

Facing the Music.

How often we find ourselves confronted with duties that we dread to undertake. We know they must be performed, but we try to shirk them, put them off, forget about them, or in some way escape the task. Emerson says: "Do the thing you are afraid to do." It is the brave front that impresses an enemy. No doubt many a heart in that steadily marching host is beating with fear: many a soldier has confessed to an overwhelming terror which seized him in his first battle, and an almost uncontrollable desire to turn his back on the foe and make a dash for safety. But in spite of himself he was borne forward and soon his own fears were forgotten in the excitement of conflict and the in-born passion for conquest.

We often have to fight such battles with ourselves, but we should remember that difficulties when boldly confronted lose half their formidable appearance and we are often surprised to find how easily they are overcome. Even the little things of life cause us annoyance many times and become real bugbears if we allow them to. I knew a woman who disliked excessively to wash dishes, but I had often observed her clear off the table, pile up the soiled dishes and no matter what else came along to claim her attention, that job was done first. "Why don't you leave your dishes for a while," I said to her "and see to this other matter at once?" "No, indeed," she replied, "I hate to wash dishes, so I always do it right away and then I do not have it to think about. I consider that woman the truest philosopher I have ever met, or have ever read about."—From an article in the Northwestern Agriculturist.

Reading the Riot Act.

What is commonly meant by "reading the riot act" is better known than the origin of the phrase. The historical riot act was passed by the British parliament in the reign of George I., in 1714. It enacted that felony is committed when 12 or more persons unlawfully, riotously and tumultuously assemble together to the disturbance of the public peace so to continue together for an hour after being commanded to disperse by the sheriff or under sheriff or a justice or the mayor of the borough. In the "reading" of the British riot act—as in Belfast the other day—which is a necessary preliminary to its being put in operation it is not customary to recite the whole of the statute which is rather a long one but only the following proclamation, which it contains:

"Our sovereign lord the king chargeeth and commandeth all persons being assembled immediately to disperse themselves to their habitations or to their lawful business upon the pains contained in the act made in the first year of King George, for preventing tumults and riotous assemblies. God save the king."

A Pastoral

It was a beautiful night. The gentle zephyrs of the evening played musically amid the silky leaves of the turnip trees and the onion bushes and wafted from across the distant fields the delicate fragrance of the glowing cabbage and the far off odor of the bean trees. "Betsy," he cooed, as they sat on the rickety wooden fence surrounding Mrs. Filligan's pigsty, "Ow bee-s, utifel is luv! Jes' think ov it Betsy. Wen we are married we'll have a pig all our, all ourselves."

CHOP STUFF.

D. E. Wallace's saw mill at Thamesville was burned recently. Rev. D. Dack, pastor of the Strathroy Baptist church, has resigned. Mr. John Hamilton, a well-known jeweler, of Alvinston, died recently. Dr. Kilbourn, of Parkhill, has purchased a lucrative practice in Toronto. The corner stone of the new English church at Arkona was laid Friday, Sept. 20th. The G. T. R. will erect a new 1,000 barrel water tank a short distance west of Wyoming. P. J. McEwen, Kertch, has been appointed tax collector for Plympton, for 1907, at a salary of \$50. The Bear Creek Presbyterian church of Moore Township, celebrated its fifty-first anniversary, the 7th inst. The Alvinston canning factory is busy canning plums, over 1,500 baskets have already been shipped in. Benjamin Buckle, an English emigrant who lived at Pt. Edward, has deserted his wife and five small children. The Crown Bank of Canada has purchased the bank at Inwood and banking business of Thomas Bros. and took possession on Monday last.

Rev. W. G. Richardson, of Wyoming, has received a call to Auburn and Smith's Hill congregations, Huron County.

The death of John A. Burgess, a prominent business man of Wallaceburg, occurred on the 6th inst., aged 54 years.

Petrolia council has decided to pave the Main street of that place from the M. C. R. railway crossing to Bear Creek bridge.

Mr. W. D. Sutton, ex-reeve and for many years a most successful man of Oil Springs, has removed with his family to Hamilton.

The house of Mr. John McDougall, 6th line of Plympton, was struck by lightning and totally destroyed, during a recent thunder storm.

