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"I'm weary,—I would that I were dead;"
I asked what ailed him, and he feebly sighed
In humbling accents he to me replied,
'It is not that I am feeble, old, forlorn—
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The summer is gone and the autumn is past,
Jolly old winter has come in at last;
The snow flakes are falling quick thro' the air,
Covering the ground with a mantle rare;
The Ice King his joys is quickly in bringing,
The merry sleigh-bells are gaily ringing;
And whether it be by day, or whether by night,
Lamp, or candle, or clear moonlight,
The breeze doth whisper, "'Tis winter, take care."
And the night wind doth bellow "Beware! Beware!"
But if you should suffer from asthma or cold,
Toothache, lumbago, rheumatic pains bold,
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Supposed to shorten our frail humanity,
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A ll wounds it heals with certainty and speed;
C uts, burns, from inflammation soon are freed;
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S kins lose each stain, and the complexion's clear.

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L et those who doubt, a single box but try—
Verily, then its true deserts 'twould have;
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Feb. 23rd, 1869. daw4w

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Guelph, December 4. w

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Guelph, Feb 16. daw

Evening Mercury.

TUESDAY EV NG, MARCH 23, 1869.

TOWN ITEMS.

There will be a special meeting of the Town Council this evening at the usual hour.

MAGAZINES FOR MARCH.—Mr. Cuthbert has received all the English Magazines for March.

The Canada Farmer for March is issued, and will be found for sale at the Bookstores.

Mr. Day has received at his bookstore that very popular and cheap periodical for March—Bow Bells. Call and get one.

We have received the March number of the Ontario Farmer, and to our country friends it will be found particularly interesting.

Mr. John Miller, of the "Queen's," has been given the contract for the conveyance of the mail bags between the railway station and the post-office.

In his eagerness to witness the freaks of the velocipedestrians in the Drill Shed last night, one of a crowd of boys climbed up to one of the windows outside, but slipped and ran his head through one of the panes.

LONDON SOCIETY. — W. C. Chewett & Co., Toronto, have sent us the February and March numbers of that elegant publication, London Society. The illustrations and reading matter in both are excellent, and to the attention of ladies in particular we commend them. Mr. T. J. Day has them for sale at his bookstore, opposite the market.

To the publishers and also to W. E Tunis & Co., Clifton, O., we are indebted for the April number of Harper's Magazine. The contents are: The Freaks of Lightning; An Artist in Alaska; The Great South American Earthquakes of 1868; Catherine II. of Russia; My Chum's Story; Song of the Wind; About Cold; False and True; The Romance of the Maiden's; Woman's Work and Wages; To Majorica; My Enemy's Daughter &c. Published by Harper & Bros., Franklin Square, New York.

PERSONAL.—We call the attention of our readers to the auction sale of Mr. O'Connor's furniture, advertised to take place on Tuesday next. The proprietor—at "mine host" of the Wellington Hotel—is about to remove with his family to New York, where he has entered into a more extensive business. His many friends in Guelph, while they will be pleased to hear of his better fortune in the American metropolis, will at the same time regret his removal from their midst, which will deprive them of his genial society.

TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.—Although we have not for some little time taken notice of the Guelph Temperance Society, yet we are pleased to know that it is in a flourishing condition. The Tuesday evening weekly meetings are very well attended, and the interest evinced is decidedly encouraging. The proceedings are rendered attractive by the music of a most excellent choir, while the speaking is of a superior character. The members of the literary club—which meets on Wednesday evenings—supply good readings and capital recitations. The young men who attend the club meetings, evidently derive much advantage from them. The club meeting will in future, we understand, be open on alternate Wednesdays to the public. A pleasant and profitable hour may be well spent at either the public meetings, on Tuesday evenings, or at the literary club meeting on Wednesday evenings. In connection with this subject, we may mention that the celebrated temperance lecturer, Geo. Easton, who has been lately speaking to very large audiences in Montreal with great success, is expected in Guelph early next month, when opportunity will be given to listen to one of the most eloquent advocates of Temperance now living. The Society intend also to have a large Tea Meeting in the Drill Shed, while Mr. Easton is in the neighborhood, of all of which due notice will be given.

