n was sitting or not, in addition to transportation services, and charged the whole thing to the nation. in my position would be asked to render an account." Mr. Bourassa is a great man, and is unconscious of his

We shall hear several stories of the episode of yesterday. In the maritime provinces, Ontario and the west the most will be made of the fine speech of the premier. But those who shall follow the accounts of the press in some parts of Canada or who attend certain public meetings in Quebec will learn how the "tory Orangistes" shouted down Mr. Bourassa and how Sir Charles Tupper and his followers showed their intolerance and their hate of him because he came from Quebec and "is one of our compatriots." The tory "fanatics" will be properly rebuked.

In the meantime another triumph has been obtained by the loyal people of Canada. Mr. Fitzpatrick has withdrawn from the election bill the clauses which were most obnoxious to in connection with the closing exerthe patriotism and the sense of fustice of all good Canadians. When the first protest was made against the proposition to disfranchise the Canadian soldiers and mounted police, the gov-ernment defended the policy with apparent confidence. But the ministers have heard from the people since then, and have backed down. It was a happy coincidence that the surrender of the government was announced to the house on the same day as the surrender of Pretoria.

Our old friends Mackenzie and Mann are to the front again. They only want \$333,000 compensation for the refusal of parliament to ratify the Yukon railway contract. As the contract was made subject to ratification, and as no authority whatever had been given to the government to make the minister of justice has stated in the senate that the government is considering the case. There must be therefore something to consider, and as no one knows what obligation Mr. Sifton assumed in addition to the written contract, it is impossible to say not be forgotten that the contract was made within two or three days before the meeting of parliament. There could have been no obligation if Mr. Blair and Mr. Sifton had waited for parliamentary authority. If the country is committed to pay anything then the ministers are guilty of a greater offence than was supposed. Matters of this kind on the eve of an election will stand a good deal of watching.

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Senator Wood obtained yesterday an interesting return of the number of loaded cars detained in the Intercolonial yards at St. John and Halifax. It appears that on the 10th of April, 1900, which was about the date when the return was asked for, there were standing at Halifax 275 loaded cars. Of these 42 were there since the first of January, and had therefore been standing in the yard more than three months. There were in St. John at the same date 251 cars that had arrived on the Intercolonial railway. The following are the months on which the cars had arrived that were standing in the yards at Halifax and St. John on the

Total of April.		
		R. cars at
Month. Halifax.	St. John.	St. John
Nov. & Dec., '99. 42'	none	none
January, 1900 46	3	none
February 67	20	none
March104	74	22
April 16	154	63
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WHAT THEY SAID.

"Did the girls say anything when they heard of my engagement?" she asked, with natural curiosity.
"Very little," was the reply of her dearest

"But they said something."
"Oh, yes; they said something."
"What was it?"

"What was it?"

"Well, most of them merely exclaimed,
'At last!"

There was a pause, and then she asked:
"Well, what did some of the others say?"
"One of them said, 'Who'd have thought
it?' Another, 'Will wonders never cease?'
and a third—"
"Oh, never mind the rest," interrupted
the flance. "I never did have much curiosity."—Chicago Post.

DROPS OF WATER.

The Sea of Galilee is 633 feet below the Mediterranean.

The largest body of water in the the Caspian Sea, it being 180,000 square miles in extent.

At Binioni the volume of the warm all the rivers in the world at their mouths.

Magistrate-So you admit having been engaged in making counterfeit money? Prisoner-Yes, your worship: you see, the supply of the genuine article is so very, very short.



without a bottle on hand. Use my name if desired.

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ACADIA CLOSING.

I did not think," he said, "that a man Last Undergraduate Appearance of the College Seniors.

> Addresses by Members of the Graduating Class and Conferring of Degrees.

Awarding the Governor General's Gold Medal-College Hall Crowded With Spectators - The Evening Conversazione-Everybody Happy.

(Staff Correspondence of the Sun.) WOLFVILLE, N. S., June 6-Yesterday was one of considerable interest cises of Acadia. Every hour of the day was filled, and the attendance at the different meetings was the largest

In the morning the college seniors played as under-graduaces what was practically their last part as enter-tainers. Yesterday was their class day. College hall was elaborately decorated for the occasion with class flags, and long before the hour for commencement had arrived, nearly every seat in the building had been Class days are evidently growing popular here. They afford a certain relaxation and enjoyment that no other of the exercises furnish, and the students look forward and prepare for them with considerable expectancy.

