To the Editor of the Advocate:

Dear Editor:—The advent of a new journal in Fergus is an event that cannot be passed over in silence, and as the *Advocate* has bowed to the audience and become a candidate for public favor, it is but courtesy to bid the newcomer welcome.

It is perhaps presumption on my part to take this upon myself, but as the *News-Record* by some oversight has failed to do the honors in this respect, I may, as one of the many readers of the Record, venture to shake hands with the Advocate and say, Go on and prosper. When it was rumored that a new paper was about to be started, many supposed that it would be a single sheet to begin with, but the Advocate has astonished every one by springing into life fully equipped, like Minerva from the head of Jupiter. No more respectable favor could appeal to the reading public of Fergus. The Advocate, I am glad to see, has made a confession of faith, a very proper and polite thing of the Advocate to do. It is to be an Independent paper. Well, that suits me exactly. When I was young I was a devoted Conservative, and never owned that my party could do wrong, *the other party* did all the mischief—and there was a good deal of mischief in my young days. In short, my party had little leisure for patriotic and national legislation, because it took them all their time to watch the other party. I have been trying of late years to be independent, like the Advocate, and watch both parties, but it has really become such a laborious piece of business at my age, that I am down right thankful to see the Advocate take the matter up in this highly favoured community, and I shall now rest for the remainder of my days in peace and quietness, content to have the whole business done for me, for the small sum of one dollar a year, and the first copy gratis. Nevertheless, Mr. Editor, I cannot help thinking that it requires a great deal of pluck, and nice discrimination to conduct an independent paper in a highly critical community like this. No one, however, entitled to express an opinion on the subject, desires to see the Advocate shipwrecked either sooner or later. A fair, firm, independent journal with a conscience of its own, and respect for the conscience of others, eschewing filth, and devoting itself to the promotion of all healthy public questions has undoubtedly a mission to fulfil here as elsewhere. There ought to be a good many things going on in the world, besides, murders, suicides, elopements, prize fights, divorce cases, and such like pastimes, and we who live in the country would like to hear a little about the other things. The world is so changed since my young days, and events and ministers move so rapidly, that the whole government at Ottawa might go for a picnic to the old country, and get back again, without our ever hearing that they had started. I think Mr. Editor you are opposed to this picnicing as a government amusement, I am quite of your opinion, there is always a considerable waste of victuals on such occasions.

You mentioned the Scott Act Mr. Editor. I am very glad to hear that you know something about that question. Perhaps as a new comer you may not know that there was a great deal of fuss made over that act a few months ago. Men who had never made speeches in their lives became eloquent, and spoke beautifully; even women came here, substantial, weighty women, Mr. Editor,—and although Paul distinctly forbade women to lecture on the Scott Act, they lectured the Fergus people soundly; and even the Fergus women themselves made speeches at one another in private conclave—all about the Scott Act. It is not my intention Mr. Editor to prejudice you against the Fergus women; they are very polite to strangers, as well as eloquent on the Scott Act and highly accomplished. They are great believers in the Scott Act; when they have read the Advocate a little while they may even understand it, and then Mr. Editor I cannot just think what may happen. Well, I must not forget what I was going to say. The mention of the ladies has carried me beyond myself. After all this fuss and lecturing public and private, the people voted, and of course they voted for the Scott Act. There is no use talking and making a long story about it, Mr. Editor, the women had decided on the whole thing beforehand, and the men had no choice but to vote as they were told. Talk of giving women a vote, it would be downright waste. The men vote as the women like now; and if the women had votes as well, believe me, Mr. Editor, there would not be a liquor saloon in all Canada. They have no fear of the liquor business and Goldwin Smith before their eyes. Not they! I suppose men don't know what the pantry is like when it grows empty. Only house mothers know, and they connect the liquor business with "short commons." I would not like to be in the liquor business just now, Mr. Editor. We may think that the smell of all cash is good; but bless you, you can never make these women think so, not even when their bonnets are at stake. I give the women up. I do not understand them. They are always preaching about their husbands, brothers, sons, sweethearts and all the rest of it; they make you think the whole world is related to them some how. I had to vote for the Scott Act like the rest of them. Not that I care much for women, they take little or no interest in an old fellow like me. And they can laugh at you to your very face with such sweet innocence that I keep out of their way as much as possible. You may not know Mr. Editor how uncomfortable it is to have women poking fun at you all the time. I always was too sensitive; my mother used often to say so. Peace be with her; she was all that was good and gentle and were laughed herself. Women did not laugh much in my young days; it has come in with the telegraph, tangs, and other inventions. Now, about this Scott Act, Mr. Editor,—I am forgetting it again. We want to know what to do next. We have voted for it and carried it, and all that, but can we enforce it? I am like yourself, Mr. Editor, independent on the Scott Act as well as on other questions, and I am in difficulty as to the matter of enforcing it, notwithstanding the flourish of tambourines with which it was carried. When buyer and seller are leagued together to defeat the end the act has in view it will take a mighty smart man to catch them at it and send them to their own place, wherever the act says that is. Why the Scott Act advocates after having converted the people into Scott Act electors, should not go on converting them, until they create a really broad basis of public consent whereon to rest the enforcement of the act, is beyond my comprehension. If I could write for the newspapers like some of them, I would make them hear a good deal on this subject. But you know all about it, Mr. Editor, and having a newspaper all to yourself they are sure to pay attention to what you say. How would it do to offer prizes for obedience to the act? Liquor sellers and tipplers would then be equally candidates. Sidney Smith suggested that prizes should be offered to attract intelligent young men into the ministry of the English Church why not offer prizes to attract men out of the misery of the liquor business.

