FERNIE PASTOR TELLS OF FIRE

LOSES CHURCH, HOME AND ALL BELONGINGS

Appeal is Now Being Made to the Methodists of Province for Assistance.

The following story of the Fernie fire written by Rev. W. Lashley Hall, pastor of the Methodist church at that place, appears in the Christian Guardian for August 12th. Mr. Hall's church as well as his residence and all his fire, and an appeal is now being made to the Methodists of the province: Last night (Saturday) I sent, or tried

"Yesterday awful explosion (at Coal Creek); to-day whole city wiped out with fire,—church, parsonage, personal houses were saved in the midst of the effects, everything gone; am standing rest consumed by fire—though the said with flames all round at spot near Elk river; don't know where women are; that everything was gone. but expect they escaped in train."

I will try and fill in the details. We

midnight. At Cranbrook, en route, we of the morning, who welcomed us back tended vacation, the first in ten years,

approaching district meeting. Towards afternoon Fernie seemed the appearance of the sky and the niountains that I kept involuntarily saying, "Dies Irae." And still no thought of what was before us crossed my mind; it was simply the awful sug- manhood in the midst of desolating gestiveness of the scene that appealed to me, without a thought of any immeed my wife's attention to the terrible, an editor by profession, and whose wife, in this case the sun, turning into blood.

The Fire Bell Rang. Presently the fire bell rang. By this time I was busy writing letters enclosing cheques on account of the missiondealing with individual conditions. But and the crakening of the air, made me the dearching of the and, my mind, any purpose, and I hardly knew the idea of sending off wires to our conto any purpose, and I hardly knew what to do. Finding, however, that some neighbors were starting their hose ranged for between my editor friend half an hour's conversation. At our pipes I at once leid other matters aside and myself, and we planned to get out and followed suit. (In my hip pocket, of town several miles, if necessary, till ance to the hospital, whither other paas I write are the unfinished letters and cheques, snatched up at the last tion. At the coal company's office, built come on the train, followed. moment.) At the same time I said to with cement, with a large enclosure of my wife and another lady that they had open space all around, we found the these notes, ere I return. I have been better prepare for emergencies, though
I did not anticipate anything of the
sort, although I was not made aware
that fire had caught the lower end of
the town among some shacks. Forewarned, forearmed; and as a precautimes of the town among some shacks are precautimes of the town among some shacks. Forewarned, forearmed; and as a precautimes of the town among some shacks. Forewarned, forearmed; and as a precautimes of the town among some shacks are precautimes of the town among some shacks. Forewarned, forearmed; and as a precautimes of the second shacks of the second sha work with a young fellow in the house to get our valuables together in view of children, as well as boys and girls of Cranbrook the whole town was organa possible hasty retreat. We tied up some bundles of clothing and bed-clothes, and took them, with trunks and sizes, and took them, with trunks and took them, with trunks and sizes of shions there is a great levited into a grand relief committee, and took them, with trunks and ing documents, into the garden. It was now quite clear that the whole town was threatened, and that we ourselves were in imminent

There was an awful roar The hot blast of the wind was a flery tornado. Trees were twisted as they stood or were uprooted. These flery gusts would last several seconds. They were simply due to the fearful winds which had sprung up concurrently with the fire, and, intensified thereby, as the path of the flames seemed to make a draught like a chimney. Everybody was now working for dear life, everywhere. The fire was yet some distance away, and we hastened to drag the various articles to a place of safety.

Ringed With Fire.

But where could we go? We were ringed with fire. It may not seem crede, but those awful tongues of flame leaped two blocks. Fires were all retreat earlier it would have been to no purpose. There was just one spot where from our house there seemed a way of discovered there was real danger, since, must know exactly what to do and do thus know exactly what to do, and do it quickly. While we were in the act of dragging our belongings away to a place of approximate safety—which was only partially so, as it turned out, and Nelson.