Miss Mary Galloway, daughter of Mr. Wm. Galloway, Oil Springs, has been appointed to the important position of Superintendent of the Victoria Order of Nurses in Winnipeg.

Wm. King, charged with the theft of an oil skin coat and overcoat, the property of Joseph Monaghan, of Point Edward, was before Judge MacWatt. He was discharged with a caution.

Court of appeal on the Bosanquet voters' list was held before Judge McWatt on Friday last. Not an appeal was allowed, as one of the appellants resides in Forest, whereas the new Act says the appellant must be a resident of the municipality. The other appellant did not sign his notices, and the judge through out the whole lot.

A St. Thomas dispatch says that Mr. George Copeland, a Lambeth man, yesterday dropped a wallet containing \$140 and a note for over \$5,000 somewhere about the Wabash depot there. Later the wallet was found and returned to the owner, who discovered that \$20 and the note were missing. Payment on the note was, of course stopped, but Mr. Copeland is still seeking the \$20.

A very happy family reunion was witnessed at the home of one of Brooke's highly respected pioneers, in the person of Mr. B. Zavitz, on Monday, Sept. 2nd, it being his 68th birthday. While the family were enjoying social intercourse Mr. Adams appeared on the scene and photographed the family and their beautiful home, after which all sat down to a tasty luncheon at which the most pleasant chit-chats were indulged in. About 10 p.m. all scattered to their respective homes agreeing they had spent a most enjoyable time.

On Friday last Harvey and Addison Bossenberry, of the Imperial Hotel, Grand Bend, appeared before T. Parkinson, J. P., Theford, on a charge of allowing gambling on their premises contrary to the Liquor License Act. It appears that on Aug. 8th last a gambling device of some kind was operated in the grove belonging to the Bossenberrys. The charge was laid by G. Down, county constable. The witnesses were John R. Young, Fred Iise, R. Pollock, R. Hamilton and G. Walker. L. Dickson, of Exeter, appeared for the Bossenberrys. The evidence taken was submitted to the Crown Attorney.

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

The Tragedy in the Life of a Russian Military Officer.

Lieutenant von Lemsberg of the Russian guards endured thirty-one years of penal exile and penal service in Siberia. He was in his day a fine looking and highly accomplished officer. Like many of his fellows, he borrowed money from City Councillor Wlassow, an old, good natured bachelor. Young von Lemsberg's notes continued to grow, and the old money lender threatened to sue unless some of them were redeemed. Then the young lieutenant became engaged to the daughter of Count Tolleben and called on Wlassow to tell him the news and to ask for time. "You wait," said he, in a sneering way, "I'll give you a wedding present to be remembered." Believing this to have been a threat, the lieutenant called at the house the next day and deliberately cut his throat. He opened the old man's desk to find his promissory notes and discovered them neatly tied up, marked "Paid" and a document by which he would have become the heir of the man he had murdered. Overcome by remorse he surrendered to the authorities and was sentenced to life servitude in Siberia. Because of good conduct his irons were taken off after seven years, he married a woman who went into voluntary exile to be near a relative, started a vegetable shop in the penal settlement which grew until it became a great mercantile establishment, and when the war with Japan broke out he volunteered, became an officer, was decorated for bravery and received a full pardon.

The Old Stagecoach.

Those who are accustomed to look back with longing eyes to the "good old days" will find it interesting to learn that in the middle of the eighteenth century the common carrier between Selkirk and Edinburgh, a distance of thirty-eight miles, required two weeks to make the journey. In 1778 it took a day and a half for a stagecoach to go from Edinburgh to Glasgow, only forty-four miles away. About the same time the swiftest stages seldom covered the road between Edinburgh and London, 310 miles, in less than two weeks, an average speed of about twenty-two miles a day.

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DR. BUTLER, London, will be at Watford, Roche House, on following days: Monday, Sept. 30th; Nov. 4th; Dec. 2nd, after 3 p. m. Eye, ear, nose and throat, consultations. Eyes tested for glasses.

CARD OF THANKS.—Mr. and Mrs. John H. Chatterton wish to thank the friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the illness and at time of the death of their child.

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