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Guelph, Jan. 29, 1868. do-1f

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MARCH.

THERE is no use, facts are stubborn things. They cannot be denied. What is exaggerated such wonderful cures are not on the annals of history as have evidently been made by the Great Blood-purifying Remedy. See the stern, undeniable and irrefragable evidence, actually of Consumption, in the persons of Peter V. C. Miller, Esq., of Erieport, O. W. Wilson, former of last Friday, on C. W. &c. With scores of cases of dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Kidney Disease, &c. and the case of Mrs. Free, of New York, would seem a paradox, were she not a living witness.

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NATHANIEL MAYFAIR, Esq.,
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I advise every one that is troubled with the same symptoms to use these Pills, as I would not be without them in my family on any account.

Yours, &c.,
ABRAHAM GRIMSHAW.

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DR. COOKE'S WORKS

TESTIMONIAL FROM THE
REV. ROBERT BURNS, D. D.,
Professor in Knox's College, Toronto, on
"Explanations of Difficult Passages of Scripture."

Apart from lengthened Commentaries on Scripture and doctrinal and practical expositions of Divine Truth, all of which have their appropriate uses, it has often occurred that a short and yet comprehensive work like that of Dr. Cooke, of London, England, was a desideratum in our religious literature. I have examined it with some care, and it has made on my mind a very favorable impression. Of course there will be varieties of opinion on all subjects, and different explanations of difficult passages in the Word of God may be given; but taken as a whole the work richly deserves the confidence of all that are friendly to evangelical truth. The introductory parts contain many admirable suggestions on the best way of studying the Scriptures. On hard and difficult passages the book has thrown a clear and satisfying light; while the spirit breathes through the text, the author's manner is dry criticism; we have nothing, but of solid, well-informed and well expressed instruction and remedy, we have nothing. My best wishes go along with its circulation.

ROBERT BURNS, D. D.,
One of the Professors of King's College,
Feb. 27, 1868. Toronto, Ont. dw

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Having passed several sleepless nights, disturbed by the agonies and cries of a suffering child, and becoming convinced that Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP was just the article needed, procured a supply for the child. On reaching home, and acquainting his wife with what he had done, she refused to have it administered to the child, as she was strongly in favor of homeopathy. That night the child passed in suffering, and the mother without sleep. Returning home the following day, the father found the baby still worse; and while contemplating another sleepless night, the mother stepped from the room to attend to some domestic duties, and left the father with the child. During her absence he administered a portion of the Soothing Syrup to the baby, and said nothing. That night all hands slept well, and the little fellow awoke in the morning bright and happy. The mother was delighted with the sudden and wonderful change, and although at first offended at the deception practised upon her, has continued to use the Syrup, and suffering, crying babies and restless nights have disappeared. A single trial of the Syrup never fails to relieve the baby, and overcome the prejudices of the mother. 25 cents a bottle. Sold by all druggists. Be sure and call for Mrs. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. All others are base and dangerous imitations.

T. W. COOPER,

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227 Office over Berry's Confectionery Store, Wyndham Street, Guelph, 4th December 1867. dw

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MONDAY EVEN'G, MARCH 2, 1868.

Local News.

TEMPERANCE LECTURE.—Rev. W. Soule of Elora will deliver a lecture to-morrow evening in the Temperance Hall. Admission Free. The next sitting of the Court of Chancery at Guelph will begin on Tuesday, April 7th; the Hon. Vice-Chancellor Mowat presiding.

No THEATRE.—The train from Toronto which was to bring Mason's troupe to Guelph this morning not having arrived, there will of course be no dramatic performance this evening.

Woodstock is following the example of Ingersoll with respect to the prevention of mischief by mad dogs. All curs running at large unmuzzled are to be destroyed. It is feared they have already done mischief.

WATERLOO POOR HOUSE.—We omitted to mention in noticing the Waterloo Poor-house on Saturday that Mr. Joseph Hobson of Guelph is the architect; he drew up the plan, and will superintend the erection of the building.

AN Agricultural Meeting, under the auspices of the Mono Agricultural Society, will be held at Bell's Hall, Orangeville, on Friday, March 6th, at 2 o'clock p.m., when it is presumed addresses on matters relating to agriculture will be delivered by a number of M.P.'s and M.P. P.'s, and by the editor of the *Canada Farmer*.

