

## HIS REPENTANCE.

"Is Mr. Gray at home?"

"No, sir. He went to the city early this morning."

Now Mark Gray blessed his servant for the unobtrusive manner in which she had told him that his master was not at home.

"Go to the city, is he? Are you sure?"

"Quite sure, sir."

A pause. Mark's heart was beating.

"What time will he be home?"

"I don't know, sir."

Another pause. "I suppose Mr. Barker's not here?"

"Mr. Barker? Oh, dear no, sir."

And that was followed by the closing of the hall door. Mark gave a great gasp of relief, and went upstairs to his own room.

He did not stay there above a minute. Caroline—the remembered it afterwards—heard a drawer or two opened and shut. She had been following him, but was early detained by a question from Mr. Barker, who was waiting outside the hall-door while he spoke to her.

But, ere he had reached it, he turned and drew his wife into one of the rooms.

"Look here, Caroline: I am not sure but I shall have to go down to the mines to-night, if so, it is just possible that I may not be able to come here first. So you won't be alarmed if you don't see me home."

"What a hurry you must be in!" exclaimed Caroline. "Not come home first?"

"That if I do go, mind, it will be on a little private matter that I don't want known," he continued, taking no notice of the remark.

"So if anybody should ask where I am, just answer that you can't tell, but that I shall be back in a day or two. Do you understand, Caroline?"

"Quite well. But, Mark, you will come home first, won't you?"

"I only tell you in case I don't come," he said, evasively. "I have a good deal to do to-day. Good-bye, Caroline."

"But about Henderson?" she interrupted.

"Henderson? Oh, I am quite sure I shan't have time for Henderson to-day. If you don't like to go without me, we must put it off for a day or two."

He stooped to kiss her. Opening the hall-door, he stood on the steps, looking right and left, as if he were waiting for some one to come.

Very timid was Mark Gray. He was in that hour; he did not like that people should have looked at him so closely.

Then he turned to the Victoria station, perhaps as the nearest point of refuge. He would make his way to Wales, to the mine, as straightly and speedily as he could, consistent with prudent care.

Mark had been gone the best part of an hour, and it was hard upon mid-day. His wife was just dreading whether to go shopping in the afternoon, or make a call, or pay a visit to the empty park, or take a drive out of town; which way, in short, would be the least of his wife's troubles.

What next took place Caroline never remembered. Confused recollections remained in her afterwards of angry demands for Mark Gray, of impatient denial to the servant's assertion that his master was in the city; the husband was great, the voices were threatening. Caroline's first surprise was succeeded by indignation, and that in its turn gave place to alarm.

You all know what it is to pour oil on a spark of fire, previously kindled to burn in a flame. When the Great Wheel Bag's shareholders had looked to the Great Wheel Bag's office that morning, they were on the balance, as may be said, somewhat war and peace; somewhat uncertain in their own minds whether to treat Mark Gray and Mr. Barker as unfortunate fellow-sufferers with themselves, or to expend upon them their wrongs and their wrath. That mistake of the Great Wheel Bag's secretary—as alluded to in the last paper—turned the scale. In his dismay and confusion he inadvertently alluded to the former eruption of water, and the unquenchable disclosure madened the throng. They forthwith looked upon themselves as dreadfully injured people; in fact, they jumped to the conclusion that the Great Wheel Bag itself was little better than a swindler; so apt are we all to rush into extremes. Barker did what he could to stem the torrent; but the crowd vociferously demanded to see Mark Gray. It was in the end known mostly in the affair, for Barker was usually at the mine. And, not finding Mark answer to their demands, some of them took off on the spur of the moment in hansom cabs to his residence.

Caroline stood the very image of dismay. She did not show herself; she was too much alarmed; she peeped from the half-closed dining-room door, and listened, just as Mark had done a short while before. Confused words of "water" and "mine" and "swindler" and "ruin" saluted her ears; and the demands for Mark Gray became more threateningly imperative. Some movement of the door occurred; she staggered against it; and it was seen from the hall.

