

GIANT'S COFFIN UNEARTHED.

Workmen frequently come upon curious things in their street excavadisturb the last resting-place of a in Trenchard Street, Bristol, Eng-

Their picks and shovels grated Cotter O'Brien, whose immense stature of eight feet three inches made his name a household word a century

There is no mistaking the identity the following quaint inscription:

PATRICK COTTER C'BRIEN, Whose name was Cotter,

But he called himself O'Brien, Whose stature was 8 ft. 4 in. He died on Sept. 8th, 1806. Aged 46.

Patrick, it appears, was as gigantic in graces as inches. A native of Kinsale, Ireland, local history records that his manners were amiable and unoffending and the inflexible integriffy of his conduct through life, unwhich he awaited the approach of strictly virtuous.

It is said that O'Brien hated the idea of exhibiting himself, and he directed that his body should be so buried as to cheat the grave robbers that gave additional terror to death in those days.

leaden coffin and had it interred at a of this with meals .- Success. great depth, iron bars being placed in the sides of the rock to render removal impossible.

The local authorities at Bristol are proud of their find, and it is thought have tried it with best results. they will resist any overtures from the Green Isle to recover the remains.

> FOLDED HANDS. (Ola Moore.)

Dear folded hands, so worn with care, So quiet on the pulseless breast,

Will any burden need you there, If heaven is a place of rest? And you, dear heart, will you forget The struggles of these lower lands Or is there some sweet service yet For folded hands?

Yours was the never-ending task, Born of a never-ending need; Our selfishness it w s to ask, Your sweet unselfishness to heed. And now, in the unwonted rest Long promised, in the better hand, How can you sit, an idle guest, With folded hands?

No tears to dry, no wounds to bind, No sufferer to tend and bless-Where will those eager fingers find A need for all their tenderness? Yet, knowing all they did before,

Perchance the Father understands. And holds some precious work in

For folded hands.

RUDE. "Well," said Mrs. Bruggins after a solo by a fashionable church choir rect them. tenor, "if that ain't the rudest thing I ever saw!"

"What?" inquired her niece. "Why, didn't you notice it? Just as soon as that young man began to sing pathy. every other member of the choir stopped. But he went right through with it and I must say I admire his spunk."

THE GOLDEN AGE.

Bliss Carman in Smart Set: 1t is a common frailty of the spirit to deplore our accumulating years and look with envy on the luxuriant carelessness of youth, as if experience and culture and the enrichment of memory were not almost the only true wealth. It is good to be young, THE SUREST WAY TO PREVENT but it is better to be wise; for youth is often sad, and wisdom's chief concern, after all, is happiness.

I have known persons, two or three, of so rare a character that time did not seem to touch them as it passed. By some blessed miracle of nature they appeared immune from all deterioration or impairment, and undistraught by difficulties, unembittered by address, unarrested by any calamity or toil. Sorrow could not break source of trouble is from within the their singing spirits, nor misfortune cast them down for long. They had fine balance of disposition, which is the chiefest of blessings. They could be counted upon to confront any enigma onous bile is left in the blood to corof existence with an eager, impartial rupt the whole system. The result intelligence, always looking for new is the overworking of the kidneys and truth and always abiding by the truth the clogging up of the organs of exalready found; their instinct for beauty was too keen and too great to suffer either satiety or perversion; and their fund of love too profound to be depleted. If natural grief came to them or they were overtaken in some irrational disaster, they bowed before the wind or destiny and sorrowed mightily, as great hearts must, but came up again out of the dust, pliant and undestroyed; unshaken in faith as before and lovelier than ever could not guess their years, you could great medicine has a direct and speonly say they seemed to live by some perennial charm in a state where all evil was incongruous and decrepitude filtering organ. could never come. And with all their maturity of mind, their magnificent maturity of mind, their magnificent good digestion and the proper work-qualities of strength and sympathy, ing of the bowels. A healthy liver there was always about them a touch of the child, a preath of perpetual in- food through the intestines and excrenocence and wonder, as if they might be immortals in disguise or wanderers from the fabulous Age of Gold.

