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THE CHURCHES.

GRAND MUSICAL SERVICES AT ST. GEORGE'S

Bishop Mills Addressed St. James' Sunday School—At the Y.M.C.A.—Rev. Mr. Laird Again Able to Preach.

Sunday being the Feast of the Holy Innocents, the special collect, gospel and epistle for the day were used at the early celebration at St. George's Cathedral. At matins the Christmas hymns were sung, and the preacher was the curate, who referred at the close of his sermon to the death of the primate, and also paid a touching, feeling tribute to the memory of the late Mrs. C. K. Clarke.

The singing at evensong was unusually good, the anthem, "Arise, Shine, for Thy Light is Come" being sung with exceptional vim and sweetness. The Bishop of Ontario, who preached an eloquent sermon from the subject of the woman of Samaria, was listened to with rapt attention throughout.

Bishop At St. James'. Yesterday afternoon His Lordship, the Bishop of Ontario, addressed the children of St. James' Sunday school.

In the sacred edifice gathered about three hundred and fifty scholars, a large number of parents and friends being also present. As the clergy entered, the hymn, "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night" was sung. The address was eloquent and appealed to all that was good in childhood, the first text being, the fifth verse of the fifteenth chapter of St. John: "I am the vine, ye are the branches." The Lord, Himself, spoke those words, and meant that the little children were branches of Him.

The love of Jesus for little ones was manifest throughout His earthly life, had He not blessed them and said, "Suffer little children to come unto Me?" When a child is baptized it is forever engrafted in our Lord Jesus Christ. Secondly, the bishop took as his text the fifth verse of the second chapter of the song of Solomon: "Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines; for our vines have tender grapes." The wise man, Solomon, had reference to the little sins of childhood life; first, the slang, that was a little fox, and, next, a swear, that was also a little fox or sin. Thoughtlessness in children ought to be carefully watched by parents, and truthfulness cultivated from the beginning; guard the little foxes that they may not grow.

To Entertain Young Men. The men's meeting at the Y.M.C.A. building yesterday was addressed by Rev. T. Brown, on "The Divine Purpose in Creation." A short testimony meeting followed.

Secretary Lawrence returned Saturday from Springfield, Mass. During his absence he visited Watertown, N. Y., conferring with the secretary there concerning association work.

Thursday will be a gala day at the association building. In the afternoon the Ladies' Auxiliary will serve cake, coffee and fruit to all young men callers. Subscribers, friends and visitors are urgently requested to call and be shown over the entire building. Mothers will be welcomed in the morning, when the boys will engage in gymnastics and other merry-making.

Church Notes. In Portsmouth Methodist church yesterday, R. D. Anglin preached in the morning and Rev. Prof. Nicholson in the evening.

"Night of Nights" by Vandewater, was expensively rendered as a solo, by Miss Badley in St. James' church during last evening's service.

Miss Eliza Perley, now of Whitby Ladies' College, occupied her former seat in Svedenham Street Methodist church choir yesterday, being soloist at both services.

Rev. Alexander Laird, after a siege of illness, was yesterday able to resume charge of the services in Cook's Presbyterian church. He was assisted in the services by his father.

Rev. Mr. Wood, of Gananoque, preached missionary sermons in Brock Street Methodist church on Sunday. Rev. Mr. Crammy preaching in Gananoque. The choir rendered Christmas music at both services.

Fire Escapes in Hotels.

There being an act in existence providing for the furnishing of means of escape from fires in hotels, passed by the legislature of Ontario in November, 1888, and complaints to the licensing department at Toronto, by the travelling public and others, requiring accommodation, lodging and meals, having been sent in from time to time, that a great insufficiency of such means of escape existed in the various hotels throughout the province, the license inspectors, whose duty it is to see that the provisions of the act are properly observed, have been instructed to see that the requirements are closely observed. Hence the local inspector for the city has served on the proprietors of the hotels here a copy of the act, warning them at the same time to closely observe what they are therein called upon to do, and thus avoid prosecution for neglecting to do it, the penalty for which is heavy and severe. The inspector says that the required apparatus was put in all the hotels in the city where necessary some time ago, but in most of these places they have been allowed to become depleted to such an extent as to make it necessary to renew the outfit especially in boxes, which will have to be done at once, so that all sleeping apartments may be in readiness for every emergency.