MURDEROUS FIGHT AT BOTHWELL.—On Sunday, several young men met at Atwell's Hotel, and spent the day in gambling, drinking, &c. In the evening a row was started among the company in which chairs, pokers and clubs were freely used. One young man named John Burgess received injuries of so serious a nature that Dr. Roe, his medical attendant, despairs of his life. Four of the parties have been remanded to Chatham gaol to await further investigation.

A farewell banquet was given to His Excellency Sir Francis Hincks, Governor of British Guana, on the 19th of January last. The object of the demonstration was to mark the deep sense entertained by the colonists of the services rendered by His Excellency to the colony and to the empire at large.

A lady in Lowell, Mass. who has kept crape on the knob of her house since the assassination of President Lincoln, removed it on inauguration day.

An evening school with thirty-five Chinese pupils has been opened yesterday at the New York Five Points House of Industry.

Mount Forest Correspondence.

From our Correspondent.

Our fair held on the 17th inst. was very largely attended by our country friends, the day having a certain charm for Emeralders in particulars, and altho' the shamrock was not to be seen, still the consoling cup of *potheen* was in plenty, and to spare, and from the very marked hilarity throughout the day it was evident that the Irishman especially enjoyed himself hugely, but at the same time giving offence to none. There was a large quantity of stock offered for sale, but owing to the snow blockaded state of the roads the buyers were not in attendance, so that the sales were not so brisk as the farmers desired, although a marked improvement was apparent in the prices paid.

In the evening a concert was given in Evans' Hall, in aid of the funds of the St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church. The building was filled by those desirous to hear the sweet song, and soul stirring music of modern times, but we regret to add that the juvenile portion of the audience did not seem to be much consoled by the sweet sounds soothing their savage breasts, as the cat calls were rather in excess of good manners, accompanied by the most hideous rooster noises imaginable, thus disturbing the audience and nullifying very much the excellent music and song produced by our worthy amateurs.

Late in the evening a number of *roughs* named McLean, (who are brought up periodically before the Reeve,) entered into the store of our worthy townsman, Mr. Amos Bissell, and commenced knocking everything about that they could lay their vile hands on, committing acts not fit for publication. The village Constable and Reeve came to the rescue of Mr. Bissell, and after a very stubborn resistance on the part of the McLeans they were secured, handcuffed, and taken care of till the following day, when they were brought before the Justices and fined severely for their gross and very reprehensible conduct.

It is intimated in the last issue of the *Examiner* that A. W. Lauder, Esq., the member for South Grey, purposes visiting his constituents, avowedly for the purpose of smoothing over the little difficulties arising from his conservative proclivities and leanings, such as his absence from his place in the House when wanted, and again his presence in the House (especially) when the patent concern required his vote and influence. But there is a noticeable fact in connection with our perambulating representative of South Grey, and that is that he proposes to hold his explanatory meetings first in a place called Maxwell, secondly in Flesherton, and thirdly in Durham. Now we happen to know that if Mr. Lauder had to depend for his election on the support of those three villages named, his chances of martyrdom would have been *nil*, as it is generally conceded that all those villages are the strongholds of the Conservatives in the South Riding. Again, it seems passing strange that Mr. Lauder could not remember his friends in Egremont and Normanby who manfully came forward (no doubt on the strength of the abuse so liberally bestowed by A. W. S. at the time of his election on every form of Government having the least tendency to the present patent one of Ontario), and recorded their votes for the liberal candidates, giving them large majorities; but notwithstanding all this very praiseworthy service the electors of Egremont and Normanby so far are excluded from the programme, and their present representative in the Provincial Parliament evidently ignores their existence as freemen of the South Riding of the County of Grey. It is a significant fact that the Liberals of Mount Forest propose entertaining their member—Robt. McKim, Esq., at a public dinner very soon. He has certainly proved himself an honest man and a faithful representative of the people who elected him to Parliament, hence the people cordially endorse his votes given in Parliament.