DRINK MORE WATER.

ple with nervous diseases suffer from dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., twhat is called desiccated nerves, -an Toronto.

insufficiency of fluid in the various tissues of the body. Many people, especially business men, neglect to tions, but it is not every day they drink water during the day, either because of pre-occupied minds, or befamous giant. Some workmen had cause the only water obtainable is this uncanny experience while digging in Trenchard Street Bristol Engally acquired, until, after awhile, the tissues cease to call loudly enough against the leaden coffin of Patrick for liquid to force us to heed the call, and the nerves cease to be as

responsive as they once were. Now, when we take into consideration the fact that every motion of the body, every movement of a musof the coffin for the plate thereon bore cle, even of an eyelid, every pulsation of the heart, every effort of the brain, is weakened by the destruction of the tissue cell life, and that this destruction is caused by a chemical combustion of coal, and that used-up matter must be gotten rid of, we get a little idea of what a tremendous part water piays in keeping the millions and millions of celis in the tissues washed out, and in keeping muscle and bone and nerve and brain tissue clean and pure.

A well known physician says that water plays a three-fold service in the ited to the calm resignation with body: "It feeds it, washes it, and carries away the cinders of its waste death, proved that his principles were matter. Through the want of water we are exposed to many and great dangers-the tissues become dry, the blood thick, its flow is sluggish, and the retained waste of the body sets up a condition of self poisoning."

Some physicians say that the average person should drink three quarts Accordingly, his friends provided a of liquid a day, but only a small part

> Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant to take; sure and effectual in destroying worms. Many

THE VALUE OF FRIENDS.

In one terse sentence Emerson thus epitomizes the value of friendship: 'A friend makes one outdo himself.' Outside one's own power to make life a victory or a defeat, nothing else helps so much toward its success as a strong, true friendship.

The friend whose thought runs parallel with mine, who sympathizes with my aspirations, recognizes my strength as well as my weakness, and calls out my better qualities and discourages my meaner tendencies, more than doubles my possibilities. The magnetism of his thought flows around me; his strength is added to mine, and makes a wellnigh irresistible achievement force.

ever environment one may be placed is one whose worth in the acruggie for existence can hardly be overestimated. Apart from its spiritual significance and the added joy and happiness with which it illumines life. friendship has a business value, so to speak, which cannot be overlooked.

SOME DON'TS AND SOME DO'S.

Don't undervalue yourself. Don't call attention to your own defects. The better way is to cor-

Don't waste time in self-pity. Don't lose your temper. Self-control and civility oil the hinges of the day. Don't pose as if you expected sym-

Don't think about your looks. Don't mix friendship with business. Don't be perfunctory. Some girls work as if work bored them. This is a fearful blunder. Not altogether honest either, is it?-Christian Age.

Torpid Liver Cause of Fevers

DISEASE IS TO KEEP THE LIVER ACTIVE WITH

Dr. Chase's Kidney - Liver Pills

Too frequent an external cause for fever is looked for, when the real body itself.

To begin with the liver becomes torpid, sluggish and inactive, and poiscretion.

Food which should be digested is left to ferment and decay in the intestines, and inflammations and fevers are set up.

In such a condition the body is a regular hotbed of disease, and is most susceptible to any ailment of an infectious or contagious nature.

The best insurance against disease is the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills to keep the liver active. This derfully prompa and effective in awakening and invigorating this important

A healthy liver means pure blood. ensures the onward passage of the tory organs, and so removes all chance of poisonous waste matter remaining in the body to produce pain, suffering and disease.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one Nerve specialists say that all peo- pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all

Imperial Bank of Canada CHILDREN'S progress in short flights, as from bush to bush, with a queer, eccentric or bobbing motion as if their flapping tails were a great hindrance. A Wilson snipe flies in a zig-zag line; a goldfinch in long undulations or bounds. All of these and many other

Proceedings of the Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Shareholders, Held at the Banking House of the Institution, in Toronto, on Wednesday, 23rd May, 1906.

