

Unanimous approval followed his suggestion; every one was hungry for fruit and sorry for Marty, and Cousin Mary sent down to mother the next week a little fortune for her. There was enough to shingle the roof, enough to buy the shoes, and a plump little nest-egg beside, for Marty to tie up in her handkerchief and hide under the pillow.

Marty's face was as the face of an angel when she received the good news. Her very eyes laughed through her tears. "It's the Lord's doin'," she said softly, "the Lord's own doin'! Thar he was a contrivin' and conjurin' 'bout them shingles, while I misdoubted him! If I'd only stood firm to the faith, and not ben so unscum-cised in heart, I might 'a' knowed that however beat a poor critter feels, his marcy endureth for ever."—*Olive A. Wadsworth, Atlantic Monthly.*

THIS CANADA OF OURS.

WORDS BY J. D. EDGAR.

Let other tongues in older lands,
Loud vaunt their claims to glory,
And chaunt in triumph of the past,
Content to live in story.
Though boasting no baronial halls,
Nor ivy-crested towers,
What past can match thy glorious youth,
Fair Canada of ours?

We love those far off ocean isles,
Where Britain's Monarch reigns,
We'll ne'er forget the good old blood,
That courses thro' our veins;
Proud Scotia's fame, old Erin's name,
And haughty Albion's powers,
Reflects their matchless lustre on
This Canada of ours.

May our Dominion flourish, then;
A goodly land and free,
Where Celt and Saxon, hand in hand,
Hold sway from sea to sea.
Strong arms shall guard our cherished home
When darkest danger lowers,
And with our life blood we'll defend,
This Canada of ours.

THE FAULT OF THE AGE.

FROM THE INDIANAPOLIS JOURNAL.

The fault of the age is a mad endeavor
To leap to heights that were made to climb;
By a burst of strength or a thought that is clever
We plan to outwit and forestall Time.

We scorn to wait for the thing worth having;
We want high noon at the day's dim dawn;
We find no pleasure in toiling and saving
As our forefathers did in the good times gone.

We force our roses before their season
To bloom and blossom that we may wear;
And then we wonder and ask the reason
Why perfect buds are so few and rare.

We crave the gain, but despise the getting;
We want wealth, not as reward, but downer;
And the strength that is wasted in useless fretting
Would fell a forest or build a tower.

To covet the prize, yet to shrink from the winning;
To thirst for glory, yet fear the fight—
Why, what can it lead to at last but sinning,
To mental languor and moral blight?

Better the old slow way of striving
And counting small gains when the year is done,
Than to use our forces all in contriving
And to grasp for pleasures we have not won.

ELLA WHEELER.

Notes and News.

ONTARIO:

At the recent session of the County Council Mr. J. J. Tilley tendered his resignation of the position of public school inspector for Durham County, a position he has filled very satisfactorily for the past sixteen years. He gives up the county inspectorship for the higher position of inspector of Model Schools in Ontario, a position he is eminently qualified to assume, having had much to do with the inauguration and framing of our excellent system of Model Schools.

To-day this county stands in the front rank in the Dominion, educationally, and Mr. Tilley has had very much to do in bringing about this satisfactory state of affairs. In 1876 he introduced competitive examinations, which were continued for five years. During the same time over \$1,400 worth of prizes were awarded to the successful pupils. In 1882 he introduced a system of promotion examinations, and a full report of these examinations and also of the condition of each school has been sent out to trustees, teachers, and leading men of the county. The *Statesman* has given full particulars of these examinations as they occurred.

In 1876 Mr. Tilley was appointed a member of the central committee, which position he held for five years. He has also been an associate examiner of Normal Schools for several years, and has been for the past five years presiding examiner at the intermediate examinations, there being about forty examiners each year, and about 4,000 sets of papers examined. As we have stated, he took an active part in framing the present Model School system, and in connection with the present Minister of Education, has from time to time assisted in their inspection.

In one sense we regret Mr. Tilley's departure from the county, but in view of the promotion he has deservedly received, and the appointment of Mr. W. E. Tilley, M.A., as his successor, we must congratulate him on his preferment, and trust that the educational interests of this county will progress with the times under the new inspector.—*Bowmanville Statesman.*

A female teacher not a thousand miles from St. Marys was hearing a class in spelling and defining words. The word "orphan" had been correctly spelled, but none of them seemed to know its meaning. After asking one or two of them, she said encouragingly, "Now, try again. I am an orphan. Now, can't some of you guess what it means?" The blank look upon their faces remained, until one of the duller scholars raised his hand, and said, with no intention of being saucy, "It's some one who wants to get married, and can't."

What gunpowder did for war, the printing press has done for the mind; and the statesman is no longer clad in the steel of special education, but every reading man is his judge.—*Wendell Phillips.*

Mr. R. Eadie, classical master in the Guelph High School, has resigned his position to accept the principalship of the first ward school, Long Island City, N. Y.

BOWMANVILLE.—The officers elected at the last session of the Durham Teachers' Association were:—President, Dr. Purslow; 1st Vice-President, W. W. Tamblin, M.A.; 2nd Vice-President, Miss King; Secretary, A. Barber; Treasurer, C. Keith; Executive, J. Gillfillan, Bowmanville; G. Andrus, Port Hope; W. W. Jardine, B.A., Newcastle; A. J. Reynolds, Darlington; W. C. Allin, Clarke; R. Davidson, Hope; W. Hickson, Cavan; R. L. Preston, Manvers; A. Gibbard, Cartwright; D. Hampton, Millbrook; Auditors, Miss J. R. Thomas and Mr. James Millar, Bowmanville. The Treasurer's report showed receipts during the year \$140, and expenditure \$100.30, leaving balance in hand \$39.70. The programme as published was carried out; the attendance was small. The presence of Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, added very much to the interest and profit of those in attendance.—*Bowmanville Statesman.*

Mr. D. B. Sawyer, professor of commercial science in the Provincial Normal School here, has in the press a valuable work entitled "Studies of Real Life." It treats of practical education, and its three main studies of shorthand, penmanship, and bookkeeping. Principal McCabe is writing an introduction. Mr. Sawyer this morning received an intimation through His Excellency the Governor-General's Secretary that the Marquis of Lansdowne has been pleased to allow the forthcoming volume to be dedicated to him. This is an exceptional honor to be bestowed upon an author so young in years as Mr. Sawyer, and speaks well for the character of