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MRS. GEOFFREY.

A NOVEL—BY THE DUCHESS.

"Where have you been?" asks Lady Rodney, slowly, turning her head to look at Mona. "Out-of-doors" Her tone is unpleasant.

"No. In my own room," says Mona.

"Oh, Nally! do think of some plan to cheat the afternoon of an hour or two," persists Dootie, eagerly.

"I have it," says her brother, with all the air of one who has discovered a new continent. "Let's talk of graves, of worms, and epitaphs."

At this Dootie turns her back on him, while Mona breaks into a peal of silvery laughter.

"Would you not like to do that?" demands Nolly, sadly. "I should. I'm quite in the humor for it."

"I am afraid we are not," says Violet, smiling too. "Think of something else."

"Well, if you all will insist upon changing, and being unnatural, more lively, then,—

"'For heaven's sake, let us sit upon the ground,
And tell sad stories of the death of kings.'

Perhaps after all you are right, and that will be better. It will be rather effective, too, if uncomfortable, all sitting on the polished floor."

"Fancy Nolly quoting Shakespeare," says Geoffrey, who had just entered, and is now leaning over Mona's chair. He stoops and whispers something in her ear that makes her flush and glance appealingly at Dootie. Whereon Miss Darling, who is quick to sympathize, rises, and soon learns what the whisper has been about.

"Oh! how charming!" she cries, clapping her hands. "The very thing! Why did we not think of it before? To teach Mona the last new step! It will be delicious." Good natured Dootie, as she says this, springs to her feet and runs her hand into Mona's. "Come," she says. "Before to-night, I promise you, you shall rival Terpsichore herself."

"Yes, she certainly must learn before to-night," says Violet, with sudden and unexpected interest, folding and putting away her work as though bent on other employment. "Let us come into the ball-room.

"Do you know no other dances but those?—very Irish performances?" asks Lady Rodney, in a supercilious tone, alluding to the country dance Mona and Geoffrey had gone through on the night of Dootie's arrival.

"No. I have never been to a ball in all my life," says Mona, distinctly. But she pales a little at the note of contempt in the other's voice. Unconsciously she moves a few steps nearer to Geoffrey, and holds out her hand to him in a childish, entreating fashion.

He clasps it and presses it lightly but fondly to his lips. His brow darkens. The little at-ra-expression, so seldom seen upon his kindly face, but which inherited from his father, creeps up now and alters him perceptibly.

"You mistake my mother," he says to Mona, in a peculiar tone, looking at Lady Rodney, not at her. "My wife is, I am sure, the last person she would choose to be rude to; though, I confess, her manner at me would mislead many others."

With the frown still on his forehead, he draws Mona's hand through his arm, and leads her from the room.

Lady Rodney has turned pale. Otherwise she betrays no sign of chagrin, though to her heart she feels deeply the rebuke administered by this, her favorite son. To save Mona be a witness of her defeat is all and wormwood to her. And silently, without any outward gesture, she registers vow to be revenged for the insult (as she seems it) that has just been put upon her. Dorothy Darling, who has been listening anxiously to all that has passed, and who is very grieved thereat, now speaks boldly.

"I am afraid," she says to Lady Rodney, into cutting, having a little way of her own of introducing questionable topics without giving offense—"I am afraid you do not like Mona.

At this Lady Rodney flings down her hand and her work at the same time, and rises to her feet.

"Like her," she says, with suppressed vehemence, "How should I like a woman who has stolen from me my son, and who in teach him to be rude even to his own father?"

"Oh, Lady Rodney, I am sure she did a mean to do that."

"I don't care what she meant; she has at I overtaken does it. Like her! A person who speaks of Jack Robinson,' and talks of a long and the short of it. How could so impulsive such a thing! As for you, worthy, I can only feel regret that you could so far forget yourself as to rush into friendship with a young woman so throughly out of your own sphere."

Having delivered herself of this speech, a sweeps from the room, leaving Violet and Dorothy slightly nonplussed.

"Well," says Dorothy, presently, recovering her breath, and opening her big eyes to the widest. "Such a tirade, and all for thing. If saying 'Jack Robinson' is a cial crime, I must be the biggest sinner ing, as I say it just when I like. I think Mona adorable, and so does every one else. Don't you?"

"I am not sure. I don't fall in love with acter," says Violet, calmly. "You, chaps, possess that gift?"

"Not a bit of it, my dear. I only say to self, such and such a person has kind eye or a loving mouth, and then I make up mind to them.—I am seldom disappointed, but as to really studying character, it isn't in my line at all. It positively t in me. But don't you think Lady they is unjust to Mona?"

"Yes, I think she is. But of course re are many excuses to be made for Mona. An Irish girl of no family whatever, matter how sweet, is not the sort of man one would select as a wife for one's Come to the ball-room. I want to Mona project in dancing."