Cranbrook, who arrived thus early on the scene—somewhere towards the small hours of the morning; and also heard of the generous help offered by Nelson. which, had we known all that later we came to know, could still only have been effectually reached with the help of a wagon, of which there was none in awful tongues of flame scorched, as it seemed, into our very faces, and we had to hold our breath and turn our head and beat a retreat, leaving our various articles where they were. There was a momentary pause in the fiery breath, and we essayed to the rescue again, but in vain. When breath of flame reached our way it seemed to lick up our very moisture. My tongue and throat seemed to dry up and I had to get water from the nearpoint. I still had some hope either that the wind might turn, or its violence abate, and the parsonage be saved, if not the church, for the parnage was an exceptionally good risk, in fire insurance language.

But now the flames had caught the roof of the house of -, and then I saw that the church was doomed, if not the parsonage. The air was so fearfully hot that we had to get away, though the flames were yet some dis tance off. Perhaps we were foolish in staying so long; we nearly cut off our retreat. But I could not bear the thought of our property going up, and

away when I saw the end must For only that morning I had been taken response was so genuinely sympathet the organ done over.

Only One Way to Safety.

ed to be something horribly fiendish was habited in a blanket like an In--if that were possible-and on the way we ran into women who sadly needed a helping hand. So we at once turned to render what aid we could, the while as well as supervising the watch apirging each and every one to lose not a moment-for strange as it may seem, personal effects, were destroyed in the to those not accustomed to bush fires, there were actually women who still refused to believe that there was any

real danger to themselves. to send, the following message from stranger still, their faith, or hope, or whatever it may be phrased, in one or two cases, was actually justified by the sudden shifting of the wind, and two

We were out of the immediate zone of fire. I saw our poor church go before me, my wife and I, Friday I turned away, and afterwards saw the parsonage aflame. Now the question this which determined me to take the midnight flier. When we arrived we found Fernie enveloped in clouds of great chunks of burning wood were flysmoke, from bush fires; but as this is ing in all directions, igniting trees all not an uncommon occurrence in British around. We were now quite helpless nbia-more's the pity-I did not to fight the fire, for the water supply think anything of it. On Saturday the clouds began to roll up darker and We ranged along the gravel beach predarker, and still no thought came to pared for a hasty run down to the of any impending tragedy. I fell in river's brink, should it prove necessary with a number of friends in the course in the last resort. Meanwhile the fires across the river grew more lurid, and -for I had just returned from an ex- the clouds of smoke more darkly dense, and it was almost blinding to the eyes and my wife also had been absent many as well as suffocating to the breath. In months through ill-health — and was regard to one of the two houses I lent busy getting hold of things in readiness a hand myself in helping to push down Sabbath services, and for the some burning walls next door. And here I must record my profound regard for the indomitable pluck of the man ever and anon to be canopled by a ver-itable pall of smoke, and so awful was to be no other than the member of the local legislature, a lawyer by profession. He and his helpers did right valiantly.

This was one of the scene pictures which exhibited the latent dignity of sights. Next door was a second illustration, in the person of a man who was a political opponent of the former. aspect of the sun—which brought back as president of the Ladies' Aid, has of a typhoid patient, who sent for me aspect of the sun-which brought tack as president of the long at typnoid patient, who sent to all the imagery of the Apocalypse—the been an indefatigable supporter of the en route in great distress of soul, and Getting in Touch With Outside. Threatening clouds of dark-rolling smoke, made lurid with flame, were to the car were talking, and the younger the south of us, and none of us knew folks laughing while in the corner was

were aged and feeble women, and wo-men in delicate condition, and little precautions were still necessary. At

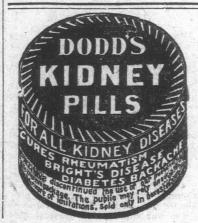
considering the awful suddenness with His own time, on the Sabbath day. which we had been overwhelmed. In three or four hours the whole town was

Incidents of the Fire

And now I would like to mention two said as to the pros and cons. In the there such a human holocaust. tive telegraphic communication had been secured. It was here that I tried to send off a dispatch to the president, with what success I cannot yet tell. Here, also, I was witness to the proffer the form representatives from casualties but hampily the wholesale

Nelson.

