

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

We don't hear much these days about the referendum.

It has been said that married men live longer than those who remain single. We don't believe it. It seems longer, that's all.

The question that bothers us just now is whether we shall spend our winter suit money for coal, and freeze when we're outside the house, or buy the clothes and get pneumonia at home.

We hope that the Aylmer bowlers will not be so ungrateful as to forget the kindness of the St. Thomas bowlers last year, when they came down here and gave our boys a few lessons. It is now in order for the Aylmer boys to return the compliment.

It is hard lines when a preacher has to whistle instead of preach to draw a crowd, but that is what a Chicago preacher is doing every Sunday. It probably takes a lot of good whistling to compensate the congregation for listening to his long sermons.

It was a wicked editor, like our friend Aldrich, of the Tilsonburg Liberal, that wrote the following:—After praying forty years for a baby, a New Jersey couple placed a small want ad. in the newspaper, and that same night a bouncing baby boy was left on their doorstep. Prayer is all right if you are not in a hurry, but for quick returns use printer's ink.

We have been told about a dear little boy who lives not more than a thousand miles from Aylmer (but whose identity shall not be further disclosed) who attended school last winter, and on an occasion when visitors were present took part in exercises in their honor. The programme consisted of recitations etc., and this little fellow when called upon recited in perfect good faith the following:—

Jane ate cake and Jane ate jelly, Jane went to bed with a pain in her— Now don't get excited, Don't be misled, For what Jane had was a pain in her head.

When the youngster told of this the surprised and somewhat shocked parents asked him: "What did the teacher say?" He replied: "She said nothing. She just turned around and looked out the window, but the scholars and visitors wanted me to say it again."

Oh, dear, oh, dear, to think that the time has come when we have to bow the knee and take off our hat to Tilsonburg. After all our crowing, blowing, talking, writing, thinking and dreaming, the baseball team of the great and only Tilsonburg, has simply wiped the earth with the remnants of our once glorious team, defeating them twice during the past week, by scores of 7 to 6 and ————— we can hardly force our hand to write the awful figures—11 to 2. Oh, Tilsonburg, your revenge comes late, but it is full and complete. We are crushed and humbled in the sand, (excuse us, we mean dust). The Tilsonburg correspondent of the Journal wants us to explain our defeat. We can't, brother, it is one of those mysteries which the human mind cannot fathom, more bewildering than the use of the appendix, stranger than the building of the pyramids, and more puzzling than the nut shell game. We cannot explain, and have no excuses to offer. We will take our medicine without a squeal, but it is hard. We now know for the first time how the people in the burg have felt for years past. We never dreamed mortal man could suffer such mental agony so long and so often, and live. We are sorry for having shown so little regard for this feeling in the past, and once more beg forgiveness.

Lakeview—Grovesend.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Saxton have received an invitation to the wedding of Miss Gertrude Carey, daughter of Elder Carey of Manitoba.

Miss Ada Allen has returned to her home in Petrolia after spending nearly two months with her friend, Mrs. Chas. Mathews.

The anniversary services held in the Grovesend church on Sunday last were largely attended. The thank offering amounted to nearly forty one dollars.

On September tenth, the wife of Chas. Churchill gave birth to a son.

From South Africa.

The following letter was received by Mrs. J. O. Williams from her son Walter, who is now at Sidenham:—In answer to your letter of May 24th, which I received about half an hour ago, we have just arrived here from Hoopstead and got our tents up and everything in working order. It was a long treak and we were in the saddle every day. We had to walk our horses most of the time for we had oxen on the waggons. They went ten miles very early in the morning and ten at night, it being so hot in the day that they could not stand it to travel. We put up for the night about ten o'clock, and started the oxen with our blankets at two in the morning and then we would lie around till it was getting light, then gallop our horses until we overtook them. Monday morning we reached a Vet River Station, and from there we had mule wagons which is much better. It is commical to see a mule wagon driven by natives. The crack of their whip sounds like the report of a pistol, and such yelling you never heard. We arrived in Bloemfontein on coronation day (supposed to be) and most all our troop went down town where they met a lot of Canadians from other troops and had a high old time. The 24th of May we celebrated with all kinds of games like those at home. All the barracks we are to have is a canvas tent, not very comfortable these cold nights, but we get good bread here and that is a great blessing after those terrible hardtack biscuits. We have bread and a pound of meat a day issued. Everything else we have to buy, even our tea and coffee. We have to pay \$1.20 per pound for butter and can very seldom get it at that, and other things in proportion. It is almost impossible to lay up anything and buy much to eat. Bloemfontein has a large kop right in the centre of it, and on this the English have a large fort and several big guns. All the houses in this part of the country are red brick with corrugated roofs of iron. Everything is kept clean and nice, that is one thing I enjoy. I wish you could see the soldiers' graves at Bloemfontein. There is row after row of those that have died of enteric fever and dysentery. Far more have died of these diseases than all else in the country. For myself I would rather face the largest Boer army ever gotten together than the enteric fever again. Our captain is a nephew of Timothy Eaton of Toronto. One of our fellows while on grazing guard caught a baboon and it is the cutest thing I have seen for some time but it don't like the natives and will chase them everytime. They are very much afraid of him and will run and hallo like loons.

