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The Latest Chapter

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just before going to Press.

—Miss Ferguson, of Kemptville, is
visiting at Mrs. Elliott's.

—Mr. Geo. Burnham's son, of
Temperance Lake, is ill with appendi-
citis.

—Mr. Robert Hollingsworth left
yesterday to make his home in Mani-
toba.

—Miss Giles, of Brockville, visited
her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Giles, during
Easter.

—Miss Laura Buell, of Mallorytown,
is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. C.
Alguire.

—Mrs. James Ackland spent over
Sunday the guest of Mr. H. Taplin, in
Brockville.

—Mr. Burton Rhodes, of Sweet's
Corners, is a visitor at Mr. W. H.
Jacobs this week.

—Miss McLaughlin, of Cardinal,
spent Easter the guest of Principal and
Mrs. Massey.

—Mr. Lee of the firm of Johnson &
Lee was in New Dublin part of this
week repairing the cheese factory there.

From all appearances Athens will
shortly have a Chinese laundry, if the
presence of the celestial is any indica-
tion.

—Mr. L. A. Kennedy, of Toronto,
after an absence of ten years is spend-
ing a few days in town the guest of old
friends.

—Mr. J. D. Boddy has about con-
summated a deal for the disposal of his
orange grove in California for a hand-
some sum.

—Miss Giles, of Brockville, and
Miss McLaughlin, of Cardinal, review-
ed the Methodist Sabbath School on
Sunday afternoon on the day's lessons.
It proved to be very interesting to all
present.

—Our reporter on his rounds yester-
day took a walk through the carriage
works of Mr. D. Fisher, and was sur-
prised to see the large display of buggies
all of which are the best material and
workmanship. Watch the Reporter
for his announcement next week.

—The service in the Methodist
church on Sabbath evening next will
be of unusual interest to everyone.
Addresses will be delivered by several
of the official brethren, giving an in-
teresting history of the church during the
past sixty years. Special music is be-
ing prepared by the choir to mark the
auspicious event.

—The Young Men's Entertainment
on Monday evening was a signal suc-
cess. An excellent program was ren-
dered. The Misses Lester and Taplin
and Miss Green gave very pretty piano
pieces. A quartette by Misses Rae
Boyce and E. Wiltsie and Rev. Rey-
nolds and W. Ripley was sung with
pretty effect. Several solos, which
were intently listened to, were given
by the Misses Wiltsie, E. Richards and
B. Piercé. Mr. L. A. Kennedy, M.A.,
of Toronto, was present and gave sever-
al readings which were much enjoy-
ed. The proceeds amounted to about
\$75.

VILLAGE COUNCIL.

The village council met on Mon-
day evening in special session and
introduced and read a first and second
time the By-law (found in another
column) to raise the sum of \$6,000 in
debentures to purchase a site and build
a town hall in the village of Athens.
The council then adjourned to meet in
regular monthly session on Monday,
April 7th at 7 p.m.

B. LOVERIN, Clerk.

ANNUAL VESTRY MEETINGS.

The Annual Vestry Meeting of
Christ church, Athens, was held in
the vestry on Monday evening last.
Rev. Wm. Wright presiding and Jas.
Ross acting as secretary.

The auditors' report was presented
which showed that \$32.46 had been
taken in collections during the year and
\$66.82 had been paid out, leaving a
balance on hand of \$15.64. The sum
of \$137.96 proceeds of harvest dinner
had been applied to church building
fund, of this sum \$2.76 had been paid
for printing and balance of
\$135.21 paid to Mrs. Rowsome on
note on March 31st, 1902, the sum of
\$187.61. The report of the auditors
was unanimously adopted.

Jas. Walker was elected the people's
warden and the Rector elected Wm.
Karley as his ward-n. On motion the
balance of \$15.64 from collections was
transferred to the Rectory account.
The sidemen of last year, viz:—Fair,
Stacey, Tye, Johnson and Ross were
reappointed and Jas. Ross and E. M.
Fair auditors for 1902.

RANDOM NOTES BY
THE WAY.

Village Verse Stories and Other
Poems.

I just received the above and have
little time to look it over at present,
but a glance at it takes me back to
Rosey Hills of youth. I happened to
live near the home of Bengough. He
was young and just coming to the front
as a rapid and accurate cartoonist.
He ran a free hand in burlesque and
was also a logician, a rhetorical and
fluent speaker, at home in parody and
electric in irony, sarcasm and invective.

Well he fortunately came under the
notice of a prominent member of
parliament, and at an early age he also
came under the culture of the great and
gifted of the Dominion. By this favor
and influence he arose to a level above
all rivals for years and was well known,
as the brilliant editor of that racy
piquant journal, "Grip," and the lead-
ing gentlemen of all political stripes
became subjects of Grip's attention to
the very great amusement of the public
in general.

In the author of the modest volume
before us we not only see a strong resem-
blance to Bengough but a duplicate, a
counterpart.

Let us see, suppose C. C. Siack had
been taken in charge and directed along
the several lines of artistic work in
drawing and painting, also analysis,
rhetoric, logic, mental and moral
science, from 8 years old till sixteen,
by the great artists of the day, and had
been working on these lines till now,
name the native in the Dominion that
would have excelled him.

