THE CAMPAIGN.

Nomination Day May 29, Election June 5.

The Candidates Who Are Already in the Field.

Dr. Fleming Nominated by West Kent Reformers—Mr. Robinson Selected by Halton Liberals, and C. C. Field Selected in West Northumberland—The Hamilton Tories Drum up a Candidate.

	Liberal.	Opposition.
Addington	.....	Jas. Read
Algoma E.	.....	J. R. Miller, Ind
Algoma W.	Jas. Conmee	R. Sparling (Ind. Con.)
Brant N.	W. B. Wood	.....
Brant S.	.....	.....
Brockville	.....	John George
Bruce N.	D. Porter	A. Shaw, E. R.
Bruce C.	W. M. Dack	Dr. Tennant
Bruce S.	H. P. O'Connor	H. Lennox
Cardwell	.....	.....
Carleton	.....	.....
Cornwall and Stormont	.....	.....
Dundas	.....	.....
Dufferin	.....	.....
Durham E.	.....	T. B. Collins
Durham W.	A. T. Lockhart	Campbell, E. R.
Elgin E.	J. C. Dance	W. P. Prower
Elgin W.	A. McCrimmon	H. T. Godwin
Essex N.	F. Cleary	D. McColl
Essex S.	.....	Sol. White
Frontenac	H. L. Shibley	Chas. G. Fox
Grenville	.....	.....
Glengarry	Jas. Rayside	.....
Grey E.	Dr. Hunt	J. Rorke
Grey N.	Jas. Cleland	D. Creighton
Grey S.	J. H. Hunter	J. Blythe
Haldimand	Dr. Baxter	.....
Halton	H. Robinson	W. Kearns
Hamilton	J. M. Gibson	T. H. Stinson.
Hastings N.	.....	A. F. Wood
Hasting E.	N. Vermilyea	.....
Hastings W.	.....	G. W. Ostram
Huron W.	.....	.....
Huron E.	T. Gibson	A. H. Musgrove
Huron S.	.....	.....
Kent W.	Dr. Fleming	James Clancy
Kent E.	R. Ferguson	J. Reycraft, E. R.
Kingston	J. D. Thompson	J. H. Metcalfe
Lambton W.	.....	.....
Lambton E.	.....	.....
Lanark N.	.....	E. Elliott
Lanark S.	.....	.....
Lennox	B. E. Aylesworth	Dr. Meacham
Leeds	.....	Dr. Preston
Lincoln	Wm. Garson	James Hiscott
London	.....	W. R. Meredith
Middlesex N.	John Waters	.....
Middlesex E.	T. H. Purdom	R. Tooley
Middlesex W.	G. W. Ross	John Morgan
Monk	R. Harcourt	W. E. Wellington
Muskoka	A. P. Cockburn	G. F. Marter
Nipissing	Mr. McLaughrin	.....
Norfolk N.	.....	.....
Norfolk S.	.....	.....
Northumberland E.	H. F. Young	Dr. Willoughby
Northumberland W.	C. C. Field	Samuel Purser
Ontario N.	I. J. Gould	Glendenning
Ontario S.	Dr. McKay	.....
Ottawa	.....	E. R. Donaldson
Oxford N.	.....	Wm. Hersee.
Oxford S.	.....	.....
Parry Sound	.....	.....
Peel	K. Chisholm	J. L. Hughes
Perth N.	R. Cleland	.....
Perth S.	T. Ballantyne	W. R. Davis
Peterboro E.	T. Blezard	A. R. Kidd, E. R.
Peterboro W.	J. R. Stratton	John Carnegie
Prescott	.....	.....
Prince Edward	J. A Sprague	Johnson
Renfrew N.	Thos. Murray	R. Dunlop
Renfrew S.	.....	R. Leitch (N. P.)
Russell	.....	.....
Simcoe E.	.....	A. Miscampbell
Simcoe W.	Robert Paton	.....
Toronto	.....	Dr. Wylie
Victoria E.	.....	.....
Victoria W.	Dr. McKay	John Fell
Waterloo N.	.....	J. Cruess.
Waterloo S.	.....	.....
Welland	Col. Morin	Wm. McCleary
Wentworth N.	Dr. McMahon	.....
Wentworth S.	N. Awrey	C. D. Potts
Wellington S.	D. Guthrie	Col. Macdonald
Wellington E.	.....	J. Hampton
Wellington W.	A. S. Allan	Long
York E.	G. B. Smith	John Gibson
York N.	.....	.....
York W.	Dr. Gilmour	D. W. Clendenan

Nominating Conventions.

