

HOUSEHOLD THOUGHTS.

ONE MOMENT.—We have but one moment at once—let us improve it. One moment will soon come when this life will cease—may we so live as to meet it without regret.

SECRETS.—He who betrays another's secret because he has quarrelled with him was never worthy of the name of friend; a breach of kindness will not justify a breach of trust.

LOVE.—Women often fancy themselves in love when they are not. The love of being loved, fondness of flattery, the pleasure of giving pain to a rival, passion for novelty and excitement, are frequently mistaken for something far better and holier, till marriage disenchant the fair self-deceiver, and leaves her astonished at her own indifference and the evaporation of her romantic fancies.

BEAR YOUR OWN SORROW.—Very likely your trouble is grievously hard to bear; your feelings are injured, your husband is unkind, your wife frets, your home is not pleasant, your friends do not treat you fairly, and things in general move unpleasantly. Well, what of it? Keep it to yourself. A smouldering fire can be found and extinguished; but, when the coals are scattered, who can pick them up?

THE FAMILY.—The family stands midway between the secret and the public life of a man, and vitally affects them both. Here a man spends a large part of his life; from it he derives the chiefest good of earth; here are his highest joys; here are his profoundest sorrows; here are his hopes and fears; here the fountain whence flows streams which make pleasant or weary his way; here are his loved ones; here those in whom and for whom he lives; here those whom he is set to guard and guide, whose destiny he shapes for the eternal years.

ASPIRE.—Take the wise lesson. Aspire to the higher places, and leave those you now have for other beginners. Aspire, but remember that you shall win them only by present content, and by doing faithfully what you now have in hand. You reach them only because you have more than filled your present place. If, because you think yourself too good or too big for it, you decline its duties, you will simply demonstrate your unfitness for it; the shrinkage will appear, and you will slip into a smaller and a smaller place. In the long run, and for the most part, men are found in the places they have fitted themselves to fill. Aspire and look forward to independent positions, but only by rounding out and overloading present duties.

FAMILY TIES.—In the passing of human life there frequently comes a time when the mutual duties of child and parent are reversed. Advancing years bring a childhood to the one and the care of childhood to the other. To the aged father and mother the days of labour are over, the work of life has been done. Now attentive tenderness becomes the duty of those who once received it all themselves, while those are dependent upon it who once gave it all. Now the parent is the child and the child is the parent. The watchfulness and care of many years ago are to be repeated over again; only that the giver then is the receiver now. To a true-hearted child here is a return of love which it is good to make. There is a deep satisfaction in being able to repay by words and looks the lavished love of the bygone time.

HOME.—A careful observer thinks that as a rule the whole tone of a home depends upon the woman at the head of it—the average home, not the poverty-stricken home or the wealthy home. In this average home, whether sunshine shall enter the rooms, whether the parlour shall be used and enjoyed, whether the table shall be invitingly spread, whether bright lights and bright fires shall give warmth and cheer on winter nights—whether, in brief, the home shall be an agreeable or a disagreeable place, is usually what the woman determines. Men are powerless in the matter. Some find solace for a dismal home in study; some, occupation in business; some submit with what patience they can; others are attracted by the cheer of the public-house; and it is especially young men who are apt in consequence to drift into bad company and bad habits.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES.—Many of our correspondents solicit information as to the best way to choose husbands; and, on the other hand, many of those whose destiny it probably is to be chosen as husbands, anxiously inquire how they shall choose wives. Of one thing the girls may be sure, and that is, that the young men who make the best sons and brothers will also make the best husbands. And the young men may be equally sure that those girls who are the best daughters and sisters will, also, as a rule, be the best wives.

If a young man, before he is married, is destitute of those affections and principles which come out in filial obedience and fraternal courtesy, and a controlling sense of duty, he will be equally destitute of them after he is married. The mere fact of wedlock will not change the fundamental principles of his nature. He will be essentially the same human being after marriage—or, at least, after the honeymoon—that he was before it.

The same principles hold true with regard to women. She who is selfish, and vain, and idle, and deceitful, as a girl, will be pretty apt to be the curse of the man who marries her. While the girl who is dutiful to her parents, and industrious, and unselfish, and truthful, will be almost certain to be a blessing to him who gets her for a wife.

THE GLEANER.

THE Germans at Strasbourg are experimenting with carrier pigeons.

RIVALS to the multiplicity of English Smiths, Jones, and Robinsons have been found in Paris. There are in the city 4,900 Duvals, 3,500 Leroux, and 3,600 Dubois.