A CHANCE FOR INVESTMENT.—The *Champion* says: There is an excellent chance for the employment of spare capital in building good dwelling houses in Milton. Quite a number are required and a dozen good houses could find tenants at once, as many are obliged to put up with inferior tenements or go homeless. The population of Milton is increasing, and every available business place opened, so that the decay spoken of in the *Herald* last summer is not visible, on the contrary every sign bespeaks prosperity.

ACCIDENT.—The *Ingersoll Chronicle* says:—On Wednesday afternoon a distressing accident occurred at Eastwood's Foundry resulting in the serious injury of two of the apprentices—John Mahony and Alex. Munroe. The boys it seems, were engaged in emptying a ladle full of molten iron on the snow, but pouring it too rapidly an explosion was produced—a large quantity of iron striking the boys in the face, entering the eyes and mouth, burning them fearfully. We understand the unfortunate youths are doing well under the care of Drs. Scott and Bowers.

A NEW PAPER.—A new journal to be called the *Review* will shortly be started in Brampton, by Solomon, who was formerly of the *Streetville* paper being the same title. The prospectus has been issued, and in it the editor talks in this racy manner:—"The man who is good at making promises"—said that grand old Tory Sam Johnson—"is seldom good for any else." And Solomon, guided by the wink thus tipped, will enter upon a specific detail of what he proposes to perform in the campaign upon which he is entering. Suffice it to say that the course which he followed in the *Weekly Review* will unwaveringly be maintained in the forthcoming sheet. Loyalty will be sedulously fostered, and democratic leanings inexorably frowned down. No quarter will be extended to Fenianism, the most ragamuffin and blinking bantling of Mahoun. And woe betide the skulking scullion caught hankering after the foul flesh pots of Doldrum. The offender's seat of honor will become stingingly familiar with Solomon's retributive knout. Current absurdities will be met with an application of caustic, administered always with a kindly hand. And our energies will ever be exerted to call forth and cultivate talent and merit.

REMARKABLE TRIAL.—An extraordinary trial has taken place at Pargue. Antonine Schwallina was the wife of a shoemaker, who, through disease in his eyes, had to give up his trade and take to begging, from which he went on to stealing, and had to flee the country, leaving his wife and three children destitute. She was ejected with them from her wretched lodgings, of which she could not pay the rent, and, because of torrents of rain, took refuge in a shed, from which she was also expelled. The wretched family had therefore to sleep in the open air, and from that time the mother talked of killing her children. She several times told her daughter, ten years old, to throw her youngest brother into the water; but the little girl did not understand her to be in earnest. One evening the mother, when she returned from labor, reiterated her command, with threats, and next day, when she was working in the fields, the little girl led her infant brother by the hand into a wood, weeping all the way, and threw him into a deep torrent. When the wretched mother was informed of this, she refused to believe it. The facts became known, and she was accused of premeditated infanticide. Never, it is said, was a trial so affecting. The crying of the poor mother, and the simple recital of the little daughter, drew tears from all eyes; but, notwithstanding a warm defence by her advocate, she was condemned to death.

LAUNCH OF THE "HERCULES."—This powerful man-of-war, was successfully launched from Chatham dockyard on the 10th ult. The armament of the *Hercules* consists of a main deck battery amidships of eight 18-ton rifled guns, each throwing a 500-pound shot or shell. Forward on a main deck is a 300-pounder, and another of the same kind in the stern. The armor of the vessel extends from end to end of the ship, going seven feet below the water line and rising to the main deck. At about three feet above and three feet below the water line, it consists of nine inches of solid iron; from this it tapers off in the least exposed parts to six inches. The backing of these plates is even greater than the plates themselves. First comes teak beams, twelve inches in thickness, supported by 14 inches of iron skin, riveted upon frames of iron 10 inches deep, the interstices being filled in with teak and this again closed in with an iron skin, which in turn is stiffened by wrought iron frames 7 inches deep; in all over 54 inches, of which more than 11 are solid iron. She has a cellular bottom, enormously strengthened between by water-tight longitudinal and transverse girders. Her main deck is of iron, planked over, and her upper deck is of steel. Notwithstanding this great mass of iron and steel, and immense weight of armament, the *Hercules* is a light-looking, smart sea-going frigate, strong as a tower, and as fine in her lines as a mail boat. She is a beautiful model, and designed to be as fast as a Cunard packet. Her only great fault lies in the fact that she can only carry three days' coal, and would in cruise have to depend almost entirely on her sails.