Tuesday, May 6—		
East Kent	Con	Ridgetown
South Huron	Con	Hensall
Wednesday, May 7—		
East Lambton	Lib	Watford
West Huron	Con	Smith's Falls
Thursday, May 8—		
North Perth	Con	Listowel
East Wellington	Lib	Fergus
West Lambton	Lib	Sarnia
Russell	Lib	.....
Dundas	Lib	Winchester Springs
West Simcoe	Con	Barrie
Friday, May 9—		
East Simcoe	Lib	Orillia
Saturday, May 10—		
North York	Lib	Newmarket
North Oxford	Lib	Woodstock
Tuesday, May 13—		
South Waterloo	Lib	Galt
Thursday, May 15—		
East Lambton	Con	Watford

MR. BALFOUR RENOMINATED.

KINGSVILLE, May 2.—The Liberals of South Essex met in convention in Kingsville to-day. The morning meeting was attended by about 250 members of the Executive Committee from every municipality in the riding, when the following officers were elected: President, Lewis Arner, of Malden; first vice-president, Marwood Barrett, of Colchester North; second vice-president, Clement Maillaux, of Tilbury West; third vice-president, George A. Morse, of Leamington; secretary-treasurer, J. H. Smart, of Kingsville; municipal vice-presidents—Kingsville, Dr. J. E. Jenner; Gosfield North, James Bain; Gosfield South, H. E. Clifford; Mersea South, Peter Lamarsh; Mersea North, C. W. Hind; Essex Center, Dr. P. A. Dewar; Malden, Thomas H. Parks; Colchester South, James Howie, sen.; Colchester North, James Craig; Pelee Island, Walter Grubb; Tilbury North, Walter Welsh; Tilbury South, Dr. R. H. Abbott; Leamington, Alex. Baird; Amherstburg, Mayor McEvoy. Working committees were struck for every polling sub-division in the riding and arrangements were made for a complete canvass.

At 1 p.m. a general meeting of all the Liberals was called to order by the President. The Town Hall was filled by the most active and enthusiastic Liberals of South Essex, there being full delegations and alternates from every polling subdivision in the riding, including Pelee Island.

Before proceeding to the nomination of a candidate for the Ontario Legislature, W. D. Balfour, M.P.P., was called upon and entered into a full explanation of his course in the House and the independent stand he took on several public questions. Owing to his stand upon the railway policy he had voted want of confidence in the Government on that, and would have to do so again if the question came up in the same way. Until some understanding was arrived at he would, were he their member, have to occupy an independent position in the House, and he did not feel that he should ask them as Liberals to again return him under there circumstances. He approved of the financial, the educational, the license and the timber policy of the Government, but he thought nevertheless that the best solution of the difficulty was to nominate another candidate and relieve him from the representation.

At the close of Mr. Balfour's explanations the President called for nominations. Jacob Shepley, of Gosfield South, seconded by A. H. Clarke, of Essex Center, re-nominated Mr. Balfour. Although other nominations were called for none were made, and all those in the hall rose to their feet as one man when the call was made for those in favor of Mr. Balfour's nomination. Not one rose in opposition. Mr. Balfour acknowledged the great compliment paid him, and said that he could no longer refuse to continue to represent them. He believed in the contest it would be simply a question of the size of the majority.

HAMILTON TORIES.

HAMILTON, May 2.—The Candidate Committee appointed by the Conservatives last Thursday night has had a busy time of it interviewing and pleading with the best known among the faithful to consent to being nominated. It is pretty well understood now that the nominee will be one of the following four: Ald. S. Ryckman, David Morton, F. W. Fearman and T. H. Stinson, with chances in favor of Ald. Ryckman.

KINGSTON EQUAL RIGHTERS.

KINGSTON, May 2.—The members of the Equal Rights Association are very reticent over the part they will play in the coming election. It was stated to-day that Capt. John Gaskin was asked to contest the constituency for the Ontario House on the Equal Rights platform, but he declined. One Equal Righter said: "We will not support Mr. Metcalfe; we will have a candidate in the field."

MR. HUGHES GETS A RAP.

