

The Case Fairly Stated.

To the Editor of the Mercury.

SIR,—Never, when I can avoid it, do I hold parley with a knave, and a man that knows no respect for truth, but no person makes his way through life without having to perform disagreeable duties, and as I am only human, I expect to share the fate of humanity. It is with reluctance I proclaim my identity and condescend to notice a slander that the editor of *Advertiser*, in his infinite wisdom, and in his deep veneration for the "rules of society," saw fit to publish against me in his issue of Monday evening.—It is possible for a person to be unjust to himself as well as to his neighbour, and as I never wittingly maligned or wronged another, it is only natural to suppose that I endeavor to do justice to myself. I do not, therefore, propose to rest under the stigma of having written the *Advertiser* "into one libel suit, and invited a number of others." What transpired privately in the office of that journal while I was there, I have hitherto kept strictly to myself; I considered it was sacred, and always guarded it as such, and even now, under strong temptation, I shall disclose no more than is absolutely necessary to free me from the imputation of having written this *Magister Morum* into a libel suit without his knowledge or consent. There are rods in pickle, however, and the editor of the *Advertiser* will find it to his advantage to speak and act with caution.

The circumstances connected with the libel suit to which he alludes were altogether too uncommon, and far too much out of the regular order of things to pass away quickly from my memory. The facts (since I am compelled to lift the veil), are simply these: An inspection of the volunteers took place on a certain Saturday evening, and I was present at it. On the following Monday one gentleman came to the office and made a complaint to Mr. Wilkinson that another gentleman had misconducted himself during the inspection. Still another complaint was made to me, of which the proprietor was cognizant, and yet at noon there was not a word written concerning what had transpired on Saturday night. At one o'clock I asked for instructions, which were given tersely and elegantly, not as an uncivilized backwoodsman would give them, thus—"Pitch into him!" I was employed by Mr. Wilkinson, and I obeyed his instructions; I pitched in. I submitted the paragraph to him as soon as it was written, and it went to the compositor, which was of course equivalent to his saying that, in his opinion, it was all right. He will probably deny this, nor acknowledge that after the paper was issued he sat in the sanctum with a copy in his hand, held it out before him as if measuring the length and breadth and depth of the libel into which I had written him, and gave vent to the exclamation—"That is a good paragraph." Will he dare to deny that these assertions are true, or that there ever was a personal attack made on any individual, while I wrote for his paper, that he did not command, and that his villainous disposition did not inspire? If he dare do this, I dare call him a liar and a coward to his teeth. Aye both, for who but a despicable wretch that had been formed destitute of both physical and moral courage would endeavour to roll his own sins on another, and thus escape the punishment they merited?

It is generally considered a consolation to have a companion in misfortune, and if rumor speak true, and his own assertions lie not, I am no worse off than others who served the proprietor of the *Advertiser* before, and since, I did. You, Sir, are classed among those who did his establishment much injury, and it is whispered, not to his credit, that, how efficient soever he may consider his present Reporter, he was guilty of telling the Police Magistrate privately, that the paragraph for which Mr. Ryan disgraced his face was inserted without his knowledge. All Guelph knows that no other man than the proprietor of the *Advertiser* could have expressed in so small a space so much bitterness and hate. But my task with him is done, and I rejoice at it, for I like to keep decent company. If it will edify him to bring up any other case of personal abuse, and charge me with having perpetrated it, I shall be most happy to state all the circumstances connected with it. There are some incidents in relation to an article headed "A Lawyer on the Rampage," which came out shortly after the libel was written that would prove very interesting—will Mr. Wilkinson charge me with having written that unbridled case that one of the invitations for another libel suit?

Yours &c.,
JOHN TRIMBLE.

PARLEY MOORE.
The community was startled this morning by the terrible announcement that the Hon. Thomas D'Arcy McGee was shot dead by some unknown assassin as he was entering the door of his lodgings, after having left the Parliament buildings at half-past two o'clock. When he was picked up, almost immediately upon the occurrence of the shocking event, it was found that death was caused by a ball which entered at the back of the head and came out of the mouth. Death must have been instantaneous. A large number of his parliamentary friends were at once called to his side, but life had gone. The Minister of Justice immediately telegraphed news of the shocking event to several parties, in order, if possible, to secure the arrest of the murderer.

We have no time to-day to write at length on the splendid talents, the noble qualities, and the warm sympathies of him who was the foremost Irishman in Canada. But we cannot resist the impression that his awful fate is due—to quote the words of the *Leader*—"to the personal and political animosities which his love for British connexion brought upon him. There has been no more bitter denouncer of Fenianism in this country. He has stood, in Canada, between this great crime and the Crown. By his bold and outspoken utterances he brought much obloquy upon himself from bad men; and we fear he has been offered up a sacrifice to his honest devotion to those principles which became the stronger in him as he grew older."

