

A. M. to 6 A. M., with lightning and rain. 26th, severe rain storm with lightning and thunder; depth of rain fall from 1.30 P. M. on 26th to 1 A. M., 27th, 2.013 inches. Lightning with thunder and rain, 5th, 7th, 14th, 20th, 23rd, 26th. Wind storms, 14th, 20th, 21st. Rain, 5th, 7th, 8th, 11th, 12th, 14th, 16th, 20th, 23rd, 26th, 27th, 29th.

GODERICH.—Lightning on 4th, 23rd, 24th. Lightning with thunder, 27th. Thunder with rain, 28th, 29th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 4th, 6th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th. On 31st, at 10 P. M., small meteor passed in a direction parallel to H from SE to NW. Wind storms, 20th, 22nd, 29th. Fogs, 5th, 7th, 27th. Rain, 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 15th—17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th—29th. The mortality has been remarkable for the quantity of rain that has fallen, and for the prevalence of violent thunderstorms, involving the destruction of life and property. It is estimated that at this station thunder has been heard one-sixth of the whole time.

STRATFORD.—On 24th, lightning. 22nd, thunder alone, and lightning with thunder. Lightning and thunder with rain occurred 4th, 6th, 7th, 16th, 17th, 18th, 20th (twice), 22nd, 24th, 26th (twice), 27th, 28th. Wind storms, 4th, 6th, 7th, 20th, 26th. Fog, 27th. Rain, 1st, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 15th—20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th—29th.

HAMILTON.—On 20th, a most violent storm of lightning, thunder and rain. 30th, at 9.50 P. M., two ordinary meteors: the first N W, 45° high, fell N; the other 45° high SW, fell W. Lightning on 28th. Thunder, 19th, 22nd. Lightning with thunder, 17th. Thunder with rain, 27th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 4th, 20th, 22nd, 26th (two storms). Fogs, 1st, 29th. Rain, 4th—7th, 11th, 16th—18th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 26th, 29th. Tree struck by lightning, 20th.

SIMCOE.—Lightning and thunder with rain, 4th, 7th, 11th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 27th. Wind storms, 4th, 5th, 6th, 13th, 20th. Rain, 2nd, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 27th. Month remarkable for frequent and violent thunderstorms. Rainfall exceeds anything recorded at this station since November, 1868. Several places struck by lightning and serious injury done.

WINDSOR.—On 3rd, meteor in N towards H; lunar halo. 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, 10th, 11th, 12th, lunar halo. 22nd, meteor in NE towards H. 23rd, meteor in W towards S; meteor from *Arcturus* towards H. 26th, meteor through Little Bear towards H; meteor through *Cassiopea* towards H at N. 30th, meteor in N towards NE. Lightning on 8th, 13th, 15th, 18th, 19th, 21st. Lightning with thunder, 25th, 26th. Lightning and thunder with rain, 4th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 27th, 28th. Wind storms, 4th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, 28th. Fog, 19th. Rain, 4th, 6th, 7th, 11th, 12th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 24th, 27th, 28th.

VII. Departmental Notices.

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” No. 7.	Ditto ditto 15cts. to \$2.25 each ...	\$40
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1. The Department has no authority to grant the one hundred per cent. upon any remittance for Library or Prize Books, Maps or Requisites, except on such as are received from Municipal or Public School Corporations in Ontario. Books, Maps, and other Requisites suitable for Sunday Schools, or for Library or other similar Associations, can, however, on receipt of the necessary amount, be supplied from the Depository at the net prices, that is about twenty-five or thirty per cent. less than the usual current retail prices.

2. The admirable books published in England by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and by the London Religious Tract Society, are furnished from the Societies' catalogues at currency for sterling prices (i.e. a shilling sterling book is furnished for twenty cents. Canadian currency, and so on in proportion). These two catalogues will, as far as possible, be furnished to parties applying for them. Books suitable for Sunday Schools are received from the other large religious societies, Presbyterian and Methodist, and from the various extensive publishers in Britain and the United States, but the lists would be too extensive to publish separately.

3. On receiving the necessary instructions, a suitable selection can be made at the Department, subject to the approval of the parties sending the order. Any books, maps, &c., not desired, which may be sent from the Depository, will be exchanged for others, if returned promptly and in good order.