TORONTO, May 2.—At yesterday's meeting of the Trades and Labor Council Mr. F. C. Cribben presented the report of the Education Committee. The action of Mr. Garson, M.P.P., in moving for free school books was warmly commended, and School Trustee Henderson's motion condemning Inspector James L. Hughes for accepting a Legislative nomination was supported. "Mr. Hughes," the report says, "is a servant of the School Board, and his duties are to look over the interests of our schools, and at every meeting of the Board his presence is required to give every information in school management which may be asked for. For those duties he is paid a very handsome salary. Your committee believe that he cannot properly attend to these duties and dabble in politics at the same time. It is also claimed that his duties are now already so great than an assistant must be appointed soon." The committee further pointed out that recently some caretakers were reprimanded for leaving their work without leave from the Board, and the excuse that they had arranged to have their duties performed was not received. Mr. Hughes has not even this excuse.

The report of the Educational Committee was adopted by a large majority, only five delegates voting against.

WEST KENT REFORMERS.

CHATHAM, May 5.—The Reform Convention at Bright's Opera House Saturday afternoon was one that shows the interest taken by the Liberals of West Kent in the maintenance of good government in Ontario. The delegates numbered 200, and large numbers were present besides from all parts of the riding. The vice-chair was occupied by Mr. J. A. Walker, who opened with a good speech, expressing his gratification at the really representative gathering, showing that the people appreciated the efforts of Mr. Mowat to administer the affairs of the Province fairly to all classes. Officers were elected as follows: President, D. M. Christie; vice-president, J. B. Rankin; secretary, J. B. Flint. When nominations were called for Mr. Walker read a letter from Mr. James Dillon stating that he had been called away unexpectedly on business and could not attend the meeting. Mr. Dillon added in the letter that it seemed to be expected he would again place himself in the hands of his Reform friends, but he regretted that owing to his business engagements it would be impossible for him to do so, and he could not accept a nomination at this time. The candidate chosen would receive his most active support and assistance, and he urged his fellow-Liberals to use every exertion to sustain the Administration of Hon. Oliver Mowat. It was then moved by ex-Warden John A. McGregor, seconded by Reeve Fletcher, of Tilbury, that Dr. Fleming, of Chatham, be the Liberal candidate at the coming election, and the motion was carried unanimously. Dr. Fleming thanked the convention for the honor. The position was not one of his seeking; he would rather be assisting his friend Mr. Dillon than occupying the position of a candidate, but if the Liberals of West Kent felt he would be of any service in the campaign he would sacrifice his own feelings and interests and place his services at their disposal. At the last election West Kent was lost through over-confidence, but this error would not be repeated, and he looked forward with every confidence not only to redeeming West Kent, but to the indorsation of the Government of the country.

Resolutions indorsing the Ministry in its financial, educational and agricultural policy, were adopted, rousing speeches being delivered by Dr. Holmes and Mr. Rankin, of Chatham, ex-Wardens McGregor and Mills, Messrs. Farquharson and Fletcher, of Tilbury; Mr. J. N. McCoy, of Chatham, and President Christie. The convention was a grand success.

WEST NORTHUMBERLAND REFORMERS.

COBOURG, May 5.—The convention called by the West Northumberland Reform Association to nominate a candidate for the Legislature was held here yesterday afternoon. It was one of the grandest gatherings of Liberal yeomanry that ever assembled in Cobourg. Over 400 delegates were in attendance, every municipality, subdivision and school section in the riding having its representatives present. This great convention was in striking contrast to the Tory caucus of 46 men who on Saturday last, under personal orders from Mr. Creighton, brought out Mr. Purser as the Meredith candidate.

Nominations were made in the following order: C. C. Field, merchant, Cobourg; Jas. Russell, farmer, Hamilton; Alex. Poe, miller, Cobourg; J. C. Field, merchant, Cobourg; Sam. Clarke, merchant, mayor of Cobourg; W. J. Douglas, physician, Cobourg; John Bowman, farmer Hamilton. The nominees all withdrew their names except Mr. C. C. Field, whose nomination was made unanimous by a standing vote amid tremendous cheering. Mr. Field having accepted the nomination, Messrs. N. Awrey, of South Wentworth, and W. T. R. Preston, of Toronto, addressed the convention in stirring speeches. Resolutions also passed strongly indorsing the Mowat Administration and Mr. C. C. Field's course in the Legislature.

NORTH NORFOLK LIBERALS.

SIMCOE, May 5.—It was a most enthusiastic and harmonious convention of the Liberals of the North Riding of glorious old Norfolk that assembled in the Opera House here Saturday to nominate a candidate to contest the riding for the Local Legislature. Under the constitution of the association each of the minor municipalities, five in number, are entitled to send ten delegates, and the response to the call was so prompt and ready that when the roll was called it was found that out of the possible 50 only one seat was vacant. Resolutions were passed indorsing the Mowat Administration and declaring "that this convention has entire confidence in the ability and wisdom of our late representative in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario (Mr. John Freeman), approving of the loyal aid and support given by him, both to the Government and to the individual interests of his constituents, and that he be hereby nominated as our candidate to represent the Riding of North Norfolk, in the said Legislative Assembly, and we hereby pledge him our hearty support in the pending elections."

