

month of previous years. The fall of rain, 7th, 8th and 9th, was 4.092 inches in depth, and a report from Chisholm's Rapids, 14 miles from Belleville, states that 7 inches (!) by measurement fell there on the 7th. The observer reports a fall of 2.812 inches during about 12 hours, commencing at 4.45 P.M., 25th. Rain on 7th, 8th, 9th, 20th, 25th, 26th.

CORNWALL.—A very pleasant month, as in 1864. On 17th and 20th, two violent thunderstorms. Windstorms, 17th and 19th. Rain, 1st, 7th, 8th, 17th, 20th, 26th.

GODERICH.—On 3rd, belt of auroral cloud at 11 P.M., from W to E, 4° wide, a few degrees S of Z. 14th, lightning. 15th, rainbow in E at 5 P.M. 16th and 18th, thunder. 20th, lightning, thunder and rain. 26th, rainbow in E at 4, 4.30, 5, and 5.30 P.M. (double), with showers between. 29th, at 10.15 P.M., a small meteor seen in NNW, passing from 70° to 50° above H to NNE, and then bursting with colored light—slight inclination to H. Wind storms, 4th, 5th, 27th, 28th. Fog, 1st. Rain, 7th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 27th.

HAMILTON.—On 1st, white frost, first of season. 3rd, auroral streamers and a bright band. 4th, a few streamers and an ordinary arch. 5th, a few streamers and faint arch. 14th, clouds at 8 P.M. from N to SW, with very faint streamers. 27th, aurora just visible at 7 P.M.; at 7.20 streamers quite distinct, and arch from NE to NW, 15° high; 7.40, arch bright and longer towards W, streamers very faint; 8 P.M., streamers disappearing and arch separating into two, the second lower; at 9 P.M. but one arch, very bright from N to NW, streamers perceptible E of N; at 12.30 streamers brighter, all else subsiding. 16th, lightning, thunder and rain. 20th, lightning. 25th, thunder and rain. 24th, an ordinary meteor at 7.30 P.M., 30° high, fell S. The week ending 25th was the warmest of the season—mean temp. 70°.10. Frost, 1st, 27th. Wind storms, 4th, 6th, 16th, 25th. Fogs, 8th, 18th, 23rd. Rain, 7th, 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th. The rain, 7th, began from SE, which is unusual, and by noon it had veered round to NE.

PEMBROKE.—On 2nd, very brilliant aurora—sheets of pale light flashing from NH to Z, and four stationary masses of light in tiers parallel with H, the highest a little E of Z. 5th, shooting star. 14th and 15th, dew very heavy. 18th and 28th, fog too dense to observe appearance of sky. 17th, 20th, 25th, lightning with thunder and rain. 20th, lightning in evening and thunder at noon. 28th, ice formed in morning. The storm of 26th and 27th was followed by great and sudden change of temperature. Wind storms, 5th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 21st, 26th—27th. Fogs, 13th, 18th, 22nd, 23rd. Rain, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 17th, 20th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th. Harvest later than last year, but crops good and well secured. Temperature unusually high and rainfall large.

PETERBOROUGH. On 1st, four small falling stars observed; faint arch of auroral light over NH at 8.10 P.M., disappeared soon after 9 P.M. 2nd, auroral light shewing over strati at N. 3rd, auroral light appearing through cloud about 10 P.M. 5th, faint auroral light at 8.4 P.M., and a streamer for 12 minutes; two stray swallows seen to-day. 6th, three swallows seen. 13th, at 8.20 P.M., a low narrow auroral arch over NH; about 8.40, a few streamers, very broad arch growing brighter and many bright streamers; at NWZ a faint crimson hue lasted for some time—soon after NH and NZ full of auroral light, interspersed with light streamers; about 10.40, groups of light streamers standing on arches. 20th, silent lightning constantly playing from about 7 P.M. till near 10—a heavy hail storm reported to have occurred at this time about 17 miles to NE. 27th, spiculae of ice on small pools; at 9 P.M. auroral light and many quickly moving streamers at NH. 28th, cucumbers, melons and tomatoes killed by frost. 29th and 30th, low arch of faint auroral light. Frost, 1st, 2nd, 11th, 27th, 28th. Fogs, 11th, 13th, 14th, 16th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Rain, 7th, 8th, 9th, 17th, 25th, 26th. During one fall the depth was 4.104 inches in 41 hours. A pleasant and genial month, occasionally sultry as July. Mean temperature unusually high.

SIMCOE.—Lightning with thunder and rain, 17th and 20th. Frost, 1st and 2nd. Rain, 7th, 8th, 17th, 21st, 22nd, 27th.

