DIPHTHERIA'S RAVAGES.

A Skilled Medical Man on the Dangers | The London West Council for 1894 of Delay,

of the Home Treatment of the

Scourge.

(From a Medical Correspondent.) In your Saturday morning's issue there appears a most dogmatic and harmful article, and I, therefore, ask that you kindly allow me space to answer some of the statements made in that letter. First, as to the death rate: Can your correspondent establish the statement that there has been a death rate of 50 per cent. from

diphtheria in this city? Secondly, as to the early recognition of the disease: Your correspondent would have the public believe that it is an easy matter to discriminate between diphtheria and other morbid conditions having similar symptoms. It may appear so on paper, but in actual practice not a few cases remain undetermined throughout the entire illness, and it is only when other members of the household become possessed of a more typical attack that the physician can speak as one having authority.

Thirdly, as to the treatment. Evidently your correspondent believes in treating the disease, not the patient; you cannot treat the disease and neglect the patient. Every one that knows anything about the disease he lieves that it depends on microbes which produce local and constitutional effects; and to treat successfully, it is necessary to begin early and adapt the treatment to the conditions of the case. The age of the patient, the habit of body, the position of the membrane, the type and stage of the disease, the character of the patient and attendants are determining factors in the rational treatment followed by any sensible physician. The use of chloral aconite and arsenite of copper may do no harm in the hands of a careful physician, but THEY ARE DEADLY AGENTS TO ADVISE THE

PUBLIC TO USE. I would not use these agents in this disease-not because they are new (the first two are old and discarded remedies). but because chloral favors the spread of the membrane by dessicating sound epithelial tissues and all three are powerful heart depressants -- a tendency of the disitself. The worst feature in advising, the public any form of treatment, is that parents will delay sending for a physician till they have tried their own and your correspondent's remedies (?). By reason of this delay the patient's chances of recovery are often just beyond hope. From extensive reading and considerable observation I am convinced that the mortality is greatly increased by the empirical treatment that is practiced by the laity in the early stages. Nasal and laryngeai diphtheria, especially in young, weak and debilitated subjects will often resist any plan of treatment.

In conclusion, my advice to the public is to send at once for their physician when they suspect diphtheria, and never trust to their own skill and remedies recommended by your correspondents.

Chicago Smallpox Spreading. CHICAGO, Jan. 15 .- Nine cases of small-

pox were taken to the isolated hospital yesterday and this morning two more cases will be called. Going to Africa. MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 15 .- The negroes

in this section of the south, principally those in Arkansas, have contracted the emigration fever again and there is an exodus of black men to Africa.

"Sam'l of Posen" Get's Off. SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15 .- It is understood the grand jury has dropped the cases of alleged bribery in connection with the trial of M. B. Curtis, owing to its inability to collect sufficient evidence to warrant the finding of an indictment.

Sudden Death at Tuckersmith. SEAFORTH, Ont., Jan. 15 .- Mrs. James Martin, of Tuckersmith, died early this morning of heart failure. She had been to church Sunday and retired in her usual

health, but was found dead in bed this morning, The deceased lady was 50 years of age and highly respected. A Short Separation. Belleville, Jan. 15 .- Wm. Severn,

formerly owner of a brewery here, died last night after a long illness. His wife expired five hours later from the shock occasioned by her husband's demise. Mr. Severn, who was 50 years of age, came here from Toronto twenty years ago. A Rich Strike.

GEORGETOWN, Cal., Jan. 15 .- One of the most remarkable strikes of rich ore ever discovered in Clear Creek county was made last week in the Independent Mine in East Argentine district. A six-inch vein of sylvanite was found at a depth of over 100 feet, and an assay shows it to contain 7,583 ounces of gold and 2,499 ounces of silver to the ton. A qualitative test proved the remaining substance to be

North Perth Farmers' Institute.

LISTOWEL, Jan. 15 .- The North Perth Farmers' Institute held a very successful meeting on Saturday. The president, Mr. James Dickson, of Donegal, presided. There was a fair attendance of leading farmers, but, as one of the speakers remarked, the class of farmers who need education on agricultural topics worst were not present. Short addresses were given by Warden Poole and Mr. James Grieve, M.P., of Millbank, and a number of valuable papers were read by local members of the institute.