The Great Ruby.

This attraction which with the thrilling ballroom scene, the talky scene, the great Bond street jewelry store, and the other objects which made it a success in the world's two greatest cities will be presented here to-night. A company of thirty artists will interpret the various parts.

William Robertson, manager of the Federal Supply Co., Chicago, wife and son, have returned home after visiting the latter's mother at 155 Svedenham street.

SPECIAL HONORS.

Were Accorded Lord Curzon at Delhi.

Delhi, India, Dec. 29.—Lord Curzon, the viceroy of India, accompanied by Lady Curzon, arrived at Delhi to-day to take part in the Durbar. Special honors were accorded him. As Lord Curzon appeared on his elephant outside the station, all the other animals drawn up in line at a word from their drivers, raised their trunks and trumpeted a salute in unison.

The route of the procession was through the native section of Delhi and then along the European quarter. Three thousand native and English soldiers were employed in this way. Englishmen among the spectators cheered as the viceroy went past, but the natives, who were in a great ma-

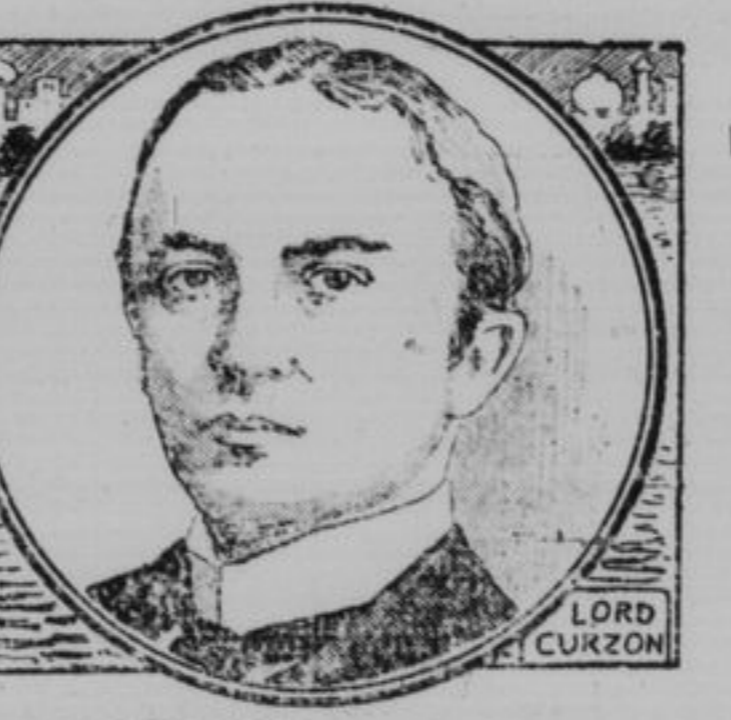


LORD CURZON.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The Committee's Expenditure.

Kingston, Ont., Dec. 29.—(To the Editor): On reading the somewhat misleading wanderings of "J. T." in Saturday's issue, of your worthy paper, regarding the supposed overdraft of the fire and light committee for the present year, I was surprised at the flexibility of the writer's conscience and at the fertility of his brain. I would not be so ungenerous as to accuse him of having no brain; but when he speaks of anyone sailing under false colors, I begin to wonder whether the man who tells part of the truth, and conceals the most of it, is really sailing under true colors! My object in seeking your attention for a few minutes is that the public, who may have been unwittingly mis-



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led by the aforesaid writer, may have the balance of the truth placed before them and so be enabled to judge of the worth of his report. When Dr. Bell stated that the fire and light committee of this year would have the smallest controllable expenditure of any like committee during the past four years, he stated exactly what is corroborated by the city treasurer. For the benefit of any who may not know the meaning of "controllable expenditure" let me state that salaries are not under the control of this committee, but must be paid without comment or deduction, while the controllable items are, such as hay, fuel, groceries, chemicals and dozens of other things, which the committee are able to regulate by careful judgment. The uncontrollable expenditure, salaries, for the past year was \$6,502.20, while the controllable was only \$3,187. The firemen to-day receive \$1,612.87 more than they did in 1898, \$1,362.54 more than in 1899, \$731.11 more than in 1900, and \$367.20 more than in 1901, and yet this rash expenditure of the public mind would dare insinuate that the fire and light committee of 1902 spent more proportionately than the committees of previous years. Any enlightened citizens know that this is an age of advancement and the salaries of years ago cannot compare with the salaries of the present day, everything has advanced in price and necessities, five years ago, would, to-day, be considered moderate by any thinking mind. But, let us suppose for a moment that the committees of previous years had had these same salaries to pay and where would they have come out in 1898, they would have expended \$8,966, in 1899 their expenses would have reached \$10,423, in 1900 they would have spent \$9,291, but the committee of 1902 spent only \$9,288, this fact leads us to the conclusion that, the controllable expenses this year were less than in any of the past four years.

