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SEATS will be reserved for ladies at the Customs' sale to-night. J. E. Hutcheson, auctioneer.

THE consignment of pianos and organs has arrived. Notice of sale will appear to-morrow. J. E. Hutcheson, auctioneer.

TOWNSHIP OF KINGSTON.—Mr. Charles W. Ferris, of the Front Road, is a candidate for Councillor of the township of Kingston. He is an energetic and popular young gentleman.

APPOINTMENTS.—Mr. H. S. Macdonald, of Brockville, has been appointed to the Judgeship of Leeds and Grenville, vice R. F. Steele, deceased. Mr. Macdonald has been junior Judge for some time.

THE PULPITS.—Yesterday St. Andrew's pulpit was occupied by the Rev. Mr. Nicholson, M.A., who delivered an excellent sermon. In the evening Rev. Mr. Brown, of Wilton, preached in the Queen Street C. M. Church.

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.—The Government is dealing out appointments quite liberally. The last issue of the *Canada Gazette* contained announcement of a number of new assignments. Give us anything but to be sure to give "something" is the motto of the Tory party.

THE tickets are being rapidly bought up for the Synodical Street Choir Concert on Thursday evening, but as there is a limited number issued, there will be sufficient accommodation for all. The choir are making rapid and satisfactory progress in preparation, and the programme will be well worth hearing.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY.—The January number of the Canadian Monthly (Rosefield) is very promising, and gives reason for the belief that the publishers will make it better than ever. The part before us is brimful of interesting matter. It has not only the best circulation available, but the best contributions, and that is saying much in its favor.

WATCH SERVICE.—To-morrow night the annual watch meeting will be held in the Synodical Street Church, commencing at 10 o'clock, when the death of the old year and the birth of the new year will be commemorated by appropriate service. The theme of the sermon on that occasion will be "The past irrevocable, the future unknown."

AN URGENT NEED.—The Committee on Fire, Water and Gas should provide snow runners for the steam engine at once. That there is necessity for this becomes apparent by the mishap of last night, when, on the way to a fire, the engine became blocked in the snow through which the wheels could not carry it. A delay of this kind, in the event of a big fire, would be a serious thing.

NEW YEAR'S EVE.—There will be a tea meeting in the Zion C. M. Church, Pittsburg, on the evening of the 31st. Addresses, recitations, singing, skits, etc., are included in the programme. Messrs. Heath and Daly, of the Giles Club, will be present. Whoever wants a jolly sleigh ride (of eight miles) on a good road, and a delight of moonlight night, let him attend this tea meeting.

SAD DEATH.—This morning the sad announcement was given of the death of Miss Mima Rose, daughter of the late Mr. Alex. Rose. Her illness has been long and agonizing to herself and her family and friends, but the fatal ending brings the deeper sorrow. The loss has to be deplored of an amiable and good young woman, whose lovely Christian qualities were best shown in her sickness, by her patient, hopeful waiting for the end.

TEA-MEETING.—One of the leading attractions for New Year's Day will be the tea-meeting in the Town Hall, Catarague. The proceeds are in aid of the organ fund of the Methodist Church, and the indications are in favor of a large and successful gathering. A number will doubtless go out from the city, and will thus enjoy a good entertainment and an excellent sleigh drive. There should be a large attendance. Free conveyances will leave the City Hotel at 6:30 p.m.

MUNICIPAL COMPLIMENTS.—The other day we were told that wide desolation existed in Belleville. We can no more readily believe it, since five papers of that city were shipped to Watertown, N. Y., whence they have been promptly reshipped by the first train going out through the snow. The lively city south of us does not relish municipal presentations of the ragged kind. It invariably returns such a "poor" compliment, and probably the string back it does at Belleville accounts for the steady flow of bunnies through Kingston.

FIRE LAST NIGHT.—About one o'clock this morning a fire occurred at the new House of Industry, caused by some falling sparks igniting a wooden fire board. The fire brigade was called out, but the steam engine stuck in the snow en route, the wheels having become clogged and almost refusing to turn. But the hose cart went on, and by the use of one of the Babcock extinguishers the damage was limited to a very small amount. Perhaps \$10 will make the necessary repairs. A small loss as the fire was, however, it made a sensation among the inmates, especially among the older people.

