

unless by some king or noted showman, is the misbegotten child of morbid vanity and mothered by faith in a patient public—producing nothing but personal pronouns—I, I, I, in capitals. The Frenchman has a better chance, with his modest little “je” and lower case egotism.

However, here are 15 years in 15 lines, of 15 words to the line. average, without an eye. Struck Chatham, Oct. '80. Eighteen months local editor Tribune; 18 months Planet and stumping in Henry Smyth's first campaign, 9 months editor Dresden Times. Balance in Chatham, except 5 days' trip to Toledo and Detroit, when we fished information about Tighe & Stringer's bean cars spoiled in flood, and I was pelted with beans by 40 Italian picker girls, and except five days visit to Toronto and a month in Windsor. Lectured in Kent and Essex. Spoke to 2,000 people in Dresden. Spoke in French and English in Clancey's campaign. Published “Muskoka sketch,” in Dresden. Stumped Dawn with Sheriff Mackellar and MacNabb, P. M., for E & H. bonus. “Roaring Jim,” beat us. Spoke for same bonus in Dresden—big success. Never got my ears frozen. Never got LaGrippe, nor Diphtheria, nor Typhoid. Never a day sick in bed. Never got Appendicitis through having eaten 36,506 grape seeds. Hardest job in the whole 15 years, was, by request, to rehash my speech at the Skating Rink picnic, at a moment's notice, and remodel it with precisely the same ideas reclothed, as if I were giving new points, in order to hold crowd till Collector could come round with the hat. Represented Mayor Carpenter at laying corner stone of St. Joseph's Hospital. Wrote reams of poetry, good, bad and indifferent, mainly the last sort. Am candidate for British Post-Lauresteship.

CHATHAM GENERALLY

Founded, 1795; incorporated village, 1852; town, 1855; separated from County Council, 1880; \$100,000 spent by citizens, '95. Railway connections through five lines, and with great lakes via Thames. Contains confluence of Thames and MacGregor's creek, and intersection of four Townships of Kent, of which it is County town and exact geometrical centre. Also commercial centre of large portions of adjoining counties of Elgin, Essex, Lambton and part of Middlesex. Kent, agriculturally, garden of Ontario, as Ontario is garden of Canada. Very mild, healthy climate—proof, rugged tough old Chathamites. Well supplied with churches, their affiliated societies, charitable institutions, and fraternal and benevolent societies. Education from a, b, c, and Kindergarten to Collegiate Institute, where University work is handled by University specialists. Great sporting city. Population 10,000. Will grow.

CLIMATE AND HEALTH

The climate is very mild for Canada. We are in the latitude of the south of France, almost at the extreme south of Canada, and the winter is tempered by the influence of the great lakes which surround the Peninsula. Hence we are in the limited pear-raising, and still more restricted peach-growing region of Canada, while sweet potatoes and other semi-tropical products can be cultivated. The ground is bare and brown here, while 50 miles east or north all is white. Indeed, some winters here we have practically no snow. Such was my first winter, when, I don't believe we had 24