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COMMUNICATIONS.

THE JESUITS.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—The communication on "The Jesuits" by "A Protestant" in your issue of last week reminds me very forcibly of an incident that is reported to have occurred in the British House of Commons some few years ago. A member of that body began a speech by saying, "Mr. Speaker, I rise for information," and after he had concluded his speech the member who replied to him said, "I do not wonder that the hon. gentleman has risen for information, for evidently there is no one in this house who needs it as much as he does." And so also "A Protestant" wishes some one to "enlighten" him, and I would fain hope for the credit of Protestantism that there are few Protestants, if any in our community, who need "enlightening" as much as himself. However, as your readers will notice, his ignorance does not prevent him from attempting to explain why the rev. lecturer of the preceding week adopted a course altogether favorable to the Jesuits in the treatment of his subject, and, let me add, he manifestly approves of the course which the lecturer took. Now,—as most of your readers, and indeed most of the people of this township, and of some of the adjoining townships know—I have no lack of work; yet I am willing, with your kind permission and aid, to try to scatter a few rays of light upon the darkness which envelops "A Protestant" at the same time expressing my very sincere regret that his companions, associations, reading, instruction and surroundings in the past should have been of such a character as to have left him apparently so hopelessly in the dark. And permit me to say at this point, Mr. Editor, that it is currently reported, and has reached my ears from various quarters, that the rev. lecturer, E. St. Yates, and his conditor and apologist, "A Protestant," have stated that I am afraid to discuss the question of the Jesuits. I can hardly believe that report; but if true I beg to remind them of the lines:

"A little learning is a dangerous thing,
Drink deep or touch not the Pierian spring,
For shallow draughts intoxicate the brain,
And drinking largely sobers us again."

and that they should know Scripture well enough to remember that the boastful Goliath was slain by a stone from a sling in the hands of a despised shepherd lad, and that there is true wisdom in the words, "Let not him that girdeth on his harness boast himself as he that putteth it off." And first let us have a little light on the true meaning of Principal Grant's words as quoted by "A Protestant." I beg to inform him that they simply express approval and admiration of the wisdom and self-sacrificing devotion which marked the conduct and career of the Jesuits in endeavoring to secure the fulfilment of their mission, and cannot in any way be regarded as an acceptance and endorsement of their views, principles, doctrines, and ultimate purposes. I hope even "A Protestant" has sufficient breadth and power of understanding, and sufficient clearness of mental perception to see that skillful, wise, and well-adapted methods for doing certain kinds of work may be taken from those who are utterly opposed to us in principles and aims, and yet we not thereby sacrifice one iota of our integrity, or of our hearty opposition to them. And if Rev. E. St. Yates "could not say anything more eulogistic of the Jesuits" than what is contained in the quotation referred to then I submit that the essential, the fundamental cause for praise must be totally absent. "Magnificent missionaries they were" because they gave themselves with such burning zeal, such consummate skill, and such ardent devotion to their "mission." But what was their "mission" in its ultimate purpose and final end? Every student of moral philosophy knows that motive is essential in determining the moral quality of an action. And what was the motive which actuated these Jesuits in their work? From their oath it is quite clear that it was to extend and glorify the power and influence of their own Society, a Society whose avowed and sworn object it is to place all temporal and spiritual power on earth in the hands of one man, a Society of which history furnishes most abundant proof that its aims and efforts have always been completely subversive of social order and well being, of the peace and purity and comfort of family relationship, of individual responsibility, and of civil and religious freedom. So that Principal Grant in the words quoted merely gives another illustration of our Saviour's words, "For the children of this world are wiser in their generation than the children of light." But while Principal Grant generously and magnanimously gives them credit for their self-sacrificing devotion and worldly wisdom in prosecuting their work, he can not be quoted any further in support of the Jesuits for as Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in Canada in 1889 he signed a petition in behalf of that Assembly to the Governor-General in Council asking for the disallowance of the Jesuits' Estates Act, setting forth among other weighty reasons "that the influence of this Society, as might be

