

Girls are Queer Creatures.

Girls are queer creatures, remarked one of them. They're not a bit like men. For instance, you can know a man for years and yet see and be quite sure that there are depths in his nature which you have never fathomed, nor even so much as approached. But you know a girl after you have seen her half a dozen times, and what is more, you know her thoroughly. You have heard all her stories, you have memorized every one of her phrases and tricks of expression, and you can divine the course she would pursue under any kind of circumstances. If I may use a simile, a girl is like an oil well which flows abundantly for a week and gives promise of keeping it up, but peters out completely at the end of that time and runs quite dry. Or, to vary it a little, a girl is like "Old Faithful" that geyser in Yellowstone Park, which spouts every fifty-eight minutes regularly. After you have seen it once you know exactly when the next eruption will take place, you know to an inch how high and how large the column of water will be, and you are perfectly certain that it will never be different in the smallest degree from what it was when you saw it. But men are like those other geysers that sometimes spout a feeble stream and at others rear a tremendous bulk, so that you never know what to expect and always have a feeling that the next eruption will be mighty beyond all previous ones. To be plain, you can never flatter yourself that you really know a man. And then there is always the shadow of his unknown past.

Trowbridge.

Mr. Wherry, of Atwood, preached here last Sabbath morning.

Jacob Black is making preparations to build a beautiful brick house this summer.

On Tuesday morning of last week J. R. Code's youngest child died with the measles.

Norman Witmer has returned home from Sarnia and has gone to Listowel to work.

The Misses Porter have come out from Ireland to visit their sister, Mrs. Alex. McLeod.

Miss Bertha Jackson left here Saturday for Elora where she proposes working at the dressmaking.

Albert Witmer left here last week for Fordwich, where he intends working at his trade during the summer.

The Good Templars of this place have organized a Juvenile Temple. We hope they will meet with great success in this noble work.

W. F. Mann, of Minnedosa, Man., arrived here last week and has returned home this week accompanied by his brother, John Mann.

Miss M. Delyea is going to Listowel next week to start dressmaking. She will no doubt be pleased to have her lady friends of this vicinity call on her.

Huron County Notes.

Chief Murray, of the Seaford fire brigade, was presented last week with a beautiful plush upholstered easy chair.

James Somerville, of Roxboro, McKillop, finished seeding on Wednesday, April 22nd. This is the date he finished on last year.

Dr. Ferguson, of Seaford, who has been practising there for some time, intends removing to Blyth in a few days and will take up the practice of Dr. Sloan in that village.

C. E. Mason, Brucefield, has disposed of the first prize 3-year-old Clydesdale stallion Monksman (8059) Vol. XII, to Messrs. Myer, Youngblut & Farquhar, of Londesboro, for \$1,800.

The friends of County Clerk Adamson, of Goderich, will be glad to know that he is making considerable improvement in his illness, and there are now good grounds for the hope of his recovery.

John Jarrott has sold his farm on the Parr line, near Hill's Green, to William Coust for \$6,000. The farm contains 100 acres, has on it a good brick house and a large bank barn with stone stabling underneath.

The Seaford firemen intend holding a grand fireman's tournament in that town on 23rd and 24th of June next. Eight hundred and fifty dollars will be offered in prizes. Each fire department that takes a band of twelve men or more, and take part in the parade with the band will receive \$25.

David Sanderson, of the 4th con of Howick, has a cow which gave birth a few days ago to a calf with two heads, one on each end, six legs, in three pairs, and two tails. The tails are attached to the side of the body just about the two centre legs. This is one of the strangest cases ever reported in this township.

On Friday, April 17, a very lamentable accident happened to a little six year old girl, a child of Mr. Flanigan, Wingham. It appears that a teapot full of boiling hot tea stood on the stove, and she taking it from the stove to the table, not setting it far enough on it upset, the whole contents going over her head and down the back, scalding her so severely that she died from the effects thereof on Monday morning following.

The Census.

When the census enumerator calls it may be well for you to bear in mind that you are not supposed to answer these questions:—

1. Do you owe for your paper?
2. How much do you owe?
3. Why don't you pay it?
4. Why do you borrow your neighbor's papers?
5. Where do your boys spend their evenings?
6. Is your back yard clean?
7. Do you believe in the whale story?
8. Are you vaccinated?
9. Do any of your daughters chew gum?
10. How do you vote?
11. Have you bought your new spring hat yet?
12. Who owns that dog?
13. Why did you?
14. Will you ever do it again?
15. Good afternoon?