Mount Forest, Mar. 22, 1869.

Death from Destitution near Toronto.

The Toronto *Telegraph* of Monday gives a fearful account of the death of an old man named John Short, in a hovel near the Don Bridge on the Kingston Road, on Saturday afternoon last. From the lengthy report of the affair we gather the following facts:—

"At a late hour on Saturday night, Sergeant-Major Cummins, of the Toronto Police Force, was applied to by a seedy and intemperate looking man for assistance, stating that his brother, John Short, had died in a house on the Kingston Road, under peculiar circumstances, and desiring that that officer should accompany him to the place. The officer informed him that the locality was beyond his jurisdiction, and directed him to the house of County Detective Lambert as the proper officer to apply to in the premises. The latter officer, although he had been confined to his bed through illness for some days, upon hearing the man's somewhat befogged and maudlin recital, got up, and telling the man to go on ahead, promised to go down and see what could be done. The detective hurried down to the place, and was perfectly horrified—though an old officer who had witnessed some pretty "tough" sights—at seeing, in one of the three small rooms of the house, ten feet by twelve in dimensions, and with not a single article which, by and stretch of imagination, could be called a piece of furniture, the body of a powerfully-built, but rather elderly man, lying in one corner of the room, covered with rags. The brother of the deceased, a man about forty-eight by his own account, and a dissipated, unshaven, miserable, misanthropic-looking creature, pulled the rags off the body and disclosed the corpse, stark naked with nothing to shield his nudity from the sight but a strata of dirt which coated the flesh in variegated patches, and fairly blackened the immense fists of the dead man which were fixedly clenched in death. Down one of the legs there was a serried cut as if indented by some sharp instrument, and the clotted gore was intermixed with the dirt. No other marks which would indicate a cause of death were visible, and the Detective proceeded to interrogate the brother as to his dissolution. Edward Short stated that his brother, who was sixty-eight years of age, emigrated to this country twenty-six years ago from Dorsetshire, England, and located in Kingston, where they had lived until their removal to this city some four or five years ago. He had left him lying on the floor on Saturday morning without his shirt on, (he apparently had none, and our readers who were cosily enwrapped in ample counterpanes and blankets, are not, perhaps, fully aware aware that that night was the coldest of the season,) and had gone out, probably for a supply of whiskey. He previously cooked a rasher of bacon, and had pressed his brother to eat, but without avail. He returned about half-past four in the afternoon, and found his brother a corpse, without any clothing on—although he stated that he had had his pants on—and with his legs lacerated by the teeth of a cross-cut saw, and some broken crockery which he had fallen on. The man's story was consistent enough; but his maudlin and imbecile manner indicated that he was not fit to give a reliable account of the affair. The surroundings of the place, however, led to the belief that want and destitution, most likely aggravated by whiskey, had entailed the death of the deceased. On Sunday morning, Dr. Wright called together a jury, with the assistance of Detective Lambert, and proceeded to hold an inquest in an adjoining house. Mr. Alexander Muir was appointed foreman, and after viewing the body, the evidence of deceased's brother and others were taken, and the jury returned a verdict to the effect that deceased came to his death through exposure and want of proper sustenance.—Dr. Wright, speaking superficially, and without any regular *post mortem* examination, gave it as his opinion that heart disease supervening upon rheumatism had much to do with his decease. That penury, want of food and clinical attendance, and perhaps a superfluity of whiskey, hastened and assured his death, there seems to be no doubt. His brother denies any consumption of whiskey; but the observations of the neighbours, and the appearance of both the dead and living brothers indicates most clearly that they were addicted to the use of liquor."

Board of School Trustees.

The Board met last night. Present Mr. Peterson, chairman, Messrs. Fraser, McNeil, Newton, Cuthbert, Kennedy, Mitchell, Stevenson, Ball, Harvey, Watson, McGuire and Innes.