The St. John, N. B., *News* says: Some silly people have been knocking their empty heads together during the past two or three days, with a view to secure some kind of concert of action with the Nova Scotia seceders. The authors of this long-winded movement are not likely to do much. They lack the energy and capacity to command success even in a good cause. But in a shocking bad one, such as the cause of repeal in New Brunswick will present, their efforts will be a miserable failure.

AN OUTSIDE VIEW.—The Boston *Advertiser* says: Nova Scotia is taking the aggressive, and displaying much vigor in demanding repeal. Confederation is valueless without that province. It would be much better policy on the part of the provinces having the controlling voice in Dominion affairs to concede something to the wishes of the maritime provinces, and thus not only quiet the dissension that has already sprung up, but attach all the States to the confederation, secure their active support and induce other independent provinces to seek admission. The self-gratification of Canada may for a time work well, but if persisted in it will result in the overthrow of the union before it has really had a fair trial.

BARLEY.—Advices from Albany state that the receipts of barley at that point for the season of 1866, were 7,400,000 bush; for 1867, 3,800,000 bush. The stock in the hands of dealers is one-fourth short of the usual stock at this season of the year. What little barley is now on the market is in the hands of speculators who are holding it at much higher prices than Buffalo it is said that no barley of consequence is held in store for sale, and very little arriving by rail. Large shipments have been made to Pittsburgh. In Chicago we learn that the stock in that city is 234,000 bushels less than last year. Sample lots are selling at \$2.20 to \$2.25 per bushel of 48 lbs. The prices in the Cincinnati market are \$2.25 to \$2.35 per bushel, and in St. Louis \$2.50 to \$2.60 per bushel.

A LEPER.—Says the *Montreal News*: There is at present in the General Hospital a lumberer who has been suffering, more or less, during the last seven or eight years from leprosy. The sensibilities of his extremities have greatly decreased, and he has all the other indications characterizing this loathsome disease. It is understood that, in this case, the disease was induced by unclean habits and poor diet; however, with careful treatment and good food, it is thought he will eventually regain health and strength.

PRACTISING WHAT HE PREACHES.—The publisher of the *New York Albion* has received \$10 from a subscriber to aid the Nova Scotia fishermen, has added his own "mite," \$25, and set apart for same object one fifth of the money he receive on subscription account between now and the first of April next, from the four Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Newfoundland. He also invites the charitably disposed of New York to send in their contributions. This is proof that the *Albion* really feels the British sentiment which it professes.

AXES.

Axes and axe handles good and cheap at
JOHN HORSMAN'S,
WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

ONTARIO LEGISLATURE.

TORONTO, Feb. 29.

After routine business a number of bills were read a second time.

The Committee of Ways and Means reported to the House. The report was concurred in.

The House went into Committee on the Supply Bill, which was also read and concurred in.

The resolution of the Commissioner of Crown Lands, authorizing the imposition of a duty of two cents per acre on all land sold by Government in the District of Algoma, came before the Committee of the Whole. Mr. McKellar moved to amend it by exempting the lands of actual bona fide settlers from the tax, but the amendment was lost by a vote on division, of 51 to 20. A bill based on the above resolution was introduced and read a first time.

The House then went into Committee of the Whole on the Toronto, Grey and Bruce Railway Bill, which passed the Committee, and was reported to the House.

The Grey and Simcoe Railway Bill also passed in Committee of the Whole, and was reported.

A dinner is to be given by the Reform members of the House, on Monday night next, at the Queen's Hotel. Preparations are being made to give it a more elegant than marked dinners given by the Premier. It will be more liberal in one respect inasmuch as members of the Press are invited to be present.

Township of Garafraxa.