Perth County Notes.

All hotels and liquor stores in Perth will be obliged to keep closed May 24th and July 12th.

The new Hicks House stables, Mitchell, are under way, and will be ready for teams by May 24th.

Henry Dinsmore, of the 10th of Blanshard, is suffering from a severe fracture of the collar bone.

Noble Johnston, one of Anderson's accomplished sportsmen, shot several wild duck on the shores of Goose Lake the other day.

Miss Agnes Knox, B.E., will give a recital in the St. Marys Opera House on the evening of May 15th, in aid of Knox church, St. Marys.

John Square, for many years a resident of Mitchell, died in Stratford early on the morning of April 23rd, from the effects of heart disease.

Cephas Woodger appeared before Police Magistrate Flagg, Mitchell, on Tuesday of last week and had to pay \$2.70 for using insulting language to a married woman.

Mitchell Advocate:—On Monday, April 20th, a protest, with a deposit of \$1,000, was filed at Osgoode Hall against the return of James Trow, and in due time another will also be entered against Mr. Grieves.

Tenders were received on Tuesday of last week for the stock of stationery and fancy goods of Wm. Colwell, Mitchell, an insolvent. Nine tenders in all were received, and they ran all the way from 20c to 41c on the dollar. That of Isaac Hord being the highest was accepted.

Organizer James McLean, the Lambton county farmer, has organized the following Patrons of Industry associations: Banner Lodge at McIntyre's Corners, 21 members; Avonbank, 24 members; Summerville lodge at Fullarton Corners, 20 members; Motherwell, 29 members.

J. A. Hacking, Listowel, reports the following passengers for the West:—Jno. Arnold, Austin, Texas; Fred Keesig, Chas. Voigt, W. J. Clinie, J. Paul, Calgary, Alberta; John Hudson, Du luth; Amos Robinson, Mr. Wetzel, Vancouver, B. C.; Thos. Robinson, W. Menzies, Denver, Col.

The newly elected officers of the Stratford Board of Trade are:—President E. T. Duffon; Vice-President, A. J. McPherson; Secretary, W. G. Mowat; Council, J. A. Duggan, W. J. Ferguson, F. D. Hamilton, H. G. Hopkirk, W. Maynard, Jr., A. F. McLaren, J. P. Macdonald, E. O'Flaherty, John Payne, T. Plummer, T. E. P. Trow and John Walsh.

At the recent county promotion examination the Millbank school passed 38 that being 100 per cent of the number sent up. This makes 52 written promotions in the school this season together with 26 promotions in the first classes, thus the total number promoted of all grades being 78. The average attendance for the month of January was 82, February 80, March 76. The number registered during the quarter 97.

St Marys is seriously considering the advisability of purchasing a standard chemical engine. This would raise the fire rate in that town from class D, to C, thus affecting a reduction of 10 per cent on premiums. The yearly risks carried in the stone town are considerably over \$700,000, so that a reduction of 10 per cent, means \$700 per annum on insurance. A chemical engine can be got for \$2,500, or \$340 a year for eleven years.

In Mitchell, Hibbert, Blanshard, St. Marys, South Easthope, Logan, all who held shop and tavern licenses last year have again been granted them. In Downie T. Ruffrich and E. Chouven have also been granted licenses, but decision as to an application from Pigeon is reserved, while J. L. Willaby has been refused. Fullarton, George Hoch gets privilege to sell again, while Russeldale and Fullarton hotels are under consideration.

Thomas Freeborn, of Mornington, was up before the police magistrate at Stratford for practising surgery unlawfully. It appears that about a year ago Mr. Freeborn treated a Mrs. Baunon, of Ellice, for cancer of the face. Afterwards she gave him \$25. The information was laid by Detective Webb, of London, acting for the Ontario Medical Association. The evidence did not show clearly that the offence had been committed within a year before the information was laid, and as the defendant made no regular charge and asked for no pay the magistrate dismissed the case.

THE SYNOD.