The reading of this resolution was followed by loud cheers and the rising of every delegate in the house to his feet. Mr. Freeman's subsequent appearance upon the platform was the signal for renewed cheering. After accepting the nomination and thanking those present for the renewal of their confidence in him, Mr. Freeman went on at some length to give an account of his stewardship as the riding's representative during the past Parliament. His remarks were well received and frequently applauded. Following Mr. Freeman came short and animated addresses from other speakers, and all expressed themselves as more than satisfied with the result of the convention and predicted Mr. Freeman's re-election by a majority that would reach far towards four figures.

HAMILTON TORIES.

HAMILTON, Ont., May 5.—A meeting of the Central Committee of the Hamilton Conservative Association was held Saturday evening when Mr. Thomas H. Stinson was nominated.

LINDSAY, Ont., May 5.—At the West Victoria Conservative Convention on Saturday Mr. John Cruess, the present member, was nominated to oppose Dr. McKay, the Reform candidate in the coming election.

NORTH OXFORD CONSERVATIVES.

WOODSTOCK, May 5.—A meeting of some of the principal Conservatives of this riding was held in the Royal Hotel on Saturday afternoon. The outlook was discussed in the usual "Mowat-must-go" style, and Mr. Wm. Hersee, a farmer of Blenheim township, was induced to accept the candidature to contest the riding with the Premier. Mr. Hersee is a well-to-do farmer, but it is not supposed that he will give Mr. Mowat much trouble. A mass meeting of Conservatives will be held in a week or so.

NOTES.

Reports from North Grey indicate the certain defeat of Mr. David Creighton.

Mr. D. Donaldson has been nominated by Ottawa Equal Righters. Mr. Bronson is likely to be again the Liberal candidate.

Mr. Creighton, Mr. Clancy, Mr. French and Mr. H. E. Clarke were in Ottawa receiving their campaign instructions last week. Saturday Mr. French said the Local Conservatives no longer had any connection with the Dominion Conservatives.

BARELY SAVED.

"I Am Escaped with the Skin of My Teeth."

Dr. Talmage Shows How Some Men Make Narrow Escape for Their Souls.

BROOKLYN, May 4.—Dr. Talmage preached to-day on "Narrow Escapes," taking as his text Job, xix., 20: "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." Following is his sermon in full:

Job had it hard. What with boils and bereavements and bankruptcy, and a fool of a wife, he wished he was dead; and I do not blame him. His flesh was gone and his bones were dry. His teeth wasted away until nothing but the enamel seemed left. He cries out, "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." There has been some difference of opinion about this passage. St. Jerome and Schultens, and Doctors Goode and Poole and Barnes, have all tried their forceps on Job's teeth. You deny my interpretation, and say, "What did Job know about the enamel of the teeth? He knew everything about it. Dental surgery is almost as old as the earth. The mummies of Egypt, thousands of years old, are found to-day with gold filling in their teeth. Ovid and Horace and Solomon and Moses wrote about these important factors of the body. To other provoking complaints, Job, I think, has added an exasperating toothache, and putting his hand against the inflamed face, he says: "I am escaped with the skin of my teeth." A very narrow escape, you say, for Job's body and soul; but there are thousands of men who make just as narrow escape for their soul. There was a time when the partition between them and ruin was not thicker than a tooth's enamel; but as Job finally escaped, so have they. Thank God! thank God! Paul expresses the same idea by a different figure when he says that some people are

"SAVED AS BY FIRE."

A vessel at sea is in flames. You go to the vessel. The boats have shoved off. The flames advance; you can endure the heat no longer on your face. You slide down on the side of the vessel, and hold on with your fingers, until the forked tongue of the fire begins to lick the back of your hand, and you feel that you must fall, when one of the lifeboats comes back, and the passengers say they think they have room for one more. The boat swings under you—you drop into it—you are saved. So some men are pursued by temptation until they are partially consumed, but, after all, get off—"saved as by fire." But I like the figure of Job a little better than that of Paul, because the pulpit has not worn it out; and I want to show you, if God will help, that some men make narrow escape for their souls, and are saved as "with the skin of their teeth."