OF late some spiritualists have accepted the doctrine of reincarnation or transmutation of souls, basing their belief upon the supposed instances of materialization, and there is a likelihood of a schism.

It has been decided that the statue of Napoleon the First shall occupy its former position on the column of the Place Vendôme. The restoration of this statue has been confided to M. Pennelli, a sculptor of talent.

ONE of the few surviving French veterans who took part in the Battle of Waterloo, the Marquis de Blagne, died last week. He was one of Cambronne's guard, and always denied that his commander had made use of the well-known phrase, "La Garde meurt," &c.

PARENTS of children in the habit of straying from home should adopt the Parisian system of attaching a label with their name and address to their girdles. These labels are supplied at the local police stations. The idea is worth some reflection.

A CREMATION company is about to be established in Zurich, in Switzerland. The shares are to be twenty francs each, and the undertaking starts with the support of 500 of the inhabitants. A piece of land in a cemetery has been given to the company, and upon this it proposes to erect a furnace, a mortuary chapel, a room for urns, &c. It is estimated that the cost will be 50,000 francs.

THE old engine house at Harper's Ferry, in which John Brown and his party were stored and captured, is used by an undertaker as a hearse house. The loop holes which the insurgents made have been bricked up, but the outlines can readily be traced. The places on the floor where one of Brown's sons died and the other was mortally wounded are pointed out by the villagers, although the blood stains that remained for several years have faded out.

STATISTICS have been collected in France, Algeria and Prussia, by which it is known that the Jewish race has a mean average duration of life exceeding that of Christians by about five years, and that this people enjoy greater immunity from disease than Christian races. The causes ascribed are the inheritance of sound physical constitutions and the watchful care of mothers over their offspring. The plagues which have visited various countries have left them unscathed. Croup is said to be extremely rare among their children and they have very little scrofula.

A WRITER in the *Berliner Tageblatt*, prefaces a thrilling description of the wreck of the Schiller with an account of the place where the disaster occurred. The Scilly Isles, he tells us, with scrupulous precision, are "a not very well known group of islands in the South Sea, between Cook's Archipelago and the Society Islands, in the 16.28 deg. of south lat. and the 150.50 deg. of west long." He sagely speculates upon the probability of assistance being afforded from the "neighbouring Tahiti, where most European vessels call on the homeward voyage from America!" What about French geographers now?

M. DE LESSEPS has again been in negotiation with the Powers respecting the Suez Canal dues. The revenue of the canal being now more than 30,000,000 francs a year, the tariff should, according to the rule laid down by the International Commission, be lowered. M. de Lesseps, however, argues that a reduction of the dues is impossible, as extraordinary expenses will have to be incurred this year for the canal. The entrance at Port Said is to be deepened and otherwise improved; the harbor at Lake Timsah must be enlarged, and the bend in the canal at Ramleh must be removed in order to facilitate the navigation. These works would alone cost at least 30,000,000 francs. M. de Lesseps has sent his son to Constantinople to continue the negotiations on this question.

A STORY is current in Paris, as follows: Vicomte de H— was seventy years old, but retained the freshness of youth mentally as well as physically. This was the result of an odd theory put into practice. He lived always moderately, systematically reserving a proportionate share of entertainment for his old age. Certain books, plays and places were avoided by him until the time prescribed for them arrived, when he would enjoy them all the more because of the long anticipation. His appetite was regulated in the same cool manner. His object, he said, was to escape tiring of life, and to use the world's pleasures in the wisest and most rational way. In the realization of his plan he only reached opera a short time ago. "The Huguenots" was the one selected, and he was in a state of high excitement on the night of his first visit to the Grand Opera House. He had a whole box and, being an ardent lover of Meyerbeer's music, he was enthusiastic in his admiration of the entertainment. At the end of the first act he fell from his chair and instantly died. The undue agitation had induced an attack of heart disease. In his desk was found a carefully prepared programme of pleasures that would have lasted until his eightieth year. It included a tour of America, the reading of Dickens's works, etc.

ROUND THE DOMINION.

ABOUT 100 discharged volunteers have left Manitoba for Canada.

REPORTS from the Upper Ottawa state that fire is committing great ravages in many of the timber limits on the Mattawan and Kippewa.

THE Brockville volunteer camp has been stacked out, and several wells required by the force are being sunk. No canteens will be allowed.

THE Toronto Masons intend erecting a Masonic Temple in that city, and a joint stock company is being formed for that purpose.

