THE MOTHER LAND.

Latest Mails from Ireland, England and Scotland.

Proselytism in Various Parts of Ireland—The Loyalty of English Catholics—Connaughtmen in Glasgow.

Antrim.

The foundation stone of the old Linen Hall, Belfast has been discovered and is now in the Town Hall. It contained Irish coins of dates 1775, 1776 and 1781.

Armagh.

A Rome despatch of Feb. 1 says: At noon to-day His Eminence Cardinal Logue, Archbishop of Armagh and Primate of All Ireland, had an audience of the Holy Father, by whom he was most kindly and warmly greeted. After the interview, his Eminence, accompanied by his secretary (Very Rev. H. McSherry, Adm., Dundalk), paid a visit to Cardinal Rampolla del Tindaro, the Secretary of State, by whom his Eminence was also cordially received. The Cardinal's visit, ad limina, is of the customary character, and has nothing to do with politics or any other matter that is not of an ecclesiastical and semi-private description. His Eminence will set out at an early date on his return journey to Armagh.

Cork.

The Examiner of Feb. 1 reports a remarkable case of proselytising at Queenstown. A woman named Bartlett, a resident of Cork, had made an application to the magistrates for a commitment of her two children, a boy and a girl, to a Protestant institution. While the magistrates were considering the case of the boy the lad declared aloud that he was a Catholic and did not want to go to a Protestant home. The chairman of the bench, Mr. J. H. Campbell, a Catholic, subsequently questioned the mother, whereupon the woman said, "Well, sir, I'll make a clean breast of it, and I have to tell you we are all Catholics, so is my husband, who is in St. Joseph's Ward in the Cork Union Workhouse, which is a Catholic ward there." Mr. Campbell then remonstrated with the woman, and said what an infamous thing it was for her to endanger her children by the manner in which she acted, to which she replied that "want" drove her to do it.

All the members of the bench, Protestant and Catholic, protested against the evidence of proselytising that appeared in the case, as tending to embitter public feeling in the neighborhood. The woman positively stated that the daughter of a well-known Protestant clergyman in Cork met her at the Cork station when leaving for Queenstown and bought the tickets for them and gave her 2d., with certain directions as to whom she was to go to on arrival at Queenstown. It is said there is a proselytising body mixed up in the case and it will be fully investigated.

Clare.

A poor woman named Malloy, in Ennis, has had a painful life and a shocking death. She was suffering from cancer and a weak heart when her husband beat her and he was sent to jail for 8 months. During his incarceration she died alone in her cabin and her body was partially eaten by the rats that trooped into the place from the neighboring churchyard.

Donegal.

Bridget McGrath and Katherine McKinney has been drowned in Lough Swilly near Innishowen.

Dublin.

Sir Maurice O'Rourke, Speaker of the New Zealand Legislature, is visiting in Dublin.

In the International foot ball match at Leeds on Feb 1. Ireland won a magnificent victory over England.

Mr. Virgil Power a Dublin man has been appointed Judge of the Supreme Court Queensland.

Galway.

Lord Westmeath has made considerable reductions in the rents of his Loughrea estates.

Kerry.

The Lord Lieutenant is a visitor at Killarney.

Kildare.

Speaking on the question of unity, at Naas on Feb. 2, Mr. John E Redmond, M.P., said the Independent party was prepared to carry on the fight on independent lines. He would not submit himself to the power of the McCarthyite majority.

Meath.

The able expose by Father Nicholas Walsh, S.J., of the evils of proselytism, and the admirable address of Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, on the same subject, have drawn attention to the efforts that have been made in Athlone of late to pervert some Catholics of the humbler class. These efforts are of a most unblushing kind. One poor servant girl began by bringing a child of the family where she was at service on several occasions to the Protestant church without necessity. The Protestant books were read by her. Rich presents followed, and finally the influence of the house persuaded her to get married in the Protestant church. When her parents came to bring the girl admission was denied them, and the master himself shut the door in their faces and sent word to the police officer to put a guard of police to watch the premises.

Waterford.

On January 31 Father McCarthy, P.P., Trancra, one of the most distinguished ecclesiastics in the diocese, passed away after a brief illness. Deceased contracted cold about a week before, and despite assiduous medical attention, he gradually sank and succumbed. The late rev. gentleman was a native of Dungarvan, and received his early training in St. John's College, Waterford.

Wexford.

James Redmond has just died at Milltown, Tagoat, at the age of 110.

Sligo.

Several persons are being prosecuted in Sligo over the disturbances created by the street preachers.