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE.

Its Author Was an Englishwoman With Local Fame as a Poetess.

The author of "Nearer, My God, to Thee," was a woman, Sarah Flower Adams. She was an English woman, born in the village of Harlow, in the year 1805. Though there are not many at this day who have ever heard of her, she won no small amount of fame as a poet and writer during her life, and for many years after her memory was cherished by the literary world of London.

She was Robert Browning's first love. It was to her alone of all his friends that he showed the first volume of poems, and it is said to have been through her efforts that his poems were published and given to the world.

She was a Unitarian and a member of the congregation of William Fox, the noted Unitarian preacher of London. Because of the fact that she belonged to this denomination there were a number of churches, especially the Methodist and Baptist, that refused to include for many years, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," in their hymnals. A Unitarian was regarded as a heretic, if not an infidel, and it was pointed out that the hymn contained no reference to Christ. The hymn was written in the year 1810, and set to music by Eliza Flower, an elder sister of the author.

In addition to his religious work, Rev. Mr. Fox also edited a literary magazine, to which Sarah was a frequent contributor. She became much interested in the writings of a contributor who signed himself, "Junius Redivivus." She did not know who he was, but she took occasion to address a note to him in care of the magazine, expressing her admiration of his work. She signed this with her own name, "S. F.," which represented her name of Sallie. Without revealing his identity, "Junius Redivivus" replied, acknowledging her courtesy and returning the compliment with some commendatory criticism of the work of "S. F." This led to further correspondence on topics of mutual literary interest until a correspondence was established between the two unknown writers a cordial friendship and understanding, while Miss Flower's admiration for her masked charmer found added justification in his delightful and scholarly letters.

This was in the year 1833. Miss Flower was then twenty-eight years old, and it was during that year that she met Mr. Adams, her future husband. He was a civil engineer and a man of eminent attainments as a scientist and a scholar. An instant attachment sprang up between him and Miss Flower and during the engagement which speedily followed, she was surprised and more than delighted to discover that the choice of her heart was none other than "Junius Redivivus."

They were married within a year after their engagement, and the marriage proved to be, in its joys and its comradeship, all that their fond hearts had anticipated.

For many years it had been Mrs. Adams' ambition to go on the stage. With the encouragement and approval of her husband she now found the first opportunity of realizing her great ambition, and she prepared herself for the task. Her first appearance was at a small theatre in Richmond in the role of Lady Macbeth. It was a decided success, and was followed at once by a flattering offer from a theatrical manager.

But on the very threshold of what promised to be a famous career, her health compelled her to relinquish the cherished dream of her life. It was a sad and cruel blow. Yet she bore it with a cheerfulness and fortitude that ever characterized her lovely disposition.

Her nature was markedly religious and devotional. As a girl and young woman she had accepted without question all that her parents had taught her in their strict religious training. But as she grew older her heart was many times troubled with doubts and misgivings. She felt that she was drifting from the cherished traditions of childhood. And out of the heartaches and pangs of many years of spiritual suffering was born at last this most inspiring and comforting of the world's greatest hymns, "Nearer, My God, to Thee."

James Stewart and daughter left for Montreal at noon to-day. They will return by New Year's day.

IN OUR OWN CIRCUIT.

News Of The Districts On Both Sides Of The Line.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Platt will remove from Picton to Michigan.

On December 25th, Miss Bertha Ackerman, was married to Gordon C. Fleming, both of Belleville.

Capt. David Hanna, Ogdensburg, died in the St. Lawrence state hospital, on Christmas, after a protracted illness, aged sixty-six years.