expected from its teachings, and as is fully confirmed by its history, is hurtful to the public welfare, and even dangerous to the public peace." And again in the Assembly of last year his name is among the most prominent ones on the committee opposing the aggressions of Jesuitism. And why should it be thought strange that no "protest" against the kindly things said of the Jesuits in the extract referred to should have been made by any of its readers until the Jesuit question had entered the domain of politics? These "things" are all admitted, but the great mass of our people in Canada know that they do not by any means prove what "A Protestant" claims they prove, or at least what he seems to suppose that they prove. And besides Protestants, as followers of the Prince of Peace, love peace, and only when driven to it in self-defence and in behalf of the sacred rights of civil and religious liberty, threatened to be wrenched from their grasp and destroyed by Ultramontanism do they publicly speak and act as a body against its monstrous and shameless pretensions and demands. As to the difference between "a Presbyterian divine" and "a churchman," the fact remains that no Presbyterian divine can be found who accepts and approves of the principles and doctrines of the Jesuits, while the same can hardly be said of some churchmen judging them fairly and charitably by their own conduct and utterances. And, besides, does not "A Protestant" know that I myself was called "a priest" because I simply exercised my right as a citizen to vote according to my conception of duty at the election held last June? It is a fact nevertheless that I was thus designated and that too when as everybody knows (except perhaps "A Protestant" for he appears to be especially ignorant on these matters) I never spoke to a single elector or sought in any way to influence a single vote either one way or the other. And the same is true in regard to the late Dominion election. The statement that "some assert that in the last few years the township of Elma has become a hot-bed of fanaticism" is wholly unsupported by evidence, and appears to thoughtful minds as merely a Jesuitical manoeuvre to fasten responsibility upon others for what exists very largely, if not exclusively, in "A Protestant's" own mind and heart. Certainly those who are fully competent to judge, and who knew well this fair township many years ago, and also know it well to-day, have told me that there has been very remarkable advancement in their gifts, self-control, intelligence, and independence of thought and action among its people within the last quarter of a century. I shall close by informing "A Protestant" that if he will attend the address which I purpose giving (D. V.) on Good Friday evening as announced in your paper of last week he may possibly receive a little more "enlightening," and disclaiming any intention of carrying on a newspaper controversy, for which I have neither time nor inclination, I subscribe myself, as a true Protestant, who is neither afraid of his opponents and foes, nor ashamed of his name, his position, or his principles.

ANDREW HENDERSON.
Atwood, Mar. 16, 1891.

Additional Local Items.

M. CORRIE returned home last week from Minneapolis, Minn., where he disposed of two carloads of potatoes.

OWING to the snow blockade there was no service in the Baptist church or the English church appointments at Trowbridge and Henfryn last Sunday.

THE heavy snow storm of last Friday so blocked the roads that our stage driver did not get home until Sunday afternoon, and Monday he ventured not out.

THE Stratford Herald, of March 18th, says:—THE ATWOOD BEE is a well named little paper. Its editor has evidently pondered well the busy, industrious character of the little insect whose name he has adopted for his paper, and has imbibed lessons and inspirations therefrom that reflect themselves in his journalistic efforts. THE BEE is one of the newest and best conducted of the smaller papers of this province, and its editor richly deserves to succeed. These remarks are by way of preface to a quotation from THE BEE, which is independent in politics. We "go to the little busy BEE" for the following sensible opinion on the recent election campaign: Etc., etc.

EVERYONE interested in the advancement of agriculture should attend the North Perth Farmers' Institute, to be held in the Agricultural hall, Atwood, next Tuesday, 24th inst. There will be an afternoon session, commencing at 1 o'clock, and an evening session, commencing at 7:30 o'clock. The ladies are invited to the evening session only. Prof. Shaw, of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, and several local gentlemen of note will address both meetings on topics of vital interest to farmers. A musical program will be interspersed with the evening addresses and altogether a very profitable and enjoyable time may be anticipated. There will be no admission charged. For further particulars see advt. elsewhere. It is needless to add that the people of Elma, Grey, and adjoining townships, will avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of listening to the problems of advanced agriculture, stock raising and fruit culture practically and intelligently discussed.

Country Talk.

Ethel.