England.

A Scandalous Demand.

The scandalous treatment of Father Beauclerk by the Holywell Urban Council is exciting indignant comment even in Protestant journals. The Leeds Express, which certainly cannot be accused of being a Catholic organ, says:

The Urban District Council of Holywell (which evidently has no soul to be saved, even it has a body to be kicked) has made a demand upon Father Beauclerk, the presiding genius, so to speak, of the well for a contribution towards the local rates on account of the well. The idea of assessing a miracle for parochial or urban purposes may strike some people as profane and unkind. But to these simple but eminently practical Welshmen it is "business now look you," and they pressed the point with a pertinacity which would not brook denial.

Catholics in the Navy.

A correspondent points out to the Irish members that the present strengthening which the navy is undergoing affords a favorable opportunity for a reconsideration of the subject of appointing Catholic chaplains to certain warships, in order that in no large fleet or squadron the Catholic seamen or marines may be without those spiritual consolations which, in time of death or serious illness, are afforded to their brethren in the sister service. Each of the great naval forts in the Kingdom has a Catholic chaplain, but every warship of a certain rating has posted to it with its complement of officers a Protestant clergymen.

An Impressive Incident.

A noteworthy and unique incident occurred on Sunday evening at St. Augustine's, Manchester, when towards the conclusion of the service the "Holy Family" men, who occupied the nave of the edifice, stood up in a body and cried out three times, "God bless the Pope." The spectacle is described as having been singularly impressive. Earlier in the day nearly 400 men of the Holy Family approached Holy Communion, and afterwards made a solemn renewal of their baptismal vows.

Scotland.

Connaughtmen in Glasgow.

Addressing a meeting of Connaughtmen in Glasgow, on Feb. 7, his Lordship the Bishop of Elphin, said: They had been flung ruthlessly from their native land and cast recklessly on the world, and under the fostering influence of religion they had multiplied and had borne their national characteristics to every land upon earth (applause). They had only to call to mind how the cause of Irish nationality had been maintained for the last twenty years to convince themselves that love of Ireland was as live a trait to day as it was in any previous period of the history of their motherland. Abroad as much as at home the Irish were patriotic. The men at home conducted the war, but their countrymen abroad had supplied the sinews of war. In conclusion, his Lordship urged upon Irishmen unity as the means of attaining the independence of their native land (loud cheers).

Ceylon Teas.

The remarkable change that has taken place within the last few years in the world's productions of teas is the most astonishing thing in commercial circles to-day. The out-put of Ceylon teas in 1882 was only a few thousand pounds. Last year it was nearly a hundred million pounds, and bids fair before another decade passes, to supply the entire world with teas.

The wonderful success the teas of this beautiful Island have met with, is well deserved, as before Ceylon gave her attention to the cultivation of teas, this industry was carried on in a happy-go-lucky manner in China.

The delicious flavor of Ceylon teas is due largely to the care in cultivation and in preparation, and to the cleanliness that is always insisted on throughout its preparation.

"SALADA" Ceylon Tea not only undergoes the most careful preparation, but is afterwards packed in sealed lead packets, and is therefore not exposed in stores to the various causes which injure fine tea.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh Asthma and all Throat and Lung Affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all who wish it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail, by addressing, with stamp, naming this paper. W. A. Noyes, 820 Powers' Block, Rochester, N.Y. N. Y. N.

WESTERN CANADA LOAN

AND SAVINGS COMPANY.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS.

The President's Address—Comprehensive Review of the Operations and Position of the Company—Report of the Directors and Financial Statement.

The Thirty-third Annual General Meeting of the Company was held at its Head Offices, No 76 Church street, Toronto, Canada, on Monday, the 17th February, 1896, at 10 o'clock a.m.

The Hon. G. W. Allan, President, in the chair.

The Managing Director, Mr. Walter S. Lee, read the Annual Report and Financial Statements, which were adopted on motion of the President, who said:—

In moving the adoption of the Report and Balance Sheet which have just been read, I think I may say with confidence that they present a very satisfactory statement of the year's business, and of the financial position of the Company.

Having regard to the decline in the rate of interest, the large amount of money seeking investment, the consequently keen competition, and the difficulty in securing thoroughly good mortgage loans on as favourable terms as in former years, it could not be a matter of surprise if the volume of business, during the year which has just closed, should suffer some diminution.

I am glad, however, to say that, thanks to the energy and zeal of our Inspectors and Agents, we have been able to secure such an amount of excellent loans, at fair rates of interest, as have enabled us upon the whole to keep the funds of the Company safely and profitably invested.