The second instance occurred later in Fernie.' the morning (to-day, Sunday). We were



it was with a sore wrench I turned "Well,- are you hit very hard?" And on the affirmative being answered, the into the church by kindly hearts and—only a few words, "I'm sorry for you" shown what was intended as a grateful—that my heart fairly thrilled. I said surprise on my return in the way of nothing, but I wanted to shake hands. church renovation. Among other things So, also, a little before, on the part they were actually laying new carpet of one of the two men largely interested on the rostrum, and the church had in the foresaid establishment. With the been freshly cleaned and varnished, and the organ done over.

if if in the history of Fernie, and his own history in Fernie—his loss was understood to range into six fig-We were free of the house — but whither should we turn? There was no possibility of crossing any of the fire zone in three directions; for there seemed to be something howstly for all the source of about the howling wind and fiery flame dian. We simply shook hands and said combined with clouds of smoke and dust. There was only one possible way during the night to the needs of men, women, and children, who were needy pointed to guard against fire and theft. But no one would have imagined his But no one would have imagined his loss. He never said a word about it to me. You might have thought he was a colored summer frocks for something to colored summer frocks for something.

But no one would have imagined his loss in the many be, once each term, a shackle is opened, and those able to pass to higher work, are allowed to occup one of them. The next morning the judge said:

"Pat, you would have been in Ireland." me. You might have thought he was a detached individual of another town. This is a type of manhood which appears in emergencies in the west, and days" which will e'er long be upon us. which one cannot but honestly admire. It seems a pity that bright colors I might mention other interesting cannot be more generally worn when points: the promptitude which the railroad company set about repairing the might be supposed, would wish to borroadbed, before the ashes were cold, row some of the glory and brightness and their general readiness to do all in of warmer summer climes, but it is tails of the wharf at Sidney, one sails their power to cope with the situation; undoubtedly the rule that the colder out into condended this result in the condended this result is result in the condended this result is result. their power to cope with the situation;

the wideawake alertness and cheery and more gloomy the climate the more confidence of the gentleman who was formerly manager, and is now president of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company; form to the same principle, until in the formerly manager, and is now president form to the same principle, until in the of the Crow's Nest Pass Coal Company; form to the same principle, until in the opal. On all sides Nature has hung her regardless of thoroughness, are rushed from beginning to end a newspaper canvasses and no one can complain that over the work. They fall behind, which records "facts" that may be contrict president of the Miners' Union, many of them become quite colorless. trict president of the Miners' Union, who has before now been at cross grips with the said company, threw himself into the work of rescue and help; and, indeed, the general behavior of both the masters and men, for you could not tell which from t'other, and both seemed coverlly intent or service the atmosphere and the more vivid are the hues of fabric, fur which from t'other, and both seemed coverlly intent or service the atmosphere and and feather worn by man and beast.

The many of them become quite coloriess, any particular canvas has been hung in a poor light. Here, a yellow beach with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and stately firs alternates with a background of reddish foliage and discouraged, drop out of school; infinitely to be pitted because they have lost all confidence in themselves, and in their own ability.

It is little less than criminal to comthem the form at time of the form, misunderstood, unappreciated, with a background of reddish foliage and discouraged, drop out of school; infinitely to be pitted because they have lost all confidence in themselves, and intention of a hundred facts—the form of the form of the policy of the policy of the policy of the policy of equally intent on serving the public interest as if it were their own; but I am tion to the rule. In the land of the it, fair as the cedars of Lebanon, are aware of the exigencies of space. There came from Asia with the Muscovite beautiful and modest, and fragrant of were no doubt incidents of another sort, less inspiring—I ran into two myself, of the ghoul order, in the one case an Italian, in the other a mulatto, who were prowling among the embers for less and scarlet embroideries.