"You want to make her a success to-Dorothy, quickly. "I know to do. You are a dear thing, Violet, if a difficult. And I verily believe you fallen as great a victim to the charms this Irish siren without family as any of

Come confess it."

There is nothing to confess. I think very much to be liked, if you mean," says Violet, slowly.

"She is a perfect pet," says Miss Darling, emphasis, "and you know it."

Then they adjourn to the ball-room, and Nicholas is pressed into the service, and sently Jack Rodney, discovering where let is, drops in too, and after a bit, being becomes universal. Entering into spirit of the thing, they take their ordinary canter' now, as Nolly expresses it, as though to get into proper for the Chetwoodes Ball later on, d they all dance with Mona, and show a at desire that she shall not be found nting when called upon by the rank, nity, and fashion of Lauderdale to trip it the light fantastic too."

Even Jack Rodney comes out of himself, h, conquering his habitual brusque ner in hand, and, as being the best ver present, *par excellence*, teaches and rs and encourages her until Dorothy s "enough," and protests with pathos e will have no more of it, as she is not ng to be cut out by Mona at all events he dancing line.

As the day wears to evening and the s ceases, and the sullen clouds send h a violent haste across the tired sky. on the stars came out, first slowly, one one, as though timid early guests at the ial gathering, then with a brilliant rush, it all the sky.

"Bespangled with those isles of light so wildly, spiritually bright,"

was promise of a fairer morrow.

Into, coming slowly down stairs, enters h lagging steps the library, where tea waiting them before the start.

To be continued.

ODDS AND ENDS.

FRESH FACTS, FUN AND FANCY.

ONLY.

Only a lock of golden hair,
Only a bit of lace;
Only a tender, loving heart,
Only a sweet, plain face.

Only a bunch of withered flowers,
Only a ribbon blue;
Only a little broken fan,
Only the words "Be true."

Only a little simple ring,
Only a pure, sweet kiss,
Only a tiny string of pearls,
Only the hope of bliss.

Only a wreath of orange flowers,
Only two hearts made one;
Only the hope of an anthem,
Only a life begun.

Only the promise of a love,
Only the wish to fulfill;
Only two souls in the sight of God,
Only the words "I will."

Only a year of wedded bliss,
Only a broidered dress;
Only two hands so baby soft,
Only a link to bless.

Only a little baby face,
Only two eyes of blue;
Only a little dimpled cheek,
Only a joy that's new.

Only a sad and suffering face,
Only a babe at rest;
Only a long and last farewell,
Only a vacant nest.

Only a future dark and drear,
Only a lone heartbroken;
Only the memory of the past,
Only a weary moan.

Only a link in the golden chain,
Only a severed bee
Only the buried hopes of youth,
Only—the wish to die.

Probably Prayer-Rugs: "Novelties in Ammister."

Vi. Can's favorite quotation: "O, my offense is rank."

A man does not fear being locked up for getting into hell. He thinks his friends will bail him out.

Let the Monday washing and a yearling calf spend the night in the same back-yard and that part of the washing left outside of the calf will be in good shape to feed the pig out on.

When Pat was sent to the lobster pot to see if there was anything in it, he said upon his return: "There was no rip ones, sorr; there was only grane ones, and so I tossed them all overboard."

"Student" wants to know what kind of a bird was the dodo. From the fact that the species is entirely extinct, we suppose it was the fabled spring chicken, of which we still hear so often and see so never.

Fred (swell—*By Jove*, Fred, that is quite the highest collar I've struck yet. Second swell—Think so, old man? Well, I don't mind telling you, it is a little ahead of my own. It's one of the gunner's cuffs."

Life Thoughts. The pun is mightier than the sword.—Absinthe makes the heart grow fonder.—If all flesh is grass, was Adam the fodder of mankind? or the ass's make light work—for some of the lands.

"BILLIARDS INTENSIFIED."

Could I from Nature take the cue
That wrets the spheres in play,
I'd send those lyories spinning through
Space other, more terrable bliss,
In a pronounceable way.

"And when, at last, I left my place
Amid the pagan crowd,
By power unseen shot into space,
To strike the pale moon in the face,
And caroom on a cloud."

If newspapers contain less variety than usual during the present week, it must be attributed to the fact that the editor of time is largely occupied at the beginning of the year in clipping coupons off his Government and railroad bonds.

When a man is elected for office his friends come aroun' an' say—"I's glad dat you's been yer opponent, but I ain't surprised." But of he's beat, his frien's go to some man on de udder side an' say—"I knew you'd corrupt, no how."

"What astonishes me," remarked Mrs. Mann, "is how Col. Ironbeam gets passages on the part of the state prison." "The probability is," replied Blunt, "that it is feared that he might escape, and the convicts, and so they let him go at large."

An elderly English lady, of fashion needing a page advertised: "Youth wanted." Next day there came to her a bottle of Rimmel's wrinkle filler and skin tightener, a pot of Fairy Bloom," a set of false teeth, a flaxen wig, and some iodine soap.