In regard to the distribution of our investments, I may mention that we have about an equal amount in mortgage loans on farm property in Ontario and Manitoba; while in the City of Toronto we have been gradually reducing the number of our loans, until they amount to only about one-fifth of our total investments, and these are all secured on properties in the central and business parts of the city.

The repayments on our loans during the year have been extremely satisfactory; and in this connection I may specially mention Manitoba, where the magnificent crop of 1895 has not only enabled the farmers to reduce their liabilities, but has even lessened to some extent the demand for money in that province.

The Directors have been fully alive to the necessity for continued care and watchfulness, which the depreciation in the value of real estate requires them to exercise in the selection of their loans; and they have also not hesitated to provide for all accertained losses by charging them to the Contingent Fund, as may be seen by a reference to the Balance Sheet now in your hands.

In regard to the borrowed money of the Company, the Statement shows that the total amount in Debentures and on Deposit taken together is less than in 1894. The Sterling Debentures, however, are some $91,000 in excess of last year, while the Currency Bonds are of the same amount. The reduction is in the amount of money held on deposit, which is $100,754.62 less than in 1894.

The Directors have for some time past considered it desirable to reduce the amount on deposit in their Savings Bank Branch, and notified their Depositors accordingly. A very considerable amount of the money withdrawn in consequence has been reinvested in Currency Bonds, which are rapidly becoming a very popular form of investment among all classes of the community.

In looking forward to the future, there is no doubt that the superabundance of money seeking investment, the lower rates of interest, and the keen competition for business, render it increasingly difficult to secure as profitable returns as hitherto; nevertheless the Directors see no reason whatever to doubt, that with their thoroughly organized and excellent staff of experienced and energetic agents in Ontario and Manitoba, the Company will always command a large and profitable share of business in both provinces.

Having regard, also, to the exceedingly favourable terms upon which the borrowed money of the Company is now obtainable, both in Great Britain and Canada, thus meeting to a very considerable extent the lower rates of interest on money lent, the Directors look forward with confidence to the Western Canada continuing to offer to its Shareholders a thoroughly safe and profitable medium for the investment of their money; and believe that Company will continue to maintain the same high and stable position which it has hitherto held among financial institutions of the country.

I cannot close these brief remarks without again acknowledging the services of our excellent agents in Great Britain, Messrs. Bell, Cowan & Co., of Edinburgh, in the management of our debenture business, and our constant indebtedness to them for many valuable suggestions in connection therewith.

I desire to bear testimony to the strong sense which the Directors entertain of the ability and caution with which our Managing Director continues to discharge his most responsible duties, and to express also our sense of the valuable services of the Manager at our Winnipeg office. It is pleasant also to be able to speak in equally commendatory terms of all the members of our office staff. In this connection, however, I have to call special attention to the death of Mr. F. J. Menet, one of our auditors for the last twenty two years, which took place since our last meeting. The Board appointed Mr. A. Wickson, of Winnipeg, in his place.

Scrutineers having been appointed, a ballot was taken, and the retiring Directors, the Hon. George W. Allan, the Hon. Sir David Macpherson, K.C.M.G., and Thomas H. Lee, Esq., were re-elected. These gentlemen with George Goederham Esq., Alfred Gooderham, Esq., George W. Lewis, Esq., and Walter S. Lee, Esq., from the Board.

At a subsequent meeting held by the Directors, the Hon. George W. Allan and George Gooderham, Esq., were re-elected President and Vice-President, respectively.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS.

The Directors have much pleasure in laying before the Shareholders their Thirty-third Annual Report, showing the results of the Company's business for the past year, together with the balance sheet to the 31st December, 1895.

After deducting all charges, and writing off a sufficient sum to provide for ascertained losses, the profits of the year amount to $144 472.08

Out of this sum have been paid two half-yearly dividends, at the rate of eight per cent per annum, together with the income tax thereon, amounting to $132,392 20, and the balance has been carried to the credit of the Contingent Fund. The amount now standing at the credit of Contingent Fund is $85,005 30.

The repayments on account of Mortgage Loans, both in Ontario and Manitoba, have been satisfactorily met.

The borrowing powers of the Company having nearly reached their limit in the early part of the year, obliged the Directors to refuse for a time, fresh money offered for investment with the Company. The larger part of the debentures, however, falling due during the year have been renewed on very advantageous terms, and any not renewed have been replaced by new money at still lower rates.