A GRAND SUCCESS.—The Inverary M. E. Church Tea Meeting came off on Christmas Day, and was in every respect a success. Plenty of good things were there for the inner man. The music furnished by the Frontenac Brass Band (Mr. Emerson, master), contributed greatly to the pleasure of the very large audience. Thanks to them, the Inverary choir also did their part well. Good speeches, highly entertaining recitations and readings also aided very much in making the evening's entertainment in every way enjoyable. The proceeds of the tea meeting amounted to \$37.49, which will be applied to liquidating the debt of the new church. A tea meeting was announced for Christmas night, 1879. —(Con.)

CHURCH QUARREL.

A MOVEMENT TO EXPEL A MAN AND WIFE.

The Methodist Church at Moscow (Wilton circuit) is at the present time somewhat agitated by an action now pending for the expulsion of Mr. and Mrs. Benn, between whom and the authorities of the church not much Christian love and charity seems to exist. We cannot say what all the trouble is about, and only such facts have reached us as came out at the trial of the case, which recently took place in the school house at York, before a full bench of magistrates, composed of Messrs. L. A. Shibley, L. Grass, P. Vanlaven and J. W. Bell. Mr. Geo. Lake, the prosecutor, was assisted by Mr. A. L. Morison, of Napane, and Mr. Madden, also of Napane, appeared for the defence. For some reason or other Mr. and Mrs. Benn were not in good standing with the church class, and at its meeting on the first of December, Rev. Mr. Young, who was conducting the service, gave the Benns offence, and at the close of the exercises Mr. Benn stepped up to where the reverend gentleman was making up the class books and asked him if he (Mr. Young) desired them to go to Heaven? Mr. Young, of course answered "yes," whereupon Mrs. Benn declared that his preaching was an abomination unto the Lord! Mr. Young says he did not understand her meaning; he knew of nothing that he had done to occasion it, except to pass Mrs. Benn in the class meeting, which seemed to be the very point, as afterwards appeared in the statement of Mrs. Benn. Many witnesses were called by the prosecution, all of whom heard the objectionable remark, most of them considering it an insult and a criticism such as they had never heard of before under similar circumstances. The defence was calculated to mitigate the matter, and Mr. Benn is reported to have stated his willingness to have settled the case before it reached such a state as the proceedings then indicated. At length the court took the evidence in hand, and adjourned for a couple of hours. When they resumed affairs had taken a fresh turn, evidence being taken in another prosecution of the same parties by Mr. Nelson Storms, class-leader, for disturbing public worship, which disturbance appears to have been caused by Mr. Benn moving about from one seat to another while the class meeting was in progress. Decision in this case was also reserved until the magistrates have time to consult. Our informant writes us that there are two more cases to be pressed against Mr. and Mrs. Benn, which will be tried on Friday next. All arise out of church difficulties. The unfortunate defendants seem to be in a sea of trouble. The ventilation of grievances in this manner is rather a unique procedure in this section, and no more unique than remarkable.

JUVENILE MISDEEDS.

Yesterday afternoon the annual Sabbath Missionary Meeting of the C. M. Sunday School was held in the Synodical Street Church. There was a good attendance of the scholars, their teachers, parents and friends. Prayer (led by the usual exercises, singing, prayer (led by Rev. Mr. Crozier) and addresses, the latter being delivered by Rev. Mr. Jackson of the city, and Rev. Mr. Brown, of Wilton. There were of a nature calculated to interest the children, and they had the desired effect. The singing was hearty. It was led by Mr. W. Tandy (Miss McIntyre at the organ) and the little ones made the music a characteristic feature of the meeting. A liberal collection was taken up. The week day meeting will take place a week from to-morrow evening. The Rev. Dr. McDonald, of Japan, will be the principal speaker.

CHURCH DECORATIONS.—A description of the Christmas attire of Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown, may be interesting and instructive as well in Canada. "The wreaths and festoons have been done away with and the walls are crossed and recessed with narrow strips covered with greens. On the altar behind the chancel rail stands an illuminated cross, which with its many gas jets makes a most handsome appearance. It is ten feet high and the arms are six feet across. This is a new departure and its novelty adds much to its charms. On each wall to the right and left of the pulpit is a gilt cross, picturesquely trimmed with a wreath of autumn flowers and at the foot with a basket of ferns and grasses. Beneath one of these Kock of Ages appears the word "Wonderful" in handsome German text letters and beneath the other the word "Counselor." The organ loft is trimmed with green, red and gilt."