An Iowa juror stated in open court that a man had sought to bribe him with half a dollar, and the judge gave him credit for the great firmness in holding out against temptation. There is no telling what might have happened had To cents been offered.

"Get right out of this," shouted an irritated merchant to a mendacious clerk; "this is the third lie I have caught you in since 10 o'clock this morning" "Oh, well," said the new man, "don't be too hard on me. Give me a fellow time to learn the rules of the house."

AVE WIGGINS

All hail, great Wiggins! Prophet of the storm
Canada's sole weather seer, and Vennor's rival,
Who paints the coming weather in the Herald Form.
Who can predict the date of its arrival;
Out of your sphere, so vast and far-reaching such
Crying for spring so much appalling information;
Why thus early seek the brightest chiming at the
Conspiring for its work of desolation.

Say, O, Wiggins! Will the wild Atlantic
Bring to its wrath great Secor Robeson's
shipping,
Sunken and cloud in furious battle
frantic
The seams, and sails, and keels of ships are
ripping?
Our model navy to our land is dear;
It cost us so much we think how much it cost us;
And then should we have a model every year
For warning us the way it may be lost us.

Tons shouldst be salaried as the nation's
warner,
To tell of storm, likewise of crimes pottical—
That Tammany's corruption, hypocritical
Can read the minds of statesmen hypocritical.

What would this nation be without its navy?
Tilden would be swept from the angry
ocean—
From going to splinters in great Neptune's
gravy,
Amid much wild upsetting and commotion.

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 30. J. E. BARRETT.

"Jennins, dey say yume gwine run for justice oh de peace, an dat a fac?" "I did hab a bankrot dat ah way, cho 'nough; what yo' a pinion 'bout de matter?" "Well, Junius, of turnabout's fair play, yume justified in yo' puppas, case yume been runnin' away from de justice oh de peace these sev'al years."

A Society Society Note.—Two of the most prominent aristocratic families, having lately had a falling-out about some trivial matter, met yesterday and settled the affair to the satisfaction of all concerned. The town is thrown into the deepest mourning for the sixteenth time this month.

"If you were suddenly reduced to abject poverty what business would you start in life?" asked a young man of Moe Schumburg. "In dot game," responded Moe, slowly, "I would go into pishness in a small way in vich I could make 50 per shent profit." "What kind of a business?" "I would split matches and sell 'em."

SOMETHING THAT NOBODY KNOWS.

The stars are spinning their threads,
And clouds are the flax that rises;
And the suns are weaving them up
For the time when the sleepers shall rise.

The ocean in music rolls
And the gems are turning to eyes;
For the time when the sleepers shall rise.

The weepers are learning to smile,
And laughter to gleam the sighs;
Burn and bury the care and grief,
For the day when the sleepers shall rise.

Oh, the dews and the moths and the daisy red,
The larks and the gimmers and flows;
The lilies and the sparrows and daily bread,
And the something that nobody knows.

A Boston merchant advertised for "saleswomen," and had only two applications—one from a half blind woman of 60, and the other from a girl of 14, who proved so giddy on a day's trial that he discharged her at night. The next morning a new advertisement appeared, calling for "saleladies," and before 9 o'clock there was such a rush that he had to put out sign of "Positions all Filled" before his business could proceed.

A man in a Berlin beer-house made a bet that he could stand on one leg for two hours. After fifteen minutes he got a trembling fit, fell over on a beer glass, cut his face and hands and lost his beer—four pops.

PROMOTION EXAMINATIONS.

NAMES OF THE PUPILS PROMOTED IN THE SEVERAL WARD SCHOOLS.

The following is a complete list of the pupils promoted in the different ward schools at the examinations just closed, together with the number of marks obtained:—

KING STREET SCHOOL.

From 3rd to 4th division—Miss C. Dunbar, teacher. Total number of marks, 56—half 10 pass—Maggie Macdonald 422, Eugene Hakpass—Maggie Macdonald 422, Eugene Hakbeather 41, Lily Peace 36, Norman McLeod 35, Ernest Hunter 274, John Thompson 265, Annie Taylor 254, John Beaman 251, Mary Gunn 238, Bella Mackintosh 225, Kate Collins 216, Peter Fairgrieve 215, Frank Hoed 275.

From 2nd to 3rd division—Miss M. Church, teacher—Kate Norris, Maud Hodgins, Kate Fletcher, Charley Shirley, Martha Martin, Rose Appel, Frank Jeffery, Edwin Martin, Rose Friend, Bertie Loveridge, Willie Adair, Fritz Zwald, Lettitia Macgregy, Martha Daniels, Albert Taylor.

From 1st to 2nd division—Miss A. Cutler, teacher—Lucy Hunnett, Lily Clarke, John Doidge, Willie Cooper, Charles Condon, Henry Auchterlach, James Fitzgibbons, George Barnod, Fred. Hoxons, Peter McNamara.

WATERLOO STREET NORTH.