The Thirty-first Annual General Meeting of the Imperial Bank of Canada was held in pursuance of the terms of the Charter at the Banking House of the Institution, 23rd May. 1906.

There were present :-

amounting to

Wm. Ram-ay of Bowland, Honorable Robert Jaffray, D. R. Wilkie, Elias Rogers, J. Kerr Osborne, Charles Cockshutt, Peleg Howland, Cawthra Mulock, Honorable Richard Turner (Quebec), Miss Hannah Robinson, E. B. Osler, M.P., larkson Jones, Ralph K. Burgess, Honorable Richard Harcourt, J. F. Junkin, A. E. Webb, Major Napier Keefer, W. Gordon Jones, T. R. Boys, A. A. McFall (Bolton), William Black (Cobourg), W. C. Crowther, A. Foulds, Frank to the good king, she should resemble Beemer, M.D. (Hamilton), Rev. T. W. Paterson (Deer Fark), Henry Good a sweet tiny flower, with her sunny etham, Alexander Nairn, Charles A. Pipon, David Wheetham (Campbellville Richard Foster (Bowmanville), C. B. Bingham, Cecil Merritt (London, England, Wm. of nacy (O hawa), A. C. Morris, A. P. Burritt, Prof. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S., James Bicknell, K.C., Edward Hay, R. H. Temple, John Stark, Edward Archer, H. C. Boomer, Stuart Playfair, J. G. Ramsey, John W. Beaty, Andrew See pe W. W. Vickers, F. G. Logan, Lyndhurst Ogden, R. N. Gooch, Thomas Wrlnsley, Charles O'Reilly, M.D., George R. R. Cockburn, C. C. Ross, Harry Vigeon, R. D. Perry, W. T. Jennings, H. S. Mara, C. H. Wethey, Ira Standish, W. Cecil Lee, W. Gibson Cassels, O. F. Rice, E. Chantler, John Flett, E. S. Ball, R. W. Thomps n, Wm. Jephcott, J. J. Bell, T. Mortimer, J. H. Eddis and others.

The chair was taken by the President, Mr. D. R. Wilkie, and the Assistant General Manager, Mr. E. Hay, was requested to act as Secretary. Moved by Prof. Andrew Smith, F.R.C.V.S., Seconded by Andrew Semple :

That Mr. Lyndhurst Ogden, Mr. R. H. Temple and Mr. W. Gibson Cassels be and are hereby appointed Scrutineers. Carried. The Assistant General Manager, at the request of the Chairman, read the report of the Directors and the Statement of Affairs.

THE REPORT.

The Directors have pleasure in submitting to the shareholders their Thirty first that one was a pipe. Now the King know the bird even though it should Annual Report and Balance Sheet of the affairs of the Bank as on 30th April, hegan to like smoking, and the rest of the business of the Bank for the financial year (eleven of his subjects quickly followed his we try to stalk them for a nearer months), which ended that day.

The net profits of the year after making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts, for interest on unmatured bills under discount, for the usual ontributions to the Pension and Guarantee Funds and providing for Provincial and other taxation, amount to \$535,786.20, which has been applied as follows:-(a) Dividends at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum have been paid

(c) Profit and loss account has been increased by 100 379 97 enter his private study, there to ex-The premium amounting to \$927,741.50 seeived on new capital stock, the amine with curiosity the pipes which And Lucy is a pleasant child; issue of which was authorized on the 18th June, 1902, and which was ahotted to fairly lined its walls-pipes of wood shareholders on 30th June, 1905, has been transferred in bulk to Rest Account, which now amounts to \$3,927,741.50, and will be further increased to \$4,000,000 when the balance due upon the subscribed shares has been paid in.