It is as easy for some people to look to the Cross as for you to look to this pulpit. Mild, gentle, tractable, loving, you expect them to become Christians. You go over to the store and say, "Grandon joined the church yesterday." Your business comrades say, "That is just what might have been expected; he always was of that turn of mind." In youth, this person whom I describe was always good. He never broke things. He never laughed when it was improper to laugh. At 7 he could sit an hour in church, perfectly quiet, looking neither to the right hand nor to the left, but straight into the eyes of the minister, as though he understood the discussion about the eternal decrees. He never upset things nor lost them. He floated into the kingdom of God so gradually that it is uncertain just when the matter was decided. Here is another one, who started into life with an uncontrollable spirit. He kept the nursery in an uproar. His mother found him walking on the edge of the house-roof to see if he could balance himself. There was no horse that he dared not climb. His boyhood was a long series of predicaments; his manhood was reckless; his midlife very wayward. But now he is converted, and you go over to the store, and say, "Arkwright joined the church yesterday." Your friends say, "It is not possible! You must be joking." You say: "No; I tell you the truth. He joined the church." Then they reply, "There is hope for any of us if old Arkwright has become a Christian!" In other words, we will admit that it is more difficult for some men to accept the Gospel than for others. Some of you, in coming to God, will have to

RUN AGAINST SKEPTICAL NOTIONS.

It is useless for people to say sharp and cutting things to those who reject the Christian religion. I cannot say such things. By what process of temptation or trial or betrayal you have come to your present state I know not. There are two gates to your nature; the gate of the head and the gate of the heart. The gate of your head is locked with bolts and bars that an archangel could not break, but the gate of your heart swings easily on its hinge. If I assaulted your body with weapons, you would meet me with weapons, and it would be sword-stroke for sword-stroke, and wound for wound, and blood for blood; but if I come and knock at the door of your house, you open it, and give me the best seat in your parlor. If I should come at you now with an argument, you would answer me with an argument; if with sarcasm, you would answer me with sarcasm; blow for blow, stroke for stroke; but when I come and knock at the door of your heart, you open it and say: "Come in, my brother, and tell me all you know about Christ and heaven."

PERTINENT QUESTIONS.

Listen to two or three questions: Are you as happy as you used to be when you believed in the truth of the Christian religion? Would you like to have your children travel on in the road in which you are now traveling? You had a relative who professed to be a Christian, and was thoroughly consistent, living and dying in the faith of the Gospel. Would you not like to live the same quiet life and die the same peaceful death? I have better, sent me by one who has rejected the Christian religion. It says: "I am old enough to know that the joys and pleasures of life are evanescent, and to realize the fact that it must be comfortable in old age to believe in something relative to the future, and to have a faith in some system that proposes to save. I am free to confess that I would be happier if I could exercise the simple and beautiful faith that it possessed by many whom I know. I am not willingly out of the church or out of the faith. My state of uncertainty is one of unrest. Sometimes I doubt my immortality, and look upon the death-bed as the closing scene, after which there is nothing. What shall I do that I have not done?" Ah!

SKEPTICISM IS A DARK AND DOLEFUL LAND.

Let me say that this Bible is either true or false. If it be false, we are as well off as you; if it be true, then which of us is safest? Let me also ask whether your trouble has not been that you confounded Christianity with the inconsistent character of some who profess it? You are a lawyer. In your profession there are mean and dishonest men. Is that anything against the law? You are a doctor. There are unskilled and contemptible men in your profession. Is that anything against medicine? You are a merchant. There are thieves and defrauders in your business. Is that anything against merchandise? Behold, then, the unfairness of charging upon Christianity the wickedness of its disciples. We admit some of the charges against those who profess religion. Some of the most gigantic swindles of the present day have been carried on by members of the church. There are men standing in the front rank in the churches who would not be trusted for $5 without good collateral security. They leave their business dishonesties in the vestibule of the church as they go in and sit at the communion. Having concluded the sacrament, they get up, wipe the wine from their lips, go out, and take up their sins where they left off. To serve the devil is their regular work; to serve God, a sort of play spell. With a Sunday sponge they expect to wipe off from their business slate all the past week's inconsistencies. Do you not feel that the Bible, take it all in all, is about

THE BEST BOOK THAT THE WORLD HAS EVER SEEN?