The class of '00 filled their part as hosts and entertain with commendable ease and grace, and they furnishsuch a contract, one can hardly see to their guests a programme sufficientwhat basis there is for the claim. But ly varied to suit everyone. There was in it an intermingling of the grave and gay, as might be expected at what was the positively last appearance.

At ten o'clock the class, in cap and gown, headed by their president, Emthat the firm has no claim. It must erson Franklin, marched into the hall and took seats on the platform. Their appearance was the signal for a friendly outburst of applause. Whatever of class rivalry there might have been before, it was effectually hidden yesterday, and it was certainly 1900's own day. They made good use of their opportunity.

President Franklin in a brief address referred to the fact that the life of the class as such was drawing near to the close, and welcomed the public to witness its last undergraduate performance.

Permanent officers were then elected as follows: President, Emerson L. Franklin, Wolfville; secretary, Miss

Elizabeth Colwell of St. John. It was given to John C. Jones, son of Prof. R. V. Jones, to prepare and read the history of the class from its freshman year until it had arrived at the last enjoyment of senior privilege. Mr. Jones proved the wisd class's choice. In an original manner, and with many touches of wit and kindly sarcasm, he outlined the four years's life of the class. He was heartily applauded at the close.

Austin Bill of Lockeport read the class prophecy. With himself as interlocutor and another member of the class supplying the information, a racy, conversational sketch of what the position and influence of the members of the graduating class would be in twenty-five years to come. Mr. Bill kept his hearers's interest to the close, and provoked a hearty laugh by his hits, which perhaps were better enjoyed because more truly appreciated by the members of the class than by

W. Ernest McNeill of Montague, in the valedictory, departed entirely from the known paths of such things. He cut out for himself a new way and his effort, which all had expected would be a brilliant one, fully came up to the most sanguine expectations. It was the valedictory that furnished the leavening of gravity. The principal thoughts, which were pointed out as key notes of a successful life were

action and self-control. Between these papers the class quartette, consisting of Miller, Richardson, Archibald and Mersereau, rendered several selections. At the close world having no outlet in the ocean is hearty cheers were given the class.

In the afternoon the closing exercises of Herton Collegiate Academy waster of the gulf stream is sixty times was held. The members of the faculas great as the combined volume of ty occupied seats on the platform, while the students were seated in front. Several members of the graduwere fully up to the standard set by Simpson of Berwick, Rev. Dr. Saunders of Halifax, and Mr. Young, the gentleman who donated the manual

training building. The members of the graduating class were presented with their diplomas. Principal Brittain and his staff have worked faithfully this year, and it has been one of the most successful of the last eight or ten. The number attending has not been large, yet the quality of the work done has been exception-

As soon as the regular exercises in the manual training building was tors. The programme was: thronged with visitors, who received a practical exhibition of the kind of work done by the students. The utility of this institution has already been fully proven. Last near nearly double the number of students took the course of instruction than did the year before. While the practical exhibition was going on in one part of the building. another was given over to a booth at which were sold all kinds of handy souvenirs of the town and the train-

ing school. The Seminary closing, which always takes place on the evening preceding commencement day, is conceded by all to be the prettiest sight that there is in connection with the exercises. Last night was no exception to the rule. It is true that it lacks something of the pemp and dignity of the confirmation of degrees, and it also has little, if

any, of that peculiar mixture of feelmen and women with extra initials after their names, are set at liberty to shift for themselves in what is generally called the cold, wide world.

But if it lacks these things, it doubthers them are in the additional

ly makes them up in its 'additional beauty and charm. As might be expected, more than ordinary pains are taken to decorate the room and to improve its appearance. Last evening the college class banners were remov-ed from over the center of the platform and in its place hung in graceful folds, bunting in the colors of the graduating class, while here and there, as an added effect, were to express it in the words of the morning's valedictorian masses of "that summer snow of apple-blossoms." The motto of class, "Sans peur et sans reproche," was twined in colored letters among the bunting. Shortly after eight o'clock the processional march was played, and that solemn and stately parade of white gowned maidens was begun. Judging from the applause they received, the ladies of Acadia Seminary are extremely popular. First came the main body of students, then the graduating class of eighteen in all. the second largest in the history of the institution, and then the teachers.

