

## ..The Planet..

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## THE SORROWS OF BIRDS.

We read so much of the joyousness of bird life that we are sometimes likely to imagine that these little denizens of grove and field have no cares and no dangers and no sorrows. But when we think for a moment how many enemies they have, and how, from the very beginning of their lives, a kind of "sword of Damocles" seems hanging over them, we quickly realize this is not so. Hungry cats are ever prowling around. Hawks and jays, and others of their own kind, are ever waiting to pounce upon them. The predatory schoolboy, seeking for eggs and young birds; the farmer who sometimes looks upon all birds as his enemies; the sportsman, who is determined to "kill something"; even the grand lady of society, who virtually sends out the hunter to destroy ruthlessly, in order to transfer their lovely plumage to her own person, all threaten alike the life of the modest woodland songster and the gorgeous flut-terer of the jungle. No wonder that there is, in the songs of some birds, a pensive strain, which a writer on bird life has called "a minor chord running like a shimmering silver line through the web of woodland music." We need to better know, and understand, and be in sympathy with these little fellow-creatures of ours that people our woodland and travel our skies.

## COURTSHIP IN CHURCH PROHIBITED.

The rector of a fashionable church in Brooklyn, N. Y., has informed the young people in his congregation that in the future "audible courtship" will not be permitted in the church while service is in progress, announces the Hamilton Spectator.

Things are getting into queer shape when the liberties of young people are to be interfered with in such a high-handed manner. What do young people go to church on Sunday nights for if it is not to enjoy each other's society and have a comfortable place in which to spend an hour when it is too unpleasant to be out of doors? What care they for sacred song or prosy sermon so long as they have each other to talk to?

The Brooklyn rector, evidently, does not object to such mild forms of expressing affection as the clasping of hands and making goo-goo eyes at each other; but he thinks that talking out in meeting annoys those in the immediate vicinity who probably go to church to hear the gospel preached. If that rector ever went to church with a smiling-eyed girl on a Sunday evening and was able to resist the temptation to whisper love's sweet song into her ear, then he should join with that Chicago professor who never kissed or hugged a girl and get off into a corner and together sing Old Hundred.

## THOSE LOVELY CANADIAN NURSES.

Our "girls" seem to be in demand as nurses in the hospitals of large United States cities. Why they are is not hard to explain, after reading the opinion recently expressed by Miss Sutcliffe, General Superintendent of the training department of the New York Hospital. That lady says: "The trained nurse goes into the finest homes. She must be a person of high breeding or else she becomes a trouble maker and a source of annoyance. The American girls who apply to hospitals for admission to the training schools are not to be compared to the Canadian girls in this respect. There are charming applicants and many well-bred young women among them; but the proportion who are quite the opposite is great. So trained nursing offers a resource to Canadian girls in the circumstances referred to."

One-half of the graduates of the leading training schools in New York this year are Canadians. After what Miss Sutcliffe has said, their future is assured, as young women of their acquirements and good breeding are admirably adapted for the life in which they have engaged, and which usually takes them into the homes of refined Americans.

We are delighted to know that Chatham's very large contribution to the profession in the United States, Africa, the Philippine Islands and other countries is well worthy of our good city.

It turns out now that the reason that Winton chose Toronto instead of Hamilton was that he was not sure that Hamilton coin would be good.

The Toronto Globe whines that poor Mr. Preston is being persecuted. Certainly the Montreal Witness, the Kingston Whig, the Stratford Beacon, and other Liberal journals should be called off. What right have they to criticize the conduct of a man whose party devotion is deep enough and strong enough to inspire him to bug the whole machine?

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A despatch in to-day's papers states that a potato bug swindler has been discovered in the east. Toronto and Hamilton people should be warned.

The fish story season has opened auspiciously with the tale of the angler who while out fishing rescued a snake from death. The grateful snake, which turned out to be a rattler, followed the angler home and became a family pet, beloved by all. One night a burglar broke into the house; the faithful snake awoke from a sweet sleep, sank his fangs into the burglar's leg, and then hung its tail out of the window and sounded his rattle for the police. This is not too bad for the Twentieth Century to start off with.—Brockville Times.

Pshaw! That's nothing. Ever hear our own Vitel tell a fish yarn when he's feeling in good shape?

## VILLAINOUS.

Galt Reformer.

Don't be too hard on Carrie Nation for biting the jailor's ear. It was most likely a protest against being lugged back to jail.

## LIKE FINDING IT.

Belleville Intelligencer.

Hamilton's chief of police paid \$6 for a brass guinea of the vintage of 1792. Hamilton cops must be just like ready money to the crooks.

## "HE AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'."

Toronto Mail and Empire.

For its ribald allusions to Mr. W. T. R. Preston the government organ at Stratford is rebuked by the Toronto Globe. "What has Mr. Preston done," the Toronto paper asks, "to merit the constant campaign that is kept up against him?" It is to be hoped that the Beacon will in future be careful how it speaks of the great men of its party.

## FOR A CHILD.

who is "not doing well"—the condition occurs now and then with all children.

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## A WHOLE TREASURY.

Hamilton Times.

Ottawa's mayor proposes to go down into his wallet for \$50,000 or \$75,000 to pay corporation employees till taxes can be collected. What a treasure of a mayor.

## IT COMES HIGH.

Galt Reformer.

A couple of Woodstock men have been lawing for a year or more over a \$20 horse. Two separate suits have been heard, both before the same judge. At one trial the judgment was for the plaintiff. At the second the judge, following, as he said, the evidence, reversed his decision, and gave judgment for defendant. The costs have already amounted to \$3,000. Still, the contestants are thirsting for revenge and the lawyers for fees.

