

English exchanges announce the death of Benjamin Philpot, formerly Archdeacon of the Isle of Man, which occurred at Surbiton on May 28. He lived to the age of ninety-nine, and is said to have been at the time of his death the oldest clergyman in the Church of England. He startled a congregation in Suffolk recently by telling them that the last time he preached in that church was in the year of the battle of Waterloo. He retained full possession of his faculties until the last.

HERE'S SOMETHING QUEER.—The following is a very curious puzzle: Open a book at random and select a word within the first ten lines and within the tenth word from the end of the line. Mark the word. Now double the number of the page and multiply the sum by five. Then add twenty. Then add the number of the line you have selected. Then add five. Multiply the sum by ten. Add the number of the word in the line. From this sum subtract 250, and the remainder will indicate in the unit column the number of the word; in the ten column the number of the line, and the remaining figures the number of the page.

The lack of the right kind of food, says Dr. Talmage, is the cause of much of the drunkenness. After drinking what many of our grocers call coffee, sweetened with what many call sugar, and eating what many of our butchers call meat, and chewing what many of our bakers call bread, many of our labouring classes feel so miserable that they are tempted to put into their nasty pipes what the tobacconist calls tobacco, or go into the drinking saloons for what the rum-sellers call beer. Good coffee would do much to drive out bad rum. Adulteration of food has got to be an evil against which all the health officers and all the ministers and all the reformers and all the Christians need to set themselves in battle array.

BABIES FOR A SHILLING.—Derbyshire is being amused by the story of a laughable incident which occurred in one of the small parish churches in the highlands of that county. The curate was directed by the vicar to make two announcements, one about a forthcoming baptismal service, and the other referring to some new hymn books. At the proper time the curate said: "For the future, 'Hymns, Ancient and Modern,' will be used in this church. There will be a baptism of infants here next Sunday. All persons wishing to have their children baptized must send in their names to the vicar before Wednesday." The vicar, who is somewhat deaf, noticed the curate's voice cease, but, not observing that the order of notices had been reversed, added: "And I should like further to mention that those who wish to have some of the latter can, on applying at the vicarage, obtain them for one shilling each, or, with extra strong backs, for eighteen pence."—*Belfast (Ireland) Witness.*



A GENIUS OF AN ARTIST.

MRS. MORNINGDEW: Look here, Mr. Artist, those greasy spots on the wall are very unsightly; couldn't you fix them up a bit?

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HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS.

All even numbered sections, excepting 8 and 26, are open for homestead and pre-emption entry.

ENTRY.
Entry may be made personally at the local land office in which the land to be taken is situate, or if the homesteader desires, he may, on application to the Minister of the Interior, Ottawa, or the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, receive authority for some one near the local office to make the entry for him.

DUTIES.
Under the present law homestead duties may be performed in three ways:
1. Three years' cultivation and residence, during which period the settler may not be absent for more than six months in any one year without forfeiting the entry.
2. Residence for three years within two miles of the homestead quarter section and afterwards next prior to application for patent, residing for 3 months in a habitable house erected upon it. Ten acres must be broken the first year after entry, 15 acres additional in the second, and 15 in the third year; 10 acres to be in crop the second year, and 25 acres the third year.
3. A settler may reside anywhere for the first two years, in the first year breaking 5 acres, in the second cropping said 5 acres and breaking additional 10 acres, also building a habitable house. The entry is forfeited if residence is not commenced at the expiration of two years from date of entry. Thereafter the settler must reside upon and cultivate his homestead for at least six months in each year for three years.

APPLICATION FOR PATENT
may be made before the local agent, any homestead inspector, or the intelligence officer at Medicine Hat or Qu'Appelle Station.
Six months' notice must be given in writing to the Commissioner of Dominion Lands by a settler of his intention prior to making application for patent.
Intelligence offices are situate at Winnipeg, Qu'Appelle Station and Medicine Hat. Newly arrived immigrants will receive, at any of these offices, information as to the lands that are open for entry, and from the officers in charge, free of expense, advice and assistance in securing lands to suit them.

A SECOND HOMESTEAD
may be taken by any one who has received a homestead patent or a certificate of recommendation, countersigned by the Commissioner of Dominion Lands, upon application for patent made by him prior to the second day of June, 1887.
All communications having reference to lands under the control of the Dominion Government, lying between the eastern boundary of Manitoba and the Pacific Coast, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Ottawa, or to H. H. Smith, Commissioner of Dominion Lands, Winnipeg, Manitoba.
A. M. BURGESS,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.
Department of the Interior,
Ottawa, Sept. 2, 1889.