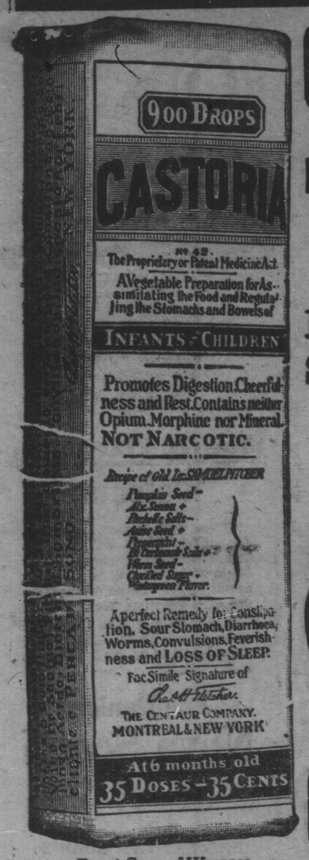

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Middleton

April 5.

Miss Gladys VanBuskirk spent Easter with friends in Halifax.

Miss Ethel Morse of Kings College spent the holidays at home.

Miss Ella Cunningham spent Easter at Kelmarsh Farm with her parents.

Miss Eleanor Morris and Laurence Morris were home for the holidays.

Mr. E. S. Dodge, who has been seriously ill, is slowly improving.

Messrs. Morton and Pheeney of the Commerce Bank, spent Easter in Halifax.

Mr. Louis Slocomb of Acadia, spent the Easter holidays at his home in Port George.

Dr. and Mrs. Durling spent the Easter holiday in Halifax, with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Andrews.

Miss Gretchen Gates and friend Miss Jean Goucher, spent Easter with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Gates.

Miss Baltzer of Yarmouth and Miss Adelaide Baltzer of Truro, spent the Easter holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Baltzer.

Mr. Frank Cameron of the Commerce Bank, spent Easter in Lunenburg with his brother, who is accountant of the Royal Bank of that town.

A large number of people listened with great pleasure to the Jubilee Singers, who sang in the Methodist Church on Saturday evening. They assisted at the evening service on Sunday in the same church.

Mrs. Chas. Sellars passed away on Easter morning at ten o'clock. She leaves a husband, a son and a daughter, Mr. Fred Sellars and Mrs. Alburn Marshall of this town. Much sympathy is felt for the bereaved family.

Those who spent the Easter holidays at home from the Normal College, Truro, were: Miss Marguerite Young, Miss Guinevere Gwillim of Middleton, Miss Pauline Neily of Brooklyn, Miss Mildred Reagh of Victoriavale, and Miss Hattie Ritcey of Nictaux Falls.

MELVERN SQUARE

April 5.

Mrs. Robt. Feltus of Lawrencetown, lately visited her sister, Mrs Duncan Smith on Pleasant Street.

Miss Annie Martin has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. Burpee R. Morse of Kingston, during the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hilton of Vermont, are in Melvern, having rented the home of Lieut. Scott McNeil for the summer.

Mr. Carey Phinney of Paradise, accompanied by a friend, made a flying trip to North Kingston on Saturday last, calling on relatives in Melvern Square on his way home.

Easter Day was ushered in by a disagreeable snow storm, cutting down the attendance at church, proving a disappointment to those who had the new Easter hat, etc., and interferring somewhat with the special Easter music,—but Easter all the same!

Quite a number of our Melvern friends are on the sick list this week suffering from bad colds, which seem to be somewhat contagious, whole families being afflicted at one time. Mumps are also going the rounds, and a "sore time" is expected by the few who have escaped them, so far.

Despite the very cold winds of Sabbath, March 28th, a large number from this place attended the dedication services in the new Methodist Church at Kingston, and all felt well repaid for going. Throughout the day good services and splendid music held the close attention of large congregations, the congregation in the evening being, perhaps, the largest of any, over five hundred being present. As to the hospitality of the people of Kingston and vicinity, too much cannot be said of them in that line, and may these good people long live to enjoy their fine, commodious church.

Several changes have taken place in Melvern recently, and "moving day" is still held in anticipation by some. The little place on the "corner," which has been the property of Vinten P. Smith, has been sold to Mr. Percy Demmons, and Mr. Demmons and family will move in shortly. Mr. Vinten P. Smith and family intend moving to North Kingston about the 15th, where Mr. Smith has purchased a farm in that locality lately owned by his brother.

Mr. Harvey Morse has purchased part of the farm on the opposite corner of Melvern, which has been the property of Mr. Fred Munro of Kingston Village for some time past.

Mr. Harvey Morse, with Mr. Hardy Morse and family, took possession of their new home last week.

Lawrencetown

Mrs. I. C. Archibald was in Halifax over Sunday.