Mr. Ball presented the report of the School Management Committee. The Committee do not at present recommend any change to be made in the arrangements for the Grammar School, farther than to suggest that it be referred to the School Property Committee to confer with the County Council in reference to the sale of the property by the Board, should it at any time deem such sale to be advisable.

The Committee recommend that the South Ward School be left as it is at present, until the property shall be sold.

The Committee also recommend the sale of the school property in the East and South Wards.

The Board went into committee of the whole on the report, Mr. Innes in the chair.

The first clause was adopted. When the second clause, in reference to the removal of the South Ward School, came up, Mr. Ball moved, seconded by Mr. Harvey, that the report be amended by striking out all that part referring to the South Ward School, and inserting instead that the South Ward School be transferred to Day's Block, and the teachers and pupils take their places in the system of gradation adopted by the Board. Carried.

When the last clause came up, Mr. Peterson moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Fraser, that the recommendation of the Committee to sell the South Ward School Property be left out of the report at present. Lost.

When the Board resumed, on the motion being brought up for adoption of the report as amended, Mr. Mitchell moved, seconded by Mr. Innes, that the report as originally presented be adopted. Lost. Messrs. Newton, Fraser, Mitchell and Innes only voting for it.

The Local Superintendent read his report, in which the plan is laid down for grading the schools, with the subjects to be taught in each department, and the extent to which their studies are to be carried. It was on motion adopted.

Mr. McNeil presented the report of the School Property Committee. Having ascertained, according to instructions from, the Board that Mr. Dunn wants additional accommodation for his family, and that the extra bedrooms are only with a view, and for the special use of his own family, they would recommend that the recommendation contained in their former report to have two bedrooms taken off the school room up stairs be adopted.

The committee also recommend that thirty desks and sixty chairs with iron frames be purchased for the Senior Girls School, also a desk, press and half a dozen chairs for the use of the school.

The Committee with a view to the future centralizing of the schools in town would recommend that the School Management Committee take into consideration the propriety of building an addition to the Senior Girls School, for the purpose of making the school as efficient at as small a cost as possible to the Town.

The Board went into committee of the whole on the report, Mr. Mitchell in the chair, when the report was adopted, both in committee and in the Board.

On motion the son of Henry Mellor was admitted a free pupil at the South Ward School, Margaret and Elizabeth Stronach free pupils at Miss Unsworth's school, and John Stronach free pupil at Mr. Hunter's school.

The Local Superindendent read his report of the first quarterly examination of the schools, which was adopted.

Moved by Mr. McNeil, seconded by Mr. Innes, that the School Property Committee have Day's Building cleaned out and whitewashed, and the furniture removed to it from the East, West and South Ward Schools, and part of Grammar School. Carried.

Moved by Mr. Ball, seconded by Mr. Cuthbert, that the School Management Committee be instructed to make enquiries for giving instructions to the pupils of the Common School, in vocal music, and report at an early day. Carried.

The Board then adjourned.

An English paper says that at Clements' Inn, grace after dinner is not said, but acted. Four loaves, closely adhering together, typical of the four Gospels, are held up by the occupant of the chair, who raises them three times, in allusion to the blessed Trinity, and then hands them to the butler, who hurries them out of the hall with an alacrity which is emblematic of the freedom with which the Bread of Life is given to the world. This acted grace is of great antiquity, and clearly had a religious origin.

BY TELEGRAPH

PER ATLANTIC CABLE.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury

LONDON, March 22.—Sir Roundell Palmer made a speech favoring disestablishment but opposing disendowment, and said he would propose and urge modifications of the Bill in Committee.

Solicitor-General Sir John Duke Coleridge advocated the Bill, approving it in all its points.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 22.—Photiadia Bey had gone to Athens to resume his position as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from Turkey.

PARIS, March 22.—The *Parana* has said that the Brazilian foreign minister has gone to Ascuncion to establish a Provisional Government.

American Despatches

Havana, 22nd. — In a skirmish near Trinidad the rebel general Schmidt was killed.

Two more beautiful plantations in that jurisdiction have been utterly destroyed by the rebels.