AERIAL NAVIGATION.—Mr. Kauffman of Glasgow, has constructed an aero-motive machine, with which he intends to sail through mid air, directing his course whithersoever he may please. It is twelve feet long, and supplied with wings, the area of each being 221 square feet. Its total weight is 7000 lbs., and the speed it is intended to attain is forty miles an hour.—In shape it will bear a close resemblance to some large bird, progress being gained by flapping the two large wings with which it is furnished. A still larger model of 120 horse-power and weighing 8,000 lbs. is to be completed in time for the exhibition of the British Aeronautical Society, at the Crystal Palace at Sydenham in June next. A number of English and Scottish savans, who have given the subject considerable attention, are of opinion that before many years elapse these aerial machines will be crossing between Europe and America with as much regularity as now characterizes the movements of the steamboats, and that the distance between the two continents will be performed in from 24 to 30 hours.

BIRD CAGES.
Just received a variety of Bird Cages, a better assortment than ever before offered in Guelph.
JOHN HORSMAN.

New Advertisements.

House Servant Wanted.
APPLY to MRS. SHARPE, Waterloo Road.
April 7th, 1868. (d1f)

TO CONTRACTORS.

THE undersigned will receive tenders until the 15th inst., for moving a Frame Dwelling House 30 x 30 feet, distance 34 chains, on good level ground. The building can be seen by applying to the undersigned, who does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.
JOHN TYSON, Butcher,
Market Stall No. 2, Guelph.
April 7, 1868. d1d

R. GALBRAITH TAILOR,
ST. GEORGE'S SQUARE, GUELPH,
In rear of the English Church.

BEGS to inform the inhabitants of Guelph and vicinity that he has rented the premises lately occupied by Mr. Jeanneret, Watchmaker, where

Parties Furnishing their Own Goods
Will always find him on hand ready to attend to their orders. All work carefully executed and on reasonable terms.

Garments Altered, Repaired and Cut with Neatness and Despatch.
Guelph, April 8, 1868. d1f w1m

SELECT Boarding & Day School

MRS. FETHERSTONHAUGH proposes (D.V.) to open a School for young Ladies at her residence in Wyndham Street, over the Post Office, on MONDAY, 20th April.
Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw3

W. B. COWAN, M. D.
HOMOEOPATHIC Physician, Surgeon and Accoucher. Graduate of New York Homoeopathic College, and Licentiate of Canada. Office over Mr. Massie's new store—entrance Macdonnell Street.
Guelph, 27th Jan, 1868. dw1f

TURNIP DRILLS AND SCARIFIERS.

WM. TORRANCE, EVERTON, ERAMOSA,

HAS much pleasure in returning his sincere thanks for the very liberal patronage he has received from the farming community in past times. He takes this opportunity of informing

THE FARMERS
that he has greatly improved his Turnip Drills and Scarifiers this year, and feels confident they are the best in the Dominion.
They will be for sale at the Guelph Fairs in the proper season.
WM. TORRANCE.
Evertan, 9th April, 1868. w3m

FOR SALE,
TWO COLTS AND A FILLY, five years old.—Strong and good.
E. A. HARLAND.
Guelph Tp., April 6, 1868. d2

MONEY FOUND.
FOUND on Saturday, 4th April, in Gowdy and Stewart's Flour and Feed Store, a small sum of money in bills. The owner can have the same by calling at the store, proving property and paying the expenses of this advertisement.
Guelph, April 6, 1868. d3

BOARD WANTED.
BY a newly married couple in a private family where no other boarders are kept. Address M. A. J. MURRAY office.
Guelph, 4th April, 1868. d3

TOWN HALL, GUELPH.



Fashionable Entertainment!

RETURN OF THE Townsend Family!

For THREE NIGHTS ONLY

Enthusiastic Reception and Crowded Houses Everywhere. Entirely New Piece, New Scenery and New Dresses.

JOHN TOWNSEND
in his great character of
CADWIN THE DEMON ADVOCATE.

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in her celebrated character of
THE ORPHAN OF GENEVA,
Supported by the Entire Company.

Monday Ev'g, April 13, 1868

WILL be presented the Popular and Highly interesting Melo-Drama, in 3 Acts entitled

The Orphan of Geneva.
Carwin by.....John Townsend.
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To conclude with the Laughable Farce of
THE FAST YOUNG LADY AND HER STUPID LOVERS.

Hector Timid.....Mr. Harry Townsend.
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The Fast Young Lady.....Miss Florence Townsend
Supported by the Company.