Mr and Mrs T. G. Bishop spent Easter in Bear River.

Miss Molly Balcom is visiting relatives at Kingston for a few days.

Mr. Joseph Anderson spent last week with his daughter and family, Mrs. L. W. Durling.

B. R. Hall of Acadia University, was a week-end guest of Mr and Mrs W. H. Phinney.

Messrs. Freeman Fitch and L. H. Stoddart have returned from Boston each with a new auto.

L. W. Durling is preparing to build a house on the lot east of his residence, either to sell or to let.

Miss Grace Jefferson is spending the Easter holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Jefferson.

We are sorry to report the illness of Mr. John Brown, who is suffering from an attack of la grippe.

Mrs A. F. Pollard will be occupying her handsome new residence on Bridge Street in a few weeks.

W. C. MacPherson is driving a matched pair of horses, full brothers, Hackneys, four and three years old.

A large number of our citizens have the "moving fever," and a great many changes are to be made this Spring.

Miss Annie Freeman of Normal College, is enjoying a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Freeman.

Much sympathy is felt—for Miss Leck in the sad bereavement of the death of her father, which occurred so suddenly.

Miss Annie Jackson of Paradise, had charge of the Intermediate Department last week, in the absence of Miss Leck.

Good reports continue to arrive from Dr. Young. We hope to be able to chronicle the date of his return in another week or two.

C. W. Hanley leaves today (Monday) for Aylesford, where he will be engaged in his occupation as barber, for an indefinite period.

Services for Sunday, April 11th: Baptist, 11 a.m.; Methodist, 11 a.m.; Mission Band, 3 p.m.; Episcopal 3 p.m.; Baptist, 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. N. Layte and son spent the holiday in Kentville, and will be accompanied on her return by Miss Pauline, who is attending the Normal School.

Mrs. L. T. Harlow has sustained two strokes of paralysis, and is consequently in an extremely critical condition. Much sympathy is felt and expressed.

Quite a number from Lawrencetown attended the concert on Saturday evening given by the Canadian Jubilee Singers in the Methodist Church at Middleton.

Miss Josie Banks is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr and Mrs B. S. Banks. Miss Laura Payson of Meadowvale, has been a guest at the same home

Mrs. Brignal, who has been spending the winter months with her sister Mrs H. H. Whitman, returned to her home in New Brunswick, last week, accompanied by Mrs. Whitman.

Rev. Mr. Eaton and bride, en route for Bridgewater last week, were guests of Rev. H. G. and Mrs. Mellick. Also Miss Merry of Albany was a visitor at the parsonage for a few days.

Mr. G. Covert has been courteous in offering to contribute clams for a supper to be given by the Belgian Relief Committee on Tuesday evening the 13th inst. Trust all who read will attend.

Many are in town for the Eastertide. Among them are Misses Hazel Balcom, Vivian Phinney, Josie Banks, Ida Banks, Minnie Banks and Annie Freeman, Messrs Vernon Stoddart and Cardie Palfrey.

The weather was very unfavorable on Sunday for Easter hats and costumes, and "the young ladies in a state of agitation" referred to by the Belleisle correspondent had plenty of company in their disappointment. "Misery likes company."

Principal B. S. and Mrs. Banks entertained the students of the 11th Grade, including a number of other young friends on Thursday evening last, and on Good Friday the pupils of the outside sections returned to their respective homes to enjoy the Easter holidays with their parents.

F. A. Walker of Miami, Florida, formerly of this place, and of whom so many remember as a boy, and after years an optician, writes that the weather has been quite cool in Florida this winter, sometimes the thermometer down to 60 degrees and cold enough for a frost one night. Fred is carrying on an extensive and successful business in the jewelry line in connection with the optical work, having one of the finest and best stocked stores in the city of Miami. This shows us that all boys with honesty and uprightness and push can make their mark in life.

The last meeting of the Literary Club for the season met at the home of Mr and Mrs W. W. Bent on Wednesday evening, and the following program was successfully carried out:

Orchestra Selection.
Roll Call, responded to by qoutations from Canadian authors.
Current Events. Mr. F. G. Palfrey.
Orchestra Selection.
Duet. Mrs. W. W. Bent and Mr. Moore.
Paper by Rev. H. G. Mellick, which was greatly appreciated.
Last chapter of story, "Prodigal Twins," by Miss Ethel Fitch.
Orchestra Selection.
Address by the President, Dr. J. B. Hall.
Remarks and vote of thanks to the President, by Mr. Wm. Whinyard, and seconded by Rev. Mr. Mellick, with a few well chosen words of appreciation.

Editor in the Poor House

A Visit to the County Alms House at Bridgetown

(Middleton Outlook.

I went to the Poor House on Monday; not a surprising thing for an Editor to do in these days of financial stringency.

