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READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE LONELINESS OF DEATH.

From Blaise Pascal's Poems.

The silent chariot standeth at the door;
The house is hushed and still from roof to floor,
None heard the sound of its mysterious wheels,
Yet each its presence feels.

No champing bit, no tramp of pawing steed,
All dark and silent up and down the street;
And yet thou mayst not keep it waiting there
For one last kiss, or prayer.

Thy words, with some strange other interchanged,
Strike cold across us like loved eyes estranged,
With things that are not fraught, or things that are,
Fade like a sun-struck star.

And thou, too weak and agonized to lift
The cup to quench thy dying thirst, or shift
Thy pillows, now without our help must rise,
Nor wait our ministries.

Thou loved and cherished, must go forth alone;
None see thee fondly to the door, not one.
No head is turned to see thee go; we stay
Where thou art not, and pray.

No panel bars thy white, resistless feet.
Our walls are mist to thee; out on the street
It waits, it waits for thee, for thee alone.
Arise, let us be gone.

Alone, alone upon thine awful way.
Do any show thee kindness, any stay
Thy heart? or does the silent charioteer
Whisper, "Be of good cheer"?

We know not; none may follow thee afar,
None hear the sound of thy departing car;
Only vast silence, like a strong black sea,
Rolls on 'twixt me and thee.

—Public Opinion (London).

ZULU NAMES.

Mr. Arthur Montefiore, F.R.G.S., takes Mr. Rider Haggard to task for his "grotesque rendering of Zulu names." "Umslopogaas," Mr. Montefiore writes, "bears an impossible Zulu name—no Zulu word, for example, ending in a consonant. The name Mr. Haggard was feeling for was probably Umhlopogasi; at any rate, it is quite certain that no Zulu could have ever borne the name Umslopogaas. It is curious how writers of South African fiction stumble over the elementary rules of the South African languages. I only know one writer of such fiction," says the editor of *Languages*, "whose accuracy in these matters may be relied on—to wit, Mr. Bertram Mitford, whose 'Gun-Runner,' in my opinion, gives a more accurate picture of Zulus as they really are than any book I have ever read." The author

of "King Solomon's Mines and other letters to the *Times*"—as a schoolboy phrased it the other day—rather prides himself, I believe, upon his acquaintance with South African tongues, and criticism of the Montefiore order would be likely to cause a commotion at Ditchingham.—*Colonies and India*.

VANISHED OCCUPANTS OF THE EARTH.

What strikes us most markedly in reading the book of the rocks is, not so much the strange forms which are portrayed in its pages, as the fact that so many of them are extinct. Indeed, except in the very newest of formations, it is extremely rare to come upon any forms which can even approximately be considered identical with any now living on the face of the earth. All are vanished species. What is more, when we once get clear of any formation, it is the rarest possible occurrence ever again to see any of the species of fossils characteristic of it. Each period of the world's history had its own fauna and flora, that is, its own assemblage of animals and plants—and once they disappear they are gone for ever. Yet, within the historic period, we know of the extermination of only a few animals, and of no species of plants at all. Even then the extinct animals have, in every instance, met their fate at the hand of man. The dodo, a curious bird of Mauritius, and the solitaires, of the Islands of Reunion and Rodriguez, were exterminated by ruthless seamen within the last two centuries. The moa of New Zealand lived long after the Maoris reached these islands. The great auk and the Labrador duck have ceased to exist, from an identical cause, within the memory of man. The Philip Island parrot is a still more recent loss, while the only mammal which can be said for certain to have been utterly destroyed from off the face of the earth is the gigantic sea-cow (*Rhytina*), of Behring Strait, though, when it was first discovered, and took the taste of the seamen who liked oily beef, its numbers were small and seemed on the wane. These, and a few other species of less interest, form the total extinctions of which history preserves any record. But in the rocks composing the earth's crust there are the remains of thousands, which disappeared ages and ages before Man came upon the earth.—From "*Our Earth and its Story*" (Cassell Co., Limited).

A WOMAN'S SUFFERINGS.

HOW A HALDIMAND COUNTY LADY REGAINED HEALTH.

She Suffered Excruciating Pains from Sciatica—For Four Months was Forced to Use Crutches—Relief was Obtained After Many Remedies Failed.

From the Selkirk Item.

There have been rumors of late in Selkirk of what was termed a miraculous cure from a long illness of a lady living in Rainham township, a few miles from town. So much talk did the case give rise to that the Item determined to investigate the matter with a view to publishing the facts.

Mrs. Jacob Fry is the wife of a well-known farmer and it was she who was said to have been so wonderfully helped. When the reporter called upon her, Mrs. Fry consented to give the facts of the case and said—"I was ill for nearly a year and for four months could not move my limb because of sciatica, and was compelled to use crutches to get around. My limb would swell up and I suffered excruciating pains which would run down from the hip to the knee. I suffered so much that my health was generally bad. I tried doctors and patent medicines, but got no help until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Almost from the outset these helped me and I used six boxes in all, and since that time have been a well woman, having been entirely free

from pain, and having no further use for medicine. I am prepared to tell anybody and everybody what this wonderful medicine has done for me, for I feel very grateful for the great good the Pink Pills wrought in my case."

The reporter called on a number of Mrs. Fry's neighbors who corroborated what she said as to her painful and helpless condition before she began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. M. F. Derby, chemist, of the firm of Derby & Derby, Selkirk, was also seen. Mr. Derby said he knew of the case of Mrs. Fry, and that what she said regarding it was worthy of every credence. She had herself told him of the great benefit she had derived from the use of Pink Pills. He further said that they had sold Pink Pills for a number of years and found the sale constantly increasing, which was due beyond a doubt to the great satisfaction the pills gave those using them.

An analysis of their properties show that these pills are an unfailing specific for all troubles arising from an impairment of the nervous system or impoverished blood, such as loss of appetite, depression of spirits, anemia, chlorosis or green sickness, general muscular weakness, dizziness, loss of memory, locomotor ataxia, paralysis, sciatica, rheumatism, St. Vitus' dance, the after effects of la grippe, scrofula, chronic erysipelas, etc. They are also a specific for the troubles peculiar to the female system, correcting irregularities, suppressions and all forms of female weakness, building anew the blood and restoring the glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. In the case of men they effect a radical cure in all diseases arising from mental worry, overwork or excesses of any nature. These pills are not a purgative medicine. They contain only life-giving properties and nothing that could injure the most delicate system.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are sold only in boxes bearing the firm's trademark and wrapper printed in red ink. Bear in mind that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are never sold in any other style of package, and any dealer who offers substitutes is trying to defraud you. Ask for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People and refuse all imitations and substitutes.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills may be had of all druggists or direct by mail from Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N.Y., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50.



SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Hot Water Heating Apparatus, Calgary, Alta.," will be received until Tuesday, 27th March, for the construction of a Hot Water Heating Apparatus at the Calgary, Alta., Post Office.

Plans and specifications can be seen and form of tender and all necessary information obtained at this Department and at the Clerk of Works Office, Calgary, Alta., after Monday, 5th March, instant.

Persons are notified that tenders will not be considered unless made on the printed form supplied, and signed with their actual signatures.

Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted bank cheque, made payable to the order of the Honourable the Minister of Public Works, equal to five per cent. of the amount of the tender, which will be forfeited if the party decline to enter into a contract when called upon to do so, or if he fail to complete the work contracted for. If the tender be not accepted the cheque will be returned.

The department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order,

E. F. E. ROY,
Secretary.

Department of Public Works,
Ottawa, March 2nd, 1894.