

OBITUARY

A large number went out on the I C R yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Horatio Pickett, who passed away on Monday at the early age of 27. For the past year he had been ill, but previous to that had been cashier for Merritt Bros. for some years, and had hosts of friends among the business men. Court Hampton, I O F. marched in a body, and after the closing services, which were conducted by Rev Mr Warneford at the house, church and grave, consigned their brother to the grave with the impressive Forensic service. The attendance was very large, many going from Sussex Kingston and this city. The deceased had been an active member of the Episcopal church in the Sunday school, and among the Sons of Temperance and Foresters, and had many friends who wished to take a last look at his kindly face. The Sunday school sent a large wreath of roses and pinks, the Foresters, a handsome crescent mounted high on a base of stocks moss and ferns, the chapter of the Brotherhood of St Andrew, a beautiful St Andrews cross—Mrs Frank Humphrey, a cross of pink and white stocks. Mr and Mrs H H Pickett, a bouquet of white roses; G O D Otty a crescent of white and cream roses, Fred A Pickett a cross of peas and lilies while many sent quantities of loose flowers. The pallbearers were Percy Stewart, Weston Stewart, A B Pickett, James Berry, William Smith and Charles M Pickett.—*St John's Sun*

The Hollest Thing Alive.

However much men and nations may differ from one another on other subjects, in their estimates of the value of a mother they are singularly harmonious. The Kindergarten Magazine has collected a number of sayings of wise men as well as a number of national proverbs, showing the almost universal adoration of motherhood. Some of them are

A mother is a mother still the hollest thing alive—Samuel Taylor Coleridge

A mother's love is the best of all—West Africa and Hindoo.

A mother's love is the best love God's love is the highest love—German

A mother is the divinity of infancy—English

A child must ask its mother whether it may be a wise man or a fool—W L Weems

A mother's arms are made of tenderness and children sleep sweetly in them—Victor Hugo

A mother's love will draw up from the depths of the sea—Russ

A mother's prayer silent and

gentle, can never miss the road to the throne of all bounty.—Henry Ward Beecher.

A mother's tenderness and caresses are the milk of the heart.—Eugeno de Guerin.

A simple kiss from my mother made me a painter.—Ben West.

A witty mother—witless else her son—Shakespeare.

All I am my mother made me—John Quivey Adams

All I am or can be I owe to my angel mother.—Lincoln

In all this cold and hollow there is no fount of deep, strong, deathless love save in a mother's heart

It is the mother that makes the domestic hearth the nursery of heroes.—Daniel Webster

The Wicket-Gate.

At Elstow may be seen an interesting spot associated with John Bunyan

The "wicket-gate" of the "Pilgrim's Progress" is commonly represented as a garden-gate or a turnpike-gate, but really the term denotes a small doorway cut out of a large door

Concealed behind a tree at the west end of Elstow Church is just such a small doorway in the small wooden surface of the great door. Through this lowly opening Bunyan must often have passed when a boy

If it were simply drawn and engraved we should probably have a correct picture of that which was before his imagination when he described the early steps of Christian's pilgrimage.

How to get Books.

"How can you afford all these books?" asked a young man, calling on a friend. "I can't seem to find spare change for even the leading magazines"

"Oh that library is only my 'one cigar a day'" was the reply

"What do you mean inquired the visitor

"Mean, just this when you advised me to indulge in an occasional cigar several years ago, I had been reading about a young fellow who bought books with money that others would have burned in cigars, and I thought I would try and do the same. You may remember that I said I should allow myself one cigar a day"

"Yes I recall the conversation, but don't quite see the connection."

"Well, I never smoked, but I put by the price of a 5 cent cigar a day, and as the money accumulated I bought books—the very books you see"

You don't mean to say that your books cost no more than that? Why, there are dollar's worth of them"

"Yes, I know there are. I had six years more of my apprenticeship to serve when you advised me "to be a man" I put by the money, which, at 5 cents a day, amounted to \$18.25 a year, or \$109.50 in six years. I keep these books by themselves as a result of my apprenticeship cigar money, and if you'd done as I did you would by this time have saved many, many more dollars than I have and would have been better off in health and self respect besides."

When the beverage that "cheers but not inebriates" was introduced into England, teacups and teapots could not be manufactured fast enough to supply the demand. The tea-drinkers became so much exhilarated that their fancy developed the sharp contrast of black tea-cups on a white cloth. Tea was tremendously expensive then, and it was a special honor, a rare occasion, enough to make one lie awake all night "a-thinking" to partake of a cup of tea.



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