

The Herald's Slanders about the Model Farm.

The best answer to the slanderous article about the Model Farm, which appeared in the Herald of yesterday, is the following letter addressed to that paper, which we have received from the Rector, who informs us that had the charges not been so personal and explicit he would not have deigned to notice them.

To the Editor of the Mercury. Sir,—Would you oblige by inserting the following letter I have addressed to the Herald.

Yours, &c., Wm. JOHNSTON.

O. S. A., Aug. 29, '74.

To the Editor of the Herald.

Sir,—In your issue of last evening I notice an article relating to this school, in which you make two distinct charges. First, "that some of the students and others had been caught in acts of immorality with females employed about the place;" secondly, that I have striven to hush the matter up; and lastly, you insinuate that I have "witnessed" some of those things "with my own eyes."

Now, Sir, I give your first charge an express and implicit denial; and consequently your second falls to the ground. In contradiction to the insinuation that your insinuation is baseless as your charges are, I give you the following:

Yours, &c., Wm. JOHNSTON, Rector O. S. A. O. S. A., August 29, 1874.

The Tilton-Beecher Case--The Verdict of the Committee.

After long, and we think unnecessary, delay, the Plymouth Church Committee have rendered their verdict in the Tilton-Beecher case. It will be found in another column. The decision is what we expected! It would be—acquitting Mr. Beecher of any charge of adultery, or of any unchaste or improper acts with Mrs. Tilton, or improper remarks, proffers, or solicitations to her. They very rightly admit errors of judgment on the part of Mr. Beecher, but find nothing in his relations towards her to impair the perfect confidence Plymouth Church and the world has in his character and integrity. The verdict will meet the approval of nearly all who have followed the inquiry.

Amaranth Voters' List--Right Triumphs at Last.

We stated some two weeks ago that the little band of Reformers in Amaranth had notified the Township Clerk that they intended to test the legality of over sixty votes, which had been illegally put on the roll by the assessors of that Township, and which in spite of protests, and the knowledge that they had no right to be there, were confirmed by a partisan Council. The revision of these lists took place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday before Judge Macdonald, and after three days' hard work, the result is that no less than forty-five of these bogus Conservative votes have been taken off the roll. We have no doubt that the number could have been doubled if the appeals had only been sent in time. We are, however, rejoiced at the result as it is, and heartily congratulate the few staunch and true Reformers in that Township who through good report and bad report, in the face of unmeasured abuse, and sometimes even personal peril, have stood true to their principles, and boldly fought out the battle for right, and to secure a purified and true voters' list. Amaranth in days gone by was a perfect paradise for Tory candidates, and no wonder, strongly Conservative from the first, the party had their own way in all Municipal matters. They took advantage of this in the most unscrupulous manner, and cooked the assessment rolls year after year to suit party purposes. So it was in the days when Dr. Clarke ran; so it was when Mr. Drew sought the suffrages of the electors of the North Riding, Amaranth was looked to as the great Tory stronghold, and the legitimate strength of the party was greatly increased by the bogus votes which were yearly manufactured without scruple and without stint. Why, at last election in January, it was proved beyond a shadow of doubt that many voted in Amaranth on lands which they did not own, and that not a few votes were recorded in the names of men who were dead or had left the Township.

Thanks to the new election law, we have seen the last of this wicked and pernicious system of manufacturing votes. The honest electors will now have a chance of getting justice, and if they only take the proper steps they need not have their votes neutralised by those which owe their existence to fraud and deception. The provision for carrying such contested cases to the ultimate decision of a just judge will in time help to cure these electoral abuses, and the only pity is that the law for the punishment of those who seek to make illegal votes for themselves, and of those assessors who knowingly connive at the fraud, is not more severe. As it is, however, a great reform has been effected, and we rejoice to find that a good beginning has been made in the very hot-bed of Toryism. Henceforth Amaranth will not be the exclusive pasture ground of the Conservatives, nor the terror of Reformers; and though the Conservative element largely predominates there, the members of that party will in future be compelled to depend on honest votes, and the Reformers in the Township will not be debarred from showing their full strength. We again congratulate the Reformers of Amaranth on the noble work they have accomplished. Let them take courage, and pursue the same course, and in the end they will triumph.

The Quebec Ministers show themselves more and more inclined to brave the storm without a resignation and to meet Parliament. Their plan of action depends largely on the decision of Hon. Mr. Robertson, Treasurer.

BASE BALL ITEMS.

The Tecumsehs of London beat the Athletics of Brantford, on Thursday, by a score of 17 to 13.

A Good Move.—Mr. Albert Prince, the member for Essex, has announced that he will not institute a personal canvass of his constituency at the next election and as a substitute has issued an elaborate address in which he clearly defines his position. We think the resolution is a wise one, but unless all candidates were to follow the same course, those who do not make a personal canvass will be placed at a disadvantage. If the practice were given up altogether candidates would have more self-respect, and intelligent independent voters would think more of them. It is the people who should seek the election of a candidate, not the candidate who should beg the support of the people.

British Harvest.

The London Agricultural Gazette of the 1st inst. contains 273 reports of the current wheat crop from all the English, most of the Scottish, and many Irish counties; and of these 183 declare it to be "over average," 83 declare it to be "average," and only seven put it "under average." The reports are as nearly as possible the converse of those of 1873, when the numbers were 11, 89, and 157 respectively. The spring sown corn crops are, however, very inferior to those of last year. Barley, indeed, is a heavy crop on heavy lands; and in Essex, as in other clay-land counties, almost all the corn crops are above an average. But taking them over the whole country, more than half the returns of barley, oats and beans and peas are under average; about one-third are average, and the small remainder over average. The oat crop is the worst spring sown corn crop of the year, beans and peas come next, and barley is the best of that series. Happily the wheat crop is undoubtedly an admirable crop in 1874, and it is the crop in England at any rate which most generally affects the fortunes of the farmer. Light land farmers are, however, in very poor plight. They have had a miserable hay crop, a very poor promise of turnips, and all the spring sown corn is poor. The mangel crop, which does not concern them much, is likely to be good; and the potato crop, which might affect them generally, is likely to be sound and good, but it is not much cultivated as a general farm crop in England. The harvest is proceeding rapidly in the southern and eastern counties, and we don't hear that there is any difficulty in procuring the necessary hands.