STRATFORD.—Lightning with thunder and rain, 16th, 20th, 25th. Frost, 1st, 2nd, 10th, 27th, 28th. Fogs, 3rd, 17th, 23rd, 24th, 27th. Rain, 6th, 7th, 8th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 22nd, 25th, 26th.

WINDSOR.—9th, two meteors from N towards SW. 11th, meteor in E towards H. 14th, lunar halo, also 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, 22nd, 23rd, 24th. Frost, 27th, 28th. Rain, 6th, 7th, 11th, 15th, 16th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 25th, 26th.

V. Miscellaneous.

1. "SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS."

"In the morning sow thy seed, and in the evening withhold not thine hand; for thou knowest not whether shall prosper, either this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good."—Ecc. xi. 6.

Sow ye beside all waters,
Where the dew of heaven may fall;
Ye shall reap, if ye be not weary,
For the Spirit breathes o'er all.
Sow, though the thorns may wound thee;
One were the thorns for thee:
And, though the cold world scorn thee,
Patient and hopeful be.
Sow ye beside all waters,
With a blessing and a prayer;
Name Him whose hand upholds thee,
And sow thou everywhere.
Sow when the sunlight sheddeth
Its warm and cheering ray;
For the rain of heaven descendeth
When the sunbeams pass away,
Sow when the tempest lours,
For calmer days will break;

And the seed, in darkness nourished,
A goodly plant will make.
Sow when the morning breaketh
In beauty o'er the land;
And, when the evening falleth,
Withhold not thou thine hand.

Sow, though the rock repel thee,
In its cold and sterile pride,
Some cleft may there be riven,
Where the little seed may hide.
Fear not, for some will flourish;
And, though the tares abound,
Like the willows by the waters
Will the scattered grain be found.
Work while the daylight lasteth,
Ere the shades of night come on;
Ere the Lord of the vineyard cometh,
And the labourer's work is done.

Work in the wild waste places,
Though none thy love may own;
God marks the down of the thistle
The wandering wind hath sown.
Will Jesus chide thy weakness,
Or call thy labour vain?
The word that for Him thou bearest
Shall return to Him again.
On! with thy heart in Heaven,
Thy strength—thy Master's might,
Till the wild waste places blossom
In the warmth of a Saviour's light.

Sow by the wayside gladly,
In the damp dark caverns low,
Where the sunlight never reacheth,
Nor healthful streamlets flow;
Where the withering air of poison
Is the young bud's earliest breath,
And the wild unwholesome blossom
Bears in its beauty—death.
The ground impure, o'ertridden
By life's disfiguring years,
Though blood and guilt have stained it,
May yet be soft from tears.

Watch not the clouds above thee,
Let the whirlwind round thee sweep;
God may the seed-time give thee,
But another's hand may reap.
Have faith, though ne'er beholding
The seed burst from its tomb,
Thou know'st not which may prosper,
Or whether all shall bloom.
Room on the narrowest ridges
The ripening grain will find,
That the Lord of the harvest coming,
In the harvest sheaves may bind.

From "Whispers in the Palms," by Anna Shipton.

2. BOYS WITHOUT HEADS AND BOYS WITHOUT HEARTS.

We clip the following from Frank Leslie's *Boys and Girls Weekly* :—

There are two classes of boys I want to talk to you about—Boys Without Heads, and Boys Without Hearts. Ah, you laugh at me, do you, and think I am joking? But I will give you two cases of boys I know, and you will see what I mean.

Tom Trigger was a boy without a head. He looked upon the world as a very jolly sort of place, where there was plenty of fun to be had, plenty to eat and drink, and lots of time to do it in. He looked upon school as a place where boys were punished because they were not born clever, and he wished people learned geography and history as birds learned to sing and to build their nests. He looked upon books as all very well in their way, but not much use unless they had something in them about giants or hobgoblins. When he went out for a walk, he regarded a river as a capital invention for playing duck-and-drake in; a tree as a very useful thing, if it bore chestnuts or apples; and a meadow as a very desirable thing, if it had a nice even strip, with not too much grass, for ball. The moon he did not believe to be made of cream cheese, nor did he think the stars were diamonds; if he thought about them at all, it was only to wonder what a pity they were not all of them a little bigger, and able to give as much light as the sun. Tom Trigger was, of course, a dunce; it wasn't because he could not learn, but he did not see what use it was to bother himself about thinking. People liked him because he was very kind and very unselfish. If he saw a poor sailor sitting by the path with a big picture of a ship wrecked at sea, and a whale about three times the size of the ship