Rev. A. Tolmie Unanimously Elected Moderator.

THE RETIRING MODERATOR DELIVERS AN ABLE SERMON.

THE Presbytery of Hamilton and London was convened in the Park Avenue church, London, last week. Following is a summary of the business of general interest transacted:—

MONDAY EVENING.

The Synod met at the appointed hour, Moderator A. McLean, of Blyth, presiding. After the usual religious exercises, the singing being led by the choir, the rev. gentlemen delivered an excellent sermon on "the qualifications and work of the preacher." The four dations for the remarks which he made was found in the 13th chap. of Matthew and the 52nd verse, where Jesus says to His disciples, "Every scribe which is instructed unto the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is an householder, which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old"—a commendation by our Lord of His disciples for the progress they evinced in mastering the subject which He sought to teach them. At the time of Ezra the scribes were looked upon almost entirely as the representative scholars and not only the custodians and expounders of the scriptures. Hence we saw the force of the word "scribe" as in the New Testament, and so the true preacher should have the qualification of being first among the learned of the land. This was one ideal, always held by the Presbyterian church, and attained also. Every preacher should be as a tradesman who has his trade "built into his mind." The kingdom of heaven would be to us a kingdom on paper only until we had it thus locked up in our hearts. The work of the preacher was "like unto an householder which bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old." The word householder was one which thrilled the soul as scarcely any other could. It implied "home" and what word has such fascinations? Around it were entwined the dearest associations of life. We loved our country and fought for it. Why? Because our homes are there. Perhaps there was no figure employed in Scripture implying more aptly the relations between pastor and people as did the term "householder" because he is, next to those of the home, the nearest friend. He is expected to toil and wear himself away for those among whom he labors. Was it not by great suffering and loss that the treasurer of the kingdom of heaven had been procured for us? And the whole mind became chaotic when it attempted to compare the treasures of heaven with those of an earthly kingdom. Another characteristic of the householder was that he employed his treasures for the benefit more especially of those of his own household, and the true preacher poured forth his treasures in living streams, refreshing all those around him. In the kingdom "of many mansions" we had the Great Father bringing those around Him to "living fountains" continually, and from this we saw that one of Christ's employments in heaven would be to bring before his chosen the glories of the redemption purchased for them, as the patriot tells to his children the battles fought for their freedom. Christ would be ever leading His people to higher treasures "new and old" as the householder in the text was portrayed. Agreeable surprises were no small part of the pleasures of this earth, and the preacher must bring forth from the abundance of God's word "things new and old." The speaker had nosympathy with sensational preaching, but every preacher should have a sense of originality in his soul. Every child and man had an individuality distinctly his own. Man was not a machine, and whatever he said was inimitable. Was it not a fact that there was nothing new under the sun? What were the discoveries of science? Did not the scientist go to the old rock, or to the old stars that swing in the heavens long, long ago, and yet did not they bring forth "new things" that convulsed the world? And the preacher could bring forth from the Old Word new things—a pardon for the profligate, signed long, long ago, comfort for the sorrowing, a salve for the woes of all mankind. The church was charged with being derelict in her duty, and it was no new thing to find parents who could not control their own families sufficiently to send them to school, condemning the preacher if he did not draw their unruly Arabs to the Sunday School, the church or the Bible class. But as far as the Presbyterian church was concerned, it had not lost its power or vitality, and was continuing its grand work for the good of man. Hearers of the gospel had duties to perform as well as the ministry; the ministry had inexhaustible resources to draw from, and the preacher must of necessity be diligent in study, wear lessons with which the speaker summed up in concluding.

ELECTING THE MODERATOR.

Rev. Dr. Cochran, clerk of the Synod then called the roll, after which the Moderator intimated that the time had come for the Synod to elect his successor. He thanked them for the honor conferred upon him last year, and hoped they would this year select a more worthy man.

Nominations for the Moderatorship were then received, and Rev. Finlay McQuig was the first named by Rev. Mr. Fletcher.

Rev. W. S. Ball nominated Rev. Andrew Tolmie, of Southampton, and the motion was supported by Rev. Dr. McMullen.

Rev. Mr. Fletcher then withdrew the name of his nominee, and Rev. Mr. Tolmie's election was unanimous.