The lower rate of interest now obtainable on mortgage loans having rendered it desirable to reduce the rate of interest heretofore allowed in the Savings Bank Department, many of those who had been depositors reinvested their moneys in debentures of the Company.

The total amount of moneys entrusted to the Company by British and Canadian investors is now $1,470,598.69

The Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Account, together with the Auditors' Report, are submitted herewith.

G. W. ALLAN,
President.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending on 31st December, 1895.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES.

To Shareholders—		
Capital Stock	$1,500 000 00	
Reserve Fund	770,000 00	
Contingent Account, Dec 31, 1894	$70,444 90	
Contingent Account, added 1895	22,079 78	
	92,525 68	
Contingent Account, written off, 1895	29 520 32	
Contingent Account, balance, Dec 31, 1895	63,005 26	
Dividend, payable 8th January, 1896	60,000 00	
		$2,393 005 86
To the Public—		
Debentures and interest	$2 511,460 88	
Deposits	959,137 81	
		4,470,598 69
Sundry Accounts, including Coupons outstanding		505 52
		$6,864,109 57

ASSETS.

Land Mortgages		$6,564,863 21
Mortgages on other securities		6 939 23
City of Ottawa Debentures		32,441 74
Office Premises and Furniture, Toronto and Winnipeg		125,171 67
Cash on hand and in banks		135,234 32
		$6 864,109 57

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

Cost of Management, viz.—		
Salaries, Rent, Inspection and Valuation, Office Expenses, Branch Offices, Agents' Commissions, Auditors' Fees, etc	$ 52,688 84	
Directors' Compensation	3 000 00	
Interests on Deposits	33,739 84	
Interest on Debentures	142,876 22	
		$232,284 90
Net profit for year applied as follows:—Dividends and Tax thereon	122,392 20	
Carried to Contingent Account	22,079 78	
		$144,472 08
		$376,756 98
Interest on Mortgages and Debentures Rents, etc		$376,756 98
		$376,756 98

WALTER S. LEE,
Managing Director.

Toronto, 5th Feb., 1896.

To the Shareholders of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company:

Gentlemen—We beg to report that we have completed the audit of the books of the Western Canada Loan and Savings Company, and made the usual inspection of the securities (with the exception of the business of the Manitoba Branch, which has been audited and inspected by a local auditor), and certify that the above Statements of Assets and Liabilities, and Profit and Loss are correct, and show the true position of the Company's affairs. The bank balances and cash are certified as correct.

W. R. HARRIS,
WM. E. WATSON, F.C.A.,
Auditors

AT PETERBOROUGH.

School Boys Read an Address to the Bishop—The Reply.

PETERBOROUGH, Feb. 13.—The pupils of the Murray Street Separate school tendered a reception to His Lordship the Right Rev. Dr. O'Connor. When the Bishop entered the assembly room accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Casey he was greeted with the hearty singing of "Welcome to Our Bishop." Mr. L. R. Keogh, the esteemed principal of the school, and the remainder of the staff were present, and the Separate School Board was represented by the chairman, Mr. M. H. Quinlan.

Shortly after His Lordship's arrival Master Fred McGrath stepped to the front and read the following address, which was accompanied by a beautiful bouquet presented by Master James Mulligan on behalf of the school:

To the Right Rev. R. A. O'Connor, D. D., Bishop of Peterborough:

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR LORDSHIP—We, the boys of your devoted flock at St. Peter's school, beg leave to draw near in reverence to your sacred person on this, the occasion of your first visit to our school since the return of your Lordship from the Holy See, to bid you loving welcome back again, to rejoice that God has spared you to watch over us and bless us and to tender you, as dutiful children, our fullest love, reverence and obedience.

While our beloved Bishop was far from us we were anxious for his safety. We missed the benignity of his presence, we missed the fond solicitude of his watchful care. But we knew that though absent from us in body his large and tender heart was with his boys in far off Canada, and and that when communing with the blessed Saviour at the sacred shrines of holy Rome he prayed for us who are (D V) to become men of his diocese, that we might be brought to the true perfection of full Christian manhood and be made worthy of the name of Catholics. And though we know but little of the wonderful sights that have greeted your Lordship's gaze in the historic east, and though we have all to learn of the grandeur and blessedness of Catholicity we desire to hear from the lips of our beloved chief pastor of all these wonderful things and to be obedient to his will and follow his God in all faith, sure that he will guide us aright and fit us for the work of men on earth and for the bliss of heaven hereafter.