Promotions made by M. J. Glass—To Senior Class, 4th Division.—Maggie Walker, Liz Thornton, Katie Dodds, Mary Puddicombe, Harry Atkinson, Olivia R. Pussell, Richard Trenerman, Richard Spicer, Richard Burrows, Wm. Fitzpatrick, Peter Webster, Perry Carroll, Grace McLeay, Wm. Footitt, Isabel Hynd, Fanny Brewer.

To Junior Class, 4th Division.—Lily Wilkins, James Russell, George Hawthorn, Jos. Wilkins, Leay, John Prescott, Clara Bott, Bella Webster, Nellie Nesbitt, Nellie Jackson, Willie Ermood, Liz Jackson, Wm. Russell, George Ermood, Fred Randall, Mary Gibson, Laura Hilton, Robert Telfer.

N. B.—Nine still remain in the old Junior Class, some of whom were not here for examination, and others failed.

Promotions made by Miss Parks—To Senior Class, III. Division.—Ada Byrne, Samuel Pannell, Wm. Byrne, Katie Byrne, Samuel Hickey, Simpson, Thompson, Wm. Watson, Mary Kornohan, Nellie Hissel, Louisa Treemain, Lettie Pratt, Fanny Lutman, Louisa Wonston, Edward Gardner, Arth Cornell, Clara Owen.

To Junior Class, III. Division—Isaac Yerex, Norman Peel, Hugh Osmond, Wm. Scott, Marcus Burrows, Wm. Gaze, John Ferguson, Wm. Thompson, George Sercon, Wm. Spicer, M. Beaumont, Ed. Patten, Rose Williams, Emma Wilkins, Emily Day, Alice Drewe, Emma Hudson, Arth Danks, Wm. Burrows, Liz Barrell, Alfred Jackson, John Batterson.

Promotions made by Miss Wilson—To highest class, 2nd division.—George Bott, Lottie Bassil, Julia Fitzpatrick, Theresa Hexter, Annie Gibson, Lily Howard, Bella Kermohan, Thos. Tapp, Rebekah Smith.

To 2nd class, 2nd division.—Bella Taylor, Mattie Kermohan, Lizzie Simpson, Maggie Simpson, Mary Lowry, Isabel Thompson, Lottie Thompson, Valida Taylor, Wm. Yerex, Andrew Vincent, Alfred Drewe, Sarah Ann Richard Hexter, Frank Thompson, George Tapp.

To 3rd class, 2nd division.—Lawrence Moore, Lizzy Fitzpatrick, Wm. Yerex, Ethel Wyatt, Annie Yerex, Lizzie Johnson, Ella Thompson, Martha Coughlin, Lizzie Chapman, Annie Thompson, Rhoda Wilson, Ellen Wyatt, Annie Hissel, Fred McLellan.

Promotions in First Division, made by Miss Crosby.—From Fifth Tablet (boys)—Fred Brown, Charlie Frank Lyons, Sam. Thompson, Ernest Showden, George Neil, Georgina McLean, Mary Hawthorne, Neil, Georgina McLean, Maud Pannell, Effie Vincent, Nellie Smith, Ethel Cole, Robert McCombe.

From Fifth Tablet (girls)—Ethel Cole, Maud Ferrel, J. Gage, George Taylor, Josh. Hook, Herbert Woonton, Gertie Dunsford, Maud Coughlan, Louise Barrell, Fanny Spencer, Charlie Keene. To Fourth Tablet (boys)—Harry Cook, Harry Knowles, Fred. Lyons, Walker, Sadie Taylor, Agnes Fitzpatrick, Mary Fitzpatrick, Rose Pickard, Jessie Pratt, Ellen Sile, Clara Thompson. To Third Tablet Class—Walk. Brennan, Wm. Williams, Charlie Tyler, Harry Moore, Maggie Donaghue, Effie Screen, Donaghue, Maud. To Second Tablet Class—Wm. Welch, Geo. Kelly, Jessie Lyons, Elizabeth Robbins, Georgina Thompson, Janet Thompson.

PRINCESS AVENUE SCHOOL.

Second division Princess avenue school—Miss Tyrer, teacher; Miss M. Drury, examiner—total marks, 290; to pass, 115—Annie Kerr 274, Annie Hammill 270, Thomas Gaze 268, Violet Stuart 166, Bella Moore 145, Mellina Stevenson 142, Fred. Smith 184, Edwin Wilson 184, Fred. Hissel 181, Chas. Taylor 173, Robert Gibbons 171, Chas. Gardner 173, Robert Robson 169, Michael Butler 163, Ernest Rye 156, Harry Rye 154, Wm. Stevenson 154, Wm. Ward 151, Wm. Riddell 147, Arthur Thomas 147, Fred. Lewis 145, Wm. Claine 141, Percival Rye 136, Robert Garrett 125.