| came from Asia with the muscovic hordes, still asserts itself in a snow-bound country and render leaden skies. From the gaily dressed peasant, with list beads and scarlet embroideries for ages, towering pines have stood like the bright, and to force out of school, after having destroyed their self-confor ages, towering pines have stood like the proposition of the slow, or hold back the bright, and to force out of school, after having destroyed their self-confor ages, towering pines have stood like the proposition of the proposition of the slow, or hold back the bright, and to force out of school, after having destroyed their self-confor ages, towering pines have stood like the proposition of the proposition of

Cranbrook, etc. On one of these trains weather, are pronounced vulgar. I came myself to Crambrook, not only chasing the absent, but taking charge who, ere reaching his destination, said, "I die happy." It was, in one way, a whether this would overtake our re- this typhoid pation, who was telling me treat or not. Meanwhile I thought I that he thought it was too late, and would reconnoitre the town, as far as that he had been too big a sinner. I possible, where the fire had already turned a deaf ear to the noise, and been, in the hope of getting some news spoke above the din of voices and the

Five Thousand People Homeless. And now I have the worst to say. cannot speak with authority, but perhaps this awful tragedy is the worst in the history of British Columbia. Some nore incidents which came under my five thousand people are homeless. To eve. illustrative of the native kindness see the crowds wandering about aimof the human heart under given condi- lessly or going off on trains, hardly retions. They relate respectively to the alizing the situation, having lost all, is mayor and ex-mayor, the latter a phy- exceedingly pathetic. Nor is this all. sician, the former a hotel proprietor. do not know whether there were more These men had been ranged on opposite or fewer, homeless in the historic fires sides in more than one hot fight, and on of Vancouver or Westminster: but this another occasion something might be I know: In neither of these cases was

present instance I could not but be Another note from Mr. Hall, written struck with the genuine human concern on Monday, reads: "I have been trying for his fellows which was manifested by the mayor. For the time being the city headquarters was at the southeast corner of the park ground, where tenta- all safe; so I understand are men in the of help from representatives from casualties, but happily the wholesale Cranbrook, who arrived thus early on holocaust is negatived. This simply heard of the generous help offered by ing organized, and every one is going faithful to her native costume top speed. I return this afternoon to

With this devastating fire the town the Trites-Wood establishment for sup- ply non est-wiped out. And so, of plies—the ex-mayor and I—when we ran course, is the church. And equally, of back ground of our stage. into one of the business men who had course, both town and church will at also taken a leading part in civic once set to work to repair the loss, It politics, not always in line with the ex- will be, perhaps, but a sorry looking mayor. Meeting him, the latter said, beginning at first-for the least imaginative will probably have enough imagination to see at least something of blueor grey jeans and faded nondewhat such a situation means—but a beginning will be made without loss of me, so soon as the wherewithal available. Our church buildings were insured, in part, but then we were carrying a considerable amount of debt. which we were working off under the insurance-instalment plan. four years, and we had hoped to be free and free to undertake other pressing developments. But other developments unforseen, have come instead. then? While no doubt it is true, "Sic transit gloria mundi," it is also true, "Jesus hominum salvator et viator." We had hoped to see our brethren of the mission board come this way. But now? And yet, why not all the more ertainly come?

Fernie, B. C., August 2nd, 1908.