TUESDAY.

The subject of the Toronto Mail's "Most popular preacher" fake was introduced by Rev. G. Munro, who said he would be most disgraced. He moved that a committee be appointed to take cognizance of the matter, as he felt quite sensitive over it, though his name had not, as yet, appeared in this connection. (Laughter.) He was very certain, however, that the respectable brethren whose names were being used had not sought the publicity they were receiving.

Rev. W. S. Ball said he felt with the previous speaker, but regarded the best way to bury the matter out of sight would be to take no notice of it at all. "We cannot prevent a dog from barking at our heels." Such literature should be put in the stove.

The report of the Stratford Presbytery regarding the claim of Rev. Thos. McPherson, of Stratford, stating that \$1,500 had been recognized as payment in full, was adopted.

Rev. W. T. McMullen moved a vote of thanks to the retired minister.

Rev. A. Tully took exception to the motion. "It is enough," he said, "that the money has been paid, in a matter the details of which should not be discussed in this synod."

Rev. Dr. Cochran presented the report of the Brantford Young Ladies' College for the present year, giving details of the highly satisfactory condition of the College in every department. There had been a largely increased attendance during the year, sixty-one boarders and over seventy day pupils being enrolled, nearly double the number that was in attendance two years ago, when Dr. Cochran resumed closer relations with the college at the directors' request. The staff of teachers was never more complete than at the present moment. There has been a large representation at the college of the daughters of clergymen and elders belonging to this Synod and other parts of the church. The report referred particularly to the greatly reduced fees for ministers' daughters, and the system of bursaries that had been initiated in order to assist the daughters of clergymen, who might not otherwise be able to secure a first-class education in such a college. The members of the synod were appealed to to continue their patronage, and endeavor to secure that of their respective congregations, to enable the directors from year to year, to bring the college to the highest possible state of efficiency.

The report of the committee on THE STATE OF RELIGION was submitted by Rev. Mr. Farquharson. The report dealt with such questions as what encouragement ministers had experienced in their work during the year; what enjoyment the elders had in the discharge of their duties; what was done in the matter of pastoral visitation; in the exercise of discipline; what organizations existed in the congregations, such as Missionary Societies, Temperance Societies, Mission Bands, Ladies' Aid Associations, Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, etc.; how Sabbath services are appreciated; how the prayer meeting and after meetings are attended; how many young people have identified themselves with the church, and what are the prevailing hindrances to religious life. The answers to these questions from the various sessions indicated that while there was many evils and imperfections to be deplored, yet on the whole there was abundant cause for thankfulness.

WEDNESDAY.

The Striking Committee presented the following draft for standing committee for the year:—

State of religion—Revs. E. Cockburn (convener), A. Beamer, and A. Sutherland; Senator A. Vidal, John Charlton, M. P., Duncan Stewart, John McMaster and James Bell.

Sabbath schools—T. W. Nisbett (convener), Revs. J. W. Dey, T. C. Tibb and Andrew Henderson (Atwood), and A. Campbell, Andrew Thompson, George Rutherford, and M. Hossie.

Sabbath Observance—Revs. Peter Musgrove (convener), Dr. Thompson, Dr. Laidlaw, and John Gray, D. K. McKenzie, Alex. Bartlett, Peter Marshall and Thos. Gordon.

The report was amended by the addition of Rev. J. M. Mitchell to Sabbath Observance Committee.

The Synod decided to meet in Knox church, Stratford, on the third Monday of April, 1892.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

An accident on the Columbia & Kootenay road, a branch of the C. P. R., resulted in the death of three men. Lady Dufferin, the wife of Lord Dufferin, the British ambassador at Rome and formerly Governor-General of Canada, will shortly publish a work entitled "My Canadian Journeys, 1872 and 1873."

The Successful Merchant.

THE merchant who is successful in business is a man that is interested in his business, and attends to it. He should always be pleasant, patient and attentive to his customers as this is the way he gains their good will and patronage. It should always be a pleasure to him to show his goods to customers, and if after so doing they don't care to purchase at that time, they may see goods that they would come in later and purchase if they get the attention and courteous treatment due them. Even the children should be received with a welcome, and as the parents love their children they naturally have a kind regard for the merchant that has a kind word for the little ones.