At the last meeting of the Garafraxa Council the following Patmasters, Fence Viewers, and Pound Keepers were appointed for the current year, viz:—

Patmasters—Peter Rennie, George Gerrie, Alex. Burr, Stephen Piper, Thos. McKee, Henry McGowan, John Rutledge, John Tottan, Benjamin Bradley, George Senior, Joseph Hunter, John Sargent, Samuel Wilson, Wm. Smith, John Scott, Charles Carter, James Keating, Alex. Stewart, Jessie Dunham, William Clarke, Andrew Nichol, James Mann, Thos. Duffy, Wm. Res, Wm. Strachan, Joseph McDermott, Aushara Allan, John Robinson, Thos. Conn, Edmond Hatcher, Thomas Wilkie, Andrew Richardson, George Wilson, Timothy Hastings, Alex. Wisbart, John McDonald, George McLelland, Nelson McLelland, David Gillespie, Donald Gibson, Archibald McGill, George W. Gerrie, Wilson Ransom, Thomson Russell, Peter Gerrie, Robert Blythe, Henry Nier, Thos. Hays, Henry Duckworth, David Alexander, Walter Green, Aaron Baker, Wm. Obeld, Jeremiah Foley, John Fairbairn, Samuel Holland, John Mitchell, Richard McLelland, Elijah Boley, Alex. Ferrier, Robert Conn, Thos. Rowan, John Dowling, James Martin, Benjamin Decker, George Porey, John Calder, Alexander Duncan, John McCutcheon, Jas. Hanna, Wm. Gibson, Wm. Edmundson, James Lochhead, John Moffat, Paul Cause, Robt. Black, Jas. McDonald, Wm. E. Thompson, John Campbell, James Barfoot, Jas. Dowling, Ephraim Steene, Thomas Reid, Colin McKinnon, Robt. Paetereff, John White, John Hoare, John Kindie, John Roberts, John Connell, George Hill, Jas. Connor, James Johnston, Wm. Hall, Wm. Rodgers, James Maxwell, John Preston, John Hillis, John Hamilton, Thomas Handley, Edward Switzer, James Hillis, John Taylor, Joseph Gamble, Alexander Brawley, George Martin, George Clayton, James Simpson, Samuel Mann, James Grayson, James Burton, Wm. Gillespie and John Goodall.

Fence Viewers—Samuel Allen, John Wilson, John McPherson, Robt. Henderson, John Montgomery, David Carroll, Alexander Burr, John Jordan and Charles Burt.

Pound Keepers—Myron Earls, Hamilton Fearn, John J. Nichol, Francis Hill, William Youngson, David Riekey, Paul Cause and John Davidson.

BLOTTER & ERASER.—Mr. Cuthbert has a large stock of these articles on hand. The blotter & eraser will be found very convenient for office use, and very well adapted for meeting the end in view of its construction. The blotting material can be changed with ease, and the material for erasing is so durable that it will last until the full value has been got out of the article. Another advantage in it is that it is of such dimensions that it is not likely to be mislaid every few minutes as blotters & erasers are, especially when there is a large number of papers lying round.

ANOTHER STORM.—It blew with violence on Sunday night last, and the storm continued on Monday. The cold was much more severe than it was during the storm of last week, but there was no falling snow accompanying it. Travel was again interrupted. There was no report of the London mail train, and the train from Toronto, it is said, made her way as far as Brampton, and was obliged to put back. We believe that all the trains on the Grand Trunk were cancelled. The aspect of the station helped to give force to the report, for instead of the hum and commotion and activity that are generally to be seen there, all was dullness and quiet. The waiting room was deserted except by one solitary figure that lay curled up on a bench near the stove, close wrapped in the embrace of Morpheus. The train on the Great Western, which was due in the forenoon, also met with some impediment and was unable to make her way up. The drift was nothing like so bad here as what it was a week ago, yet it was sufficient to prevent our communication with Toronto, Hamilton and other cities, an inconvenience which we feel very sensibly, but we presume the people of those places will feel themselves at an equal disadvantage by not hearing from us. This is somewhat consolatory and will greatly assist us in weathering the storm.

Dr. Patton, a young physician of Montreal, was found dead in his bed on Wednesday morning, with indications that prussic acid was the cause. Deceased was about 30 years of age, and had appointed to be married shortly.

INSURE BEFORE FIFTH APRIL

With the Life Association of Scotland, Agent for Guelph,
WILLIAM SMITH, Manager Gore Bank.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Despatches to the Evening Mercury.

BY ATLANTIC CABLE.

New York, March 1.—News by the Atlantic Cable to last evening:—

The King of Bavaria died at Munich on Friday. The King of Prussia closed the Legislative session with a speech from the throne, in which he congratulated the members on result of their labors in maintaining peace.