The fluffy teresting, but the wielders of picks and should a pupil lose a year when only yellow plumes shovels contribute more to the comfort a month or so behind his class? By of the golden and sanitation of our city than any the flexible method of grading, a pupil other class of workmen, and why who for any reason falls a month besearlet berries should workers on the corporation not hind, drops back that distance, which of the rowan have a uniform costume as well as a may be easily made up if he has the tree -- both Jack Tar or Tommy Atkins. gaily clad But how far I have wandered from he loses only the time he should lose. happened to put up one night at a small

heralds of the autumn — are leaf? Still is it so very far after all bound in chain gangs, and compelled limited to one bedroom containing two warning the when one considers how necessary it to walk in intellectual lock-step for warning the when one considers how necessary it to walk in intellectual lock-step for daughters' of is that my lady should have clean, well their whole school lives. Once, each term will, was forced to allow the Irishman

better adapted to the 'melancholy funeral colors the inhabitants wear. form to the same principle, until in the

blues and purples, The coachman of a picturesque bungalow the poet hermit During the fire, trains were run to well turned out sledge is resplendent in Hosmer with women and children, and it was in one of these trains I am told horses are covered with gay trappings, my wife went, although as yet I have and even the nets, which keeps the not been able to locate her, either at snow from being kicked up in the Hosmer, Fernie, or Elko, though I understand she is now to be found in the way and Sweeden, too, the prominence ast-mentioned place, helping in direct- of vivid tints is noticeable. But-when ing affairs. When the morning came one sets foot on British soil-bright

> Of course practical considerations frequently have a disastrous effect on the artistic aspect of dress. In cold or damp imates much that is beautiful must be lost, not only in attractive outlines, but in pretty materials, for thick woolen garments do not lend themselves to the graceful folds and effective draping of more pliable and lighter prove that utility must be given pre- the waves.

dence over picturesqueness. mon sense the world dresses according high on either side of the narrow cove to weather and occupation. Conveni-which alone makes them accessible, and to weather and occupation. Convenience of ence and the love of comfort have slowly but surely conquered the desire for brilliancy and ostentation, notwith-sort of incense of enchantment. them, as well as by the mayor and death, not because of their grotesquestion overhanging them, the arbutus tree is death, not because of their grotesquestion overhanging them, the arbutus tree is death, not because of their grotesquestion overhanging them, the arbutus tree is death, not because of their grotesquestion.

In the original practice, and overhanging them, the arbutus tree is death, not because of their grotesquestion. A dog, like a child, should be free considering the awful suddenness with ness and inartistic appearance, but with a new one of reddish brown, and to live its life in the open; if that be from sheer discomfort to the wearer. | the silver leaves of the cottonwood lean | not possible, then

epted fashion or style, and none was water. fraid of being thought singular or land where one would not be surprised vulgar.

picturesque in any way, but as he gigs ong with his baskets he, too, contriutes his mite to our ever changing stillness which can be felt, a stillness man with her pleasant face, framed by black satiny hair, held in place by ancy combs, her long loose coat and baggy trousers may she long remain we have the blue and gold, or black and gold, with touches of scarlet, of the ship's officers, and the smart red tunic walking up to the wholesale house of is, of course, helpless. The town is sim- of Tommy Atkins, who is always with us-a very active lay figure on the

It is to be regretted that the laborers

On Monday the schools will re-open, Pat indignantly, "sure as long as poor sequence of the War of Restoration, not so much in evidence on our and thousands of children will be Mike stuck to the whisky he was all however, she could not be delivered, so streets—cannot be persuaded, or compelled, to exchange their ugly—I use pelled to move at the same pace, re-water it drownded him!"

right but as soon as he took to the was run on the coast under the German water it drownded him!" the word advisedly-"make ups" of gardless of a hundred differing factors



would be picturesque, but at the same a month behind, drags along until the time cheap and servicable and comforted end of the term, fails to be promoted, see a man, or a boy, or an old woman. able. To the casual passer by their and loses a year. Thus thousands of work seems hard, and durty, and uninability and disposition to do so, and

Nature's Picture Gallery A Day Among the Gulf Islands

gress of each pupil should be deterout into enchanted shimmering waters, where fairy, sea-girt islands swim in whose development is slower or who hold upon that truth, have I not been the grey blue mist like violet crowns, or rise in emerald circles from beds of any particular canvas has been hung stumble for a time at the foot, and in a poor light. Here, a yellow beach then, misunderstood, unappreciated, If a philosopher with the control of the ual lock-steps for months and years;

Italian, in the other a mulatto, who were prowling among the embers for spoils. But on the whole I have to declare that the fire with all its horrors, added to my respect for the manhood of a declared of the Pacific makes his home, and the pected to grind them out alike? Who will dare to assert that individ-

Rocks, crags, and mounds confusely hurled.