The children themselves always remember the "nice man" that has a pleasant word for them, and even though their purchases are small they are most always cash and a source of profit to the dealer, besides they almost always recommend their little friends to trade there too. A good word spoken of you by the children has a great influence over the parents toward respect and friendly feeling to the dealer. Now don't get too old-fashioned so that you would not take a bargain offered you in the way of trade, as trade is progressive and you should keep up with the times. Yet, as a rule, I don't think it advisable to be continually changing your places of trading.

Be economical, but not stingy. Buy close and pay cash. If you can't pay, don't buy. Sell for cash even though you sell less. Advertise your business in the home papers. Don't hire small boys for clerks, but men of brains and judgment who will take an interest in your welfare and work for your interests faithfully, so they may advance with you as they help build up your trade.—Grocers' Advocate.

Promotion Examinations.

In our report of the Promotion Examinations last week the names of the successful pupils of Union S. S. No. 1 were accidentally mixed with those of S. S. No. 1. The names of the pupils of the respective schools appear below in their proper order, together with those of U. S. S. No. 2:—

S. S. No. 1.—Promotion to Fifth class—Wesley Collins 252, Edwin Halpenny 225, Jessie Caswell 257, Fred Collins 255, Senior Fourth class—Clinton Smith 244, Fred Stoll 283, Edith Jackson 244, Herbert Love 341, Ettie Code 254, Maud Kellington 255, Junior Fourth class—Chester Friar 233, Senior Third class—Wm. Tughan 302, Clara Smith 220, Mand Cosens 215, Walter Halpenny 266, Eddie Code 197, Elwood Code 289, Jane Love 226.

J. McCORMICK, Teacher.

Union S. S. No. 1.—Promotion to Fifth class—Ed. McAllister 336, Senior Fourth class—Etta Cattell 396, Mary Gordon 282, James Gordon 319, Junior Fourth class—Emma Leslie 330, Darcy Grierson 383, Mabel Gibb 247, Maggie Gargues 261, Julia Gompf 241, Mina Gordon 239, Senior Third class—Eva Gordon 295, Russell Coghlin 208, Pierson Caruthers 207.

D. G. ANDERSON, Teacher.

Union S. S. No. 2.—Promotion to Fifth class—Perry Brisbin 381, Edward Tompkins 224, Andrew Henderson 270, Senior Fourth class—Jennie Whaley 250, Junior Fourth class—Wm. McLaren 332, Robt. Marks 285, Annie Brisbin 296, Wm. Tompkins 251, Senior Third class—Norman Milburn 226, Charles Tompkins 199, Annie Sanderson 241, John Martin 236.

MISS IDA McBAIN, Teacher.

Marks required to pass—Fifth class, 250; Senior Fourth, 244; Junior Fourth, 220; Senior Third, 188.

Listowel Spring Show.

There was a large crowd of spectators at the spring show on Friday, April 17, in spite of almost impassable roads. The day was fair and the exhibit of high quality. Following is the prize list:

Horses.—Imported Heavy Draught with registered pedigree—1st, John Wilkinson's "Allan O'Clockiel," 2nd, John Turnbull's "Sir Patrick," 3rd, Colison & Lavan's "Capitainist."

Imported Heavy Draught—1st, Colison & Lavan's "Davie Lad," 2nd, Jno. Gray's "Waverley," 3rd, Clinie & Hay's "Torchlight."

Canadian Heavy Draught, any age—Isaac Eby's "Barnscoft."

Canadian Heavy Draught, 3 years and under—1st, And. Thompson's "Young Lord Hadda," 2nd, Jas. McKenzie's "Sandy Scott."

General Purpose, any age—1st, Geo. Wiles' "Young Sir Francis," 2nd, E. Winstone's "Drayman Warrior."

Standard Bred Horses—Kidd Bros. "Oliver Wilkes."

Thoroughbred, with registered pedigree—Kidd Bros. "Ten Broeck jr."

Carriage Stallion—Colison & Lavan's "Guerilla Chief."

Roadster Stallion—1st, J. W. Rolls "Kentucky Star," 2nd, Kidd Bros. "Corn Cracker."

JUDGES.—Messrs. Geo. M. Lyons, Weston; Henry Russell, Toronto.