Third division—Miss M. Drury, teacher; Thos. Woodhouse, examiner—Total number of marks, 300; to pass, 120—Girls—Rebecca Mc-Donald 276, Elgina Moreland 274, Annie Wright 272, Clara Fanning 266, Maggie Bell 264, Maud Walsh 251, Jane Kell 20, Boys—Fred. Babb 279, Arthur Nichol 269, Frank Mc-Donald 267, Verey Leadbitter 259, Wm. Hammill 257, Albert Saunders 249, Henry Woolley 173.

ROBINSON STREET SCHOOL.

Pupils for promotion from the 3rd to the 4th division—Miss L. J. Wrighton, teacher. Marks obtainable, 480; to pass, 220—Maggie Brown 345, Ellen Lynch 295, Maggie Wallace 287, Tibbs 316, Agnes Duncan 310, Mary Ann Carrie Cheesman 305, Annie Jessie McKenzie 285, Edith Wilson 285, Jessie Hoare 270, Maud Wallace 275, Jessie Hoare 270, Maud Wallace 275, Jessie Wilson 260, Geo. Harding 256, Wm. Cowey 341, Geo. Cowey 340, Arthur Anderson 276, John Geo. Murray 276, Willie Anderson 275, John Ballard 271.

Pupils from Miss Yates' Class to the 3rd Division.—Hattie Gunn 352; to pass 175. John Wilson 233, Ernest Boydell, John Halliday 230, Fred West 226, Alice Martin 230, Bertha Chillick 175, Maud Hamilton 267, Janet Ross 267, Agnes Gibbons 266, Minnie Ross 266, Florence Major 175, Annie Cameron 262, Maud Wright 260, Flora Brickwell 259, Annie Ross 256, Lucy Griffith 142, Jessie Ross 175.

TALBOT STREET SCHOOL.

Pupils promoted from 3rd to 4th division.—Miss Ferguson, teacher; Miss A. Miller, examiner—30 marks given—Maggie Wilson 128, Lizzie Wilson 128, Annie Jackson 125, Edith Nelson 144, Mabel Bagey 142, Jessie Hoodless 135, Bella Gardner 132, Harvey Ida Chadwick 133, Martha Harvey 135, Charlotte Taylor 144, Ida Ryland 135, Albertus Taylor 144, George Suppa 135, John Harvey 134, Willie Ferguson 135, James McGladrey 175, Edmund Yeadon 175.

Pupils promoted from the 2nd to the 3rd division, Miss M. Westgerston, teacher; Miss L. Ferguson, examiner. Number of marks given to pass—Maggie Wilson 256, Annie Thompson, 126, Frank Wiggins 126, Harry Burton 175, Robert Taylor, Lizzie Hodges, 136; Maggie McDonald, 176; Annie Hodges, 135, Edith McDonald, 176; Annie Cowey, 131; Samantha Taylor, 164; Violet Gardner 148.

COLBORNE STREET SCHOOL.

Pupils passed from the 3rd division into the 4th division.—Miss Scarlett, teacher. Total marks, 300—to pass, 180—Geo. Cowey Dunsay 261, Edward Jones 259, Wm. Cowey 258, Jonas Smith 257, Wm. Wigmore 196, Fred Rose 195, Geo. Moore 196, Henry Moore 192, Charles Hart 194, Charlie Davison 189, Isaac Sanderson 260, Geo. McDonald 145, William Ward 145, Bertie Mills 258, Emma Turton 228, Ida Turton 226, Ellen Turton 225, Ella Turton 224, Ella Turton, Ethel Hill 191, Jenny Wright 190, Kate McIntosh 184, Kate McLeod 184, Henrietta Kaine 183, Ida Harvey 183, Ella Fairley 182, Annie Edge 129.

Pupils passed from the Semaphore class, Ruth Wilson 160, Ettie Wilson 140, Edith McDonald 140, Annie Wilson 139, Lizzie Watkins 135, Bertie McKellar 65, Annie Knechtel 180, Lena David 180, Annie Ella Cowey 179, Annie Wigmore 178, Willie Saunders 168, Arthur Greenaway 167, Robert Greer 150, Freddie Patton 95, Harry Squair 60, Willie Mason 140, Fred. Veal 139, Thomas Wilson 139, Jas. Ashplant 85, John Cousins 60, Fogg 50, Bessie Saunders 84, Kate Rookes 90, Charlie Ramengtiser 85, Ada Hodges 146, Eva Durden 85, Annie Wilson 208, Nellie Linton 79.

Pupils from Miss Mills' Class:—M. Wright 16, J. Hinson 19, E. Downs 18, J. Angus 12, J. Jackson 9, R. Johnston 18, E. Jarvis 12, F. Durden 14, W. Tuckaberry 17, N. Arnott 10, T. Murray 14, H. Hodges 12, E. Mills 14, Wylie 14, W. Bradley 11, P. Wright 10, Ella Wright 10, Ella Bradley 10, P. Buck 16, H. Dunn 17.