SETTLING DOWN.—The bankers of Watertown have entered into an agreement under which, after the first of January, they will receive Canada bills at only ninety-eight cents on the dollar. The purpose is to exclude the notes of Canada banks from U. S. currency circulation, except at a discount large enough to cover the expense of sending them to Canada for redemption in gold. This is a return to the value placed upon Canada bank notes in N. Y. State prior to 1860, and the discount implied will be a novelty to Canadians, who have been so long accustomed to handling U. S. bills and silver at a substantial depreciation on face value compared with Canadian notes. We shall have to reciprocate the exclusiveness of our neighbors, and what will become of the Union then?

WITHHOLDING THE SCHOOL FUND.—In some cases it has been found impossible, from various causes, extremely onerous, for School Trustees to comply with the Law and Regulations on Public Schools. In such cases it is not desirable or expedient, in the opinion of the Honourable the Minister of Education, to deprive the school of its share of the School Fund. The Minister, therefore, requests the Wigo to state that the circumstances of all such cases should be fully reported to him by the Inspectors concerned, so that he may be enabled to consider them, and to give the necessary directions in each case.

THE ART SALES will be continued to-morrow night. There are still some very beautiful paintings and engravings left, and Mr. Hutcheson will clear them out regardless of sacrifice to-morrow evening at half-past seven o'clock.

LAST OF THE SERIES.

REV. W. JACKSON ON THE REVELATIONS OF THE BIBLE.

Last evening Rev. W. Jackson concluded his series of sermons on the XVI of St. Luke. He remarked that for a little more than three months he had meditated upon this account of Lazarus and the rich man, having looked at it in various standpoints, and seen to some extent its many-sidedness. He had by no means exhausted the subject, but he had to lay it aside for a time to deal with more general topics. They had looked at the account from the standpoint of materialist philosophy, in reference to the constitution of human nature. They had seen how strongly and emphatically it teaches that there is but one probation, that through which men pass in this world. They had seen how memory forms the principal retributive suffering of wicked men in future life. They now came to contemplate this account in its teachings as regards revelation. He selected the last verse of the chapter for meditation:

"And he said unto him, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead."

His discourse would be "the bible a complete and final revelation of God to man." The first thing which scripture taught was that the bible was fully and adequate to accomplish the purposes for which it was given. His book was given for a two-fold purpose, to inform man concerning the character of God, and his own revelation to God and His Government. Upon these two points the bible was full and explicit and final in the information which it gives. In the bible alone could we learn of the attributes of our Maker. We may look abroad in Nature, and we may find some evidence of His existence, but what do we find of His moral character? If he were pointed to the sunshine and the seasons he reminded them of the storm cloud, that in Nature there is the lightning's flash and thunder's roar, the earthquake's upheaval and volcano's fire. If we did not take the bible to be his interpreter he might study for years in

THE BOOK OF NATURE

and learn absolutely nothing of the moral character of God. If they turned from Nature to Providence they had another large volume in which God manifested Himself to man, but after one has connoed its pages he will rise from its study satisfied that it is an enigma which he cannot understand. Nature and Providence, apart from the bible, are written in hieroglyphics, which man may admire, but which he cannot read. Human nature was straining in the darkness to discover the Great Unknown, while heart and flesh cried out for a living God. Men see the wisdom of the Creator in the constitution of their own beings, they behold the stupendous power of the material creation, but what of His moral character? For evidence of that they must consult the sacred scriptures. These were equally full and explicit considering the relations of man to God. Man may ignore the existence of a Supreme Being, of a personal deity, but that same man feels instinctively that he is under a law which has claims upon him, though as to the nature of it or its requirements he is utterly in the dark. Look at the history of those who have gone before. The conscience strove to fulfil the requirements of a law that the understanding did not apprehend. Men in the past appealed to