THE INTRODUCTION to these poems is
well composed, terse and sententious,
superior in force of expression and
style to those often written for volumes
of greater pretensions.

With no apology I quote a paragraph
"Among the unpresuming I found my
characters which I have studied and
learned to admire. They are all origi-
nal and within easy hailing distance at
this writing. Among them I have
ever lived, shared in their honest kind-
ness, mingled in their sports and past
times, their sorrows, their vicissitudes,
their ups and downs, so to speak, and
to them this book is faithfully ascribed.
To read the book is to realize that
nothing more need to be said. "The
thoughts contained therein have been
linked together in a carriage paint shop
and jotted down after hours. In fact
the work has been my recreation."

THE VILLAGE has a head light of
rural scenes:—
"You kin boast of city livin' with its
splendor and its show,
Druther live out in the village where
the folks are ruder slow,
'Mong the clover scented meadows
where the twilight lingers long.

AN OLD TIME MEMBER OF THE
CHOIR:—
There ain't no high paid soprano filled
with pride and college art.
Her's is melody from the soul, music
from an honest heart."

Several truthful rustic pictures
follow. The initiative and detail of

early village life are drawn out with
fidelity.

WIMMEN VOTERS is amusing. There
is endearing tenderness in this couplet.
"Say I wouldn't give one sentence of a
lovin' woman's prayer
For a hull years legislatin' of 'em poli-
ticians there."

ONLY ORDINARY FOLKS is worth
familiar.

THE HORSE TRADE is a good outline
of the horse traders Inn, Mount Forest,
Ont. 2 fine cuts of the trade illustrate
it:—

"He had become so old they had to
turn him out to die.

THE CRITICISM' DRAGON follows
and ends up with good suggestions.

THE INSURANCE MAN brings to view
the tactics of the Life Insurance Man

THE OLD COW BELL. "I am a boy,
just for the moment listening to the
old cow bell." Those who have been
reared amid rural scenes will, as they
read, whirl down the years, back to
childhood's long, dreamy summers and
flower strewn paths. A sweet tender
sadness rises to the eye as we read and
count back the years that are gone,
the missing links on the social card,
the long good by and the glorious sun-
sets. This is a sweet touching poem,
a pathetic refrain from over the far
away hills, and is on a level in many
lines with "When the Rio Comes
Hame by the Grand Bard along the
Banks and Braes O' Benny Doon."

I have only referred to several of the
first pieces in the book, much better
follow, as The Old Time Meatin' and
The Old Time Huskin' Bee. 50 poems
and numerous illustrations compose the
book, with many a rural scene and
pleasing thought which is decorated in
rustic robes and also others expressing
an amusing pathos.

THE TRIP OF THE SUNSET LIMITED,
is a railroad story, a tale twice told in
one, bringing the genius of the author
to view with and pathetic and affective
simplicity:—

"The fireman alarmed at the silence
and being unmoved at the pace,
Then staggering back he cried by the
fates that are rife

That's not Jim Riley a driving but his
lovin' and true little wife."

The whole piece is imbued with a spirit
of the heroic amid thrilling danger. I
repeat I regret that I have not time
at present to pay the tribute due this
home production which will bring to
the many friends of the author, far
away on life's journey pictures of the
days that are gone. There are por-
traits in the book better than the few
I have so briefly referred to. If we
happen to read a piece a second time,
it does not seem odd, simplicity gives
this tint of freshness.

We wish to say that we know by
actual test, 5 minutes conversation with
the author on the wonderful purity of
the love of Jesus for man, arouses a
chord of deep sympathy, proving it is
only the counterfeit that he protests.

I omitted to mention a proof of the
authors gift as an artist, that several
years ago, after the death of certain
persons, he painted from memory their
pictures with such accuracy that no
photographer's art could improve, and
buildings and scenes with affecting
identity, that had long passed away.
Such talent is of a very high order.

Let us never give faint praise for it
is much more unjust than a direct
attack in criticism. We may mention
in evidence that Lord Byron the gifted,
excessively proud and haughty poet
was emerging from the haze of severe
criticism as a bright particular star,
Blackwood's Magazine, Westminster
were in their prime, a constellation of
Briton's greatest writers on all themes
was rising, wreathing the brow of the
British nation with a halo of literary
glory that has never been surpassed.

I think it was the brilliant and gift-
ed Geoffry, editor of the "Edinburg,"
who praised one of Byron's poems in a
doubtful way. The storm had been
gathering for several years, Lord
Byron arose in wrath up to the black
tempest clouds of passion, pouring out
on his critics devoted head invective,
overwhelmed him with vituperation,
in vials of vindictive wrath in that
most withering, scathing, annihilating
satire ever written on that theme,
(English Bards and Scotch Reviewers).
In it occur those memorable words to
"Damn with Faint Praise."

There are lines here that are on a
par with some in the "Collier's Satur-
day Night," also:—

"Oye little birdies close your gushing
throats,
You break my heart wi your merry
notes."

Again with—
"Here summer first unfaulds her
emerald robes
And here she longest tarries."

I have looked over about a fifth of
the volume and must quit for the
present and close with these warm
lines from the Village Verses:—

"Now I think that every woman has a
good work to impart,
Thet there is a lovin' halo circle round
a woman's heart.

Wm. S. Hough,

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