Pupils passed from Miss Ferguson's class by Miss A. Davidson.—Total marks 320; to pass 150. Ella Davis 252, Ella Fairbairn 248, Ella Fairbairn 224, Wm. Fairbairn 220, H. Richardson 224, Wm. Grayson 222, Jacob Young 196, Harry Hiller 191, John Boyd 186, Jonas Smith 224, George Arnett 217, Carlton Beal 181, Jas. Smith 168, Ernest Cretton 179, Jas. Smith 170, David Jones 139, John Wood 139, Ernest Sutton 105, David Sears 129, Geo. Watson 228, Clara Porth 303, Agnes Gunn 255, Annie Tebbutt 246, Lily Jones 240, Laura Karns 231, Louisa Belton 229, Hattie Lamb 224, Annie Tebbutt 146, Evelyn Wrighton 184, Bella Wilkins 146, Clara O'Dell 138.

WATERLOO STREET (SOUTH) SCHOOL.

Pupils passed from the 2nd division—total marks, 150—Sarah Wood 147, W. Aylsworth 137, James Worthington 135, Edith Harrop 135, Annie Worthington 135, Martha Lewis 135, Ellen Allen 135, Hattie Fyfe 132, J. Morris 125, Ellen Allen 125, Hattie Fyfe 122, J. Morris 125, E. Mortimer 121, W. Adams 120, E. Adams 120, E. Mortimer 118, H. McDougall 115, E. Rice 117, A. Marriot 105, M. Munro 105, H. Rice 98, A. Porter 97, Ida Powsardes 95, W. Tumbling 92, E. Webster 85, A. Wallace 85, E. Brown 82, V. Trodger 76, A. Brickhouse 75, Thos. Jones 61, James Law 56, E. Burke 54, Frank Tilt 61, Ernest Yelland 45.

Pupils passed from Junior Division—Albert Winlow 115, S. Ham 85, Edith Percyk 94, M. Rose 76, A. Carter 75, M. Dodd 69, H. Walton 68, M. Baily 62, F. Perry 62, Carrothers 47, L. Winder 34, S. Munro 34, A. Rice 42, Reid 42, K. May 40, E. Allen 40, Thomas 37, Jos. Baily 35, M. S. F. Thornton 32, Jas. Baker 32, Thos. Willsch 32, Ernest 28, Clara Baker 23, Thos. Geary 19, A. Johnston 18, Jos. Stattsford 15, F. Tomkins 12, A. Atkinson 12, M. Jones 11, R. Tweddle 12, J. Coulter 7, R. Winslow 7, L. Yelland 5.

BOSTON STREET PRIMARY.

Fourth Division girls. Promoted to 5th Division. Mr. A. C. Stewart, teacher; Miss V. Drury, examiner—Mabel McDonald 278, Laura Findlister, 221, Jessie Taylor, 226, Alice Boyd, 226, Florence Evans, 198.

BOND STREET SCHOOL—PRIMARY.

Fourth division—girls—promoted to 5th division—Mr. Woodburn, teacher; Miss F. Drury, examiner—Winnie Hotson 224, Amelia McMillan 204, Gertrude Cody 202, Amelia Bond 194, Nellie Evans 191, Louie Young 187.

WATERLOO NORTH PRIMARY.

Fourth division promoted to 5th division—total marks 267, half to pass—Mr. M. J. Glass, teacher; Miss V. Drury, examiner—Alice Hesketh 247, Lillie Dickens 234, Minnie McNeil 230, Bella Taylor 226, Alice Prescott 226, Jennie Brook 196, Ruth Flury 198, Annie Friendship 194, Emma Bass 188.

KING STREET PRIMARY.

Fourth Division, Girls. Promoted to Fifth Division. Mr. D. K. Stuart, teacher; Miss Drury, examiner—Kate Colquhoun 247, Emma Hart 221.

TALBOT STREET PRIMARY.

Third division, Talbot street school—Miss Amelia Miller, teacher; Miss H. Buckle, examiner—Kate Mills 187, Eva Bradshaw 210, Emma Benson 246, Catherine Flood 215, Maggie McNeil 225.

COLBORNE STREET SCHOOL.

Fourth division, Miss Amelia Christie, teacher; Miss H. Buckle, examiner—Freddie Thompson 236, Maud Broadbent 172, Millie Dewson 232, Violet Buckingham 186, Hattie Moderson, 246.

KING STREET SCHOOL—BOYS.

Mr. D. K. M. Stuart, teacher; Miss E. Yates, examiner. The total number of marks, without music, was 387—Robert Lind 297, Jos. Baxter 298, Bertie Wyckoff 288, John Fairgrieve 278, Willie Irving 276, John Scott 289, Robert Fleming 280, Willie Scott 280, Fred Cooper 286, John Pierce 280, Eddie Wyatt 278, Frank Stevens 280, James Pearson 276.

WATERLOO STREET NORTH—BOYS.