The fragments of an earlier world. Or of the old Indian legend which is somewhat similar and runs thus: "When the Great Spirit was building trains were run to the west, to Elko, hues, for out door wear in winter our continent He began at the east, and when he reached the west he had so much material left over that he threw it into the water, where it rolled over and came up wrong side first."

But in spite of the fact that the islands are turned upside down with the different rooms and ask the teachers So, for my bonnie bride, fertile land at the bottom, one sees cosy homes hiding modestly behind for-est fringed shores, and here and there found a number who are dragging, and a white church is perched like an eyea number at the head of the class who can easily do the work, though absent brow on the face of a cliff.

On and on we go, sheltered on all every other day. To insist on keeping textures. The short, dark tweed skirt, the thick boots and the fur trimmed toque, so generally worn by the Cantoque, so generally worn by the Safeguards against those safeguards against those cantoque and the two grades together is as much an one cantoque against nature, as to attempt to drive a slender limbed, fleet footed stabled. It may be that the thorns are sides as we are, there is no wind and no sea, but the swell from the boat, outrage against nature, as to attempt adian woman in cold rainy weather, or when the thermometer gets far beyond the freezing point, make her far more comfortable, but much less picturesque romfortable, but much less picturesque romfortable romfortabl than her Japanese sister, who on wet ender and mauve and ultramarine — a time. days must struggle with a paper umbrella and a clinging kimono of cotton or silk, and whose pattens and white linen shoes are a poor substitute boat, into ribbons and streamers of copcotton or silk, and whose pattens and white linen shoes are a poor substitute boat, into ribbons and streamers of copper our stout leather. The fact that the Japanese ladies are now rapidly adopting our style of dress, goes to stars, which play at hide and seek with

a minimum amount of sleep but how On and on, where islands, black-green In this leveling age of practical companies the splendor of the sky, loom sense the world dresses according high on either side of the narrow covers the splendor of the sky loom five-thirty all the dogs in the neighbor.

ATTEMPT TO RAISE horhood begin to howl and lament in a

Still, although much that was ugly coquettishly against the breast of that upted Rip Van Winkle slumber is to and exaggerated was worn in olden stern cld warrior, the pine, and the be highly reco nes, the great variety of colors lent wild cherry, red already, flaunts its picturesque aspect to the streets and banners in the sun-on and on, where ry roads which they sadly lack in night lights and shadows meet in export somber and sombre age.

The world was younger, each the world was yo intry roads which they sadly lack in night lights and shadows meet in exur more somber and sombre age. quisite display and a gay maple, its nan dressed as seemed best in his itself among the more sombre ever- group of village children were playing ihama, near Uraga. In the following on eyes, without regard to any ac- greens, and admires its reflection in the at the foot of an enormous tree, of year the steamer, together with the

ulgar.

It is to be hoped that the dusky, skined, gaily turbaned Hindu, who lends
nicturesqueness to our streets which a picturesqueness to our streets, which tions of the sunlight which floods the uld be otherwise lacking, will always rocks, and trees, and seas, with waves retain his characteristic head dress—if he is no other use he may surely contribute his mite to the daily show we provide for the tourists who swarm our streets. The pig-tailed Celestial is not because in any way, but as he gigs occurrence as a matter of course; and above, and beyond, and around is a anorama. Next comes the Chinese wo- such as might have preceded the earlliest dawn of creation, or the morning of the day on which Adam found his

Thoughts by the Way

School Children in Lock-Step.