Do you know any book that has as much in it? Do you not think, upon the whole, that its influence has been beneficent? I come to you with both hands extended toward you. In one hand I have the Bible, and in the other I have nothing. This Bible in one hand I will surrender forever just as soon as in my other hand you can put a book that is better. To-day I invite you back into the good, old-fashioned religion of your fathers—to the God whom they worshiped, to the Bible they read, to the promises on which they leaned, to the cross on which they hung their eternal expectations. You have not been happy a day since you swung off; you will not be happy a minute until you swing back. Again: There may be some of you who, in the attempt after a Christian life, will have to run against

POWERFUL PASSIONS AND APPETITES.

Perhaps it is a disposition to anger that you have to contend against; and perhaps, while in a very serious mood, you hear of something that makes you feel that you must swear or die. I know a Christian man who was once so exasperated that he said to a mean customer: "I cannot swear at you myself, for I am a member of the church; but if you will go downstairs my partner in business will swear at you." All your good resolutions heretofore have been torn to tatters by explosion of temper. Now there is no harm in getting mad if you only get mad at sin. You need to bridle and saddle those hot-breathed passions, and with them ride down injustice and wrong. There are a thousand things in the world that we ought to be mad at. There is no harm in getting red hot if you only bring to the forge that which needs hammering. A man who has no power of righteous indignation is an imbecile. But be sure it is a righteous indignation, and not a petulancy that blurs and unravels and depletes the soul. There is a large class of persons in midlife who have still in them appetites that were aroused in early manhood, at a time when they prided themselves on being a "little fast," "high livers," "free and easy," "hail-fellow well met." They are now paying

IN COMPOUND INTEREST,

for troubles they collected twenty years ago. Some of you are trying to escape, and you will—yet very narrowly, "as with the skin of your teeth." God and your own soul only know what the struggle is. Omnipotent grace has pulled out many a soul that was deeper in the mire than you are. The ship Emma, bound from Gottenburg to Harwich, was sailing on, when a man on the lookout saw something that he pronounced a vessel bottom-up. There was something on it that looked like a sea-gull, but was afterward found to be a waving handkerchief. In the small boat the crew pushed out to the wreck, and found that it was a capsized vessel, and that three men had been digging their way out through the bottom of the ship. When the vessel capsized they had no means of escape. The captain took his penknife and dug away through the planks until his knife broke. Then an old nail was found, with which they attempted to scratch their way out of the darkness, each one working until his hand was wellnigh paralyzed, and he sank back faint and sick. After long and tedious work, light broke through the bottom of the ship. A handkerchief was hoisted. Help came. They were taken on board the vessel and saved. Did ever men come to so near a watery grave without dropping into it? How narrowly they escaped!—escaped only "with the skin of their teeth." There are men who have been capsized of evil passions, and capsized mid-ocean and they are a thousand miles away from any shore of help. They have for years been trying to dig their way out. They have been digging away and digging away, but they can never be delivered unless they will hoist some signs of distress. However weak and feeble it may be, Christ will see it and bear down upon the helpless craft and take them on board; and it will be known in earth and in heaven how narrowly they escaped—"escaped with the skin of their teeth." There are others who in attempting to come to God must run between a great many

BUSINESS PERPLEXITIES

If a man go over to business at 10 o'clock in the morning, and comes away at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, he has some time for religion; but how shall you find time for religious contemplation when you are driven from sunrise to sunset, and have been for five years going behind in business, and are frequently dunned by creditors whom you cannot pay, and when from Monday morning until Saturday night, you are dodging bills that you cannot meet? You walk day by day in uncertainties that have kept your brain on fire for the past three years. Some with less business troubles than you have gone crazy. The clerk has heard a noise in the back counting-room, and gone in and found the chief man of the firm a raving maniac; or the wife has heard the bang of a pistol in the back parlor, and gone in, stumbling over the dead body of her husband—a suicide. There are in this house to-day 300 men pursued, harassed, trodden down, and scalped, of business perplexities, and which way to turn next they do not know. Now God will not be hard on you. He knows what obstacles are in the way of your being a Christain, and your first effort in the right direction he will crown with success. Do not let Satan, with cotton bales and kegs and hogsheads and counters and stocks of unsalable goods, block up your way to heaven. Gather up all your energies. Tighten the girdle about your loins. Take an agonizing look into the face of God, and then say: "Here goes one grand effort for life eternal!" and then bound away for heaven, escaping as "with the skin of your teeth." I find in the community a large class of men who have been so cheated, so lied about, so outrageously wronged, that they have