Perhaps it was only natural to the belligerents to conclude that Mark Gray was there. They pressed forward to the room; but upon seeing that the lady was its only occupant, the young and lovely lady in her pale morning dress, and the roses chased from her face by fear, they drew back and entered outside it.

"What is it that you want?" gasped Caroline from her trembling position.

One of the foremost answered her. He was a gentleman, and he raised his hat and made his tone as courteous as his son's of a hurry allowed. They were very sorry to disturb her, but they must see Mr. Gray. They had come to see him, and would see him.

"I assure you that he is not here," said Caroline, her earnest voice carrying truth with it. "He has been gone some time."

"He was at the office this morning," said one of the others. "We were told that he had no doubt come home."

"It is true," she answered. "He went to the office very early, and came home again about 11 o'clock, for something he had forgotten, papers, I think he said. He did not stay two minutes; he got them and went back again. What is it that is the matter?"

"Back to the office?" they asked, disregarding the question.

"Yes, back to the office. He said he must make haste, for he had a great deal to do to-day."

There is a haunted tree at North Searport, Me., which shelters a spot where a murder had been committed. Moss has formed the initials "W. B." on the bark.

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## SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS.

Various Changes in the Regulations.

Curriculum in the High Schools—What High Branches May Be Taught in the Public Schools.

The following are some of the recent and important amendments to the regulations of the Education Department: 1. High school entrance examination—1. The examination on history will be in Canadian history alone. No questions will be set in British history. The subject is taught orally, and shall report any case of negligence to the board of trustees. 2. Physiology and temperance are compulsory, and shall take rank with the other subjects for the entrance examination. The new text book in this subject may not be ready before the 1st of October, and this fact will be taken into account in the construction of the examination. 3. The work in drawing is limited to drawing book No. 5, and in writing to writing book No. 6. 4. The public school leaving examination or some modification thereof will be substituted for the present high school entrance examination as soon as the results of the present changes in the public school leaving examination justify the Education Department in adopting this course.

2. Public school leaving examination—The changes with respect to the leaving examination are as follows: 1. The subjects of the fifth form may be taught in any school, irrespective of the number of teachers on the staff or the grade of certificate which they may hold. Pupils may write at the leaving examination without having passed the entrance examination. 2. The examination will be conducted by the board of examiners having charge of the entrance examination, and will be paid for at the same rate per candidate. 3. Physiology and temperance are compulsory, and the examination in this subject will include the ground covered by the new text book. 4. The subjects of Euclid and algebra will be included in the small text book which will be the basis of the examination, and will be ready by Oct. 1. 5. Agriculture, botany and physics are optional subjects; the course in each to be determined by the teacher, subject to the approval of the inspector. 6. The high school reader will be used for reading and literature. The public school arithmetic will be enlarged to admit of greater practice in commercial work, but no change will be made in its price. The additional exercises will be required for the fifth form. The text books in the other subjects will be those authorized for public schools. 7. Candidates who obtain public school leaving certificates shall be entitled to admission into the classes in form II. of a high school in all the subjects of that examination, and the commercial course for the primary should, if possible, be completed before they enter the high school. Candidates who fail at the leaving examination but who obtain 25 per cent. of the marks for each subject, will be admitted to the course.

1. The course prescribed for the primary examination with the science option may be taught in any public school, subject to the approval of the trustees and the inspector. 2. The amount of the school work, prescribed for the commercial course has been reduced, and the details of the course modified, especially in drawing. The examination of all candidates will be conducted by the principal of the high school and the high school teachers in charge of such subjects, but a written examination will be required, in addition, on papers prepared by the department. For 1894, any of the books of the high school drawing course will be accepted, in the case of candidates for the primary examination, in lieu of the prescribed books of the new course, and any two books in the case of other pupils. The work done in book-keeping in the blank books hitherto used will also be accepted for 1894. 3. The whole of Euclid, book I, is now prescribed, and will form the subject of examination in 1894.