We, the S. A. C., will not be allowed to come home till the three years are up we cannot even buy our discharge, and if we die out here we will be charged a dollar for a blanket to bury us in and it will be cheaper than to send us home. We are to take the Boers to their homes and see them settled, then hunt out the Cape rebels and deal with them. We will have our hands full, and it is a job we would not seek, but we are trying to do our duty as soldiers of the king and if I am spared to get my discharge there will be no black mark. I have never been called before an officer yet and don't expect to be. The English are very humane to the Boers. They have pardoned a good many who should have suffered the penalty of the law for unlawful deeds, but perhaps in the end it may be better, so at least the Boers can see that we are not their enemies as they once thought. Love to all my friends please. Write every week to your soldier boy.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss Maggie Mann returned home from Toronto on Monday.

Will Wrog of Tryconnel is, visiting relatives in town.

Major Faulds has been visiting a son in Toronto and returned home on Monday.

Noble Davis, of Lansing, Mich., accompanied by Mrs. Davis, paid us a flying visit on Tuesday.

We regret to learn of the illness of Mrs. John F. Allen, and her many friends will be glad to hear of her speedy recovery.

Mrs. L. Fairbanks returned from Toronto on Monday, where she has been visiting her sister and other friends for the past week.

Dan Patch's attempt to lower the world's record at Syracuse on Friday was unsuccessful, the best he could do, being 2:00 1/4. The trial was witnessed by over 30,000 people.

One hundred and fifty truck scales were shipped by the Aylmer Iron Works last week, to one firm in Manitoba, and the company are taxed to their utmost capacity to fill orders.

Mr. T. Kiley was successful in carrying off a long string of prizes both at Toronto and London fairs this year, on his poultry exhibit. He also won the bronze medal at Toronto.

The ball game on Monday between Tilsonburg and Aylmer was a frost and certainly was our boys' day off. Better play Thursday after this. Score 11 to 2 in favor of the visitors. 'Nuff se'd.

The Public School board have decided to dismiss school entirely the last two days of the fair next week. This is undoubtedly a wise course as only a few scholars would go in any case, and they could not study.

A farewell reception to Miss Young, who is about to return to Japan, will be held in the basement of Trinity church on Thursday evening, at 7:30. All friends of Miss Young, irrespective of denomination, are cordially invited to be present.

An exceptionally large and brilliant meteor was seen here on Monday morning last by several of our citizens who happened to be out of bed about 5:30. It passed from south west to north east exploding when near the ground, throwing off red, green and yellow lights. It left a stream of smoke and steam behind it which lasted nearly half an hour.

The Ladies' Institute will hold their next meeting in the town hall here on Thursday, Oct. 2nd. In addition to local talent, Miss Sheppard, teacher of Domestic Science of Alma College, is expected to be present to discuss a couple of subjects of which particulars will be given next week. No personal notices will be sent to members.

We see by the London papers that Mr. S. B. Hatch, formerly of Aylmer, and now on the teaching staff, London, had a very close call for his life on Monday. He was riding on the car track and did not notice a car approaching, and was struck, but fortunately was knocked clear of the track and escaped with a slight scratch in the face and a hard shaking up.

This week will wind up the story we have been running for the past few months. It has been a good one, but we think the one we start next week is better. "Purified by Suffering" is the title. It was written by Mary J. Holmes, and is one of her best, being a perfect labyrinth of strange experiences, with a deep lesson of life to be learned. If any of your friends are talking of taking the EXPRESS, tell them now is the time to start.