Mr. M. J. Glass, teacher; Miss E. Yates, examiner. Total number of marks, without music, 387—James Williams 278, Charlie Wood 271, Warren Halpin 268, George Jones 268, Charlie Manness 266, Arthur Smith 266, Mason Merriman 259, John Bennett 246, James Webster 194, George Dwyer 189.

TALBOT STREET (BOYS.)

Miss Miller, teacher; Miss E. Yates, examiner. Total 455, to pass, without music 267. Clay Manville 273, Charles Fuller 268, Eddie McMartin 271, Joseph Fowler 268, Fred Kingston 259, Russell Thompson 258, Charles Smith 277, Charles Carter 258.

COLBORNE STREET SCHOOL.

Fourth Division—Miss Christie, teacher; Miss B. Magee, examiner—H. Luxton 267, F. Richards 213, W. Gurd 241, H. Lashbrook 198.

PRINCESS AVENUE SCHOOL.

Fourth division—Mr. Woodburne, teacher; Miss B. Magee, examiner—total number of marks, including music, 425—Arthur Payne 288, F. Edy 323, A. Hotson 288, Eddie Reid 227, Arch. Hiscott 252, Geo. Rose 255, C. Morrison 252, Albert Beck 291, F. Fewings 267, Robert Angus 256, Harry Dennis 221, Jas. Babcock 211.

HORTON STREET SCHOOL.

Fourth Division, Mr. A. C. Stewart, teacher; Miss B. Magee, examiner. Wm. Ellison 285, Ed. Perrin 265, Chas. Mason 295, W. Marshall 265, Alick McDonald 286, M. Wonnscott 245, Harry Boyd 229, John Cahill 235.

THE COMING LEGISLATOR

Selected by the West Middlesex Conservatives at Mt. Brydges Yesterday.

Mr. Alex. Johnston, of Strathroy, the Unanimous Choice.

Resignation of Mr. L. E. Richardson—A Compliment to the Leader of the Opposition—Great Enthusiasm Manifested.

By our own Reporter.

The gathering of the Liberal-Conservatives of West Middlesex that assembled in the Town Hall, at Mount Brydges, yesterday afternoon, was in every respect a representative one. It was large in numbers, respectable in appearance, enthusiastic in sentiment, and unanimous in supporting the principles advocated by Sir John A. Macdonald and Mr. W. R. Meredith, leader of the Ontario Opposition. The President selected for the occasion, Mr. John Arnold, occupied the chair, and Mr. Thomas A. Keefer officiated as secretary.

In opening the proceedings the Chairman expressed the pleasure he felt at being present at the representative Conservatives of the Riding present on this occasion, and accepted it as indicative of a victory for the party when they would next be called upon to face their opponents. At the last meeting Mr. Richardson had been nominated as the candidate of the party, but in consequence of various reasons he had tendered his resignation, and that resignation was now in the hands of the Convention.

THE DELEGATES.

Some discussion ensued in regard to the best mode of procedure in the selection of delegates, and it was ultimately decided to act in accordance with the usual custom, the delegates being allowed from Strathroy and each township, and five from the villages. The following delegates presented their credentials, and were duly accredited:—

Caradoc—Dugald Campbell, Dugald Leitch, H. G. Lindsay, Robert Cade, W. Gunn, Jas. Burwell, W. Young.

Ekfrid—Alex. Martin, George Young, John Gibbs, John Devlin, Duncan McCallum, Stephen DeWitt, John M. Cornell.

Newbury—W. F. Hoome, Thos. Robinson, W. Sampson, W. Stokes.

Delaware—James Bradt, T. Adams, Ben. Payne, A. Purdit, Jonas Beach, A. J. Beadman, A. Seabrook.

Wardsville—Arch. Finlayson, W. Pennell, Arch. Purcell, H. Jell, T. English.

Moss—W. J. Simpson, R. Henderson, S. Currie, Angus Campbell.

Glencoe—H. Simpson, R. McKellar, P. McAlpine, H. Miller, John M. Leitch.

Strathroy—D. N. Vary, John English, John Raymond, John Pain, W. Cain, E. Milner, John Hanna.

Metcalf—J. Freeman, E. Callaghan, J. W. Cameron, W. Richardson, J. C. Beere, R. Brown, H. McCallum.

Mr. Richardson then addressed the meeting, stating that he was compelled, through the pressure of business, to resign the candidature that had been tendered to him at the last meeting, and he hoped that all would unite to elect a suitable man to fill the position. He alluded briefly to the issues of the day, the first cry on the desolation of the Rivers and Streams Bill being characterized as mere clap-trap. He believed Sir John was the proper man, and that his course in this matter had been the right one throughout. They might depend upon it that every one who would have his hearty support, and urged the Conservatives to lay aside all local jealousies and unite to carry their man triumphantly to the head of the polls.

Col. English said some talk had been going around amongst the Grits that the Conservatives were pressing Mr. Richardson out. This was not so, and he moved that this Convention tender a unanimous resolution to Mr. L. R. Richardson as the standard-bearer of the party.