Branches of the Bank have been opened during the year at Cobalt, Fonthill, London and Ridgeway, in the Province of Ontario, also in the City of Quebec. in North Battleford, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and in Bani, Calgary East and Red Deer, in the Province of Alberta. Suitable premises are now under construction in Winnipeg and in Edmonton to replace existing structures, which have been found insufficient for our requirements.

Since our last meeting the Bank has suffered a great loss in the death of its President, Mr. T. R. Merritt, who was one of the founders of the Bank, and a Director since its start in business. Mr. Merritt became Vice-President at the washed, for even princesses can get first meeting of Slareholders in 1875, and continued in that office until he succeeded the late Mr. H. S. Howland as President in the year 1902. Throughout this long term he was devoted to the welfare of the Bank, whose success is largely due to his watchfulness and care. The vacancy on the Board created by Mr. Merritt's death has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Peleg Howland, a son f our first President. Mr. D. R. Wilkie, Vice-President, was elected to the office of President, and the Honorable Robert Jaffray to that of Vice-President,

The policy of the Board in appropriating a considerable portion of the profits of the year in reduction of Bank Premises Account is one which they hope will To her surprise there came from the be appreciated and approved of by the shareholders.

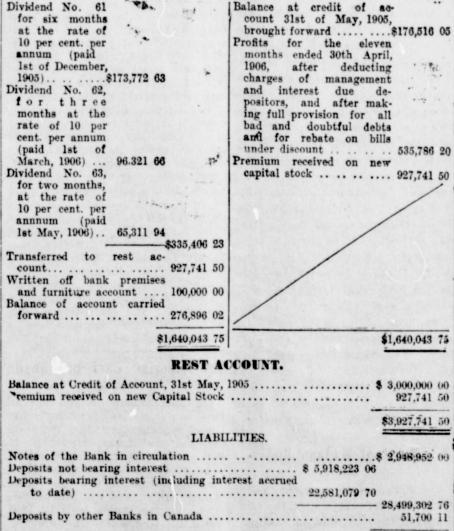
The capital of the Bank was increased in 1902 by \$1,500,000, making it as at ball, through which gleamed colored present \$4,000,000. The development of the Dominion since then has been phenollights, and showed a distinct reflecmenal, calling for increased banking facilities. Your Directors hold the same tion of the room, the window, the opinion to-day as they held in 1902 and believe that any additional capital required garden beyond, and the wondering The faculty of attracting others, of can be most readily and most economically furnished by the Institutions which face of little Pansy, as she blew and forming enduring friendships in whatforming enduring friendships in whatfurther addition to the Capital of the Bank is advisable and a by-law will be

lace of little Pansy, as she blew and forming enduring friendships in whatfurther addition to the Capital of the Bank is advisable and a by-law will be submitted to you for your approval authorizing an increase in the capital by the sum of \$1,000,000 to be used in such amounts and at such periods as the Directors

The change from semi-annual to quarterly dividends which has been adopted during the past year will, we trust, also meet with the approval of the

A by-law will be submitted for your approval providing for the remuneration of the Pesident and Directors, and increasing their number from eight to eleven. The Head Office and Branches of the Bank have all been carefully inspected during the year, and your Directors have pleasure in bearing testimony to the faithful and efficient manner in which the staff have performed their duties. D. R. WILKIE, President,

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.



Capital Stock (paid up) 3,927,741 51

Rest Account \$3,927,741 50

Dividend No. 63 (payable 1st May, 1906) for two months, at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum ... 65,311 94 Rebate on Bills discounted 82,166 73 Balance of Profit and Loss Account carried forward. 4,352,116 19

ASSETS Gold and Silver Coin \$ 907,252 40 Dominion Government notes 3,969,805 00 -\$ 4,877,057 40 Deposit with the Dominion Government for security of note circulation Notes of and cheques on other Banks 1,756,396 18 Balance due from Agents in Foreign Countries 1,077,434 84

Dominion and Provincial Government securities......\$ 428,287 86 Canadian Municipal Securities and British or Foreign, or Colonial Public securities other than Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks 1,398,391 32

Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in Canada 3,899,240 93 Call and Short Loans on Stocks and Bonds in United States 1,000,000 00 | year.