Miss Annie Joyn, second daughter of Robert H. Joyn, Plum Hollow, was united in marriage to Andrew Phillips, Newbliss, on December 23rd.

On December 25th Mr. and Mrs. William Gordon, Belleville, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. They were married in Belleville in 1832.

John Price, a lifelong resident of Brockville, died on Wednesday night in the St. Vincent de Paul-Hospital, aged sixty-two years. Mr. Price had been a sufferer for two weeks with pneumonia.

Miss William C. Bird, one of the oldest residents of the township of Thurlow, passed away on Christmas morning, after reaching the good age of ninety-one years. She died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. George C. Ostrom.

On Thursday, a pretty wedding ceremony was performed by the Rev. G. Dobbs, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wood, Park street, when their adopted daughter, Miss Maggie Turnbull Wood, was united in marriage to George James Aikman, of Montreal.

Daniel P. Babbitt died in Picton on Christmas. He had attained an advanced age. Mr. Babbitt married a Miss Southard, who predeceased him several years ago. A son survives and a daughter, Mrs. J. H. Bradbeer, died in California a few years ago.

A pretty little wedding took place Christmas evening at the residence of Capt. W. Welbanks, Cherry Valley, when Miss Florence Creed, of Cheltenham, Eng., was united in holy matrimony, to David Brand, Watertown, N.Y., formerly a resident of Cherry Valley.

A cablegram announces the marriage on December 7th, 1902, at Benguella, Angola, of Miss Ella Margaret Arnold to Dr. Alfred Yale Massey. Dr. Massey, a medical missionary has been in West Africa over three years, and is a son of Levi Massey, Wallbridge, Ont.

Edward Roland Stanton, fifty two years of age, died suddenly in Gananoque, on Sunday week. Deceased was the third son of the late George Stanton, and was born in Gananoque, where all his life was spent. He was a blacksmith by trade, but for the past twenty years had been more or less engaged in mercantile business.

The death of Mrs. S. W. Crutchshanks at the Collins House, Picton, on Wednesday, was startlingly sudden and unexpected. Mrs. Crutchshanks was the only surviving daughter of the late Jacob Fralick, who for years resided in the township of Athol. Her husband, predeceased her some two years ago. For a number of years they resided in Trenton.

OPENING OF NAVIGATION.

Dates of Opening Given Back to 1833.

The following interesting table, showing the date upon which navigation opened each year since 1833, has been compiled for the Detroit Free Press by Gen. G. S. Womery, of that city. Gen. Womery has been interested in the vessel business from its earliest stages on the lower lakes, and has kept a diary containing many things of interest which but for him, would have lived only in the memory of the older mariners. He has them down in black and white, and the table given below was taken from his diaries:

Table with 2 columns: Year and Date of Opening of Navigation. Rows include 1833-May 5, 1834-March 26, 1835-April 6, 1836-May 8, 1837-April 2, 1838-March 27, 1839-March 30, 1840-March 21, 1841-April 15, 1842-March 11, 1843-March 11, 1844-March 11, 1845-March 11, 1846-March 11, 1847-March 11, 1848-March 25, 1849-March 25, 1850-March 24, 1851-March 24, 1852-March 24, 1853-March 24, 1854-March 24, 1855-March 24, 1856-March 24, 1857-March 24, 1858-March 24, 1859-March 24, 1860-March 24, 1861-March 10, 1862-March 10, 1863-March 10, 1864-March 10, 1865-March 10, 1866-March 10, 1867-March 10.

A Paper's Christmas Box.

The Winnipeg Free Press has added to its distinguishing qualities the spirit of unique offerings. Its Christmas greeting this year to its press friends eastward, and to many others was accompanied by a neat package of penmanship, made expressly at the Huron Bay post at Fort Macpherson, sixty five miles within the Arctic circle, and 297 miles northwest of Winnipeg. A stylish book-let accompanies it, and tells all about penmanship, its former usefulness as the sheet anchor of the voyager in the North-West. The gratitude that great country should entertain for it is clear enough, and yet how uninviting it must have been, no wonder the late Bishop McLean compared its delights to that of chewing a tallow candle. The flesh of the buffalo was cut into slices, dried and beaten or fluted into powder, packed in bags of rawhide, into which boiling fat and marrow of the buffalo, carcass was poured. Sewed up it was air-proof and kept for years without salt or other preservative. The Free Press, with its "cheer" and "Globe," with its holiday number, have made the journalistic "strikes" of the season.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, Hamilton, suffering from bronchitis, died in the ambulance on her way to the city hospital.