COURSES OF STUDY.

Minor details of the proposed changes will be found in the regulations given below:

FORM IV.

Reading—The Fourth Reader; the literature of every lesson.

Spelling and writing—Systematic orthography and copy writing in forms and single entry, without a text-book.

Geography—Geography of the continents, Canada and Ontario; map drawing.

Grammar and composition—Elements of formal grammar and composition; descriptive, narrative and letter-writing.

History—Leading events in Canadian history. Oral teaching of British history.

Arithmetic—Review of elementary work, multiples, percentages, interest, mental arithmetic.

Physiology and temperance—Digestion, respiration, the circulation of the blood, and the nervous system. The effects of alcohol and narcotics. Exercise; cleanliness.

Drawing—Authorized drawing book No. 5.

Writing—Authorized copy book No. 6.

Reading—A general knowledge of the principles of orthography and of elocution; reading, spelling and syllabication.

Grammar and composition—Etymology and syntax; chiefly on passages from prose authors not prescribed; themes on familiar subjects; familiar and business letters.

English poetical literature—Intelligent comprehension and familiarity with the prescribed selections; memorization of the finest passages; oral reading of the selections.

History and geography—The leading events of British history—the nineteenth century more particularly. Commercial and physical geography. Geography of Canada and the British Empire more particularly.

Arithmetic and elementary mensuration—Arithmetic in theory and practice; special attention to commercial problems; insurance, simple and compound interest; averaging accounts; discounts, bonds, and partnership; area of rectilinear figures.

Algebra—Elementary rules; fractions; simple equations of one unknown quantity; simple problems.

Euclid—Book I, propositions 1-26; easy deductions.

Commercial course—Writing; bookkeeping, single entry; commercial forms; general business transactions.

Drawing—Drawing book No. 6.

Physiology and temperance—The course in the fourth form continued and included, also, the other subjects in the text-book.

OPTIONAL SUBJECTS.

Agriculture—The course to be determined by the teacher, subject to the approval of the inspector.

Physics and botany—The course in these subjects may be determined by the teacher, subject to the approval of the inspector. They should be mainly experimental and practical, and without the use of a text-book.

## OUTSPOKEN ORANGEMEN.

The Brethren Will Not Be Deprived of Freedom of Speech.

The following is the resolution which was unanimously adopted by the Cooktown L. O. L., No. 449, at its regular meeting on Friday last:

"That, whereas, a certain report appeared in the public newspapers concerning a resolution passed at the meeting of the G. L. B. N. A. recently held at Sault Ste. Marie; and

"Whereas, we regard such legislation as invading the rights of subordinate lodges, who, while acknowledging their subordinate relations, do not intend to allow a superior lodge to crush their independence, or to coerce them from expressing fully and freely their minds on the public acts of all or any of the superior officers, and, when they think it proper, denouncing their public acts just as vigorously as the Grand Lodge is said to have denounced the acts of the subordinate lodges who saw fit to express themselves on the action of the grand master in accepting a humiliating position for self in the formation of the late Government; and

"Whereas, we believe that said legislation interferes with free speech, the right of every British subject, and that it was enacted for political purposes to strengthen the hands of the Government. Be it therefore

"Resolved, that we, the members of Cooktown L. O. L., No. 449, desire to enter our most emphatic protest against said legislation; and we do hereby demand from the position of mere serfs in our organization, in surrendering our rights and privileges as British subjects, of expressing ourselves on any question that pertains to the wellbeing of the Orange order, or what we consider to be in the interests of this country; and be it further

"Resolved, that we declare ourselves ready to resist the introduction of such arbitrary and despotic legislation as is said to have been enacted by this grand body, believing it to be subversive of the best interests of our noble order; and that a copy of this resolution be sent to the press for publication."

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