BIRCHALL.

The Prisoner Indulges in Practigal Joking.

His Guard Resigns His Post—An Appeal from Mrs. Birchall—The Doomed Man's Defense of Eimself.

Woodstock, Oct. 23.—Birchall, although he is near the point of death, has not lost the use of his humorous faculties. Ever since the appointment of John Magee as guard Birchall has complained that he did not enjoy John's society, and Tuesday John carried home with him a card deftly pinned on his back and announcing the price of rotten eggs. Magee did not know that he was being made an alvertising agent until he reached home, and was naturally very indignant at the use that had been made of him. He has given up his job, and it will be necessary to appoint a man to take his place.

take his place.

Tom Midgley continues to watch over the prisoner during the night, and appears to be well enough contented. The petition for the commutation of Birchall's sentence is not receiving the number of signatures that was expected, and Mrs. Birchall has written a letter, which is being sent to the more stubborn ones, pleading with them to sign the petition and endeavor to save her husband from the awful fate that is awaiting him.

ter, especially light leather, and shows well the Detroit Conference of the paper, he said 2 o'clock; we the train left at 3:10, and it seems to walk about the paper and beautiful and the seems where the body was found. I could not weakled the distance and been at the ot walked the distance and been at the other back was at 2 o'clock, the time he was a considerable was at 2 o'clock. ristered the names at Banfield's Hotel (at

I registered the names at Banfield's Hotel (at the Falls) and took care to register them rightly. This I need not have done had I wished to conceal anything.

I was anxious that Benwell should call upon his friend in Wall street, New York, and went with him and Pelly to call upon him, and told Benwell to say he was going to the Falls, which he did. Did this look like concealment! In what condition were Benwell's ciothes and boots when found! Were they muddy and splashed or wet! Which way did the tracks which were found in the snow lead! and how can two tracks, a large and a small one, be accounted for! and were both of them in the same direction!

counted for and were bothout them in the and direction!
Was there snow enough on the Monday to make these tracks visible! There certainly was no snow on the road that would leave a track. Later in the week it did snow. On the Monday there was hardly any snow about at all.

all.

If this swamp is such a desolate place and is nown around to people living near as being what brought the men there who found the

so, wast brought the men there who found the body!
What prevented the body being robbed by those who found it or by tramps, even after the man was killed! Was a walking stick found! as Benwell never went out witnout one, and had one when starting out.
Would it not take considerable the would not take considerable the convey the body to the satisfied bund and to remark the satisfied to the control of the satisfied to the control of the satisfied to the satisfied

valuables, etc., if the place is so dense as is described?
It was said in the medical testimony that the stomach was quite empty. Now we both ate a hearty breakfast at Hamilton refreshment rooms Benwell ate very well indeed, and besides that we are some figs, fruit, etc., bought on the train. They said he had evidently eaten nothing when he should be held to be a subject to the train of baffase that Benwell had been sulky all day and had eaten nothing.

or the Gentey."

Ottawa, Oct. 23.—Mr.J.F. Waters, M.A., of the State Department, writes an account of a visit he paid last Saturday to Birchall in Woodstock jail. It fills two columns, but of the visit itself and what Birch-

of the visit itself and what Birchall sadd there are only a dozen or two lines. Mr. Waters objects to Dr. Bessey's estimate of Birchall sa aplebian, and maiotains that he is 'one of the gentry.' Mr. Waters talks of Birchall's 'monest book.' He says. "I conversed quite long enough with Birchall to eatisty myself that he is an educated man, and that he has far more genuine human feeling than he is generally credited with.

An acquaintance skips.

On Saturday night the firm of Head & Wheeler, gents' furnishings, made an assignment. Mr. Wheeler, a junior partner, had just received from the eld country a strong than he is document to the control of the providing additional shed accommon to the control of th

over 30 persons he faith. The meeting Rev. J. E. Moore an are conducted by Rev. J. A. Ayearest,

who are earnest The North 28, commencing

Messrs, Mave They experience veying their gat chagrin and disturbed when they were crowded conditions.

Miss Droug t is needless t irst-class prog weather is all

this closing en Harry Hammond in Manitoba and the eight months pros Monday morni

Mrs. James Stewart, who has been suffer ing with a cancer for some time, is gradually sinking and her death is hourly expected.

sum of money in the neighborhood of \$1,500. This the firm thought would help them over their difficulty, but instead of putting it into the business he put it into his pocket and left the town. On Thursday he checked out all the money in the Molsons Bank to the credit of the firm, and took the 5:18 train that afternoon for Toronto, stating to Mr. Head that he would be back in a day or two. One of the creditors is now after Mr. Wheeler with a capias. Wheeler was a warm admirer of Birchall. They both came out here as farm pupils through Ford, Rathbone & Co. He did not find farming congenial to his tastes, and id wheeler, after spending a year or two on a farm near Woodstock, came to town to live. At cricket Wheeler excelled. He is antive of Portsmouth, England, and came to Canada the same year that Birchall did.

WESTERN ONTARIO.

Two murder cases are on the Chatham Assize list.

Mr. J. W. Scott, V. S., of Iowa, formerly of Lobo tewnship, is visiting the scenes of his boyhood.

John Henlen Parentareme, an old British and it is the solice; is starving in Windsor on a pension of 22 cents a day.

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Wedding bells are the order of the day here at present. There are to be two weddings here this week and others are extremely selected soon to follow.

On Wednesday, at the residence of Mrs. Kennedy. Con. 2, the marriage of her his tat

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mocessful ministers in co.

"No, I do not believe in ghosts," said an old lady of great experience, "but I do believe in the ministration of spirits."

This is not the age, nor the country, in which the supernatural flourishes. Interest are publicly professed are rented without great difficulty if the landlord is willing to knock off a portion of the rent.

the rent.

There are many, however, who will admit the exertion, at times, of some peculiar influence swaying our actions. We are led to do things we should not do of our own volition, the wisdom of which we do not appreciate until afterwards, then we wonder how we came to do them. We are forced to learn that worldly wisdom is not always that which guides into the wisest courses. In this practical age results are what people are looking after. They believe in what they see; the "evidence of things not seen" is to be weighed in the future. When a man is sick he wants to get well; he cares little what medical method is employed if it cures. But if it does not cure, he soon begins to doubt the skill of the physician and inquire into his methods of medication. A happy thing it is sometimes if some influence induces investigation before it is too late.

W. O. Higgins, 65 Ferry street, Fair Haven, Conn., writes, June 30, 1890: "One year ago I was taken with terrible pains in my side and back, suffering more than pen case of kidney and liver. I tried several physicians, who informed me I had a bad as provided. Favorable is necessary to make ment the event of the whole has been absent the rent.

There are many, however, who will admit

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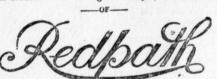
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