Four essays were read. Miss Ulive Smith delivered a very clever essay on Mathematics in Nature; Miss Grace Hamm gave a sympathetic and vivid description of Italy's struggle for liberty, which culminated in 1870. Miss Sadie Dykeman of Fairville, daughter of Rev. A. T. Dykeman, had in The Red Cross in War an exceedingly popular subject. She was interrupted several times by vigorous applause. Miss Lillie Webster of Kentville, N. S., read an essay on Rosa Bonheur and her work, which showed a wide knowledge of and an artistic sympathy with her subject.

Mrs. Charles Archibald of Halifax gave an address to the graduating After speaking of the advantages which are now offered for wo man's education, she reviewed at some length the movement which had resulted in obtaining educational facilities for women, and the opening of the different professions to them. Mrs. 'Archibeld then made an appeal to the class to be true to the advantages

that they had obtained. Diplomas were presented to ten of the ladies in the collegiate course, four in the course in piano, two others'received certificates in this course, and one received a certificate for post graduate work, one lady obtained a diplema in the course in voice.

Prizes were presented as follows: The Payzant prize of \$18 for the most efficient student-Lillie Claire Webster, Kentville. Second Fayzant prize of \$18 for

French-Mary G. H. McCain. Florenceville, N. H. Third Payzant prize of \$18 for instrumental music-Alice Maud Louns bury, Newcastle, N. B. Paint scholarship of \$30, for highest

excellence and scholarship - Martha Borden Vaughan, Wolfville. Second prize of \$20-Bessie King,

Governor general's medal - Portia Starr, Wolville Principal McDonald announced the

memorial gifts. Amherst friends are fitting up two rooms as a hospital, in memory of Miss A. McCully, and friends of Mrs. H. Reid Taylor have contributed a sufficient sum to instal the electric lighting in the seminary. Mrs. McClelan, a former student of Grand Fre Seminary, contributed \$100 towards the object.

The class of 1900 presented the semiinary with Tissot's Pictorial Life of Christ, in four handsomely bound volumes.

In regard to the work, President Mc-Donald regarded it as having been most successful during the year. One hundred and thirty-nine students were in attendance, and the prospects now were brighter than they had been for some time.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson, who was present, was called and spoke briefly and in highly commendatory terms of the work of the institution. The exercises were closed with the

national anthem.

Today the degree of B. A. will be granted to twenty-eight students, eight will be given the master's degree in course, as follows: A. J. Archibald, B. A., in Church History; Lyman M. Penton, E. A., Church History; Elias W. Kelly, B. A., Philosophy; ida E. McLeod, B. A., Modern Languages; Bessie M. McNally, B. A., English Literature; Charles R. McNally, B. A. Philosophy; Alfred H. C. Morse, B. A., Church History, Charles W. Slipp, B.

A., Economics. Eleven of the graduating class take their degrees with honors, as follows: ating class read their essays, which E. H. Cameron, in Classics; V. L. Miller, Classics; S. S. Poole, Classics; H. previous closings. At the close, short G. Colpitts, History of Economics; R. addresses were given by Rev. D. H. L. S. Leonard, History of Economics; E. L. Franklin, Physics; F. B. Starr, German: J A. Glendenning, Philosophy; C. J. Mersereau, Philosophy; Annie S. Clarke, English Literature; W. E. MacNeill, English Literature.

Honorary degrees will be conferred as follows: Rev. J. W. Manning, Doctor of Divinity, St. John.

Prof. J. F. Tufts, Wolfville, D. C. L. Rev. John Clark, M. A. C. F. Myers, M. D., New York, M. A.

With glorious weather, the commencement exercises closed today. The connection with the closing were over, college hall was crowded with specta-

March. Prayer. ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS.

The Christian Pulpit in the Twentieth Cen-The Christian Pulpit in the Twentieth Century.

Horace Greeley Colpitts, Elgin, N. B.
The Ethical World of Shakespeare
Edward Herbert Jameron, Yarmouth, N. S.
Thie Power of Memory
Elizabeth Shaw Colwell, St. John, N. B.
Vocal solo by Professor H. N. Shaw, B. A.
Rand's "At Minas Basin".

John Alexander Glendinning, Moncton, N. B.
The Anglo-Saxon.

Austin Frederic Bill, Lockeport, N. S.
Vocal solo by Professor H. N. Shaw, B. A.
Conferring of Degrees.

President's Address to Graduating Class.
Awarding Governor General's Medal.

Addresses.

National Anthem.

ADDRESSES BY MEMBERS OF THE GRADUATING CLASS DELIVERED BEFORE THE FACULTY.