LOST THEIR FAITH IN EVERYTHING

In a world where everything seems so topsy-turvey, they did not see how there can be any God. They are confounded and frenzied and misanthropic. Elaborate arguments to prove to them the truth of Christianity, or the truth of anything else, touch them nowhere. Hear me, all such men. I preach to you no rounded periods, no ornamental discourse; but put my hand on your shoulder, and invite you into the peace of the Gospel. Here is a rock on which you may stand firm, though the waves dash against it harder than the Atlantic, pitching us surf clear above Eddystone lighthouse. Do not charge upon God all these troubles of the world. As long as the world stuck to God, God stuck to the world; but the earth seceded from his government, and hence all these outrages and all these woes. God is good. For many hundreds of years he has been coaxing the world to come back to him; but the more he has coaxed the more violent have men been in their resistance, and they have stepped back and stepped back until they have dropped into ruin. This world is

A POOR PORTION FOR YOUR SOUL,

oh business man! An Eastern king had graven on his tomb two fingers, representing as sounding upon each other with a snap, and under them the motto, "All is not worth that." Apicus Cœlius hanged himself because his steward informed him that he had only £80 000 left. All of the world's riches make but a small inheritance for a soul. Robespierre attempted to win the applause of the world, but when he was dying a woman came rushing through the crowd, crying to him: "Murderer of my kindred, descend to hell, covered with the curse of every mother in France!" Many who have expected the plaudits of the world have died under its Anathema Maranatha.

Oh, find your peace in God. Make one strong pull for heaven. No half-way work will do it. There sometimes comes a time on shipboard when everything must be sacrificed to save the passengers. The cargo is nothing, the rigging nothing. The captain puts the trumpet to his lips and shouts: "Cut away the mast!" Some of you have been tossed and driven, and you have, in your effort to keep the world, well-nigh lost your soul. Until you have decided this matter let everything else go. Overboard with all those other anxieties and burdens! You will have to drop the sails of your pride, and cut away the mast. With one earnest cry for help, put your cause into the hand of him who helped Paul out of the breakers of Melita, and who, above the shrill blast of the wrathiest tempest that ever blackened the sky or shook the ocean, can hear the faintest imploration for mercy.

I shall go home to-day feeling that some of you, who have considered your case as hopeless, will take heart again, and that, with a blood-red earnestness, such as you have never experienced before, you will start for the good land of the Gospel—at last to look back, saying, "What a great risk I ran! Almost lost, but saved! Just got through, and no more. Escaped by the skin of my teeth."

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LONDON SOUTH ALDERMEN.

Further Legal Opinion as to the Qualifications of Aldermen—The Question of Voting.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

In last evening's issue of the ADVERTISER you give the legal opinion of Mr. Hutchinson regarding the qualification of the new aldermen for No. 6 ward. But as you seem to have some doubts of the correctness of Mr. Hutchinson's rendering of the law on the subject, I now hand you the legal opinion of Mr. Clarke, who goes more deeply into the matter, and defines the position of both candidate and elector. I think these opinions must now stand as law for the present, although I should like to hear what you think of sec. 84. I am, yours truly,

London, May 2. A RESIDENT OF No. 6.

Dear Sir,—You have asked me (1) What is the property qualification for alderman in Ward No. 6? (2) What is the qualification of a voter for aldermen Ward No. 6 at the approaching election?

The first question is answered by sec. 73 of Municipal Act: "No person shall be qualified to be elected an alderman * * of any municipality unless such person * * has * * a freehold or leasehold * * rated in his own name (or in the name of his wife) on the last revised assessment roll of the municipality to at least the value following over and above all charges, liens and encumbrances affecting the same. "In cities, freehold to $1,000 or leasehold to $2,000." I need not quote the remainder of this section. You may read it for yourself. You will observe the word "municipality" is used twice. The first time it undoubtedly means the city of London, and I am of opinion that it means the city of London the second time it is used in the 73rd section. Therefore, the qualification must necessarily be upon the last revised assessment roll of the city of London.

2. This is answered by the 84th section of the Municipal Act: "Where any territory is added for municipal purposes to any city * * and an election takes place before voters' lists * * are made out for such enlarged city * * then all persons who would have been qualified as electors in such territory if the same had remained separate from the city * * shall be entitled to vote in the city at such election." Both of these sections are by the special act made applicable to Ward No. 6. (See section 4 and 12 of bill 25, 1890).

My opinion is that the aldermen must qualify on the last revised assessment roll of the city of London, but the electors shall qualify on the roll and list revised in Westminster township last July. Yours truly,

W. J. CLARK.

London, May 2.

MR. HUTCHINSON AGAIN HEARD FROM.

To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

Two wrongs do not make a right; neither do duplicate consequences of error prove that no error exists.