which influence their progress. Teachers will again be compelled to waste heir energy in striving to stretch those whiskey, called his Irish porter, bronze-work, in addition to a large mentally "short," and compress those famous for his tasting capacity, into quantity of valuable furniture and gold who are mentally "long," that all may his private office, and poured out a and silver shipped by a laimyo of imappear equal in the mythical pupil, A scanty wine glass full, saying: system which would not be tolerated for the physical development of children is no better for their mental de-"In together, on together, all to-her, out together," if there are any "Ten years of age is it? Ten y velopment. The degree of uniformity gether, out together," if there are any eft with sufficient intellectual life to of age! Begorra but it's small for its six feet in length. get to the top of the mental treadmill. age!". A more rational way, and one which might be successfully adopted would be to allow pupils to advance at any caped a great peril by an act of hero- appear to answer a charge of allowing time by a number of short steps, ism, was much complimented for his his dog to run at large in the fire limits rather than once a year by a long

By the usual plan, a pupil who falls he blushed and stammered, and finally latter had taken it in charge.

pointing to his pedal extremities, said, 'Well, there they be, mum."

"Put some perfume on my mousache," said a young man to the barber. "You must be going to see one of your lady friends," insinuated the knight of the razor. The young man sighed a tired sigh, and said: "See here, my on my moustache because I'm going to or a baby in arms?" The barber was

"Never take a bull by the horns," counselled Uncle Pete, "take him by the tail; then you can let go if you want

A western judge and an Irishman

"Pat, you would have been in Ireland move on and be bound to those left over in the next grade. Still shackled, they spend year after year, trying to drag others or be pulled along by others. Would that it were possible to so would have been in Ireland a long while before you would have been in Ireland a long while before you would have been contained. you would have been a judge."

to so arrange matters that the pro-

It is little less than criminal to com-

Why should pupils be put in educa-ional mills and the teachers be ex-

ability, of character, or of inspiration?

Is not individuality the divinty of the

child, which should be watched for,

carefully studied and lovingly guard-

this matter, let him visit at random

is nothing new under the sun.

as done for poor Mike."

Random Etchings

Two Irishmen named respectively,

any school sometime after the begin-

If one wishes to get at the truth of

Gladly leaving behind the prosaic de- gress of each pupil should be application and music. If in reading a poem I appre The real poet is he who sets truth to hend some eternal truth, and through cannot keep pace with the brightest, drag along at the foot of the class, and drag along at the foot of the class, and

than the record of the hundred factspel pupils differing greatly in ability and attainments to walk in intellect-

BY THE CAMPFIRE.

I'm thinking of you, Love, to-night, As lone I sit by camp fire bright. I'm wond'ring where, I'm wond'ring

I'm asking you if I may come If you will bid me welcome home.

Your answer reached me. Love, to-night, uality is not of more importance than So, fare-the-well, my camp fire bright, uniformity of taste of grading, of For, warmer than your ruddy glow, uality is not of more importance than THE LOVER.

> And the cattle love the lea;
> Through storm and through sunshine, Will I love thee.

As the birds love the springtime,

Gladly and forever. Would I wed thee.

Do I woo thee.

have to endure to get it? Maybe! The dogs are tied up. Would that Roses after all are of such infinite they were loosed again or chloroformed variety.

Some people do not get an idea-it do one's work one must have at least sometime—to get—somewhere.

FORTY-YEAR-OLD WRECK

Cruiser With Valuable Cargo.