The French Revolution.... Frank L. Cann, Yarmouth, N. S.

The Christian Pulpit in the Twentieth Cen-Horace Greely Colpitts, Elgin, N. B. The Power of Memory Elizabeth Shaw Colwell, St. John, N. B. Russian Nihilism George Leslie Dickson, Truro, N. S.

The Present War and the Unity of the Empire Laurie Longley Harrison, Maccan, N. S.

Archibald Lampman Milton, N. S. Schiller's Wilhelm Tell William Everett McNeill, Montague, P. E. L. The Value of a General Education to the Military Man Chalmers Jack Mersereau, Doaktown, N. I Educational Forces and Life Vernon Laurie Miller, Bear River, N. S. Sober by Act of Parliament Sheldon Samuel Poole, Yarmouth, N. S. Doaktown, N. B. The Eight Hour Day.... Edgar Nelson Rhodes, Amherst, N. S.

N. S.
How India is Governed
Rowland R. Sanford, Wolfville, N. S.
Minna von Barnhelm...
Fred Burgess Starr, Wolfville, N. S.
Philosophy in Literature
Enoch Crosley Stubbert, Beverly, Mass.
Machinery and Labor
Harold Freeman Tufts, Wolfville, N. S. CANDIDATES FOR M. A. DEGREE.

Adoniram J. Archibald, Lyman M. Denton, Eiias W. Kelly, Ida E. McLeod, Bessie M. McNally, Charles R. McNally, Alfred H. C. Morse, Charles W. Slipp. The address to the graduates was delivered by Rev. Dr. Trotter, and at the close degrees were conferred upon

W. E. McNeili of Montague won the governor general's medal. This evening's conversazione was largely attended. There was a choice

WOLFVILLE, N. S., June 6.-From

27 students.

programme of music.

all parts of the surrounding country people poured in today to witness the graduation of the class of 1900. The Associated Alumni met shortly before the commencement exercises and selected their officers for the ensuing year and transacted business. Rev. Z. L. Fash of Halifax presided. Reports were received from the various committees and officers. A committee consisting of Rev. Messrs. Simpson, Weeks and Schurman was appointed to draw up suitable resolutions of condolence, to be presented to Rev. Dr. Sawyer, whose wife lately died. Another committee, consisting of I. B. Oakes and C. W. Rose, was appointed to draw up resolutions in respect to the late Dr. Rand. The alumni nominated as its representatives on the senate G. U. Hay, Rev. R. O. Morse Rev G P White Hentenort: vice. ville; secretary-treasurer, Rev. W. N. forward to obtain his medal, his class-Hutchings; executive committee, Rev. mates and fellow students cheered him C. W. Corey, E. D. King, I. B. Oakes, to the echo.

W. C. Goucher. the college, and the graduating class, marched into the large hall, which oil colors and crayons, were shown. was crowded with spectators. Prayer they were of a very high standard of excellence.

The first speaker was H. G. Colpitts played a selection of patriotic airs. of Elgin, whose subject was The Christian Pulpit of the 20th Century. Mr. ingly practical character, and he handled his subject well.

The Ethical World of Shakespeare was the subject of an interesting address by Edward H. Cameron of Yarmouth. He showed a wide and comprehensive knowledge of the works of favorable comment.

Miss Elizabeth S. Colwell of St. ment of them. John delivered a scholarly address upon The Power of Memory.

denning's treatment of the theme was exceedingly sympathetic, and his address was replete with poetic imagery. Austin F. Bill of Lockport spoke in semi-humorous but at the same time highly practical manner of The Anglo-Saxon. He was frequently interrupted by the applause of the audience.

dresses retired, and were brought in by Dr. S. B. Kempton, who introduced them as candidates for the degree of Bachelor in Arts. After the degrees had been conferred, Dr. Trotter delivered the address to the new graduates. The theme was Success in Life. He said, in part, that the minds should be clarified as to what constitutes true success. It is a common notion that he succeeds who amasses wealth, another is that success lies in squeezing the sweetness out of the world as the juice is squeezed from an orange. These are fallacious. The true ideal is only found by turning to the one true life, lived among men. That true conception is service. The world is not an accumulation of prizes; it is emn relations of man to man and man apolis Tribune. to God. Through these God is working out His beneficent purposes, and he has found true success who has discovered God's purposes and becomes His co-worker. But from this life we can get, beside the conception of service, that of the masterhood in service, and it is these that give us the true ideal. In the midst of apparent defeat Jesus lifted up His voice in triumph. He had achieved masterhood in service. This true ideal then means the adoption of service as a fundamental purpose, and the achievement of masterhood in service. An indispensable condition is the mastery