The resolution was seconded by Angus Campbell, and carried without a dissenting voice.

Mr. Richardson regretted that on account of the pressure of business affairs, it was impossible for him to accept the position chosen as the standard-bearer of the party. If they were only united as true friends, he believed they could carry the riding and gain a victory that would render West Middlesex permanently Conservative.

It was moved by John M. Cornell, seconded by W. J. Simpson, that, on account of the reasons stated, the resignation of Mr. Richardson be accepted.

The resolution was adopted unanimously.

It was moved by Dr. Roome, seconded by Mr. H. Jell, that this meeting tender a unanimous nomination to W. R. Meredith, Esq., leader of the Ontario Opposition, as the Liberal-Conservative candidate for West Middlesex.

Mr. Richardson stated that he had been informed by Mr. Meredith that he would not accept a nomination in West Middlesex, if offered.

The resolution was therefore withdrawn.

NOMINATING CANDIDATES.

The nomination of candidates to contest the Riding in the Liberal-Conservative interest at the approaching election for the Local Legislature was then entered upon.

Dr. W. F. Roome was nominated by H. Jell, seconded by W. Stokes.

John Morgan, proposed by A. Seabrook, seconded by T. English.

Dugald Leitch, nominated by W. J. Simpson, seconded by A. G. Deadman.

Col. English, proposed by Dugald Leitch, seconded by Dr. Roome. Declined.

Robert Brown, moved by D. W. Vary, seconded by Angus Campbell.

Alexander Johnson, moved by Dr. Roome, seconded by H. Miller.

Nathaniel Currie, proposed by Angus Campbell, seconded by Col. English.

J. J. Folmsbee, moved by J. W. Cameron, seconded by John Leitch.

Mr. John Morgan felt flattered at having his name coming before them. He had given the matter due consideration, and had made up his mind to go in for the man who should receive the majority of votes to-day. He believed that in union is strength, and urged union in making the selection. It was unnecessary to say anything at present in regard to the political issues of the day, but if he was selected he would endeavor to do his utmost to carry the riding.

Mr. Dugald Leitch said he was not an aspirant for honors at the present time, but he believed it was necessary to select a man of ability, who had means and leisure to work earnestly and successfully.

Mr. Robert Brown would allow his name to go before the Convention, and explained his reasons for so doing, but he would abide by the decision of the meeting.

Mr. Alex. Johnston submitted his claims to the Convention, and was entirely in their hands. If it was thought he was the strongest man he would do his utmost to gain the victory, but if it was believed he was not he was with them heartily and fully in supporting the man who was believed the best man. They could deal with him as they chose, feeling that he was heartily with them in any event.

Mr. Nathaniel Currie simply came forward to thank his mover and seconder, and those who worked so earnestly a few months ago for himself and the party. He believed they had material here today to secure a victory, and compete against Mr. Watterworth to carry the Riding. If they could simply unite on one man, he was satisfied the Conservatives could carry the election. If all put their shoulders to the wheel they could gain the victory. He concluded by withdrawing his name.

Mr. J. J. Follmsbee thanked them for bringing his name before the Convention, but had no design of becoming a candidate. However, he was interested in the cause, and was willing to do what little he could. The present contest rested, he believed, on the point whether the Dominion Government had been properly sustained at the last election, and whether all the provinces were to act together harmoniously, as brought about by the Conservatives. That was the principle at stake, and every lover of the country should feel it his interest to support the Opposition.

On motion of Mr. Angus Campbell, seconded by Dr. Roome, the meeting pledged itself to support the nominee of the Convention.

The names of Messrs. Johnston, Morgan and Brown were then submitted to the delegates, with the following result:—

First ballot—Morgan, 21; Johnston, 19; Brown, 12.

Second ballot—Johnston, 27; Morgan, 21.

Third ballot—Johnston, 37; Brown, 14.

The nomination of Mr. Alex. Johnston, of Strathroy, was made unanimous by a standing vote, without a dissenting vote.

Mr. Johnston, in accepting the nomination, said he felt flattered at receiving the nomination of this meeting, and felt satisfied that he could be elected, but he wanted it distinctly understood that if they wished Mr. Meredith to take the field in this Riding, he was perfectly willing to allow their able leader to do so. The speaker referred to his long connection with the Conservative party, and wished them to remember that they wanted no defeat this time. He urged them strongly not to let local prejudices estrange any section of the party or weaken their support. He would work heartily, and would try to meet the electors personally and on the platform. He would do his utmost to elect Mr. Johnston, and urged them to redeem the Riding.

On motion a vote of thanks was extended to Mr. N. Currie for the manner in which he conducted the last campaign, and to the Chairman for his services.

The Chairman announced that the annual meeting of the Association would be held about the 72nd instant for the election of officers, and requested a good attendance.

The meeting then closed with rousing cheers for W. R. Meredith, Esq., and Sir John A. Macdonald.

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