The people must address themselves to the matter of enforcing the act; if it cannot be enforced it should be repealed and some other kind of machinery invented to meet the requirements of the country. But you understand the whole thing Mr. Editor, and it is great presumption of an old foggie like me to write to you on the subject. I wish the Advocate a long life and a useful one and with this wish, I beg to subscribe myself,

Yours kindly,

ONLOOKER.

A good deal of attention is being at present devoted to the cheese trade with England. A Canadian cheese dealer throws considerable light on the cause of the popularity of the Canadian article in the British market, in a letter to a Montreal contemporary, stating that the reason for the high reputation it has attained abroad is that the Canadian makers put in all the cream. In the cheese factories of some of the western states, on the contrary, the milk is often skimmed and animal fat substituted. The preference accorded to the Canadian brand of cheese is so marked that unscrupulous Chicago dealers are shipping the inferior American goods branded as Canadian.

Mr. Parnell is wild over the recent frequent occurrence of agrarian outrages and the wide-spread publicity that has been given to them. The cause of his anger is two-fold. He is chagrined at the inability of his lieutenants to prevent disturbances at this time, when he has good reasons for wanting Ireland represented as tranquil; and he is indignant at the avidity with which each petty quarrel or ruction is seized upon and telegraphed far and wide for effect upon the general elections. The Parnellities insist that the outrages now reported every day in the English papers are either invented altogether, or are so distorted as to wholly misrepresent the facts. They suggest as a remedy that every one of the local reporters, who is found guilty of writing partizan or exaggerated accounts of these occurrences shall be boycotted.

The report is current among railway men that the Great Western division of the Grand Trunk will shortly pass into the hands of the Canada Pacific. It is claimed that the lease of the Western can be broken on account of the latter road not having paid up its interest on the purchase money, and that the C. P. R. company is now arranging for securing control of the line, and that Mr. Stephens' recent visit to England had something to do with this. The C.P.R. management is not satisfied with the way in which it is being treated by the M.C.R. Company, which, it claims, puts the C. V.R to the expense of hunting up all the traffic and then absorbs the bulk of the profits resulting from the arrangement. In the event of the C.P.R. not securing the G.W.R. it is positively asserted that they will construct the proposed independent line to the Detroit river.

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An honest medicine is the noblest work of man, and we can assure our readers that Dr. Fowler's Extract of Wild Strawberry is not only reliable, but is almost infallible to cure Cholera Morbus, Dysentery, Canker of the Stomach and Bowels, and the various Summer Complaints, whose attacks are often sudden and fatal.

A MAN OF NERVE.

We all admire a man of nerve, who is cool-headed and equal to any emergency, but nervous debility is the prevailing weakness of most people. Burdock Blood Bitters is a good nervine and general tonic, which regulates and strengthens the whole system, imparting bodily and mental vigor.

Palmerston has a new roller flour mill now. The Messrs. Watt are proprietors.

A partial eclipse of the moon will occur Sept, 23rd, visible on this continent and on both oceans.

John Dumas, of Palmerston, fell into an excavation for a cellar, last week, and received severe injuries.

$745 has been subscribed for the purpose of building an English church parsonage in Palmerston.

Whiskey, it is said, can be extracted from coal gas. This explains why some people blow out the gas. It also accounts, perhaps, for the fatal results.

WORMS CAUSE MUCH SICKNESS among children that Freeman's Worm Powders will surely cure.

Mrs. Fear, wife of the Rev. Samuel Fear, of Elora, died on Saturday, the 5th inst. Deceased was 75 years of age, and was a native of Nottingham, England.

IF YOUR CHILD IS STUBBORN or hard to administer medicine to, Dr. Low's Pleasant Worm Syrup will be appreciated.