We have to publish this week an account of the death of Joseph Raymond VanVelzer, of Carlton, which occurred on Thursday last. He attended school as usual on Monday but complained of not feeling well on Tuesday and remained home. On Wednesday the Dr. was called in but a severe attack of tonsillitis with complications which extended to the spine and brain, carried him off on Thursday. The funeral took place on Saturday when a very large number of friends turned out to show their sympathy with the bereaved parents.

The many friends of Miss Sadie Whitesides will be pleased to learn that her appeal to the Department of Education has been successful and she has been passed on her Kindergarten exam which she failed to make in one section only, by just one mark, while standing near the top in the other. This is only justice and she should never have been plucked in the first place, and would not have been, had the examiner understood his business.

Dr. J. S. Tennent of Lucknow, brother-in-law of Mrs. H. Mann, died very suddenly on Wednesday morning of last week. He was in consultation with a brother physician at Ripley. Came home at noon feeling ill and became unconscious about 4 p.m. and died at 6 a.m. on Thursday from a clot on the brain and was buried on Sunday following by the Masonic fraternity, who ran a special train from Wingham. The large concourse of citizens, about 2,000, assembled to pay their last tribute of respect, attested to the very high esteem in which he was held.

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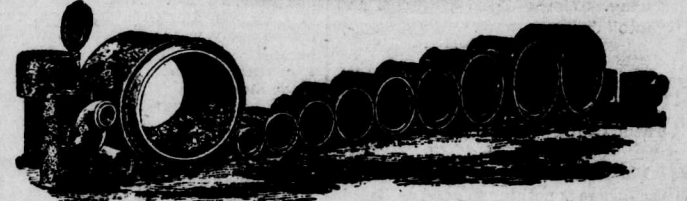
THE BUSY CORNER

Home Nursing.

We have recently received a book entitled "Home Nursing," published by Davis & Lawrence Co. Ltd., Montreal. This publication contains practical instructions for the performance of all offices pertaining to the sick. It tells what to do in case of accidents, treats with nearly all diseases to which human flesh is heir, as well as containing many receipts for preparing solid and liquid food for the sick. No home should be without a copy of it. It is a very attractive book about 50 pages, and can be obtained upon application to the publishers, Davis & Lawrence Co., Ltd., Montreal, enclosing to them 5¢ in stamps to cover the expense of mailing etc.

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Barley, per bushel	25 to 30
Peas, per bushel	55 to 60
Beans, per bushel	70 to 83
Corn, per bushel	20 to 25
Rye, per bushel	60 to 50
Irish, per ton	16 00 to 18 00
Shorts, per ton	20 00 to 22 00
Chop, per ton	22 00 to 25 00
Eggs, per dozen	14 to 15
Live Hogs, each	6 25 to 6 75
Potatoes per bushel	40 to 50
Hay, per ton	7 00 to 8 00
Chickens, per lb.	8 to 9
Turkeys, per lb.	9 to 10
Geese, per lb.	6 to 7
Ducks, per lb.	8 to 9
Live Hogs	6 75 to 6 75
Dressed Hogs	to

LONDON MARKETS.

Beans	70 to 80
Wheat	58 to 55
Wheat	62 to 72
Oats	30 to 31
Peas	85 to 92
Barley	25 to 26
Rye	56 to 59
Corn	66 to 72
Live Hogs	6 25 to 6 75
Dressed Hogs	8 75 to 9 00
Butter, roll, per lb.	17 to 18
Butter, cream, per lb.	16 to 17
Eggs per doz.	15 to 16
Potatoes per bag	40 to 50
Hay, per ton	8 00 to 9 00
Chickens, per pair	70 to 80
Ducks	75 to 90
Geese	75 to 90
Turkeys	10 to 11

ST. THOMAS MARKETS.

Wheat, per bushel	68 to 70
Oats, per bushel	35 to 38
Barley, per bushel	48 to 50
Corn, per bushel	18 to 20
Peas, per bushel	73 to 75
Butter, per lb.	21 to 22
Geese, each	15 to 15
Eggs, per doz.	60 to 70
Chickens, per pair	70 to 70
Ducks	9 to 10
Turkeys	60 to 60
Geese, per doz.	15 to 15
Potatoes per bag	50 to 50
Cabbage per doz.	40 to 40
Callalover per head	5 to 5
Celery per bunch	5 to 5
Hay per ton	7 00 to 7 00
Wood, short, per cord	2 00 to 2 38
Wood, long, per cord	2 00 to 2 00
Live Hogs	6 75 to 6 75
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