A Stubborn Woman. We read that when Jove had the ordering of mundane affairs, he promised to send rain on any day that would be agreed upon by the whole world. It was reported at last that they were all ready for rain at a certain date, except one old woman who wanted to make soap on that particular Women are often accessed of being capricious and whimsical; but there is one point on which they all agree—the desirability of being well and looking well. Every woman be she young or old, always wants to look her best; and in order to do this, it is necessary to attain that state of health which will impart a sparkle to her eye, a bloom to her cheek, and grace and symmetry to her entire form. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a ranacea for all chronic "weaknesses" and derangements of functions peculiar to the sex, and is beyond all comparison the great healer of women,

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Three New Faces Seen-Reeve Spence Makes Introductory Remarks-Routine Entiness Transacted.

The Council of London West held its first meeting for 1894 last evening. There was a large number of ratepayers present. The members of the council were all in attendance as follows: Messrs. William Spence (reeve), William Scarrow (deputy reeve), William Moore, Levi Hammond and W. T. Hamilton-Messrs. Moore, Hamil-

ton and Hammond being the new faces. Reeve Spence welcomed the members to the board. He also wished to extend thanks to the voters for electing him to the highest position in their power. He would strive to transact all the business devolving upon him with strict impartiality.

William Moore moved that advertisements be inserted in the city papers for applications for the positions of clerk and treasurer. These are not to be received later than Friday. The resolution was seconded by Councilor Hammond. Carried without dessent.

These enairmen were appointed for the various committees: Finance, William Moore; board of works, W. T. Hamilton; board of relief, Levi Hammond; printing committee, Deputy Reeve Scarrow. The new board of health is composed as

follows: Messrs. Hamilton Ramsey, Richard Hammond, George Bloome, Reeve Spence and the clerk of the council. A special committee composed of the members of the council was deputed to deal with the electric light matter and to consolidate the debt of the village. Deputy Reeve Scarrow was voted chairman. The auditors,

were instructed to prepare a report of the assets and liabilities of the corporation up to the end of last year before the expiry of two weeks. This statement will then be published for distribu

tion among the taxpayers. Constable Ward was continued in the position which he has so successfully filled for a number of years. Mr. Ward is a competent official, and has given general satisfaction.

BRANT.

Mrs. Margaret Kay died at Paris last week, aged 80 years. She was a native of Scotland and went to Paris with her husband and children 40 years ago.
Mr. N. Barnett, of Brantford, lost two children in one day last week of scarlet

The estate of the late John Hope, manager of Bow Park Farm, is valued at

ESSEX. The town of Walkerville has a surplus in the trassury of \$9,000. While working on the Methodist Church, Kingsville, Col. J. R. Welkinson fell from a nail keg on which he was standing and

broke his left arm at the wrist. Miss Jessie Cullen, of Leamington, has returned home, after spending about three years with two of her brothers who have farms near Brandon, Mauitoba. ELGIM.

The annual meeting of the Railroad Hospital and Sick Benefit Association, of St. Thomas, will be held in the waiting-room of the M. C. R. depot on Thursday evening. Stratford Orangemen have notified County Secretary Drennan that they will take part in the demonstration in St. Thomas on the

coming 12th of July.

Detective Heenan, of St. Thomas, is looking for an old man who entered Edgar's station, on the Amherstburg branch of the M. C. R., on Jan. 9, to sleep, by breaking a pane of glass.

Five night offices on the main line of the

C. P. R. have been closed. In consequence a change takes place at St. Thomas. Night Operator Ryckman is laid off, and Operator Spafford, of Drumbo, takes his place. Three deaths have occurred in one home

in Euphemia township within a week. The ctims were Christopher Bownlee, sen, and his two daughters.

KENT. A lamp exploded in a house in Chatham the other night, while a birthday party was progress. The guests were soon augmented by a score or so of firemen, who soon had the fire under control, though a large amount of furniture was damaged.

Mrs. Annie Wheeler, of Chatham, was visiting in Detroit recently. Awaking one visiting in Detroit recently. Awaking one morning, she found her seven months old child dead. It had been smothered.

A Chatham correspondent writes: Yesterday the streets of this city were crowded with farmens' wagons bearing hure loads of prime dressed hogs. Fully 1,800 head were sold to the local dealers. They averaged 250 pounds' weight, aggregating 450,000 pounds of pork, all raised in this county. The Grand Trunk Railway alone has shipped 50 carloads to the eastern nas shipped 50 carloads to the eastern province, which, represents about one-half of the total considerates expected. A carload is 200 to 225 head. This figured out yields 4,000,000 pounds of Kent-bred hogs.

MINDLESEX. The dramatic club at Avon intend giving he trial scene of the "Merchant of Venice" the trial scene of t next Tuesday night On the 3rd inst. the wife of J. Roberts, of Avon, of a daughter.
On the 5th inst. the wife of A, Pullin of a

On the 6th inst. the wife of S. J. Lucas of a son.