School Section, No. 10, East Luther, has now two school houses and two teachers. The schools are about three miles apart. The trustees have carried out their plans successfully in spite of all opposition.

On Sunday, Aug. 30, the members of the Gandier congregation had the pleasure of meeting in their new church, which is not yet completed. Mr. Graham, the student in charge, gave a very interesting and able discourse.

Mr. Stephenson, a general merchant at Parker, died suddenly at his home on Sunday last. He attended church in the morning and did not complain of feeling unwell; on arriving at his house he was taken suddenly ill and died. Heart disease was the cause.

PROF. LOW'S SULPHUR SOAP is a cheap and handy form of obtaining the healing virtues of a sulphur bath.

Mr. Wm. Darby, of Guelph township, died on Monday of last week, at the ripe age of 83 years. Deceased was a native of Yorkshire, England, and emigrated to Canada in 1837. He was a Reformer in politics, was highly respected by all the settlers who knew him, and leaves a wife, three sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Mrs, Auger, of Pilkington, died on Thursday last, aged 30 years, leaving three small children and a husband to grieve her loss. She was born in Durham, but afterwards came with her parents to settle in Pilkington. She married Mr. Auger eight years ago. Her illness was short and severe, but she was very patient up to the time of her death. A large number of friends followed her remains to the Bethel burying ground.—Express.

NATIONAL PILLS will cure constipated bowels and regulate the liver.

Hon. Thomas White, in a recent speech, claimed to be "the oldest pressman in Canada of continuous service," having been in harness 33 years. Mr. Blackburn, of the London *Free Press*, called on Mr. White to take a back seat, as he (Mr. B.) has been in active service a still longer period. And now Mr. Somerville, of the Dundas *Banner*, asks them both to sit further back as he has been nearly 39 years in continuous service. Then Mr. Lacy, of the Palmerston *Telegraph*, comes along and heads the list, by saying he has been continuously at the printing business since October 1840, or close on 45 and has not made a fortune yet. Mr. A. H. Pearson, of the Shelburne *Free Press*, has been in the newspaper business since 1838, but was five years in the Master's Office of the Court of Chancery, Toronto, since 1838. We think Mr. Lacy is entitled to the honor,

The Department of Justice was on Thursday notified by telegram of the result of the appeal in the Riel case to the Manitoba Court. It is supposed here that Riel's counsel will appeal to the Privy Council in England. There appears to be some misunderstanding as to the law in the case of a man sentenced to be hanged in the North-West. In other parts of the Dominion the person sentenced by the judge to be hanged on a given day will most assuredly be hanged unless a respite is granted by the Crown. It is different in the North West, where the judge's sentence must, before it can be carried into execution, be supplemented by the Governor-General's warrant ordering that the sentence be carried into effect. Without this warrant the sheriff in the North-West has no authority to carry out the sentence of the judge. There has as yet been no one here to show cause why the Governor-General's warrant should not issue.

CLOSING OF MAILS AT FERGUS P.O.

SOUTH—W. G. & B.—9.00 a m, 12.45 pm, 2.45 p m.
NORTH—W. G. & B.—11.45 a m.
WEST—C. P. R.—11.45 a m.
EAST—C. P. R.—3.30 p m.
STAGE—Arthur, Cummock and Mt. Forest—1.45 p m.
STAGE—Speedside, Oustic and Shiloh—(Tuesdays and Fridays) 1.45 p m.
STAGE—Living Springs—(Mondays and Thursdays) 2.30 p m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY.

Services will be held in the Fergus churches on Sundays as follows:

St. Andrew, Presbyterian, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. J. B. Mullan, pastor.

Melville, Presbyterian, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. Dr. Smellie, pastor.

St. James, English, at 7 p.m. Rev. James Morton.

Methodist, at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. Rev. J. P. Colling, pastor.

St. Joseph, Catholic, at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. Father Lillies, priest.

Congregational, at 3 p.m. Rev. J. R. Black, pastor.

Sunday School in all the above at 2.30 p.m.

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EDITOR ADVOCATE:

DEAR SIR:

THE GOLDEN

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1st.—In that we do a cash business and are not afraid to say to our best customer who asks for credit No, we sell only for cash and can make no exception.

2nd.—In this we mark all our goods in plain figures.

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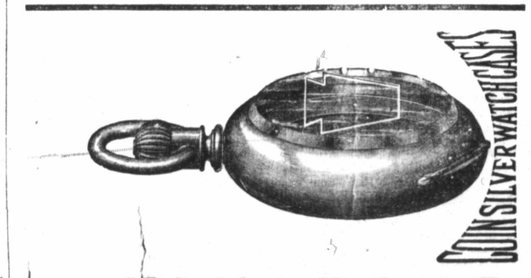

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