The Fenian treason trials are progressing in Sligo, Ireland. Admiralty was awarded in Gen. Nagle's case, but six Americans could not be found in town, and the court refused to send prisoner for trial to another place. The authorities were forced to take six Prussians, but aliens ran away almost immediately.

London, Feb. 29.—George Slater Booth will succeed G. W. Hunt as under Secretary of the Treasury. Late news from the Abyssinian captives reports their being well. Advances of the British expedition had arrived at Antilo.

Dublin, March 1.—W. Johnston, Grand Secretary of the Orange organization, was tried last week, on a charge of heading an illegal procession in County Down. He was sentenced to imprisonment and fine.

Florence, March 1.—A delegation of the working men of Genoa waited upon Admiral Farragut last week, and presented to him an address, in which they say they desire to do him especial honor as the representative of a country which sympathizes with the views of the illustrious patriot, Mazzini.

Berlin, March 1.—In his speech on closing the Prussian Diet on Friday last, the King expressed himself entirely satisfied with the legislation of past session, and declared that he was sure no cause was now left for disturbing the peace of Germany or Europe.

American Despatches.

Washington, March 1.—Caucus of the Republican members of Congress was held at the capital last night, at which 75 were present, to select managers to conduct the proposed trial, and Messrs Thad Stevens, Buller, Bingham, Boltwell, Williams, and Logan were chosen. Business of an official character will probably be suspended between the President and Senate until the conclusion of his trial.

Havana, Feb. 28th.—Late advices from Hayti say Salnave had experienced very heavy losses in his recent campaign against the Caicos rebels.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

The *Ottawa Times* says:—There was a meeting of the Privy Council on Saturday afternoon, at which it is presumed, the subject of the Intercolonial Railway route was discussed at considerable length, though no decision was arrived at. This and other important matters will in all probability be disposed of during the present week, though, as we stated before, it is not likely that the decision of the railway route will be made public until it has been submitted to, and sanctioned by, the Home Government. A statement, originating, we believe, with a Montreal confidant, is now going the rounds that a certain route had been adopted and sent home for approval, but it is entirely erroneous.

A Washington despatch says that Thad. Stevens's denunciations of the House Republicans as "contemptible cowards" to the World correspondent has made him very unpopular. Old age has shaken his temper, and all the patience he had is lost.

The Montreal Telegraph Company have made a great reduction in their tariff, to please east of Quebec, in Canada and New Brunswick; in some cases the reduction amounts to 75 cents on the rate for ten (10) words, and 5 cents each extra word. The rate to Halifax has also been reduced 80 cents, to take place on the 1st March.

The funeral of the late Hon. Robert Spence was attended by an immense concourse at Toronto, on Friday, the Masonic Order, and other societies, being largely represented. The pall-bearers were R. W. Bros. Kivas Tully, Hon. H. B. Bull, T. E. Harris, John Kerr, and V. W. Bros. John Patterson, and James Bain. The procession was headed by the band of the Queen's Own.

During the cold weather in one day, on a short line of railway in New Jersey, 86 rails were fractured. The liability of iron rails to be fractured in cold weather is said not to be shared by steel, and together with the greater economy of the latter, will hasten their general adoption.

About 70,000,000 letters now pass through the post offices in Great Britain and Ireland in the course of a year, and nearly 9,000,000 telegrams pass through the telegraph stations in the Kingdom in the same period.

Mrs. Lily Maxwell has won something more than fame by her vote at Manchester for Mr. Jacob Bright. She became an object of interest. Investigation showed that she was a green-grocer, doing a small business in a respectable way. Now her small business has become a large one, for the Radicals and their wives made a point of giving and sending custom to this practical demonstrator of woman's rights. A great number of the richest and best people in Manchester have become Mrs. Maxwell's customers or patrons, I suppose they must be called here. Oddly enough, it turns out that she is not an advocate of woman's rights; did not get herself put on the registry from any theoretical notion that she as a woman ought to vote; but from a very practical notion that Mr. Jacob Bright, whom she greatly admired, ought to be elected.

As a word of advice to British statesmen in the present crisis, the *New York Albion* urges them to "meet the dissatisfied Irishmen with a free passage to British North America, and five years' profitable employment after they get there, together with a free grant of a homestead in perpetuity, for themselves as well as their offspring,—instead of meeting them with a detestable Irish constabulary; and the time is not far distant when blessings will take the place of cursings throughout that small but discontented island."