We trust that when you knelt at the throne of Peter to receive the papal benediction you remembered your dear wayward boys in the distant land and beseeched a blessing upon us and upon our studies, and we now crave that blessing from you, my lord, as the representative of the father of the church on earth.

We beg that the good God may see fit long to spare you to guide and direct, and bless us, and may ever fill our hearts with increasing love and veneration see for our good bishop, that we may be of in the world and of benefit to humanity.

And now, we hope we have not been too presumptuous in thus freely addressing your lordship. It is love that prompts us. Be pleased to overlook our boyish failings for the moment and receive this short address in token of our affection and veneration for the chief of our priests.

Signed on behalf of the boys of St. Peter's school.

PHIL MCGRATH,
GEO LYNCH

Peterborough, Feb. 12th, 1896.

His Lordship narrated in interesting style the beauties and peculiarities of the many places he had visited while absent. He referred to the grand old green isle and spoke of the good traits of the Irish. France and its magnificent churches and scenery were alluded to. The Bishop dealt at length with the ancient city of Rome and the grandeur of its environs. The Pope and his surroundings drew forth eloquent remarks from His Lordship.

Brief addresses were also made by Ven. Archdeacon Casey and Mr. Quinlan, and the boys were complimented on their excellent singing.

To-night His Lordship will be tendered a reception by the pupils of the Convent.

The Bishop of Peterborough.

At the different Masses in St. Peter's cathedral on Sunday before last His Lordship the Bishop spoke at some length on his late visit to Rome. In the course of his remarks he referred to the wonderful personality of Leo XIII., who, notwithstanding his advanced age and enfeebled condition, was wonderfully active in mind, and those having an audience with him could not but be struck with his clearness of perception. His Lordship had the honor of having had four audiences with the Pope, besides being present at the beatification of a saintly man in the chapel of St. Peter's, which he described as a beautiful ceremony. The ruins of pagan temples, as well as other shattered monuments of ancient Rome, were touched upon and the many fine churches of the Eternal City were briefly referred to. His Lordship stated that at an early date he would refer more fully to his visit to Rome and of the grandeur of the city and of the Vatican.

Hamilton Separate Schools.

HAMILTON Feb. 8.—His Lordship Bishop Dowling went to St. Mary's hall, Park street north, yesterday afternoon at four o'clock to meet the girls of the Sacred Heart school and the boys of De La Salle academy and to distribute testimonials of merit to the best workers amongst them this year. Right Rev. Mgr. McEvay, Fathers Brady, Mahony, and Holden, as well as a number of the teachers and trustees were present.

The following pupils received testimonials:

Sacred Heart school, form V.—Misses E Kehoe, M Donohoe, W. Roach, N Cowie, S. Ronan, E. Nelson, K. Cummings, B. O'Brien, M Valentine. Form IV.—Mary Maloney, Eva Walsh, Clara Smith, May McCrary, Katie Zingsheim, Mina Murray, Jennie Birrell, Gertrude Daly, Nellie Desmond. Form III.—Alice Smith, May Smith, Minnie Schuler, Bertile Sullivan, Gertie Dillon, May Smith, May O'Connor, Mabel McLaughlin. Form II.—Katie Goodwin, Jennie Moriarty, Irene Daly, May Joyce, Irene Ennis, Nellie Quilter, Maggie Marck, Libbie Smith.

De La Salle school, Form V.—Austin McDonald, W. Mahony, M. Browne. Form IV.—Peter Maloney, Wm. Jamieson, Francis Fitzpatrick.

The bishop praised the children for their sweet singing, and congratulated those who had been fortunate enough to capture a testimonial for their good work. He advised them to prize the testimonials they had received. In after years they would be the source of much joy to them when they looked back on the time well spent at school. He said he had some prizes and merit gifts received in his school days over forty years ago, and he valued them amongst the precious souvenirs of youth. Mgr. McEvay and Father Brady also made short speeches.

UNSIGHTLY WALL COATINGS CONDEMNED BY THE BIBLE.

"And [illegible] the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow [illegible] greenish or reddish, then the priest shall go out of the house to the door of the house, and shut up the house seven days." "And he shall [illegible] the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the dust that they scrape off [illegible] the city into an unclean place."

To each of the first three persons in every city and town in the Dominion of Canada who write The Alabastine Co., Limited, of Paris, Ont., giving the chapter containing the above passage of scripture, will be sent free enough to cover 50 square yards of wall, two coats tinted or white. To all who apply [illegible] the name of the paper in which they see this notice, will be given an interesting puzzle, the solving of which may save you $50.00.