Doors open 7:15. Commence at 8. Carriages at 11. Admission 25 cents. Reserved Seats, 50c.
Guelph, April 7, 1868. d7,9,11

Medical Dispensary

USE HARVEY'S
PECTORAL

BALSAM,

THE best preparation in the market for the cure of

COUGHS, COLDS, &c.

FOR SALE BY

E. HARVEY

Chemist and Druggist,
Opposite the English Church, Wyndham-st.,
Guelph, Ontario.

Guelph, 4th April, 1868 dw

GALLERY OF ART.

R. W. LAIRD,

Looking Glass and Picture Frame

MANUFACTURER,

79 King-st. West,

TORONTO.

The Trade supplied with Washable Gilt and Imitation Rosewood Mouldings and Looking Glass Plate. Country orders promptly attended to.

Toronto 1st April 1868. dw1y.

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BLOATERS,

FINNAN HADDIES,

SEA SALMON,

TABLE CODFISH,

Smoked HERRING, &c.

E. CARROLL & CO.,

No. 2, Wyndham Street.

Guelph, April 7, 1868. daw

House and Lot for Sale

AT A BARGAIN.

FOR sale, that large and commodious Frame Dwelling House situated in East Market Square, in the Town of Guelph, immediately adjoining O'Neil's Hotel. Lot about 36 feet front, and extending through to Macdonnell-st. For particulars apply to E. GUTHRIE, Esq., Barrister, Guelph, or to Messrs. BURTON & BRUCE, Barristers, Hamilton.

Guelph, 1st April, 1868. dw1f

GREAT ATTRACTION.

THE GREATEST ATTRACTION OF THE SEASON
IS THE DISPLAY OF

NEW HATS & CAPS

AT

THE GUELPH CLOTH HALL

A. THOMSON & CO.

Guelph, 4th April, 1868. daw

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JOHN HOGG

AT IT AGAIN.

From unforeseen circumstances, I am obliged to once more plunge into the torrents of active business life. It affords me no small degree of pleasure and satisfaction to know that I am still to continue to serve and be a means of profit to the great mass of the inhabitants of the County of Wellington and its vicinity. I shall in the time to come, as in the past, make it a study and one of the leading features in my business affairs at all times to be in a position to secure Goods in the very best markets, and to the best possible advantage. My purchases will all be made for **Ready Money**—and money will command **Bargains** such as credit cannot. This advantage will be given to my customers. It is needless to remind my numerous friends and supporters that the immense variety of every description of Goods presented to select from is a very great advantage, together with the undeniable fact that my Goods are all imported from the manufacturers direct, ensures to my patrons a saving of a fair profit over that of any other establishment in the trade. I possess great advantages this season for offering extra inducements to my customers.

COTTON GOODS have all advanced very rapidly within the last month. During the period of panic prices I bought heavily, indeed sufficient to do my business requirements during the summer. Since an advance of fully forty per cent. has taken place.

My stock now in every branch is full, and an early call from my old friends will be well repaid both as regards variety to select from and the great saving to be effected in price.

Thanking you for past favors,

I remain yours,

JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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LIFE SIZE PORTRAITS OF

CHARLES DICKENS

AND CHROMO LITHOGRAPHS

That cannot be distinguished from Oil Paintings, at

Cuthbert's Bookstore!

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SPECIAL NOTICE.

OPENED TO-DAY!

New Spring Dress Goods,

New Hats New and Skirtings.

Guelph, March 27, 1868. A. O. BUCHAM.

Try those Splendid New Figs

AT THIRTY CENTS PER BOX.

Oranges and Lemons!

Walnuts, Filberts, Almonds, Chocolate Creams, Gumdrops and every other Nicety.

Well, but where is all this to be got? Why, where would you expect to get them first-class but at

Guelph, 27th March, 1868. dw

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SPRING DRESSES,

NEWEST STYLES.

SPRING DRESSES,

BEST MATERIALS.

SPRING DRESSES,

MOST MODERATE PRICES.

STEWART

HAS JUST RECEIVED the largest and most choice stock of New Spring Goods he has ever shown, and respectfully requests attention to the great difference in price from last year, being at least **One-third Lower.**

STEWART

HAS opened a case of White Drab and Grey Stays, that fit the body and not the body the stays. Highly recommended by the Faculty.

STEWART

CARPET STOCK is the largest west of Toronto, and being all this season's importations the designs and colors are new.

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STOCK OF **TAPESTRY** is large and choice. Styles are new, and will be offered very low, commencing at 75 cents.

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NEW SILKS.

BLACK AND COLORED.

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CHENES, CAMLETS, REPS, EOPILNS, SERGES, MOHAIRS.

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NEW REPS,

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Guelph, April, 1st, 1868. dw