

little poems that please her—stray bits of newspaper and magazine verse, much of it touching the beautiful—that, unless preserved at the time, would be thrown into the waste basket and thus destroyed. Short pithy quotations from her favorite authors, clever toasts and witticisms, go to make up a valuable book.”—Harper's Bazar.

Can a Good Man Smoke?

Since the publication of Dr. Lavendar's People (Harpers), Mrs. Margaret Deland is in constant receipt of letters whose writers regard Dr. Lavendar as a living reality. The other day one of the author's known correspondents berated her with vigor for having ever allowed Dr. Lavendar to smoke or occasionally take a drink. The writer blames Mrs. Deland altogether for this weakness of Dr. Lavendar's, and declares that she is sure the minister would never have done anything of the kind had not Mrs. Deland "made him do it several times, and I feel sure," continues the writer, addressing Mrs. Deland, "he would regret it if he could, without hurting your feelings." There could scarcely be a stronger testimonial to the living reality of a fictitious character, nor a more curious view of the relation between that character and his creator.

Their Efforts Appreciated.

The following letter was recently received by Mr. Chas. M. Hays, Second Vice-President and General Manager of the Grand Trunk Railway System. The letter speaks for itself and conveys one more evidence that the Grand Trunk have put forth every effort to see that its patrons received every possible consideration during the very extreme weather that they have had to contend with within the last two months:—

Toronto, Feb. 8, 1904.

Dear Sir,—The following persons are desirous of testifying to the courteous treatment received at the hands of, and the uniring efforts put forth on their behalf, by the conductor, brakeman and train officials of train No. 54. Orillia to Hamilton, on the occasion of the said train being snowbound five miles south of Georgetown, Ont., from 4.30 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 4, to noon of Friday, Feb. 5, 1904:—Mr. and Mrs. W. Gibson, Campden, Ont.; Miss Lena McGregor, Glen Williams, Ont.; T. W. Plank, Acton, Ont.; Harley Davidson, Brantford, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Christie, Thorold, Ont.; Miss S. Noble, Norval, Ont.; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Evans, Collingwood, Ont.; A. Curry, Georgetown, Ont.; E. Edwards, New York; H. T. Rankin, Cookstown, Ont.; G. Trotter, Cookstown, Ont.; Mrs. E. C. Tanner and two children, Orin, Ont.; Mrs. F. Grayson, Collingwood, Ont.; S. R. Miller, Toronto, Ont.; Lawrence A. Brooks, Montreal. Yours truly,

L. A. BROOKS,

Story of Dr. Chalmers.

Dr. Chalmers came home one evening on horseback, and as he could not find the man who took charge of the horse, nor the key of the stable, he led the horse into the garden and left it on one of the walks. When his sister who had been from home, returned and learned that the horse had been left in the garden she cried, "Then our flower and vegetable beds will be destroyed," to which the Doctor answered that he had left the animal on the garden walk, and it was too sagacious to injure the garden products. To settle the point the brother and sister adjourned to the garden, and found ruthless

devastation. "Well," said the Doctor, "I could not have imagined that horses were such senseless animals."

Camel's Bump of Locality.

The camels with which I traversed this part of the desert were very different in their ways and habits from those that you get on a frequent route. They were never led. There was not the slightest sign of a track in this part of the desert, but the camels never failed to choose the right line. By the direction taken at starting, they knew, I suppose, the point—some encampment—for which they were to make.

There is always a leading camel—generally, I believe, the eldest—which marches foremost and determines the path for the whole party.

It happens that no one of the camels has been accustomed to lead the others, there is very great difficulty in making a start; if you force your beast forward for a moment he will contrive to wheel and draw back, at the same time looking at one of the other camels with an expression and gesture exactly equivalent to "ayez vous" ("after you, sir!") The responsibility of finding the way is evidently assumed very unwillingly. After some time, however, it becomes understood that one of the beasts has reluctantly consented to take the lead, and he accordingly advances for that purpose. For a minute or two he goes on with much indecision, taking first one line and then another but soon, by aid of some mysterious sense, he discovers the true direction, and follows it steadily from morning to night.

When once the leadership is established you cannot by any persuasion, and can scarcely by any force, induce a junior camel to walk one single step in advance of the chosen guide—Kinglake.

The First Twenty Years.

A minister once said in an address to young people: "Live as long as you may, the first twenty years form the larger part of your life. They appear so when they are passing by; they seem so when we look back on them, and they take up more room in our memory than all the years that come after them."

"Take good care of the first twenty years of your life. On the use which you make of them your happiness and usefulness in after years will very largely depend. See that they are spent in learning right habits and cultivating good tastes."—Philadelphia Presbyterian.

Canadian Reading Camp Association.

DEAR FRIEND:—The Canadian Reading Camp Association is an organization created for the sole purpose of improving the mental and spiritual condition of the men in the frontier mining, lumbering, and railway construction camps of Canada. This is the fourth season of its operations.

The chief feature of the work is a separate building, at the camp, well manned and otherwise equipped to serve the purpose of reading, entertainment, instruction, and public worship.

The movement was started, at a great personal sacrifice, by Rev. A. Fitzpatrick, B.A., who, as a missionary in a lumbering district, felt the crying need of these isolated toilers. Through sheer persistence and self sacrifice he has succeeded in securing the co-operation of some of the best lumber and mining employers, the Ontario Government, some Churches, Societies and individuals.

KEEP THE CHILDREN HEALTHY.

If the children's digestive organs are all right, the children are all right. They will be hearty, rosy, happy and hungry. They will sleep well, and grow well. You can get your children right, and keep them right by the use of Baby's Own Tablets, which cure all stomach and bowel troubles, nervousness, irritation while teething, break up colds and fevers, prevent croup and destroy worms. And you have a positive guarantee that there is no opiate or harmful drug in this medicine. Mrs. Joseph Herbert, K. Harney, Ont., says—"I am glad to say that Baby's Own Tablets have done my little one a great deal of good. I have also given some of the Tablets to friends who have found them equally satisfactory." All medicine dealers sell the Tablets or they will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

At present there are ten teachers employed in this work, and twenty five buildings in which it is carried on.

As there are some 50,000 men engaged in the lumbering industry alone, in the Province of Ontario, it will be seen the work is but begun.

Over one-third of the revenue of the Province comes from woods and forests. Our public schools, libraries, colleges, and other public institutions and works are endowed from this revenue, and we and our children share the benefit without the labor.

No part of the community is safe so long as any other part is neglected. If these men are allowed to live in ignorance and vice their diseases—moral as well as physical—will have far reaching effects.

You are not asked to endure hardships, to take toilsome journeys over well nigh impassable roads, to portage and paddle from morning to night, nor to interview unsympathetic employers, to don overalls, to build reading shanties, and to sweep filthy floors, or to work for nothing but your expenses, as the pioneer of this work has done. You are simply asked (if the work commends itself to your judgment, as we sincerely hope it will,) to aid it by as liberal a contribution as you may find convenient to give. W. J. Bell, Treasurer.

We commend the work of the Canadian Reading Camp Association to the confidence, sympathy and liberality of the Christian public. George M. Milligan; Robt. H. Warden, D.D.; Wm. Briggs, D.D.; Principal Wm. Caven, D.D.; Principal Daniel M. Gordon; Chancellor O. C. S. Wallace.

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