I do not advance the above as an argument in favor of my opinion respecting the qualification necessary for an alderman of Ward No. 6, but merely to illustrate the weakness of the only argument so far advanced against its accuracy. There seems, indeed, little doubt that if my contention is worth anything it must apply to electors as well as to candidates for aldermanic honors. Perhaps I am altogether wrong, but surely there is no substantial argument in saying that the effect of my objection, if a valid one, would be to disqualify for the time many electors as well as candidates.

It may seem presumptuous to question Mr. Meredith's work; but was it his work? I doubt it, for I remember some delay was occasioned by his objections to the act as originally framed. It had to be amended, I believe, to comply with his better judgment, but in what particular I am not aware.

We are all liable to err, and there are faults of omission as well as of commission. I think in this case there was a fault of omission, and that a clause somewhat similar to section 75 of the Municipal Act relating to new townships not having assessment rolls, would have supplied what is needed. Then all persons having properties sufficient would have been eligible as candidates or electors.

As it is, if I am right, the election of aldermen must be postponed until the completion of a proper voters' list from the new revised assessment roll (that is to be) of Ward No. 6.

Of course I do not pretend to infallibility, but a better argument than the only one so far advanced in support of your side of the question is evidently necessary in order to prove me in error. For my part, I only desire to have things proceed legally and smoothly. We have been defeated, unfairly I conscientiously believe, but beaten undoubtedly. The people of London South have, like the man in olden story, sold their birth-right for a mess of pottage, and must, as he did, bide the consequences. Let us, as he, show good feeling towards our adversaries in time of need, and do our best to assist them in all that is right and legal, and so make the best of circumstances as they are. Yours truly,

London May 2. CHARLES HUTCHINSON.

IN A VERY TIGHT PLACE.

Fearful Experience of a General While Hunting in a Jungle.

A gentleman who has traveled much in India relates the following story of his experience while hunting in an Indian jungle:

"I was hurrying along, when I fell into a concealed pit-trap. The weary hours dragged along; soon it began to rain From a hundred tiny crevices and gaps in the edge of the pit the rain water began to trickle down. I soon felt with alarm the water beginning slowly but surely to mount up the sides of the pit. I thought that it was all up with me. I can hardly describe to you my thoughts. I reviewed my past life. I made desperate struggles again and again to free myself. I shouted and screamed for help.

"Finally, when I felt that I was doomed to die, I thought that I heard the sound of a human voice. With all the agony of despair I raised a cry for help. There was an awful pause, and then I heard my faithful servant crying in response."

In this there is a most striking resemblance to an experience a prominent member of Parliament recently went through. In place of a trap, he fell into the depths of nervous prostration. Each night's poor sleep seemed to make his case more desperate. He grew hollow-eyed and prematurely old. At last, in despair, he tried a new method of treatment. That was his salvation, for to-day he is as strong and vigorous as any man in Canada. Paine's Celery Compound was the medicine he used, and to that alone does he ascribe his restoration to health.

If you feel exhausted, or have any nervous symptom, do not delay the use of this remedy. Its great value has been tested and proven.

Dr. Caven's Letter.

[Montreal Herald.]

Elsewhere we republish a letter from Principal Caven, of Toronto, addressed to the Mail on the subject of the Equal Rights Association and its attitude towards parties in the coming Ontario elections. Whatever there may be to find fault with in the Ontario school system, says Dr. Caven, both parties are alike responsible for, "while the recent modifications of the Separate School Law are in substance what our platform demands." All moderate men who have observed the skill and admirable results with which Mr. Mowat and his colleagues have administered the affairs of Ontario will be glad to find the leading clerical in the Equal Rights Association separating himself from the crowd of hungry boodlers who are endeavoring to use the Equal Rights cry to get at the Ontario treasury.

Social Philosophy.

Encourage the modest man too much and he will become vain.

Getting cheated yesterday is what teaches a man to cheat to-day.

A philosopher is a man who doesn't want the things he can't have.

Don't blame a man for being vain; he is only what others have made him.

If a husband is worth having he is worth taking care of.—Sent in by an abused man.

There are two rights a woman is slow to claim—the right to an old garter and the right to an old paper bustle.

There never was a crime committed that did not leave its mark on the face of the man who committed it.

Marriage with a man is like the month of March. If he goes in like a lion he never fails to come out like a lamb.

When the women get together they abuse the men, but it is to the credit of the men that when they get together they do not abuse the women.

There are only two kinds of women; one kind thinks her husband the greatest man in the world, and the other thinks that she is a greater man than her husband.