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### A GYMNASIUM WANTED

A few of our young men who hav long felt the need of some such means of recreation last week tested the feel ings of the citizens, in order to see what assistance they could expect towards establishing a gymnasium in Athens. It is a laudable idea, but unfortunately the encouragement the boys received was somewhat disheartening. Unlike nearly all towns of this size Athens is not favored by having many young men, consequently the few would be handicapped in supporting an institution of this kind. It takes money. If the business men could all be induced to support it there would be no doubt of it being brought to a head and managed successfully. This seems to be the only hope. Will the business men join the boys in the move? Under the circumstances they ought to. All being married men it is quite natural and proper that they should be anxious to spend what little time they have away from their places of business at their homes. But they should take into consideration the young men who hath not yet a home, nearly all of whom are in their employe. Young and old should join hands and become enthusiastic over the gymnasium question, rest not until it is established, and then all enjoy its benefits. None are too old to be improved in health, spirits and looks by receiving proper exercise. Good common sense and lots of exercis would cheat the doctor and druggist out of many a dollar. Stick to it boys and you will surely get what you want. It may take a lot of hammering, but keep right at it. If it takes a great deal of real hard work you will appreciate it all the more when you get it.

# THE READING ROOM

Our readers have been kept in touch for some time with the progress being the long evenings will soon be a thing financial returns are unsatisfactory to reading zoom will be opened on or disliked in British Columbia, and for the best newspapers and magazines. The room has not yet been secured, but much better. In a new mining councommodious and pleasant quarters will try this would be hard to avoid. But be secured in a few days. The rooms will be open to the public; those from awake progressive lot of people in the the country will be just as welcome as far western province. Of course the townspeople. Athens has long felt the need of a reading room, and now that inland point, but his statements were it is about to be opened and we will all quite broad. soon be enjoying it we take off our hats and bow to a few young ladies to whom all the credit is due. We understand caretaker will soon he advertised Would this not be a splendid and offer to look after the , now that the ladies have performgosed gymnasium and reading

> lay a tendency to feel a little that disting-

mall fayors which ought to be readily and thoroughly as boys are ranted. Surely a wrong impression as gone abroad. It would be a lamentable state of affairs if Athens had public servants so narrow-minded and non-progressive as to decline to render sistance in their power, particularly when the facts of the present case sidered. In order to secure the customary government grant it is necessary for the public library and reading room to be under the supervision of the town council. To shoulder this responsibility is what the 'Y's' are about to ask of our townfathers. They would surely not for a moment think of denying this meagre request.

THE CHINESE IN B. C. In the Methodist church here on Sunlay evening Dr. Service, a young man who intends leaving for China in two or three weeks as a missionary, delivered the annual missionary sermon. It was a carefully prepared address teem fying facts. A part of the oration however, calls for a little criticism, Under the various heads he referred in glowing terms to the missionary work in the Canadian northwest and British Columbia. Touching on the Chinese at the coast, in his enthusiasm, he waxed eloquent. He spoke from experience. he said, but did not say in what part of British Columbia he had been. In his anxiety to make out a good case for the Chinaman he led the large audience to believe that the white men were very bad characters, while the Chinese were good boys, quiet, law-abiding citizens their names rarely appeared on the police court records, and their present was really necessary, notwithstanding statements that they are a menace to the welfare of the province. To those unfamiliar with the situation this would sound very nice, but, unfortunately there is another side to the story. The writer spent two years in one of the coast cities, and, being engaged in newspaper work had every opportunity to become well posted on the Chinese question in British Columbia. In all the cities the Chinamen figure prominently in the police court for theft and various other charges. In the provincial gaol and penitentiary about a third of the prisoners are Chinese. Within the last All parts of this great polygot Emfew years several murders have been committed by Chinamen. They are the worst gambling fiends at the coast. So far as being a menace to the welfare of the province is concerned, they undoubtedly are. This is the unanimous view of the newspapers, members of parliament, and nearly all the white population of British Columbia. They and the Japanese are making itquit e difficult for the white man, and even the Indians, to make a living. They live on about a quarter of what it costs a white man, and so work for very much less. For this reason they are neries, railroads, as domestics, and even time they decided to adopts cur mode of living and dress. undertake this immense task they have but the Chinamen will not even think