find out for himself. This mastery has its physical, intellectual and moral sides. The instinctive desire of man is not service; this must be crucified. Only he who conquers himself may master other things. Already this class has attained to a noble degree of self-master. As a class your intellectual work ranks with the best who have gone out from Acadia. your four years in the arena you have had many antagonists to meet, but self

was the greatest of all. This struggle

must still be continued. Life is al-

CONTAINING NEITHER ALCOHOL NOR NARCOTICS.

ways an arena. Fight the good fight with self. Short addresses were also delivered by Rev. Dr. Sawyer, Dr. J. W. Manning, Dr. Tufts and B. H. Eaton, Candidates for M. A. were given their degrees, and the announcement of the medal winner was made. This medal for the highest standing in the last three years was won by W. Everett Macneill of Montague, who has made for himself a brilliant record as a student. It was also announced that Dr. K. B. Tupper of Philadelphia had promised to donate a gold medal annually is a pretty girl in the town, well, I and J. F. L. Parsons. The election of during the time in which President have not as yet seen her. officers resulted as follows: President, Trotter held office, for oratory. The announcement was greeted with hear president, Prof. Frank Haley, Wolf- ty cheers. As Mr. Macneill stepped

Shortly after ten o'clock the long and | In the afternoon many visited the stately procession, consisting of the art gallery in the seminary, where faculty, the governors and alumni of specimens of the work done by the ladies of that institution, in china,

A brilliant conversazione in the eve was offered by Rev. Dr. Boggs, and nng closed the regular proceedings. All the regular graduating proceedings then repaired to the campus, where commenced. Five essays were deliv- the occupation of Pretoria was celeered by members of the class, and brated in splendid style. Among the speakers were Mayor Thompson and Hon. H. R. Emmerson. A huge bonfire was lit and the Wolfville band

Thursday most of the people left Colpitts's address was of an exceed- Wolfville and returned home. The day before yesterday we very nearly the exercises had been a decided success in every way, the perfect weather of the week materially adding to was hit in the shoulder about four

the effect. The Dominion Atlantic railway people handled the large crowd with per- the bullet is still in him. the great master, and his analysis of fect ease, and with great comfort to the subject provoked a great deal of the passengers, who were emphatic in their praise of the company's treat-

Among those who came over to S' John were: Hon. H. R. Emmerson, An appropriate subject was that of Inspector Mersereau, C. J. Mersereau, John A. Glendenning of Moncton, Doaktown; L. L. Slipp, Sussex; Chas. Rand's "Basin of Minas." Mr. Glen- Atherten, Woodstock; R. J. Colpitts, Elgin; Mrs. C. T. White, Garfield White, Sussex; Mrs. R. C. Elkin, Miss Elkin, Miss Flossie Elkin, Fred Elkin, Mrs. N. C. Scott, Mrs. E. B. Jones, Oscar Jones, Miss Jones, Kenneth Haley, Miss Brown, Mr. Colwell and Major Williams say today that the others.

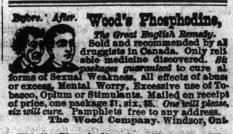
END OF THE YARMOUTH S. S. CO.

The class at the close of these ad-HALIFAX, N. S., June 12.—The D. A. R. have offered \$350,000 for the Yarmouth S. S. Company, stock, taking all property and business and entering into the enloyment of their subsidies. Baker's wharf will be leased and used as a terminus by the D. A. R. The steamer Monticello will be continued on the present route, and the Eoston will be kept in commission, making two trips per week. The Prince George and Prince Arthur continuing a daily service, as last year, thus giving eight boats per week through the summer. The Yarmouth will be disposed of. This arrangement will come into force of. This arrangement will come into force July 1st. Ratification from the directors in Lendon is all that is required to give force to the agreement reached.

RATHER BE ON SHORE.

Webster Davis, in a recent speech, declared that one American warship could lick sixteen British warships an accumulation of means designed to but we'll wager that Mr. Davis would promote the temporal well being of the not care to be on board the American individuals. Life is a mystery of soi- ship when she attempted it.-Minne-

A cable from Porto Rico this week quotes molasses one cent higher, with stocks practically extausted.



Wood's Phosphodine is sold in St. John by all wholesale and retail druggists.