Japanese advices by the steamship Speaking of Rip Van Winkle, the Hazel Dollar, now in port from the writer came across an old fairy story Orient, recall the wreck in the first which it was said that the one who cargo, was sold by auction to the late should succeed in climbing to its top Mr. Kirby, of Yokohama, for a sum of should win honor and riches and fame. \$65,000. In the third year of Meiji (1870), One boy climbed up and when he got the wreck was transferred to Mr. Takadown again the little girl who had been shima Kayemon, of Yokohama, his boyhood's sweet heart was an old tried to raise her between the 11th gray-haired grandmother. Truly there month of the same year and the first month of the ensuing year, but without success, and the sunken treasure was abandoned for a long time. Mr. Toyama Kembi, who from the first interested himself in the matter, deeming the treasure too precious to be left at the bottom of the sea, obtained per nission from Mr. Takashima to raise the vessel, and in 1906 he made an at-Pat and Mike, were very much addict-ed to drink and in spite of the re-to lack of funds he was compelled to monstrances of their parish priest, per suspend the operations. But he has sisted in their evil habits until one never lost sight of the scheme. After night while intoxicated, Mike fell into consultation with experts he devised a the river and was drowned. On hearing plan to salve the treasure at a cost of of the sad occurrence the priest hast- \$2,500, and is now pushing on his preened to once more expostulate with the parations for resuming operations

On the authority of Mr. Toyama an "See, Pat," said he, "what the whiskey Osaka journal states that the wrecked steamer was an armed cruiser and was "Whiskey! yer riverance!" exclaimed | purchased for the Sendai clan. In conflag. She was wrecked on her way from Yokohama to the north. It was report-A hotel keeper having received a ed that she carried \$60,000 in silver, small supply of a very choice brand of 1,030,000 kin of copper, 1,430,000 kin o portance. At the lowest estimate the "There, Pat, taste that, its ten years value of the cargo cannot be less than \$300,000. The upper part of the stea Pat turned the diminutive glass er is for the most part ruined, but the

-The new dog bylaw is to be tested in An honest ignoramus who had es- the courts. On Monday one man will bravery. One lady said: "I wish I and another is accused of taking his could have seen your feat." Whereupon dog from the pound keeper after the Ralph Smith and Socia After

DISCUSS

(From Mond Before a crowd of people, banked i "green" near the c raimo, Ralph Smith. ber for that constit minion parliament, political record on against James H. M. P. P., his Socialis forthcoming election Each debater was in which to lay ba record, and another

Mr. Smith's com form was composed Bichard Booth, H. and Alexander Forre Cloud, of Nanaimo James Cartwright. Young and Parker ialist member for I

E. Quennell, chair naimo Conservative a former mayor of and had considerabl ing order among th during the debate.

The Socialist cand him a pile of parli to assist him in his Mr. Smith was als small leather case persuasive documen At certain points some of Mr. Hawt lowers seemed dete Smith should not be to put him off the ti driving home with blows point after opponent. Mr. Smi ever, to be gainsaid form all evening, i was determined to p

The Liberal mem bate with a vigoro raignment of Mr. record in which he tention to the latter the Tory party when portunity to get in so the labor interests. essed himself the effective gallery pla islature, and so cou A Recor

"This gentleman record on a previous Mr. Smith in comm good thing for a m that Mr. Hawthorn has a record and it that his record should Ralph Smith as the ecord should be dis won't say a word th do with his personal record I shall deal bad enough. I feel st ple, who say on the thornthwaite has do Nanaimo, and that done nothing, have

Subject of The subject of this lic record of the So Nanaimo and mysel fact that he is lead party in this provin the House is one of ence of any other especially one of o corporations and t private enterprise. self as a Socialist m part of 1901, consider serious complaints a that I had taken wi questions. He expre jection to two. thin

them to-day."

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Patronage

2. He took the obj ling of patronage any independent pos man must be a I Liberal patronage, tribute Tory patron: take these favors from ment without com party which it repr say, however, for ye istered Tory patro and it is, therefore use his own langua must be a Conser Conservative patron sessions in the legis almost every in Curtis, the presen for Kootenay for mons. His whole re was to follow the formers and as long such political associ But in 1903 the (elected to power as a time in the history a small majority an themselves it was n Socialist support, as ow the Socialists. thornthwaite, surre to the Tory govern pense of their feelin

Fernie Bal 3. The first thing v lot boxes. The Cor clared elected by There was a larger ballots than such feated candidate, w