\$39,779,812 57

THE FIRST SOAP BUBBLE. (From Grace Litchfield Jacob's "The Invention of Soap Bubbles" in

It was, the most beautiful land imaginable, for the sky was blue with the woodcock and the mourning dove cloudlets sprinkled here and there in snowy heaps; and the flowers never faded, but were always fresh, bright and fragrant.

June St. Nicholas.)

It seemed only natural, therefore, that when a wee princess was born brown hair and great blue eyes softly fringed with long, dark lashes. They called her Pansy, and from her birth ance in the royal house.

Now her father's kingdom was a people began to make inventions, money and make themselves famous; but their ruler was not always willexample, the country soon embraced view. this new diversion. The little Princess was, of course,

tion, as the King kept her with him amounting to..... \$335,406 23 most of the time, and Pansy liked with pretty,

(b) Bank premises and furniture account has been credited with.... 100,000 00 nothing better than to be allowed to we think her so—we know her mind \$335,406 23 most of the time, and Pansy liked and clay, and others with amber mouthpieces, or silver and gold handles; however, her own little play pipe pleased our Princess best of all. It Of gifts and graces Lucy has was a very plain little one of clay, with only the moulded figure of a fairy on the bowl, but it was so clean and white and pretty that she had Grandpa allows she's true and good, begged her father to let her keep it. One day the Princess was being dirty after a morning's romp, and, after her little hands had been dried, With face or form, with head or heart she dabbled the pipe around in the soapy water. "I can smoke like But Lucy's ever busy tongue daddy," cried the child, laughing gayly as she raised the pipe to her lips Her brother Bert, this very day, and blew through the hollow handle. mouth of the bowl a beautiful filmy and larger, so soft and quivering with fully round and transparent, that the | ma'am." Princess, in her delight and surprise, Do not say "I have went there" intook the pipe from her mouth, laugh- stead of "I went there" or "I have ing aloud with glee. But her smiles gone there." changed to tears, as a moment after Do not say "feller" instead of "felthe saap bubble, rising and floating low." gently in the air before her, suddenly vanished away.

Never before had Pansy or her attendants seen a ball of water filled with air. The little Princess, in her disappointment at its loss, began to weep loudly. Her sobs, which no one could stop, brought the King from his council chamber across the open court yard, and, raising his little daughter to his knee, he tried to quiet the child. Could he not, and would he not, give her anything she might desire? Finally the royal nurse prepared some soapy water, dipped in the fairy pipe, and blew once more. Again that soft, enchanting nothing appeared, and, waving o and fro again vanished as a puff of wind came through the open casement from the balmy air outside. Before the little Princess had time to cry out once more, the King followed the maid's example to please his little daughter, and Pansy, finding it as easy to blow her bubbles as to weep over their strange disappearance, dried her eyes and pushing back her curls ran out into the garden with her dear plaything. For hours she blew and tossed the bubbles up into the sunlit air, delighting in their graceful, swaying motions, and their bright colors, as they reflected grass and flowers in beautiful harmony.

THE BIRDS.