Robt. Hamilton, jr., of Duluth, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Robt. Barr. The storm of last Friday and Saturday blocked the roads in great shape. J. M. Davis is slowly recovering, having been laid up all winter. We hope to see him around again soon.

Bornholm.

Willie Moran, Mitchell, paid a flying visit to his friends here on Sunday last.

Nineteen children were examined last Sabbath at the Lutheran church preparatory to receiving confirmation next Sunday. Their intelligent answers reflected much credit on their pastor, Mr. Litvain, under whose training they have been all winter.

Pool.

A very pleasant event took place at the residence of Mr. Dewar, Musselburgh, on Wednesday, 11th inst., being the marriage of his daughter, Miss Grace, to John G. Armstrong, of Calkinsville, Mich. The bride and bridesmaid, Miss Nellie Dewar, looked charming in fawn colored costumes, while James Chalmers assisted the groom manfully through the trying ordeal. Rev. Mr. Kay, of Milverton, tied the mystic knot with his usual grace and expedition. The large number of beautiful and valuable presents testified to the high esteem in which the bride is held. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong leave for their new home in Calkinsville this week followed by the best wishes of their numerous friends.

Elma.

John Barton, of the 12th con., was spending a few days at Mrs. Richardson's last week.

Elma Council met at Graham's hotel, Atwood, last Tuesday afternoon. Report of proceedings next week.

George Long is at present confined to his bed with a severe attack of inflammation of the lungs and pleurisy. May he soon recover.

Be sure and attend the North Perth Farmers' Institute, to be held in the agricultural hall, Atwood, next Tuesday, afternoon and evening, 24th inst.

We are pleased to state that Mrs. S. Wilson, of the 8th con., who for some time past has been very ill, is improving under the skillful treatment of Dr. Hamilton. We wish her speedy recovery.

DIED.—At her residence, on the 8th con., on Tuesday, 17th inst., Mrs. Robt. Long, aged 59 years. The friends and relatives have the heartfelt sympathy of the community in their sad bereavement.

One of Elma's farmers went out to Logan on Thursday of last week with the wagon for seed oats, but unhappily did not return until the next week on account of the storm. Take the sleigh the next time John.

Wm. Vipond is making preparations to build a barn next summer. He has a comfortable house already and when he gets the barn the next thing he needs is some person to superintend the affairs of the house. Who will be the lucky one?

WOOD BEE.—Chas. McNichol had a wood bee one day last week. He got about ten cords of good maple wood cut, after which the young people of the neighborhood gathered at his residence where a very enjoyable time was spent.

Mary Chisholm, daughter of Walter Chisholm, 12th con., died last Wednesday, 18th inst., aged 10 years and six months. The funeral took place to-day (Friday) at 1:30 o'clock, interment in the Elma Centre cemetery. The sorrowing family have the sympathy of the community.

The entertainment at jubilee church, 12th con., on Thursday evening of last week was successful. Mr. Davis, H. Hoar and Miss Richmond gave excellent recitations, and the singing by Mr. Davis, Mrs. Rogers and J. A. McBain was very much enjoyed. Miss Fox presided at the organ. Rev. D. Rogers gave a racy address and Mr. Davis spoke on the duty of encouraging workers. Altogether it was a most enjoyable evening and heartily participated in by the folk of this neighborhood. On motion of S. Wherry a vote of thanks was tendered to those furnishing the entertainment, which was carried with enthusiasm. We will be pleased to have a similar gathering at a no distant date.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following is the relative standing of the pupils who took the highest number of marks in S. S. No. 2, for the month of February: Fourth Class—Jennie Douglas, Ida Keith, Jessie Cullen, Edwin Forbes, Agnes Shearer, Maggie Hamilton. Senior Third Class—Tena Shearer, Lottie Stewart, John Thompson, Maggie Burnett, Charles Douglas, Mabel Turnbull. Junior Third Class—Jessie Keith, Ida Forbes, Jennie Cleland, Wm. Shearer, Andrew Tennant, Etta Hay. Senior Second Class—Sarah A. Boyd, Mary Shearer, Herbert Forman, Edward Hamilton, Archie Aitchison, Nettie Burnett. Junior Second Class—Florence Cullen, Hector Aitchison, Ellen Turnbull, Wesley Burnett.