on the whole there are a good, wide-

doctor may have had in mind some

THE SKILLED FARMER. It is not necessary for a man to be a slave in order to succeed. There are times when he must rise early and portunity for the young men to come work hard, but they are short if he manages right. There is no necessity for a farmer to employ every moment eir part so well. Or better still of his time in all sorts of weather. He front a few miles from Waddington. they not figure on combining the may have time to rest as well as any. It was written on a small sheet of note body in the world. It is not the skilltwo would work admir full farmer who is always rushed the district. It certainly speaks voland worried; it is the man who farms with muscle and allows his brain to become stagnant. The farmer of this day and age must be a reader and a thinker if he would succeed, and the boy who alection of oficers for the comeing year

other skilled recations. There are those who have poked fun at the clodhopper, and depleted his ignorance; but the clod hopper is not a farmer but merely an unskilled laborer. If the farmer wants his son to be some better than an unskilled laborer he should see that he is instructed in the science of Agriculture. We have schools and colleges for that purpose now and they not only teach agriculture as a science but also inculcate love for the farm, and impress upon the boys the fact that the farmer is an important factor in the world, and entitled to as much consideration as the merchant, manufacturer aud banker that the prosperity of the country depends upon his success, and his success depends largely on his skill. The farmer must be a reader and a student. Time spent in reading and study is well spent if he applies the knowledge gained to his vocation, and he should see to ing with many interesting and grati- it that his son is well fitted by both study and experience to farm success fully when he begins for himself. many years boys have been fitted for all vocations but farming. Now Agriculture is rapidly coming to the front, and the farm boys with it, and in a very few years they will stand in the front rank with the world'ss killed

SECRET OF BRITISH STRENGTH.

The London Times calls attention to festure of colonization peculiar to the British when it says : "It is one of the secrets of our Imperial strength that we have ever tried to Angelicise more than the administration of the countries under our sway. We have not done with the French in Canada what Germany is trying to do with the Poles nor shall we dream of trying to stamp out the notional characteristics of the Boers. We shall try simply to make them our friends, and to give them good government which is appreciated by every race." Britain, the back bond of Protestantism is the greatest Catho lic power on earth; the chief promotes of christianity, she rivals the Sultan of Turkey in the number of Moslem subjects; an English power, she embraces those who speak all known languages pire are alike in one respect—human liberty is respected. The only laws which we demand each other shall obey are those which ensure equal justice to all. Time has shown that John Bull keeps faith with his new subjects no matter how inconvenient doing so may prove to him, and however powerless those subjects may be to compel him to do so. It is an Empire built up and held together by good faith.

SIR WILFRID'S FIRMNESS. I. N. Ford's special cable to the N Y. Tribune says many English journals being largely employed in mills, can- find cause for congratulation in the fact that the Imperial conference has made by an energetic band of Athens on the farms. Many whites threaten not advised the United Kingdom to young ladies, in their noble work of to leave the province. The Indian abandon its free trade system and put raising funds to start a reading room makes a more desirable citizen. He on additional revenue duties and then colonies. They do not grasp the idea displayed such an amount of pluck, en- of such a thing. Missionaries in the that the colonies are asked to tax themergy and business-like persistency as to coast cities find it discouraging work selves heavily for the support of miliwin the admiration of all. Their efforts dealing with Chinese. As a rule if they tary and naval armaments, and owing all along have been watched with not a think they can benefit themselves by mainly to the firmness of Sir Wilfrid little interest, as step by step attending the mission school they are Laurier the proposal was rejected. If they raised mite by mite. And new as always on hand, but just so soon as the anything has been proved by the conference it is the impracticability of dis of the past it will be good news to our these astute chaps there are vacant tributing the financial burdens of Imeaders to hear that the long talked-of chairs. The Chinaman is very much perial defence among the colonies un less a preferential arrangement for about the first of October, supplied with very good reasons. It is true there are their benefit can also be made. Sir a few white men there who might be Wilfrid has talked less than Mr. Sheldan, but he has exerted a decided in-

NOTES.