(From "Nature and Science" in June St. Nicholas.)

brown thrasher and the song sparrow, action.

bounds. All of these and many other ways of flying can be indicated by dotted lines in the notebook, supplemented by such words as "sailing," "rapid," "slow," "heavy," or "graceful" flight, and "rapid," "slow," 'silent' or "clattering" wingheats; the wings of the grouse hum, those of

How grand is the hawk or the earle sailing far away in the blue sky! And how beautiful are song birds, each in its favorite position to sing, the song sparrow with head thrown back, the bobolink sailing down to the grass with raised wings! Those who have spent much time in watching birds in the field know how differently the various birds perch, fly, run, climb or the dear little Princess gave no one feed. The warblers catch flies, but any trouble, nor caused any disturb- they do not do it in such an interesting way as do the true fly catchers. We come to know a bird by the large one, and difficult to manage; for flight or walk, just as we know othin those days the age had come when the sound of their tread. In flight, er friends by their gait or even by bringing them to the King to earn the wings of many different birds make peculiar sounds whereby we may know the birds even if they theming to hear them and grant requests made to him by foolish people who knew not how to invent something which would be of use in the world. For one particular invention, how- movements and outlines can be seen ever, the King paid a large sum, and at a greater distance; and so we may

LUCY'S DEFECT.

very much interested in the inven- She is not blind-she is not deaf-She's straight, and strong, and

> Is clear, and quick, and witty. Her grandmama says of her, 'In warp or woof you'll not a trace Of selfishness discover."

A goodly share conceded. Yet something is amiss; her friends All see how much 'tis needed. And owns he loves her dearly; And were it not for this defect He'd think her perfect-nearly,

There isn't much the matter; Will chatter, chatter, chatter. With a boy's bluntness told her. My little sis, the thing you lack Is just a good tongue-holder."

ERRORS OF SPEECH.

Do not say "yourn" and "hisn" instead of "yours" and "his." Do not say "I saw yez" instead of Do not say "yesr" and "yesm" inthe air's slightest motion, so beauti-

FOR A LITTLE GIRL OF THREE. Moo, moo! What can I do For my little girl of three? I will eat the sweet grass, I will give her a glass Of my milk for her tea: Moo, moo! that's what I'll do For my dear little maiden of three.

Mew, mew! What can I do For my little girl af three? will catch all the mice, And they shall not come twice To the cake, you'll see; Mew, mew! that's what I'll do For my sweet little maiden of three.

Bow, wow! I will go now With my little girl of three; will make a great noise: I will frighten the boys, For they all fear me; Bow, wow! that is just how I'll guard my sweet maiden of three. Neigh, neigh!

Out of the way For my little girl of three! I will give her a ride, We will canter and glide O'er the meadowy lea; Neigh, neigh! that's just the way I'll help my sweet maiden of three.

Sure Regulators .- Mandrake and The course of flight is a distinguish- Dandelion are known to exert a powing character of many birds. The erful influence on the liver and kidgrouse rises gradually while flying neys, restoring them to healthful acin a straight course; the woodcock tion, inducing a regular flow of the rises to a height of several feet, or secretions and imparting to the oreven yards, then flies straight away; gans complete power to perform their the cuckoo's flight is also in a functions. These valuable ingrestraight line, but peculiarly aroow- dients enter into the composition of like, being graceful and silent, the Parmelee's Vegetable Pills, and serve long slender tail and body of the bird to render them the agreeable and sastill further suggesting an arrow. A lutary medicine they are. There are number of the birds, notably the few pills so effective as they in their

Other Current Loans, Discounts and Advances 21,301,693 56 Overdue debts (loss provided for)
Real Estate (other than Bank premises) 71.731 94

\$39,779,812 57

E. HAY, D. R. WILKIE, Asst. General Manager. General Manager.

The several Motions submitted were carried unanimously. The Scrutineers appointed at the meeting reported the following gentlemen duly elected Directors for the ensuing year: Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Honorable Robert Jaffray, Wm. Ramsay of Bowland, Elias Rogers, Wm. Hendrie (Hamiltan), J. Kerr Osborne, Charles Cockshutt, Peleg Howland, Wm. Whyte (Winnipeg), Cawthra Mulock, Honorable Richard Turner (Quebec).

At a subsequent meeting of the Directors, Mr. D. R. Wilkie was elected President and the Honorable Robert Jaffra, Vice-President for the ensuing

Teronto, 23rd May, 1906