## CHRISTIANITY IN CHINA.

Bobcaygeon Independent.

It is said that the allied troops in China have killed over a million Chinese, men, women and children. It is a loving religion is the Christian. These Confucians must be telling them of the religion that "dams you before you are born, starves you through life, and burns you after death." The armed men of the Christian nations kill, rape, burn and rob. Yes, yes, the Chinese must realize that the Christian nations have a kind, good and loving religion.

## THE TRAILING ARBUTUS.

Atlantic Monthly.

Oh, the days, the arbutus days! They come from heaven on high. They wrap the world in brooding haze. They marry earth and sky.

What lures me onward o'er the hills, Or down the beaten trail? Vague murmuring all the valleys fill, And yonder shouts the quail.

Like mother bird upon her nest The day broods o'er the earth; Fresh hope and life fill every breast; I share the spring's new birth.

## II.

Awake! arise! and April wise Seek out a forest side; Where under wreaths of withered leaves The shy sweet flowers hide.

I hear the hum of red-ruff's drum, And hark! the thrasher sings; On elm tree high against the sky, List to his mimickings.

Upon my soul, he calls the roll Of all the birds of the year; "Veery!" "Chewink!" "Oriole!" "Bobolink!" "Haste!" "Make haste!" "Spring is here!"

Now pause and mark the meadow lark Send forth his call to spring; "Why don't you hear? 'Tis spring o' the year!"

A piercing note from golden throat, Like dart from sounding string. Ah! the golden-shaft, 'twas he that laughed.

And lifted up his bill: "Wick, wick!" "Wick, wick!" "Wake up! Be quick!" The ant is on her hill.

The bloodroot's face, with saintly grace Stars all the unkempt way; Upon the rocks, in dancing flocks, Corydalis is gay.

The hemlock trees hum in the breeze, The swallow's on the wing; In forest aisles are the smiles That greet thy blossoming.

## III.

Again the sun is over all, Again the robins' evening call Or early morning lay; I hear the stir about the farms, I see the earth with open arms, I feel the breath of May.

—John Burroughs.

## MORPETH.

Rev. John Downie, of Watford, was the guest of James R. Smith on Tuesday of last week.

John Bevan, a former resident of the village, died at Central Lake, Mich., on the 9th inst., at the advanced age of 73 years. Mrs. Bevan and five daughters survive him.

Mrs. John Palmer, who has summoned home owing to the illness of her mother, Mrs. Cyrus Smith, has returned to Detroit.

William Spencer, Talbot street, who was ill for several days last week, is somewhat better.

Arthur McCain and family left recently for Canon City, Colorado, where they will reside in the future for the benefit of Mr. McCain's health.

Hon. S. T. Handy, speaker of the Michigan Legislature, and Mrs. Handy were on a visit to the former's father, Collins Handy, Jr., last week.

The wheat crop in this vicinity is looking somewhat better than it did a few weeks ago.

Miss Grace White, of Toronto, has been on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Yates White, Talbot street, recently.

Arch. Mitten, near the Lake, is building a fine bank barn. Ed. Bury and John Coll have the contract for the frame work.

Gilbert Stevens, Scotland, who has been suffering from an attack of appendicitis, is recovering.

John Huffman, of Preston, attended the funeral of his late father-in-law, Stephen Thatcher.

One of the oldest residents of the village passed away on the 7th inst., in the person of Stephen Thatcher, deceased was born near Philadelphia, February 25th, 1825, and came to this village about 55 years ago. He was widely known and highly respected. A widow (his second wife), two sons and six daughters survive him. The sons are: James E. of Ridgeway, and William, of this village. The daughters are: Mrs. Richard Ridley, Troy; Mrs. James Robinson, Botany; Mrs. Wm. Bradley, Leamington; Mrs. John Huffman, Preston; Mrs. Bracket and

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Pursuant to "The Trustee Act," notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Priscilla Edwards, late of the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, dress-maker, who died on or about the 20th day of December, 1900, are required to send by post prepaid or deliver to Alfred Bicknell, 417 Dundas street, Woodstock, Solicitor for H. J. Finkle, executor of the last will and testament of the said deceased, on or before the 30th day of May, 1901, their names, addresses and descriptions, and a full statement of the particulars of their claim and nature of the security (if any) held by them, duly verified by affidavit.

And notice is hereby further given that after the said 28th day of May, 1901, the said executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the estate amongst the parties entitled, having regard only to the claims of which notice shall then have been received.

Dated at Woodstock, this 27th day of April, A. D. 1901.

ALFRED BICKNELL,  
417 Dundas St., Woodstock,  
Solicitor for Executor.  
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## ROBERTSON OF INCHES PROPERTY FOR SALE.

Tenders will be received by Messrs. Henderson & Small, Solicitors, Equity Chambers, 24 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, up till Saturday, the 25th day of May, A. D. 1901, at the hour of twelve o'clock, noon, for the purchase of the following lands belonging to the Robertson of Inches Estate, namely: Lot No. 24 in the 2nd Concession, formerly in the Township of Raleigh, now in the City of Chatham, in the County of Kent, containing 200 acres more or less.

Tenders will be received either for the whole property or in parcels of not less than 25 acres.

Terms:—A marked cheque for \$100 to be sent with tender, which will be returned if tender be not accepted; 10 per cent. of purchase money to be payable when the agreement for sale is signed and the remainder on the 1st day of November, A. D. 1901, with interest, when possession will be given; arrangements may be made with the Vendors to carry part of the purchase money secured by mortgage of the lands purchased, with interest at 5 per cent. per annum.

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