After-Christmas Bargains! The Christmas candles have burned out. The chimes have done ringing. The holiday spirit continues and here and there are gift buyers. These quiet, post-holiday days are the times when trade turns everything to your benefit. To us one of two courses is open. Either we must take the leavings—the aftermath of a great Christmas trade—and pack them away till Christmas comes again; or else we must sell them at a loss. To pack away means to take into stock, to lose time and space, to have to insure and pay interest on and then bring as fresh and new a year from now. We never were very good at calling the old new. Never were good at packing away what could be sold at a loss. So come along and get New Year's gifts at bargain prices.

J. H. SUTHERLAND & BRO., The Shoe Men.

NOTABLE PECULIARITIES.

Some Strange Things Noted in The Papers.

In addition to the collection of old junk from private houses the Salvation Army colony in London is systematically gathering up waste paper. Nearly 6,000 tons of this material was collected last year, sorted and re-sold, nearly 2,000 business houses being visited every week. The colony now gives employment to 300 men in recovering materials that would ordinarily be destroyed.

More than a century ago, the fear of being buried alive led to the establishment in German cities of mortuary chambers in which a bell rope is placed in the hands of each corpse. In a recent volume Prof. Brouardel declares that there is no case on record of that bell having ever been rung anywhere.

In nearly all Chinese cities a large percentage of the inhabitants live in a sort of hand-to-mouth fashion, buying food from restaurants. Hot water is sold from stands by people who make a business of providing it. The great necessity for economy in fuel is the primary cause of this mode of living.

In many country villages and isolated sections of New England and the middle states women still may be found who earn a living by spinning and knitting wool and by weaving and knitting rag carpets and rugs. There is a revival in demand for nicely made rag rugs.

In India, China, Japan and adjacent countries are about 400,000,000 people who rarely eat meat yet they are strong, active and long lived. Andean natives perform twice the work of ordinary laborers, and subsist almost entirely on a diet of bananas.

There exists at Rapperswil, Switzerland, a fund of \$200,000, subscribed by Poles in various parts of the world for waging war on Russia when a propitious time shall arrive.

It has often been attempted to blind bats by tying a bandage over their eyes, but this does not prevent them from flying about a closed room as well as if they saw, and avoiding all obstacles.

The office of superintendent of public instruction in Colorado is held by a woman. The salary is \$3,000. She has been re-elected on the democratic ticket though the state has generally gone republican.

Probably the biggest machinery belt ever made is one recently made for a copper mine power house at Anaconda, Mont. It is sixty-six inches wide and 150 feet long, and weighs 3,600 pounds, took 360 hides to make it and cost nearly \$3,000.

There are now at work in the rivers of the middle island of New Zealand about 210 dredges, each costing from \$25,000 to \$70,000, with the object of extracting gold from the deposits in the beds of the streams.

The shah of Persia has more hard cash put by than any other sovereign. In his palace at Teheran the "king of kings" is supposed to have a sum estimated at \$50,000,000 in specie.

Every native and naturalized citizen in Denmark over sixty years old and unable to support himself or family receives a pension varying from \$2.50 to \$1.50 per month. The first electrical fire engine run with power secured by tapping street railways or electric light wires is in successful use in Rouen, France. Francis Wallbridge of Belleville, is dead.

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A Necessity.

Brokus—I swear of New Year's Day on general principles. Jokus—How's that? Brokus—Compulsory. Spend all my money Christmas.

Dr. Temple Buried.

Canterbury, Eng., Dec. 29.—The remains of Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, were interred in the cloisters of Canterbury cathedral on Saturday afternoon. The obsequies were carried out as simply as possible, in accordance with the late archbishop's desire. Simultaneously memorial services for the deceased prelate were held at St. Paul's and other cathedrals in the United Kingdom. The Lord Mayor, Sir Marcus Samuel, and several others, attended in state, the service at St. Paul's cathedral.

George Birks, Prescott, one of the oldest residents of that place, passed away on Saturday morning. C. C. Lyman is a mayoralty candidate in Brockville.