

A TRECHANT LETTER ON THE BOY PROBLEM, FROM A CLERGYMAN.

The following outspoken letter, on Home Influence and the Boy Question, is written by a prominent New Brunswick clergyman who formerly preached in this city, and who is well known here.—Ed

Are men brave enough and honest enough to grapple with the question from its true and proper standpoint? It is my own opinion that they are not.

Sir, the root of the question lies in the home, and in home training and influence. Looked at from this point of view I never wonder that boys turn out so bad as they often do.

There is often far more attention given to the breeding of horses than to the training of boys. Let the parents remember that there is nothing in the boy, no trait or quality, that he has not inherited from one or both of themselves.

It is said that Doctor Oliver Wendell Holmes, of Boston, was once asked by an anxious mother: "When should the training of a boy begin?" To which the doctor thoughtfully replied: "Two hundred years before the boy is born, madame."

If a man wishes to see the full force of this statement he has only to study the faces and general appearance of scores, may say hundreds, of the men he meets on the streets of your city.

Let him also consider the gulf, deep and almost impassable, that separates these men from the respectable church-member and earnest and intelligent Sabbath school worker.

The murder of a man like Outton is often referred to as a shocking thing to take place in a highly civilized community, and so it was.

His life, home, habits, general appearance, and the nature of his death were a straight line, a chain without a missing link.

But, sir, the home has the most powerful influence on the youthful mind of any that can be brought to bear.

Carelessness in home training is bad enough and often produces lamentable results. But there can be no question but that to scores of boys the home is a nursery of vice.

The trouble is that the parents who are so viciously careless about their children as that, will provide no homes fit for those children to live in.

View of intelligence and close observation who have visited England and Scotland, especially from the continent of Europe have spoken with amazement and admiration of the home-life of the people.

Now, sir, I enter a plea on behalf of the boys. It is easy to call them young rascals, as is the custom almost everywhere.

You may open your halls, spread out your sandwiches and coffee, introduce your "nice little games," and sing your sweetest songs.

The oversight of the boy should be parental oversight. All other is unnatural and strained.

Go then to the home. Let the parents be careful not to depreciate religious effort or religious character in the presence of their children.

Therefore in all their efforts, public and pastoral, the ministers should accentuate the importance of home influence.

And I believe in this more than in anything else, the minister is remiss to-day.

OSERVER.

SALE OF LORENZO MARQUEZ.

Great Britain Has Made No Offer to Portugal for This Port.

Vienna, Nov. 3.—The Neues Wiener Tagblatt's London correspondent telegraphs an interview with the Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese minister to Great Britain.

England had no reason to desire that the status quo be changed. She everywhere advocated the open door, which will be found, without regard to nationality, at Lorenzo Marquez.

SIR WILFRID LAURIER TO SPEAK IN BOSTON; SUBJECT, RECIPROACITY.

Accepts Invitation to Dinner of Boston Merchants' Association.

Also Agrees to Talk on "Reciprocity With Canada"—Secretary of Association Sent to Ottawa to Present Invitation—Others of the Cabinet May Attend, Too.

Boston, Nov. 1.—Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian premier, has consented to speak at the coming dinner of the Boston Merchants' Association in Boston.

Mr. Walcott not only secured the consent of the Canadian government to be present at the dinner, but also to speak directly on the subject "Reciprocity with Canada," which is to be the topic for discussion.

The dinner will be held about the middle of December.

At the last directors' meeting the association decided to take up the affair of reciprocity as the subject for discussion at its annual dinner.

Who the other speakers will be is not known, but it is assumed that other Canadian government leaders would consent to accompany Sir Wilfrid.

MOTHER KILLED HER BOY, MISTAKING HIM FOR THIEF.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 1.—Mrs. W. S. Molane, of Covington (N. J.), last night shot to death her son William, 13 years old, whom she mistook for a thief trying to get into her room.

DEALING WITH THE DOUKHOBORS. American Paper Has Dispatched That Force Must Be Used With Them.

St. Paul, Minn., Oct. 31.—A special to the Dispatch from Yorktown (N. W. T.) says: "I think it is beyond power or reason to parley with the Doukhobors any longer."

BOSTON HAS A SENSATION. (Continued from page 1.)

Wax Vestas are very much used in Great Britain and other European countries. They possess all the advantages of the quick lighting, non-odorous, bright burning paraffin matches.

AMERICANS TO MAKE SUGAR IN CANADA. Winnipeg, Nov. 1.—(Special)—A company of Americans are negotiating for the purchase of 14,000 acres of land near West Selkirk for cultivation of sugar beets.

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NOVA SCOTIA BOY CUTS THROAT TO END PAIN FROM GUNSHOT WOUND

His Dog Brings Aid Too Late to Master in the Woods.

James Nickerson, Aged 19, Accidentally Shot, Could Not Manage to Reach Home, and Preferred Quick Death to Lingering Agony—Cuts Throat With Knife

Barrington, N. S., Oct. 30.—Word reached here today of a shocking accident and tragedy which occurred at Stoney Island yesterday morning.

Some of the family became alarmed and followed the dog, which led them a long distance from the house to his master's body.

THE YOUNG MAN HAD BEEN BADLY WOUNDED in the side by the accidental discharge of his gun, but had managed to take his coat off.

DECEASED WAS ONE OF THREE BROTHERS AND HIS PARENTS ARE LIVING.

CANADIANS IN LIST FOR SOUTH AFRICAN HONORS

Colonel Fiset and Captain McMillan Get the Distinguished Service Order—Methuen a Knight Grand Cross of the Bath.

London, Oct. 31.—A long list of honors and promotions in recognition of South African services was gazetted today.

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ACCIDENTS ON TWO NOVA SCOTIA RAILWAY LINES; AN INVESTIGATION.

Obstructions in Two Places on the Tracks of the Midland Road.

Truro, Nov. 1.—(Special)—A serious accident occurred on the Midland railway today. A flyer coming into Truro ran into two crossing gates that had been piled on the track by some unknown parties.

When the train stopped two more gates were found piled a short distance from the one the train struck.

Some of the opinion that they were placed there by thoughtless boys as a "hallow-trick." An investigation will be held.

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PACIFIC CABLE COMPLETED; ROUND THE WORLD GO CONGRATULATIONS.

Some Hopeful Expressions in First "Wires"—Sir Sandford Fleming Sounds a Note of Warning—Death of Simon James Dawson, Former M. P.

Vancouver, B. C., Oct. 31.—The completion of the cable line between Vancouver and Brisbane was accomplished last night, although the first message did not get through until this morning.

The cable is still in the hands of the contractors and it will not be open for business for about three weeks.

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AWFUL VENGEANCE OF REJECTED SUITOR. Placing Dynamite Bomb Under House He Sends Two People Into Eternity and Maims Others as They Lie Asleep—Fire Adds to the Horror.

Chicago, Nov. 2.—A dynamite bomb, the weapon of a deranged assassin, blew up the home of Joseph Kordeck in Chicago Heights today, killing two members of the family outright and injuring several others.

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FREE TO MEN!

DR. A. M. MACDONALD ELECTRIC CO. 2392 St. Catherine Street, Montreal.

Seventy sepulchral urns containing old coins and other relics dating from the Augustan epoch have been discovered at Aquilae, the richest Roman town in Trieste, which was destroyed by Atilia.