To test a wall [illegible] take a small quantity of it, [illegible] quantity of boiling water, and [illegible] set when left in the dish cannot [illegible] finally form a stone-like coating [illegible] shrinking, it is a kalsomine, [illegible] upon glue to hold it to the wall [illegible] so strongly objected to by [illegible]

This matter [illegible] the sanitary nature of wall [illegible] to be considered of much [illegible] of late. A supplement to [illegible] State Board of Health, [illegible] paper and kalsomines for [illegible] recommends Alabastine as being [illegible] pure, porous, permanent, [illegible] beautiful. Alabastine is [illegible] by mixing in cold water.

ON A BICYCLE TOUR.

A CLERGYMAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH LONG, HARD RIDING.

Has Travelled Fully 5,000 Miles On His Wheel—He Makes Some Reflections On the Benefits of the Sport, and Tells of the Dangers.

From the Utica, N.Y., Press.

The Rev. Wm P. F. Ferguson, Presbyterian Minister at Whitesboro' whose picture we give below, will not be unfamiliar by sight to many readers. A young man, he has still had an extended experience as foreign missionary, teacher, editor, lecturer and pastor that has given him a wide acquaintance in many parts of the country.

In an interview a few days ago, he said:

"In the early summer of '94 I went upon a tour through a part of Ontario on my wheel. My route was from Utica to Cape Vincent, thence by steamer to Kingston, and from there along the north shore of the lake to Toronto and around to Niagara Falls. I arrived at Cape Vincent at 6 o'clock, having ridden against a strong head wind all day.

"After a delightful sail through the Thousand Islands, I stepped on shore in that quaint old city of Kingston. A shower had fallen and the streets were damp, so that wisdom would have dictated that I, leg-weary as I was, should have kept in doors, but so anxious was I to see the old city that I spent the whole evening in the streets.

"Five o'clock the next morning brought a very unwelcome discovery. I was lame in both ankles and knees. The head wind and the damp streets had proved an unfortunate combination. I gave, however, little thought to it, supposing it would wear off in a few hours and the first flush of sunlight saw me speeding out the splendid road that leads toward Napanee.

"Night overtook me at a little village near Pope Hope, but found me still lame. I rested the next day, and the next, but it was too late; the mischief was done. I rode a good many miles during the rest of the season, but never a day and seldom a mile without pain.

"The winter came and I put away my wheel, saying 'now I shall get well, but to my disappointment I grew worse. Some days my knees almost forbade walking and my ankles would not permit me to wear shoes. At times I suffered severe pains, so severe as to make study a practical impossibility, yet it must be understood that I concealed the condition of affairs as far as possible.

"From being local the trouble began to spread slightly and my anxiety increased. I consulted two physicians and followed their excellent advice, but without result. So the winter passed. One day in March I happened to take in my hand a newspaper in which good deal of space was taken by an article in relation to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did not at that time know what they were supposed to cure. I should have paid no attention to the article had I not caught the name of a lady whom I knew. Reading, I found that she had been greatly benefitted by the use of Pink Pills, and knowing her as I did I had no doubt of the truth of the statement that she had authorised.

"The first box was not gone before I saw a change, and the third had not been finished before all signs of my rheumatic troubles were gone to stay.

"I say 'gone to stay,' for though there has been every opportunity for a return of the trouble, I have not felt the first twinge of it. I have had some of the most severe tests of strength and endurance, and have come through them without an ache. For example, one afternoon I rode seventy miles, preached that night and made fifty miles of the hardest kind of road before noon the next day. Another instance was a 'Century run,' the last forty miles of which were made in a downpour of rain through mud and slush.

"You should think I would recommend them to others? Well, I have, and have had the pleasure of seeing very good results in a number of instances. Yes, I should feel that I was neglecting a duty if I failed to suggest Pink Pills to any friend whom I knew to be suffering from rheumatism.

"No, this is not the only disease they cure. I personally know of a number of cures from other troubles, but I have needed them only for that, though it would be but fair to add that my general health has been better this summer than ever before in my life.

"Dr. Williams' Pink Pills contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are sold in boxes (never in loose form, by the dozen or hundred) at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, and may be had of all druggists or directly by mail from Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont.

The voice of conscience is so delicate that it is easy to stifle it; but it is also so clear that it is impossible to mistake it.

The nobleness of life depends on its consistency, cleanness of purpose, quiet and ceaseless energy.

Somehow a man feels much worse the day after he has lost an hour's sleep on account of the baby than he does the day after he has lost five hours sleep at the club.