The occasion reminded me of what an old friend of mine living at Highbury near Kentville used to say. He would observe "I expect to go to the Poor House some time as that is the only way I can get back the money I have been paying out for years as poor rates."

But it was not to recover my poor taxes that I visited the Alms House at Bridgetown, but in connection with a reference to the institution made in these columns two weeks ago. The reference was to a statement contained in a letter received by the "Outlook" charging that the inmates of the Alms House were being used cruely.

Superintendent Myers received me courteously and showed me through the buildings. The main building is a staunch four story brick edifice and there is a small wooden building adjoining for the accommodation of the colored inmates of the institution. A very neat hall or chapel, a carriage house and a barn complete the buildings.

A number of improvements were noticable since I last visited the Alms House nearly 20 years ago. Among these was the introduction of iron bedsteads and spring matresses in all the sleeping rooms.

The clean appearance of both the inmates and the rooms is noticeable. Enquiries elicited from Supt. Myers the information that under the rules of the institution every inmate is to take a bath at least once a week.

With new comers there is often trouble over this regulation as they fear that they will take cold in bathing. Occasionally a person has to be put into the tub by force, but they soon become friendly to the bath.

The bathing regulation is found to be the necessary precaution to guard against the introduction of contageous diseases and vermin.

Another noticeable thing is that the inmates all appear to be contented. I spoke to several with whom I was acquainted. For instance young Geer, son of the late Mike Geer at one time leader of the Middleton brass band spoke cheerfully of his quarters.

Thos. Jones of Port George was another with whom I talked a few minutes. "I like the place very much" he said "I am sorry that I did not come here sooner" he added.

That oil lamps are used for lighting was a surprise to me. With so many aged persons in the house the danger of fire from the use of lamps must be great. The installation of electric lights is a needed improvement which would greatly lessen the fire danger.

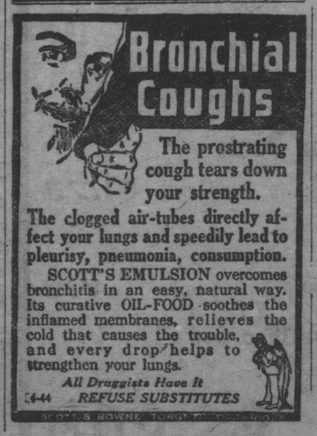
The plan for escape from the top floor in case of fire is also bad. A trap door is provided in place of fire escapes, but the occupants of this floor must depend upon persons on the floor below to adjust the ladder at the trap door in case of a fire. If a panic should prevail on the lower floor, the chances of those on the top floor escaping by the trap door would be small.

In conversing with Mr. Myers I learned that the improvement most desired by him is a remodeling of the building and grounds so the sexes can be entirely separated. This would greatly lessen the responsibilities of the manager, but the expense of making the change would be considerable.

During my visit I saw nothing to suggest anything like cruelty, or undue severity toward the inmates, on the contrary everything suggests that the unfortunates who are obliged to seek a home here are made comfortable and as happy as such circumstances permit. To satisfy myself in this matter I interviewed several persons who frequently visit the institution and they all expressed the opinion that the inmates are fortunate in Mr. Myers as the superintendent.

Among those with whom I talked were Coun. J. I. Foster for eight years a member of the Municipal Council and as such a regular visitor Dr. DeBlois one of the attending physicians during the 9 years of Mr. Myers superintendency and a dozen years more and Dr. M. E. Armstrong an attending physician for 12 years. Both the physicians assured me that they had never seen a scratch or bruise suggesting ill treatment of any inmates of the Alms House.

FRED E. COX.



To Stop Spying In Canada.

Regulations for the prevention of espionage in Canada have been passed by the Government.

The publication of information as to the movements of troops or ships is forbidden, and also information with regard to defence measures of a kind to be useful to the enemy. No person is allowed to make sketches or photographs of defended harbors, to interfere with telegraphic or telephonic transmission of information, to give intoxicating liquor to a soldier with a view of eliciting information from him for the enemy, or if a sentry, to seduce him from his post, to be in possession of explosives in the vicinity of any railway, dock, or harbor, or to spread reports likely to create disaffection or alarm among his Majesty's forces or the civilian population.

Regulations are made for the extinguishing of lights near defended harbors, and for inhabitants to remain indoors within certain periods to be fixed by some competent military or naval authority.

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Pipefish.

The pipefish take care of their young in a manner that is entirely peculiar. The newly laid eggs are taken care of by the male, which has a sort of fold on each side of its body. Beneath the "flaps" he keeps the eggs until the young are hatched and sufficiently grown to take care of themselves. While in the "flap" they are fed by the mother, upon whom falls the duty of foraging around for food.

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