



L. BROWN, ONE OF THE BADGE WEARERS.

The chronic use of slang is like habitual profanity—meaningless to both speaker and hearer, and utterly absurd. Occasionally an expression is coined which lives and gradually passes into the fold of pure speech, but it is only occasionally, and the expression must have had force and meaning when originated and it must have filled a want that words of good usage did not supply. But these are rare exceptions, and the great bulk of slang words and phrases go out of fashion and die and are succeeded by others as inane and short-lived. The files of the popular paper of 1906 will be almost unintelligible to the reader of 1915 who will have an altogether different assortment of corruptions served up to him by the press. Surely there are enough strong simple significant words in the English language to express all the ideas we ordinary minds are likely to have.

IN THE WORLD OF LITERATURE AND ART.

Julia Ward Howe, the famous American authoress, has just celebrated her eighty-seventh birthday by a family gathering at her home in Boston.

Mr. George A. Reid of Toronto has been elected President of the Royal Canadian Academy of Art to succeed Mr. Robert Harris whose pupil he was. Mr. Reid's pictures are well known in Canada and the United States, the two most familiar being the "Foreclosure of the Mortgage" and "A

Modern Madonna." Mrs. Reid is also an accomplished artist, her pictures of flowers being particularly fine.

Henrik Ibsen the Norwegian dramatist and author died of heart trouble at Christiania. He was given a state funeral.

Rev. Hugh Black, minister of St. George's Free Church Edinburgh, and author of the well-known books "Friendship" and "Culture" has accepted the professorship of practical theology in the Union Theological Seminary, New York City.

As representative of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, Professor Bryce of Winnipeg addressed the general assembly of the Church of Scotland at Edinburgh. He said that the denomination did not now say "Canada for Presbyterianism," but "Canada for Christ," a broader and grander conception.

The monument of London was built by Sir Christopher Wren in 1671-1677. The pedestal is forty feet high, and the edifice altogether is two hundred and two feet, that being the distance of its base from the spot where the great

fire which it commemorates commenced. It is the loftiest column in the world and its erection cost about £14,500.

The gathering of the members of the Canadian Women's Press Club in Winnipeg will bring together some of the brightest women in the Dominion, as well as a number of newspaper women from across the border. The meetings of the club will take place on June 8th and 9th, the most interesting of which will be a public meeting on the evening of the 9th, at which short addresses will be given by Mrs. Cynthia Westover Alden, New York; "Kit" of the Toronto Mail and Empire; Miss Agnes Deans Cameron, Victoria; Mrs. Jean Blewett, Toronto.

Mrs. Wilhemina Paton Fleming, who has achieved fame through her discovery of stars in connection with her work as curator of astronomical photographs at the Harvard observatory, has been elected a member of the Royal Astronomical Society of England. She is the first American woman and the third of her sex to receive such honors. More star discoveries are credited to Mrs. Fleming than to any other person in the whole history of the science of astronomy.



WILLIAM SHERRING, HAMILTON, ONT.

Winner of the Marathon road race in the recent Olympic games at Athens, Greece. The Marathon was run in imitation of the flight of the man who brought to Athens the news of the victory of Miltiades over the Persians at Marathon. The first runner dropped dead when he had delivered his message.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A SCOTCH LASSIE.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We get the Farmer's Advocate every week and I think it is very nice to see the nice stories the girls and boys tell about their school. I came from Scotland a year ago next month and I think this is a very nice country. I thought I would write this letter as I am trying for the competition in the Advocate. So I hope I won't be late as the men are very busy seeding and we are a long way from town. Please excuse these few lines because I want to catch this mail.

FANNY SUTHERLAND.

[I'm sorry that your list was too late. The Corner copy had already gone to the printer. Better luck next time! C. D.]

SOME CONUNDRUMS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—I have been going to school and am at the last lesson in my book. The anemone and the buttercup are in blossom here. There are a lot of buttercups. Some nights we have quite a little concert by ourselves. My little sister and I are going to have a flower garden this year. We are going to have all kinds of flowers

in it. I am very interested in the Children's Corner and I always turn to that page when we get the Advocate. I will close and give you some conundrums. (1) As soft as silk, as white as milk, a green coat and a strong wall covers me all.—Ans., A walnut. (2) As round as an apple as deep as a cup, all the king's men could not pull it up.—Ans., A well. (3) What goes upstairs with its head down?—Ans., A nail in your shoes.

MAISIE SEEBACK

A LITTLE GARDENER.

Dear Editor:—The snow has been off the ground for about four weeks and my father has been working in the field ever since the last day of March, and there were others who began to work in the field before he did. I like to go to school very much, and have missed only one day. There are twenty-six children at school not counting myself; and most of them come regularly. My brother and I have a mile to walk. My brother is eight and I am nine years of age. I received a very welcome letter from one of your little readers, and would gladly receive a letter from any one of them. We have a hotbed made and the plants are all up. I have some very nice flowers up.

EVA COWAN.

A LONG WAY FROM SCHOOL.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—My Papa takes the Farmer's Advocate, and I have been reading the Children's Corner I got interested in the story contest. I thought I would like to

join the race. I am a little girl eleven years old, and I have a little brother seven years old. We have four miles to go to school. VERA WILLIAMS.

AFTER FOUR YEARS.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Farmer's Advocate. We have taken it for four years and I like it very much. I always read the Children's Corner first; I think it is fine. Our nearest town is Ninga. I walk three miles to school, and I am in grade four. MAY ROBINSON.

NO SCHOOL YET.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—This is my first letter to the Children's Corner and I hope to see it in print. We live on my father's homestead, six and one half miles from our nearest town, Muenster, Sask. We have no school yet.

SARAH H. VONDERLOH
(Agt 13 yrs.)

A BIG FARM.

Dear Cousin Dorothy:—We live in Manitoba, forty miles from Winnipeg. We all came to Manitoba in the year 1906. We lived in Stormont, eighty one miles west of Montreal before that. We have fifteen horses. I have five brothers and four sisters. Four of us go to school and we have to walk one and a half miles. We have 800 acres of land, 100 under cultivation. I am twelve years old. I guess I will close. Hoping to be successful and see my letter in print. Wishing you every success.

SARAH C. MACLEAN.



A YARD OF PUPPIES.