TORTURE AND SACRIFICES

for deliverance, but they appeared in vain. Philosophers propounded system after system, which they professed to be just what man needed, but each in succession proved a failure. The imaginative reared an altar and wrote upon it, "To the unknown God," but as its worshippers were gathered around the unhallowed shrine their hearts groaned with disappointment. There were the effects of sin and suffering, and these were problems which in the past the human mind could not solve, hence the concern for the golden era, when harmony was to be restored between the Gods and men, but when and how they were utterly ignored. Man went so far as to lift his puny hand to pluck the crown from Jehovah, but fell at the foot of Jehovah's throne. Yet a deliverer was promised. Here was revealed not only the sin but the method of its cure. "God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believed on Him should not perish but have everlasting life," and "Christ came to the world to save sinners." The revelation was given that man might understand his relation to God, understand the wretchedness of sin and the condemnation and love of the Father. Judged by this book multitudes have found pardon and holiness and heaven, but notwithstanding its revelations there were many like the rich man. If they really knew that there was another world, if they had evidence of the future, if they could see some vestry to its reality, then they would believe. The God seriously cannot be gratified. God had given all the information that was necessary for time and for eternity. What more could any messenger tell them than the bible told them? The writers of it claimed to be inspired of God, and their writing established their claims. Did any one say these writers were deceived? They might have been, but where was the evidence? Did any one say they imposed upon us?

CREDULITY OF THE AGE.

It was one thing to make an assertion and another thing to prove it to be true. Standing upon the citadel of evidence in favour of the bible the Christian minister could make bold to defy the attacks of infidelity, whether they came from Paine or Voltaire, or from what are called in the present day "Rationalists." Nothing can injure the bible. It is as impracticable as Jehovah's throne. Supporting a vacant stool comes from the dead, could he give more impressive evidence of the justice and suffering of God? Could he give more telling arguments against the exceeding sinfulness of sin? If they required of such a messenger of the nature of another Jesus, what stronger evidence can he give of its existence? Such a messenger might terrify them, and make them unkind for the reception of any information, but in the bible God Himself draws aside the veil and reveals all

that is necessary.

At the close of the year he prayed them to be persuaded by the bible, for if not persuaded by it neither would they be persuaded through one risen from the dead. To refuse or neglect salvation is to shut the door of hope against the soul. Man cannot save himself, and thousands who have tried it have found it to be a failure. Systems after system has been elaborated and laid aside, having failed to remove the sin-stain or satisfy the spiritual nature. The conscience may be quieted for a time, but there are periods in life when, like the many-tongued scorpion, it will rise and sting the foot which tried to trample out its life. Man may be educated to the highest forms of thought, the mind may be stored with literature, ancient and modern, but this thirsting for the infinite even culture and refinement will not satisfy. God only can remove the sin-stain and God only can fill the heart's aching void. His closing appeal was very affecting.

WIND WAFTS.

—More snow last night.

—The churches were well attended yesterday.

—Mr. Johnston, of Battemors, has opened a general store in Louis Allen's place, Odessa.

—This is a very unsettled winter. No wonder that it has mystified Vennor and Lyman Lyon.

—Frame up your resolves to-morrow evening. Don't hide them under a bush in your diary!

—Fried cakes, curly cakes, doughnuts, or whatever they are called, are ripe enough now to be picked.

—This may be called the resolving week, to be followed by the week of penitence and prayer.

—The latest was a popcorn festival in the M. E. Church, Odessa, under the auspices of Rev. Mr. Straton.

—A well attended tea-meeting was held at Roblin for the benefit of Rev. Mr. Shibley, of the C. M. Church.

—Walking matches appear to be the rage in American cities. After several have walked themselves to death the mania will cease.

—Dr. Hourigan of Peterboro, a member of the graduating class of 1877 from the Royal College, is at present visiting his friends in this city.

—Mr. John Thompson, of Kingston, has removed to Newburg, and his energies are bent to the erection of a new paper mill there.

—Eleven churches and half a dozen societies received kindly gratuitous notice in the *Whig* of Saturday. How many are thankful for it!

—The famine in oysters here was relieved by the receipt of express goods on Saturday evening, after five days blockade of transit in N. Y. State.

—Some very reckless driving is being indulged in at present on Princess street. Drivers should remember that pedestrians have right of way to crossings.

—The sale of butchers' shambles takes place to-morrow at one o'clock. To be, or not to be, on the butchers' question, will soon be decided.

—The American Dairymen's Convention in Utica, the 14th, 15th and 16th of January. It will be attended by the best dairymen in the country.

—The weekly service at St. James Church will be held on Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday evening, and will be appropriate to the closing year.