THE by-law to grant \$100,000 to the Canada Central Railway Company was defeated at Ottawa by a majority of over seven hundred votes.

THE twenty-second Annual Conference of the Primitive Methodist Church in Canada, met in the Primitive Church at Guelph, last week.

INGERSOLL has gas manufactured by a patent process and the company contemplate reducing the price from \$5 to \$2.50 per thousand.

SEVERAL large fires have been raging in the neighbourhood of Parry Sound, causing considerable damage to the woods, and destroying much pine timber.

THE last few days has been the severest weather of the season, in the North West. Latest reports confirm the destruction of the grasshoppers by cold, rain and snow.

SHERBROOKE is making preparations for a grand celebration on Dominion Day. Among other things, a game of Lacrosse between Indians and whites is mentioned.

THREE little boys in Montreal have been sentenced to three years in the Reformatory School for stealing pigeons and plucking all the feathers of the birds while living.

THE first sod on the main line of the Canada Pacific Railway at Red River, crossing Manitoba, was turned last week, and there was an enthusiastic demonstration.

THE other day, Mr. John Proctor set free six imported English sparrows in the Gore Park, Hamilton. They made themselves perfectly at home, flying from tree to tree chirping as gaily as if they were home in "Merrie" England.

QUITE a number of houses are in course of erection at Prince Arthur's Landing. Some of the silver mines are about resuming operation, and everything indicates a busy season in the vicinity of Thunder Bay.

THE Wimbledon team of Riflemen sailed for Liverpool by the Polynesian on her last trip. The members of the team from Toronto are Messrs. Bell and Mills, of the 10th Royals, and Messrs. Cruik and Little, of the Grand Trunk Rifles.

ONE day last week a monster bear was shot at East Chester N. S. by means of a trap gun. He measured over seven feet in length. A few days previous to being shot he had killed a cow belonging to a poor man.

MAJOR-GENERAL SMYTH will commence his inspection of the Militia by visiting the forces in Prince Edward Island, and, after visiting the various brigade camps of exercise, it is expected he will complete his tour by proceeding to Manitoba and British Columbia.

It is said that among the passengers by the last mail steamer to England were Mr. Allan Cameron and wife, elderly inhabitants of Mabou Harbor, C. B., who, after an absence of fifty years from Scotland, go home to look after an estate that has been left to them.

A PETITION was recently sent to the Board of School Trustees asking for the introduction of the German language as a study in the Public schools of Hamilton. The Committee has deferred consideration of the petition and will not likely take action in the matter.

THE conviction of Greaves and Sparkham, the Brockville abortionists, an appeal against which was carried to Toronto, has been sustained by the Judges. Their only hope of escaping the execution of the sentence now rests on the clemency of the Executive.

FIRES in the woods in the neighborhood of Halifax, are becoming serious, and the atmosphere is charged with smoke and strong smell of burning wood. The house of a colored man, named Millers, at Preston, caught fire from the woods, and an infant, eleven months old, was burnt to death in its cradle.

WATERTOWN is a pattern of what a lively city should be. It has had several celebrations already this year; is now at great trouble and expense conducting a week of sport for the benefit of the Sportsmen's Convention; will soon have a week of base ball; also a big trot, a Fourth of July celebration, and dear knows what more.

SOME interesting and curious remains of the past have been discovered from the foundation of a house in Notre Dame street, on the river side, at Lewis which was burned last year. A stone knife, a small cannon, evidently a field piece, a female skeleton, with gold bracelets on, and a male skeleton, ironed at the wrists, are amongst the articles exhumed from beneath the ruins.

Dr. B. S. THORNE, of Havelock Corner, King's County, N.B. is in possession of one of the greatest curiosities in the Province. It is an animal having an elephant's trunk, ears, and tail, and the hide is soft and smooth like that of the same animal. The feet are, however, those of a pig. Its mother belonged to the latter species. The body is rather larger than that of an infant pig, while the head is very large. The doctor intends preserving the body of the animal, which has died.

PERSONAL.

Chas. de Rémusat, the eminent author and politician, is dead.

Mr. Hagar, father of the member for Prescott, is dead.

Hon. Edward Blake has been returned by acclamation, on accepting office as Minister of Justice.

The Ven. Arch. Deacon Balch, lately of this city, and latterly of Grace Church, Detroit, is dead.

The petition against the return of Mr. A. F. McDonald, member for Cornwall in the Commons, is to be withdrawn.

