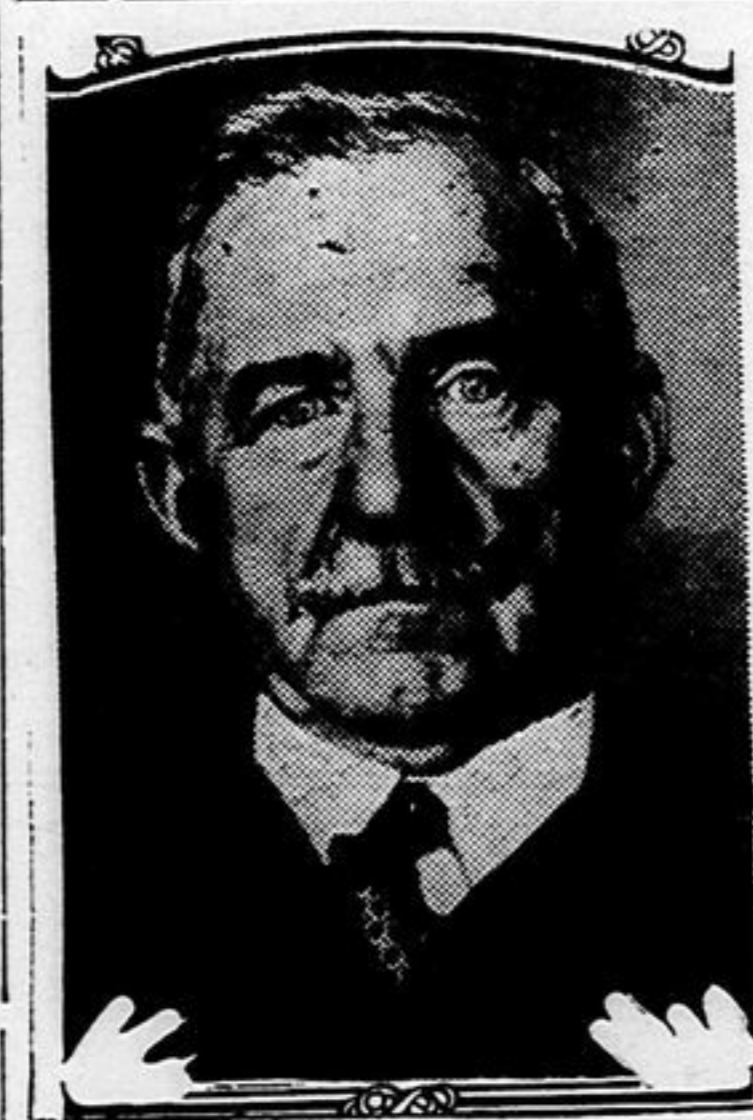
Mrs. J. D. Main of Watford, and Mrs. J. D. Roberts of Holstein, visited Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. T. Allan in town. Mrs. Main was in Holstein for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the United church there, last Sunday and Monday.

The Durham Club of Toronto will meet on Monday evening, September 24th, at the Peacock Tea Rooms, 112 Yonge St. Every member come and make this first meeting an inspiration for the year.

Mr. Joseph Rainford received a cablegram Tuesday of last week informing him that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Charles Talbot, had passed away at her home at Blackpool, Lancashire, England. Mrs. Rainford sailed from Montreal on the previous Friday in response to a cable that her mother was seriously ill, and it is to be regretted that she was unable to reach her bedside before she passed away.

We had a call yesterday from Bill Harcourt of Toronto, one-time secretary, treasurer and executive official of the O. A. L. A. Like ourselves Bill sees little future for lacrosse and thinks the only way in which it can be rejuvenated in the smaller centres is to form small local leagues in the different districts. The centralization of lacrosse in the large centres, and the inducements offered for playing the national game with the better teams have pretty well stifled the game in the country and it is doubtful if it will ever recover.

Dan: "Where are you off to, Ben?" Ben: "I'm goin' to see the doctor. I don't like the look of my wife." Dan: "I'll come wi' ye—I don't like the look o' mine either."



A real help towards establishing British immigrants in Canada would be a first class matrimonial scheme, according to Sir George MacMunn, K. C. B., organizing director of the Council of England Council of Empire Settlement. Sir George says that when the real demand is made, the church is prepared to establish a matrimonial

ril; the Perseids, through which the earth travels in August; and the Leonids, met with in November. The Andromedes or Bielids came into being with the breaking up of Biela's comet; the Perseids, which are believed to have originated in Tuttle's comet, gained their name from their radiant or focal point, the constellation Perseus; the Leonids have as their radiant the constellation Leo and their orbit is closely related to that of Temple's comet.

It is not only in recent years that public interest has been shown in the movement of celestial bodies. The early progress of meteoric astronomy is intimately connected with the appearance of the great Leonid showers. The brilliant shower of 1833 aroused immense interest and the impress upon the popular mind has never been obliterated nor has the interest in meteors died out.

HOSPITAL GRADUATION FRIDAY NEXT WEEK

Friday of Next Week Selected as Date for Graduation Exercises of Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital—Four Nurses Will Receive Certificates.

The graduating exercises of Durham Red Cross Memorial Hospital are to be held on Friday of next week, the 23rd inst., in Knox church, commencing at 8 o'clock and, being open to the public it is a foregone conclusion that the church auditorium will be filled to overflowing to witness the presentation of the certificates to the graduates who have completed their course and go out into the world as fully graduated nurses.