OKFORD. J. Z. Long & Son are preparing plans for remodeling the Oddfellows' Hall, Tilsonburg, recently damaged by fire. The front will be of pressed brick with plate glass windows. The two upper stories will be thrown into one with twenty feet ceiling, with gallery, making it one of the finest lodge rooms in Ontario. lodge rooms in Ontario.

Mr. John N. Forshee, an old resident of Tilsonburg, passed away early Friday morning at the age of 67 years.

The Tilsonburg Driving Park Association claim May 23 and 24 as the dates for their spring meeting. Mr. John Mero will manage

the meeting.

Young Mason, who has been committed for trial at Woodstock, charged with stealing a horse from Bates Bros. livery, is the youth who ran away from his parents in Norwich some months ago, and was widely advertised for at the time. He is said to be mentally weak.

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Mr. Robson, of Huron College, is to be ordained in May, after which he will take charge of All Saints' Chapel, Woodstock.

The Reformers of North Oxford will meet next Saturday to choose candidates for the Local Legislature and Dominion Parliament ment. J. Sheldon, of Pennsylvania, has been arrested for accosting Woodstock young ladies without an introduction. He is re-

spectably dressed and carries a gold watch. The magistrate fined him 35 and costs. Rumor connected him with "Jack, the Hugger," who has been operating there, but

this is disproved. PERTH. The Young Liberal Club of Stratford has procured new rooms, which were formally opened last Friday evening. The rooms are

Messrs. J. Frank Palmer, the president, Hon. T. Ballantyne, M.P.P., Jas. Grieve, M.P., Frank Pedley and others, The Stratford fire brigade has got a very handsome new sleigh, which in these days,

turns out to be far more ornamental than Whale, the well known old hotel-keeper who was convicted of the manslaughter of his wife at the Stratford Assizes about three years ago, and who is in the penitentiary under life sentence, is hoping for a release shortly. A largely-signed petition has been sent to the Government on his behalf. WATERLOO.

A Chinaman was refused accommodation in Berlin lately, and now it is rumored that a number of the hotels will be "pulled" in

Buffalo Express: There was a cork out in the county of Waterloo, when the Ontario prohibition plebiscite was on trial. The home of Joseph E. Seagram's famous White Wheat whisky was loyal to "Joe," and his neighbors voted strongly against the movement for prohibition.

Preston spent \$11,010 in new residences

and improvements last season. Mr. Ed. Clay, formerly of Guelph, and now of Galt, who was so badly burned about the hands some time ago by the explosion of a coal oil lamp, has had to have a finger amputated.

WELLINGTON.

James Tindale, a well-known farmer in Nichol, took an attack of la grippe, which terminated fatally after about ten days' suffering. The deceased was a prosperous farmer, who had the respect and confidence of his acquaintances. He leaves a widow

and three children.
The Guelph Herald says: "John Gibbs shot a fox on Thursday. The shooting of a fox is not a great feat for John to perform, but it was the way he did it. The fox rar up a tree, a straight cedar, 30 feet high, and John emptied four barrels into sly Reynard before he tell. The incredulous ones who will not believe John's story about a fox running up a tree can see the skin by calling on John.

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Imaginery Passengers. Every car of the Ferris wheel was provided with an oil stove. The drop of the thermometer and the chill winds from the lake induced the managers of the wheel to heat their cars.

The comedy of the Ferris wheel is the only amusing thing on the exposition ground. With only workmen on the Plaisance and not a passenger in sight, the wheel continues to turn. Ticket sellers sit in the ticket booths and at regular intervals the great wheel stops and guards open the doors for imaginary passengers to enter. The doors are closed, the wheel starts, revolves twice, making a regular trip, then stops again to let off its imaginary passengers and let other phantoms on. The management is keeping us this show for the purpose, it is said, of making a case for damages against the Exposition Company. Nothing is said about removing the wheel .- [Chicago Record.

"Shorter" Pastry

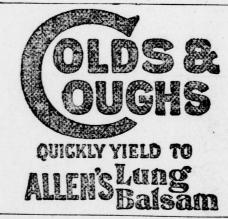
We are talking about a " shortening" which will not cause indigestion. Those who "know a thing or two" about Cooking (Marion Harland among a host of others)

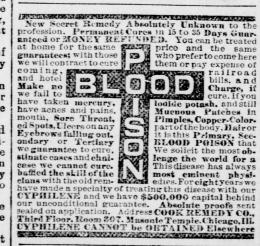
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