—Last evening at St. James' the Rev. F. W. Kirkpatrick preached a beautiful sermon on the dying year from the text, "So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom."

—The Delavan House, Albany, has reduced its prices. Joyful news to travellers, though they will be forced to return home now without much of a tale to talk up about hotel extortion. Albany could hitherto beat the world.

—The Toronto School Trustees nominations are held under a special Act, and that is why the *City* cannot make them agree with the *City* Solicitor's opinion as to the usefulness of nominations in Kingston. As the Act has been in operation for years our contemporary should have been better posted.

Children's Service.

Yesterday afternoon at three o'clock a special children's service was held in St. George's Cathedral, at which the children of the Cathedral Sunday School, with their teachers and friends, attended. The service commenced with the choir singing in good time the processional hymn, "Oward, Christian Soldiers." The evening psalms for the day were then chanted, and the Dean read the prayers and a lesson, when the Ven. Archdeacon Parnell addressed the children. It was with pleasure he addressed the young of St. George's Sunday School, as it was the one he had attended and held several positions in. He impressed upon them two things—their duty to God and their duty to fellow man. A great many people spoke of God in a way which was very repelling—as a Judge who was very severe, always watching to see what he could catch at in little children to punish. They talk of God's severity, but never of his love for little children. In baptism they were made children of God, and when God punished them for their misdeeds it was always a kind and loving parent. They should serve and try to please their Father in Heaven from the same motive that they would try to please an earthly parent, viz., because they felt that He loved them. He then referred to their duty to their fellow man, which was first to their parents. They were to love, honour and cherish them, because if they obeyed and loved their father or mother, whom they had seen, how could they love God, whom they had not seen. There was also their duty to their teachers, who sacrificed a great deal for them: the least they could do was to show that they took an interest in the lessons. He pointed out several minor duties, and then concluded by showing them that if now they were trained up in this way they should grow up to be good men, and would not depart from it. The Christmas decorations will remain in the Church. They are attractive.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Wm. Stewart has returned from Montreal. His friends took early advantage of his arrival to put him in nomination for the representation of Sydenham Ward.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION.

THOSE WHO HAVE SUCCESSFULLY RUN THE GAUNTLET.

At the re-examination for entrance to the Collegiate Institute there were sixty-four candidates, fifteen of whom do not belong to the city. The Board of Examiners have pleasure in reporting the satisfactory results, inasmuch as no fewer than fifty of the applicants were successful. The names are given in the order of merit.

Janie Rowlands, Maurice J. Ryan, Thomas McClelland, John Orr, William McMahon, Alexander Robinson, William Cooke, William Swaine, William Coy, Henry Dawson, Lizzie R. White, Ida Spangenberg, William Paterson, James Grigor, John Conley, Lizzie Rothwell, David P. Asselino, Alfred S. Hober, John Livingstone, Alfred H. Dugdale, Zelia Rothwell, Annie McDonnell, Henry N. Wilson, William C. Fralick, William H. Stewart, George Johnston, Jessie Fenwick, Herbert Horsey, W. H. Johnston, Edward Marshall, James Alexander, William Brokenshire, George M. Gordon, Francis Grigor, Katie Hara, Fannie McLeod, William Downing, Georgina Shibley, William C. Fralick, William A. Cunningham, Millie Hober, William Robinson, Sarah Kennedy, Frederick Kilpatrick, James Gowans, Henry Daniels, James S. Dick, William Skinner, Albert Sawyer, George Reilly.

A HEAVY BLAST.

THE OLD FASHIONS IN STORMS REVIVED.

(Watertown Times.)

—Snow showers are getting 50 cents an hour and no questions asked.

—Snow banks fifteen feet high are not uncommon in the city. They are thick.

—There are many people in Watertown who have not been out of doors in a week.

—Every snowflake seems to be marked "Watertown," and they all seem to get here without delay.

—A gentleman, en route from New York to Gananoque to attend the funeral of his mother, was snowed in here.

—Six locomotives and a large number of men were engaged all day. At six o'clock just as the train arrived at the Junction it was two hours getting from the dugway just east of the postoffice to the Junction.

—Fred Horth, news agent, and two others, passed by the Cape Vinces train at Watertown, about daylight Wednesday morning, and started for Watertown about. They reached this city at four p.m., having accomplished the four