Listowel.

Miss Kerr, of Guelph, is the guest of J. E. Carson.

G. Fowler, dental student, is back from the college in Toronto. Drs. McCullough and Grant are at present at the Grand Central.

Robins and crows were seen during the storm of Friday last.

Andrew Aitchison, cheese buyer, left last week for his annual business trip to the old country.

At a meeting of the Town Council Monday night the contract for lighting the streets was given to the Reliance Electric Light Company.

John Bamford was elected by acclamation to fill the vacancy in the Listowel Public School Board occasioned by the death of Andrew Little.

Owing to the severe storm the Edmund & Shaw Company which was billed here for Friday, Saturday and Monday nights did not exhibit.

Rev. Dr. Griffin, of Stratford, preached interesting and forcible missionary sermons to attentive audiences in the Methodist church on Sunday. His own pulpit was occupied by Rev. Jas. Livingstone.

On Wednesday of last week while the mixed train for the south was shunting in the Listowel yard, brakeman J. L. Sanderson, of the G. B. & L. E. Division, got his hand so terribly smashed that it is feared amputation will be necessary.

Grey.

A social was held at the residence of Mrs. H. H. 9th con., on Friday evening last.

Chas. Williamson, who has been ill for some months, is improving we are glad to hear.

On Wednesday, March 4, John Robertson, con. 14, departed this life at the ripe age of 80 years.

John and Alex. Davidson, of Mornington, were visiting at U. McFadden's 12th con., last week.

Francis Ennis, and Mr. and Miss Shaw, 16th con., are going to try their fortune in the west. We wish them success.

Wm. Baker, who has resided on the 12th con., Grey, has leased and taken possession of the Hugh Campbell fifty acre farm near Henfryn. We welcome him to our midst.

Rumor says the 5th con. is to lose one of its fair ones before next Christmas. Miss — is going to unite her fortunes for life with those of a resident of a neighboring township. Particulars later.

J. J. Ball is away at Toronto on a holiday visit. Mr. Ball's health has been greatly interfered with this winter from sciatica and we hope this change will completely restore him to his usual vigor.

Albert Whitfield, 12th con., had the misfortune to get his right leg broken, below the ankle, by the upsetting of a load of hay while driving into the barn. The accident happened on the 27th of Feb. and Mr. Whitfield is now moving about on crutches.

Turnberry.

(CROWDED OUT LAST WEEK.)

PRESENTATION.—On Monday evening, Mar. 2nd, the many friends of Mrs. John A. Fortune met at the residence of her father, Mr. Green, to wish her a pleasant journey and a successful future in the prairie province, also to present her with a few presents to show how she was esteemed by the people of the community. After meeting at the residence of Mr. Green and partaking of a bountiful repast, D. Gemmill, who was appointed chairman, called upon Mrs. Wylie to read an address and upon Mrs. Fraser to present Mrs. Fortune with the gifts, which consisted of material for a coat, a shawl and a splendid fur cap. Mrs. Fortune was completely taken by surprise as was also Mr. Green, who made a feeling and suitably reply to the address in behalf of his daughter, Mrs. Fortune. The presentation being over a number present favored the company with several songs and recitations and the program ended by singing "Auld Lang Syne." When the older members of the company had departed to their several homes the young people enjoyed themselves in going the rounds of the merry circle. Following is the address:

To Mrs. John A. Fortune.
DEAR MADAM:—It is with feelings of great pleasure that we meet you here to-night, on the eve of your departure for the prairie province, to show you in some measure the esteem in which you are held by us during your short stay amongst us. We have always found you a good, kind and obliging neighbor, and worthy of our fullest confidence, and we sincerely hope that you may have in your new home more of health and prosperity than we your well-wishers could anticipate. And above all we hope the blessing of God may attend life in which kind Providence may call you to take a part. And further as a slight token of our esteem we would ask you to accept of these few presents, not so much for their intrinsic value as for the motives which prompted the givers. Signed in behalf of your lady friends,
MRS. FRASER.
MRS. WYLIE.
Turnberry, Mar. 10, 1891.