On an average more than three thousand people on the earth die every minute. Just at a thought it seems like it is dangerous to live.

There is money in begging. A woman named Hunter was arrested for begging in Chicago last week and it was discovered that she had amassed the sum of \$50,000 in seven years.

The following notice was taken from umes for the ability of the members of board: Notice is here by given that annual school Meting of District-will be held Aug. 5 at 7:30 1902 for the wishes to become a skilled farmer for the traction of other business that d asking for should fit himself for it as carefully will come before the meeting."

TEMPERANCE LAKE

Mr. Ezra Earl has given his old home a new white dress, and the old garden, with its shrubbery, has passed away, and a handsome fence encloses e lawn in its place.

Milton Mansell's fine swine hou

GREENRISH

The wheat and oat harvest is nearly

Mrs. Fred Billings, of Brockville, is isiting her parents here Mr. W. G. Old's pug dog was killed

by a loaded waggon passing over him.

Mr. Root is operating his provender mill and is giving splendid satisfaction. Richard Kerr has had a cow wander away into the swamp and is unable to

A large number of our people attended the exhibition at Ottawa this

week and report having a good time. The Rev. Mr. Warren, of the Athens Holiness Movement, conducts very interesting religious meetings each Sabbath afternoon.

We are glad to hear that Mr. Rickett's little daughter, stricken down with, blood poisoning, is recovering under Dr. Sharpe's care.

Mr. Edgley has his saw mill and shingle machine running and is pre-pared to take in custom work for all who may need his services.

Mrs. Richard Kerr has returne from the N. W., where she had been visiting her son at Yorkton. She ex-presses herself as highly pleased with the country and people. The crops are record breakers.

MORTON.

We regret to say that Mr. Sam Taber not recovering from the effects o his accident as rapidly as his friends could wish. He leaves to day for Westport to take a course of electrical treatment for his right arm, the hand of which is still entirely useless.

A On Saturday evening about six o'clock James Henderson passed into his eternal rest. Deceased who was in the cighty-sixth year of his age, had been ill about two weeks with pneumonia and heart trouble. The former had been successfully overcome by Dr. Gardiner of Seeley's Bay, but the latter, to which Mr. Henderson had been subject for years, was beyond human aid and ended a gentle, quiet, his wife, some thirteen years ago, Mr. Henderson has made his home with his son, B. N. and family, by whom he has always been treated with the utmost respect and affection and who feel most keenly the loss of the kind and loving old man.

The rain on the evening of Tuesday. Aug. 26, marred what would otherwise have been a most successful social, given by the Presbyterian church here. The crowd was very large and had nearly all been served with refresh-ments, and the program had just com-menced when the first shower scatter ed the crowd who filled to overflowing the small building on the grounds and all the nearest houses. The load from Gananoque took Tefuge at Mr. R. H. Somerville's, those from Jones' Falls at J. R. Eake's and the Lyndhurst people at Sam Taber's The house of Chas. Dawson, Mrs. Wills and B. N. Henderson were also called into requisition by those seeking refuge from the elements. The proceeds amounted to some \$116 a decrease of \$20 from last year. The ladies of the congregation found a rather scrry spectacle awaiting them in the shape of the tables to be cleaned the follow ing morning.

The Dufferin Leader, a Manitoba paner, declares female help is so scarce in the locality tributary to Carman, that 100 girls could easily find employment for the next few months at from \$15 to \$20 per month and board, to assist farmer's wives during the harvest and threshing seasons, which usually extends well into November.

DR. JACKSON.

men and of children, office an Str. West. corner of Kincai west of the Strathcans

It wasn't very nice of the Peter eview to print a marriage no the same issue ask, "Are wo ming scarce ?"—Hamilton S

A very large crowd collected, unday last, at the camp ground. Mr. D. L. Johnson wears a very jubilant smile these days, It's a fine big boy.

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