STRATHCONA HORSE.

Sergt. Edmundson, Well and Favorably Known in St. John,

Sends a Characteristic Letter to a Friend, Who Favors the Sun With Its Contents.

The Sun is indebted to A. Milne Fraser of Halifax for the following letter from Sergt. Edmundson of the Strathcona Horse, dated Green Point Camp, Cape Town, S. A., May 6th: Dear Uncle Willie—At last we are under orders for the front, and will start in about three days. We had a capital voyage, no rough weather, and if we had not lost so many of our horses (160) everything would have been levely. Of course we had to work hard, as the men had nearly 600 horses to look after, and we had over 500 green men to get into shape. night we had a fire on board, and for a few minutes things looked pretty blue, but the men were wonderfully steady, fell into their places and remained perfectly silent. It looked at first as if we were in for it, but when

we got the hose and a bucket brigade to work we quickly put it out, but I confess that we were all much relieved when the bugle sounded "dismiss."
Here we are camped on a large sandy plain, about two miles outside Cape Town. We are situated between the foot of Signal hill and the seashore, and have a lovely view of Table Bay. We were all much delighted to find that we were not too late, and it seems, now that he have secured our remounts, that they have something special for us. We are very strong in guns, as we have three Maxims (500 per minute) and one of the dreaded "pom-poms." I am in charge of a Maxim, and can do very decent shooting with it. It is rather an unhealthy kind of a pepper-box to turn loose in

anyone's direction. I know that this war is not going to be a picnic, and we always play the game to a finish. Now that I am on the guns I am having an easier time of it, as I have no night guard to take charge of, but before that I had rather a busy time of it.

I wonder if I will see you all again. Of course the chances are a bit against a man who operates a "quick-firer," as the Boers have an ungentlemanly trick of pointing all their various kinds of shooters in his direction, in hopes of knocking the whole blamed thing out of tune.

Of course I cannot pretend to give you any war news, as you get more at Halifax than we do out here.

They have a lot of Boer prisoners cooped up here, and one was shot dead last night by a sentry when trying to escape. The population here seems to consist of different shades of niggers. I have seen very few people that I would call really white, and if there

THE CLUSE CALL

Of Two St. John Men in the Second Contingent.

Trooper Parks Had His Rifle Stock Carried Away by a Boer Bullet, and Trooper Markham's Horse Was Hit in the

WINBURG ROAD, Sunday, May 6 .-

Any one who says this war will be over in a few months is crazy. During the last three days we have driven them off as many kopjes. The general consensus of opinion was that had them surrounded. But they al-

ways manage to slip away. During the fight on Friday my horse inches in front of my knee. The horse is not lame ,although the Vet. thinks

In Thursday's scrap, Parks was dismounted, leaning on his rifle, when a bullet hit the rifle, taking part of the stock away, and going through the corner of his jacket. One of the 1st Troop had a bullet through his hat. Yesterday our troops opened fire on a house at about 1,100 yards. The Boers came flocking out like bees and we could see them mounting and riding away. We have four pom-poms with us, and Capt. Howard's maxim and colt. I dare say you know more about these fights than I do, but I heard British were into the Transvaal in two places.

We have not been paid since we left the ship. Lieuts. Borden and Turner, with a few men, waded and swam the Viet (or Riet) river. Our squadron was sent to clear out the enemy in that neighborhood. We saw no signs of them, but we were fired on, however, when retreating.

We are up between 3.30 and 5 o'clock every morning, and after riding and walking all day we are ready to lie down anywhere as soon as we get something to eat. Some days when loot is plenty we fare well, but most of the time we get tea, coffee and hardtack. We have not been near a post office for two weeks, and I am going to give this to Mr. Best, the Y. M. C. A. man.

LEUWVELT, May 8 .- The mail closes at 4 o'clock, so I have just time to tell you that we are near the above place, eight miles above Winberg Road. We have struck a big force of Boers and we are, I think, waiting for reinforcements. We have had no fighting for two days, but I imagine we will have a fight tomorrow or next day. It is supposed the Boers will

make their last stand at Kronstaad. I am sending you a few leaves from Boer hymn book that I found, also some photographs. We get piles of stuff, but have no means of carrying it off. We have not been near a post office for days, which will account for any delay. All our treop is well.

RALPH MARKHAM.

Mr. Tippler (who is being carried to the police station)—"Ish awfully good of you. I hope I'm not taking you out of your way."