MEASURING HAY.—To measure the contents of a stack of hay, proceed as follows: If it is a round stack, tapering to a point from the ground, measure the width half way between the ground and the peak of the stack; multiply this width by itself, and divide the sum by 7,854; this will give the average area of the surface covered by the stack. Then multiply that by the height from the ground to the point where the width was measured. If these measurements are in feet, the sum found is the cubic feet in the stack. If the hay is timothy, orchard grass, millet, or Hungarian, 500 feet will make a ton, or a cubic eight feet each way. If the stack is very solid, and was cut when dead ripe, 350 feet will make a ton, or a cubic of seven each way. If the hay is mixed with clover or light meadow grass, or red-top, 800 feet will be required to weigh a ton, unless it is pressed very hard, when some allowance must be made. These estimates are made from notes of a great many stacks and mows of various kinds, and will give a fair average.

PIC-NIC.—The inhabitants of Paisley Block picnicked at that favorite summer resort, Painsich Lake, yesterday. The Yeomanry of that district, accompanied by their sweethearts, turned out en masse. After spending the day in boating and other amusements, they departed to Hespeler, where dancing was kept up for a considerable time in Baker's Hall, to first-class music which had been provided for the occasion, after which the route homeward was taken, every one highly delighted with the day's enjoyment.

A SCENE.—At a recent meeting of the Culross Township Council a motion was carried that the tavern keepers in the village of Teeswater should have \$10 each refunded to them of the amount (\$30) paid for their license last March. This grant would be in all \$50. The Reeve refused to sign the checks on the treasurer, claiming that it was contrary to the by-laws passed by this year, and in justice to the people of Culross. The Reeve received a great deal of abuse and personal threats; the council sympathizing with the tavern-keepers.

Advertisement for Superior Coal Oil, featuring an illustration of a lamp and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for Winter Stock of Lamps, listing various lamp models and patterns available at John Horsman's.

Advertisement for Y. M. C. A., mentioning a ladies' meeting and a bazaar for the Young Men's Christian Association.

Advertisement for Painters and Glaziers, listing Humpries & Reynolds and their services.

Advertisement for Walron's Confectionery Store, located next to Patrie's Drug Store.

Advertisement for Choice Confectionery, offering ice cream and soda water.

Advertisement for Good Board and Comfortable Lodgings, located in strict confidence.

Advertisement for Sleeman's Bottled Ale, available in prime order at John A. Wood's.

Advertisement for English Malt Vinegar and French White Wine Vinegar, available at John A. Wood's.

Advertisement for Boston Lobsters and Frazer's Saugenay Salmon, available at John A. Woods.

Advertisement for Books on Detail, Cottage & Constructive Architecture.

Advertisement for Bicknell's Village Builder, offering elevations and plans for cottages, villas, and farm houses.

Advertisement for Mussey's National Cottage Architecture, offering plans for cottages and buildings.

Advertisement for Monckton's National Stair Builder, offering complete work on stair building and hand-railing.

Advertisement for Monckton's National Carpenter and Joiner, offering complete work on constructive carpentry.

Advertisement for Books on Woodwork, offering a large new stock of mechanical books.

Advertisement for Cheap at Day's Bookstore, offering a step in and examine the above.

Advertisement for The Guelph Oil Works, offering coal oil to the coal oil trade.

Advertisement for Damaged Cottons, offering cottons damaged on Lake Ontario at half price.

Advertisement for Black Silks, featuring William Stewart's offerings.

Advertisement for WM. Stewart, offering new silks, black silks, and colored silks.

Advertisement for Co-Operative Store, offering new silks, black silks, and colored silks.

Advertisement for Blankets, Blankets, Blankets!, offering all wool blankets at a special price.

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Advertisement for Oblige, offering a complete assortment of boots and shoes.

Advertisement for Now Open! Wm. Tawse & Son's New Store, located on the east side of Wyndham Street.

Advertisement for Damaged Cottons, offering cottons damaged on Lake Ontario at half price.

Advertisement for CLEARING SALE OF CLOTHING AT THE Elephant Clothing Store.

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Advertisement for Perfumery and Toilet Articles, offering a great variety in stock.

Advertisement for Copy Books, offering school books and drawing material.

Advertisement for Anderson's Cheap Bookstore, located on East Side Wyndham Street.

Advertisement for JUST RECEIVED, offering a splendid assortment of church, school, farm, and factory bells.

Advertisement for John M. Bond & Co., offering direct hardware imports.

Advertisement for THE SUBSCRIBERS HAVING BEEN APPOINTED AGENTS BY Messrs. Williams Bros., offering a beautiful stock of oxford and regatta shirts.

Advertisement for Marbleized Slate Mantles, offering a complete stock of mantles.

Advertisement for Contractors and Builders, offering a complete stock of mantles.

Advertisement for H. Clearihue & Co., offering a complete stock of mantles.

Advertisement for THOS. WORSWICK MANUFACTURER OF MACHINISTS' TOOLS, offering a complete stock of tools.

Advertisement for STEAM ENGINES, offering a complete stock of engines.

Advertisement for Jobbing will Receive Careful Attention, offering a complete stock of engines.

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