Donegal.

James Dickson, jr., is at present confined to the house with a sprained ankle, caused by slipping from a load of hay. We hope to hear of his speedy recovery.

Last Thursday afternoon a number of the young men of the neighborhood assembled at the farm of John McCourt, 12th con., and spent the afternoon in cutting wood. Supper being over the groaning tables were removed and soon might be heard the sweet strains of the violins inviting the strong lads and merry lasses to take their places for the mazy dance. It is needless to say that the invitation was promptly responded to and an excellent evening's amusement was enjoyed by those present, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, etc., the music being largely supplied by Messrs. John and Samuel McCourt, W. T. McClellan, H. Roe on the violins, and a local quartette. Mr. and Mrs. McCourt make an excellent host and hostess.

Knox Church, St. Marys, Destroyed by Fire.

A DISASTROUS fire occurred at St. Marys last Monday morning, 16th inst., resulting in the entire destruction of the Knox Presbyterian church. The fire was first noticed at about 7 o'clock in the furnace room in the basement. An alarm was immediately sounded, and steam and hand fire companies responded promptly. By an unfortunate coincidence through the negligence of those in charge, both engines were out of order and refused to work. Hundreds of anxious spectators stood by powerless to check the steady progress of the flames, and the magnificent edifice was totally destroyed before their eyes, without a drop of water being thrown upon it. The fire originated from the furnace, and must have been smouldering nearly all night. The caretaker left the church apparently all right about 10 o'clock Sunday evening. The building is insured in the Western for \$5,000, and the loss is estimated at about \$15,000.

Perth County Notes.

A fire broke out Tuesday evening of last week about 9 o'clock in the house formerly occupied by R. Paynter, St. Marys. The building was destroyed; cause unknown.

Lewis Kirk, of Kirkton, while returning from a sale on Friday, March 6th, suddenly dropped dead. Deceased and his son were driving some stock home they had purchased when Mr. Kirk, who was driving a team, suddenly fell backwards into the rig and almost immediately expired. He was 72 years of age and up to his demise had enjoyed the best of health.

In its report of the Caledonian Society's concert at the Queen's Hall, Montreal, on the evening of the 3rd inst., the daily Herald, of that city, says: Miss Agnes Knox delivered a number of choice readings and recitations. This lady has already been heard in Montreal, and on her appearance in November, 1889, she was recognized as being in the front rank of the lady elocutionists of America. At last evening's concert she was seen at even better advantage than before. All the numbers she gave were accorded a hearty reception, and rapturously encored.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

The death took place on Saturday morning of J. H. MacMullen, P. G. C. I. of the Independent Order of Good Templars' a prominent member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen and Select Knights of Canada, treasurer of the quarterly board of Carlton street Methodist church, and teacher of the Bible class in that church. Mr. MacMullen was head bookkeeper for K. Walker & Sons.

The twentieth annual report of the Belleville Deaf and Dumb Institute has been received. Of the 872 pupils admitted since the opening of the institution, 54 were the children of parents who were first cousins, 17 the children of second cousins, and 13 the children of third cousins. Twenty had parents distantly related, 742 had parents who were not related at all and 25 were unknown. One family contained five mutes, five families four mutes, and ten families three mutes. Mr. Matheson, the superintendent, in his report to the Government Inspector, protests against the institute being classed among the charitable institutions or asylums, declaring that it is in every respect a school, and should be placed under the control of the Minister of Education. The Superintendent holds, with some show of reason, that the Deaf and Dumb Institute is no more a prison or a charitable institution than is the Guelph Agricultural College or Upper Canada College. The Superintendent also states that a new and improved school building should be erected as soon as possible, the present building being too small as well as unsuitable. Shoemaking is the principal industry taught the boys, but industrial training for advanced pupils makes no advance. The school, he says, requires two additional teachers of articulation, a kindergarten department, an instructor of calisthenics and a properly trained hospital nurse. Statistics show the institute to be the most economically managed on the continent.