The *Prensa* reports that twenty-five Insurgents, most of them of high rank in the rebel army, were captured and executed within five leagues of Trinidad, but adds that the situation of that quarter is more serious than it has hitherto appeared.

Advices from Hayti to the 8th are received and state that the revolutionists have defeated Salnave, who lost 100 men and eight pieces of artillery.

New York, 23rd. — Private letters received in Washington represent the cause of the Cuban Insurgents to be favorable, and consider it out of the power of the Spaniards to put down the insurrection. The Insurgents maintain themselves in more than one half of the island outside of the principal cities, and are increasing in numbers.

Hartford, Conn., 23rd.—Mich. McDonald *alias* Stanley, of Montreal, Q., the noted swindler, was to-day sentenced to State prison for five years.

New York, 23rd. — Several passengers on the ship *James Foster, jr.*, made affidavits yesterday, in which they charge the carpenter with the murder of two passengers, and the boatswain with the murder of a seaman. They also allege that other officers of the ship were implicated in these murders.

The first mate of the ship died in Brooklyn on Sunday.

Election of Episcopal Delegates.

The election of churchwardens and also of delegates to represent this parish at the Synod to be held in June next, will take place in the vestry room of St. George's Church, on Monday next. *Apropos* of this we have received a circular addressed to the members of the English Church in this Diocese by the Evangelical Association of that body, from which we make one or two extracts:

"It is all important to remember, that the lay element in our Synods is purely representative in its constitution and character; the object of the admission of such representatives into our Synods being to give every parish or mission, however small or thinly peopled, an equal voice in the counsels of the Church with the most populous and influential. This most valuable boon and important trust should not, therefore, from motives of mere economy, be either disregarded or treated as of little value or importance. The life, vigor and purity of the administration of the affairs of the Church must, under the Diving blessing, be greatly promoted by the presence and hearty co operation in the work of our Diocesan Synods, of resident representatives from every parish and mission of the Diocese. We are not so illiberal or unreasonable as to say, that you should select only those who hold views similar to those which are dear to us, but we do say that those who attend the Synod as your delegates should be bona fide representatives of your views and feelings on the leading church questions of the day. It has not unfrequently happened in past years, that those churchmen who have attended the meetings for the election of delegates to the Diocesan Synod have accepted nominations of parties in Toronto and elsewhere, of whose church principles they knew little or nothing. The privilege accorded by the constitution of our Synods to the laity of taking equal part with the clergy in all the counsels of the church, is one which cannot be too highly praised, and should be more carefully and conscientiously exercised in every parish and mission of the Diocese; since no measure can be carried either in the Diocesan or Provincial Synod unless a majority of the lay delegates attending the Synod concur in it.

Besides, the approaching session of our Diocesan Synod is a *peculiarly important one*. That Synod will meet in June, *for the first time clothed* by an act of "the Legislative Assembly," with all the corporate powers of the late Church Society of the Diocese, which is now merged into it. It will, then, be called upon to make rules and regulations for carying on the work of the Church in the Diocese, including the appointment to the Rectories as they may fall vacant, the disbursing of monies, and the management of the various funds of the Church. It will then act for the *first time* as an *executive body*, in addition to its former duties as a legislative body. It, therefore, becomes more imperatively necessary than ever before, that each parish or mission in the Diocese should be well represented in the approaching session of Synod. And this can only be done by every churchman attending the meetings for the election of lay delegates, and by doing all he can, both before and at the meetings for that purpose, to induce his fellow churchmen to choose those only for delegates, who, they know, will truly represent them.—This may require time, trouble and exertion. But, surely no true churchman will hesitate to give his time and attention to so important an object, when he reflects upon the high interests at stake, and that the purity and well-being of our beloved Church depend so much upon the right use of the privilege confided to him."

It is telegraphed from Ottawa that Mr. Rastall is there seeking government aid to the Bruce Harbors, and we suppose Kincardine Harbor in particular. It is said the government will give aid to harbors of refuge, but not to harbors for local benefit only.