This year there are four on the list of graduates, Misses Violet A. Smith, Ethel M. Dodds, Ida E. Bradley and Primilla A. Coulthard.

We have no knowledge as to the mode of procedure in the exercises, or to whom shall fall the honors of presenting the certificates, but this will all be made known in due time. Suffice it to say that the ceremony is of most important one and will be carried out in the same efficient manner as others under the management of the Red Cross and the Hospital executive.

While the ceremony is to be a public one and all are cordially invited, there will also be many friends of the nursing staff present, to whom a banquet is being tendered in the church basement.

Following the festivities at the church a general reception is being held in the town hall.

CHURCH ARMY CRUSADE CLOSED ON MONDAY

Canadian Church Army to Be Instituted Along Same Lines as That in England.

The Church Army Crusaders concluded their mission in Trinity church on Friday night with a Thanksgiving service.

The services were well attended and an excellent spirit was manifest throughout the entire mission.

We have heard many express their appreciation of the simple direct testimony of these earnest Christian men and women. Our only regret is that their visit was too short.

We are glad to learn that the Bishops of Ontario have decided to institute a Canadian Church Army. A training centre is to be opened in Toronto on the Feast of the Epiphany, Jan. 6, 1929, and already eight young Canadians have offered for the work.

DON'T Miss These Bargains

- Ladies' Fall Hose, all wool Cashmere, pr. . . . . 59c.
Stamped Bed Spreads, cross stitch pattern, each . . . . . \$1.49
Colgate's Tooth Paste, Reg. 15c. tube for . . . . . 10c.
Carbolic Soap, large size cake, each 5c.
Long bar Castile Soap, bar . . . . 14c.
Dishes For Threshing Time
Clover Leaf Cups and Saucers . . . 10c.
Medium sized white Plates, each . . 10c.
White Potato Dishes . . . . . 19c.
White Fruit Nappies . . . . . 5c.
White Porridge Dishes, 3 for . . 25c.
Plain Tumblers, 6 for . . . . . 25c.
Wood handle Knives & Forks, 2 for . 25c.
Teaspoons, 6 for . . 25c.
White Cups & Saucers, new shape, 6 for . . . . . 59c.

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DURHAM BAPTIST CHURCH, in which on Sunday and Monday was celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Baptist congregation in Durham.

Home Sweet Home

A tourist saw a colored lady sitting on her doorstep, wringing her hands and sobbing in a heart-breaking manner. Thinking that disaster had befallen her, he went to inquire the cause of her distress.

"Oh, no sah, it's wus'n that. That no count man o' mine done went an' left de henhouse doah open. Boo-boo-oh!"
"Pshaw! Don't cry. They'll all come home to roost tonight."
"Mistah, you don't understand it a-tall. Oh, laws-a-massy, dem chickens'll all go home to roost!"

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(Our Own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hopkins, accompanied by F. Hopkins, Sr., and Mildred Hopkins, motored to Toronto on Saturday and spent the week end in the city.

Mrs. Nellie Milne, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Milne during the summer, returned to Toronto to spend the winter there. Rev. F. G. and Mrs. Purnell and Miss A. W. Renwick attended Presbyterian and Presbyterian meetings in Harriston on Tuesday. A Taylor and family motored to Owen Sound on Sunday to visit his uncle, Mr. George Russell, who is in the hospital there.

Mrs. Wilson of Durham, is visiting at present with her daughter, Mrs. Robt. Keith. Mr. Earl Angle, of Dunnville, is visiting at the manse this week. The September meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. Wm. Philip with a very fair attendance of the members. Arrangements were made to have an entertainment in October in Russell Hall consisting of a play given by the Astor Dramatic club, followed by a dance. The ladies were asked for donation of fruit for the Durham hospital. Mrs. A. Nicholson gave a demonstration of making artificial flowers. At the next meeting Miss Flett of Mount Forest is expected to give a talk on bulb growing. The W. M. S. of Amos church held their monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. W. J. Philip with twenty-five ladies present. Arrangements were made to hold the annual Thanksgiving meeting early in October. Mr. Ledingham of Harriston is to be speaker.

Traverston (Our Own Correspondent) Mr. and Mrs. John Ellison, Mrs. J. Ellison and son Rob left last week to motor for Pontiac, where they visit kindred. Mr. and Mrs. Gay of Windsor spent a few days last week with Mrs. Sweeney. Last Tuesday evening friends and neighbors treated to a bride and groom to a miscellaneous shower before they left for their home in Windsor. Mr. S. B. Roberts and Mr. McInnis of Detroit spent a few days recently at Haywards Falls. Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Timmins visited over the week end in Egrement with Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Young and Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Lawrence. Mrs. Hugh McArthur and Mrs. J. Greenwood enjoyed a motor trip Meaford early in the week. Misses M. E. Lyons and M. M. Edwards spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Palmer of Egrement and enjoyed the corn roast held in honor of W. H. Edwards before he left for the Queen city. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Williams and son Henry, accompanied by Mrs. W. Timmins and Mr. John Timmins, spent the first of the week at Clarksburg. Miss Marcella Connor left recently for Toronto, where she secured a new position. Miss Blanche McKechmie spent the week end with her cousin, Miss J. Clark. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McFadden and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cook. Zion Women's Institute met at home of Mrs. John O. Greenwood Thursday with about twelve ladies present. After the business was disposed of Miss K. M. Firth gave

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