It is stated on undoubted authority that the Hon. Geo. Brown will receive the honor of knighthood while in England.

Mr. Schwob, of the *Hamilton Spectator*, accompanied by a gentleman friend, had a very narrow escape from drowning in Burlington Bay last week.

Sir A. T. Galt has been appointed one of the British Commissioners to decide on the amount of compensation to be paid by the United States to Canada for fishery privileges.

It is said that the Hon. Mr. Fournier's first act as Postmaster-General will probably be the establishment of an additional weekly mail to Europe by the Dominion line.

The Rev. J. P. Maddigan, of St. Mary's Cathedral, Hamilton, has left for Europe. On his tour he will visit Ireland, England, France, Italy, Rome and other places of interest. He will be about four months absent.

Mr. Allan Gilmore, of Ottawa, who spends a good deal of his time on the Lower St. Lawrence during the summer season, has procured for himself a beautiful yacht which he purchased during his recent visit to the Old Country. It is a steam screw yacht of seven tons burthen, and was built on the River Thames. It is 50 feet in length, has an 11 foot beam, draws 5 feet of water and is 16 horse power.

A presentation was made to Mr. Stuttaford, of the Governor General's Foot Guards Band, Ottawa, of a very handsome framed group portrait of the band, accompanied by a suitable address. The presentation was made by Major White, to which Mr. Stuttaford made a very appropriate reply. It is the intention of Mr. Stuttaford to return to England by the next steamer, and in his departure has the best wishes of many friends and acquaintances.

At the annual meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Orange Lodge of British America, held at Sarnia, on the 2nd, a presentation was made to Grand Master Bowell of an address, accompanied by a purse, tea and coffee service of solid silver, and his portrait in oils. The Testimonial was got up in accordance with a resolution of the Grand Lodge passed at its meeting held in St. Catharines last year, and the hearty response of the Brethren was not only creditable to their liberality, but evidences the high and deserved place in their esteem which their Grand Master occupies.

VARIETIES.

M. JOHN LEMOINNE has been elected a member of the French Academy, vice Jules Janin. Jules Simon, who was a candidate to replace Guizot, failed by one vote, which he would have had but that M. Duvergier de Hauranne was absent, owing to the serious illness of his son, the Deputy for the Cher. This election, the ballot being inconclusive, was adjourned for six months.

A COLOSSAL statue of "Germania," by the eminent sculptor Helbig, is about to be presented by the King of Bavaria to the inhabitants of Oberammergau, the scene of the world-famed passion play. The conveyance of this work of art along rough country roads and over difficult mountain passes will be a ticklish affair requiring extraordinary mechanical appliances and very skilful management.

THE pollution of rivers in England by the manufactories along their banks has become a serious matter. Chemical works and dye houses are the worst poisoners of the water. A man who fell into the river at Bradford died from swallowing some of the liquid. The Clyde is described as emitting malarious effluvia, the Mersey as almost unbearable in stench, and the Bourne as thick and yellow. The few fish that live in these streams are unfit for food. English sanitarians are trying to devise some plan for rendering sewage and refuse innocuous.

SEVERAL heads of mummies were shipped from Egypt to Halifax, England. They were packed in separate boxes, and one of them got soaked in salt water on the voyage. This particular head when taken out was found to have recovered its natural outlines, the sea water having had an astonishing effect. M. D. Conway, who was present, says: "For a few minutes we saw an unmistakably Egyptian countenance, with pleasant composed expression—the face of a man who lived at least three thousand years ago. We could only conclude that the powerful aromatic gums which had been used had arrested the decay which the salt water had now rendered possible, and which speedily set in after the head was taken from its box and wrappings. I can never forget the lifelikeness of the face before the swift decay of flesh which followed."

At the recent election of the Athenæum Club in London, there were over 1,600 applicants, though there were only about fifty vacancies. At this rate of progress it would take more than thirty years to get admission to this club. Of course, the reason why it is so popular is that only the most distinguished in the literary, scientific, and artistic worlds are admitted. Otherwise the club is not nearly so comfortable as many of the others. For instance, no member can invite a friend who is not a member to dine, and strangers are ruthlessly excluded. For all that, there always has been a great crowd of applicants for admission, and always will be. A gentleman who had recently passed with credit the Indian Civil Service examination, and received an appointment which would probably keep him absent from this country for twenty years, had his name put up at the Athenæum before he left England, and hopes by the time he has finished his Asiatic career he may be so fortunate as to get elected.