The Poet's Corner.

Boy and Schoolmaster.

You've quizzed me often and puzzled me long,
You've asked me to cypher and spell,
You've called me a dunce if I answered wrong,
Or a dolt if I failed to tell
Just when to say *lie* and when to say *lay*
Or what nine sevens may make,
Or the longitude of Kamschatka Bay,
Or the I-forget-what's-its-name lake,
So I think it's about *my* turn, I do,
To ask a question or so of you.

The schoolmaster grim looked and opened his eyes,
But said not a word for sheer surprise.

Can you tell what 'phen-dubs" means? I can.
Can you say all off by heart
The "onery twoery ickery ann,"
Or tell "alleys" and "commons" apart?
Can *you* fling a top, I would like to know,
Till it hums like a bumble-bee?
Can you make a kite yourself that will go
'Most as high as the eye can see,
Till it sails and soars like a hawk on the wing,
And the little birds come and light on its string?

The schoolmaster looked, oh! very demure,
But his mouth was twitching, I'm almost sure.

Can you tell where the nest of the oriole swings,
Or the color its eggs may be?
Do you know the time when the squirrel brings
Its young from their nest in the tree?
Can you tell me when the chestnuts are ready to drop,
Or where the best hazel nuts grow?
Can you climb a high tree to the very tip-top,
And gaze without trembling, below?
Can you swim and dive, can you jump and run,
Or do anything else we boys call fun?

The master's voice trembled as he replied,
"You are right, my lad, I'm the dunce," he sighed.

—[Wide Awake.

Lennox Dishonoured.

We have been all along surprised how the electors of Lennox persuaded themselves to elect A. H. Roe as their representative in the Legislature. That surprise has been increased upon reading the evidence taken in the case of Roe v. Snider, and published in the *Express*. The defendant was a clergyman, who, in the interests of respectability, decency and morality, did what he could to induce the people to reject Roe, Tory candidate, whom he had understood to have called the Saviour a bastard and a thief, and to have addressed to Virgin Mary even more opprobrious terms. Roe heard of Snider's actions, and because the latter would not apologise for his alleged slander he was prosecuted, the trial commencing at the Napanee Assizes on Thursday, continuing on Friday, and ending in the nonsuiting of plaintiff.

There were but three witnesses for the prosecution, one who heard Mr. Snider's recital of Roe's language, the M.P.P. himself, who denied emphatically that he ever used the expressions imputed to him, and one who corroborated what occurred as regards Roe's conversation with Snider when he demanded the apology. The defence showed how wholly unreliable is the testimony of the man whose tongue can be so bought, and whose disposition is to pose as a injured innocent. Nine witnesses besides the defendant swore that they had heard Roe make the terrible references to the Saviour and to the Virgin's conception, and to deny the Bible and the miracles of Christ. The blasphemies we will not print; they are simply shocking and such as must make the people of Lennox regard their member with great humiliation. That the language was used we have no doubt, because the bulk of the evidence given is on the side of the defence, and against that of Roe we have the testimony of Mr. A. Henry, ex-Mayor and ex-editor and proprietor of the *Standard*, whom Roe struck because he persisted in remembering the statements.

Now we ask this with the Conservatives, the people of Lennox generally will not, after such a startling exposure, and who must have been insulted and deceived by Roe's friends, continue to support [illegible] the man who [illegible] the Saviour; the man who [illegible] sign. His election by them was a disgrace not only to the County but to Canada, which it was [illegible] out.

Then the Conservatives of Lennox [illegible] and [illegible] principles, should see that he [illegible] the Order in Council [illegible] and regards the [illegible] Sold by Geo. Rhynas, sole agent for Goderich. 3m

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How a Poet Got Even With an Editor.

John Lang, the editor of the New York Gazette, having once alluded to McDonald Clark the poet, as "that fellow with zigzag brains," the insulted poet rushed into the sanctum of the Commercial, then conducted by Col. Stone, blazing with fury.

'Do you see, Colonel,' said he, 'what Johnny Lang says of me? He calls me a fellow with zigzag brains."

'Well, and so you are,' said the Colonel. 'I think it is a very happy description of you.'

'Oh! That's all very well for you to say,' retorted McDonald. 'I'll take a joke from you, but Johnny Lang shall not destroy my well-earned reputation. Zigzag brains, forsooth! Zigzag brains—think of it, Colonel! I must have a chance to reply to him in your paper.'

'How much space do you want?' inquired the Colonel.

'I think I could use him up in a column and a half,' said McDonald.

'A column and a half,' said the Col. 'Stuff! You shall have no such space. I'll give you just four lines, and if that will answer, fire away; but not a line more.'

The poet, thus driven into a narrow corner, sat down and instantly wrote off the the following neat epigram:

"I can tell Johnny Lang in the way of a laugh
In reply to his rude and unmannerly scrawl)
That in my humble sense it is better by half,
To have 'brains that are zigzag' than no brains at all.'

'There, Colonel, said he, 'let Johnny Lang put that in his pipe and smoke it.'

The Age of a Woman.

Two friends have had a dispute as to a matter of propriety; one asks us to decide between them, and this is the subject:

"He says that a lady would regard it as an insult if she was asked in company by a gentleman what her age was. I say that it is no insult. Will you please tell us who is correct?"

Undoubtedly a lady might be asked about her age in a way which would make the question an insult. But, in general, such a question is not an insult to her, but rather a gross piece of impertinence. Besides, why should you wish to know the exact number of her years? What concern is that of yours? You can see for yourself just what she is, and you know whether she has the charms of youth or lacks them. A woman, young man, is as old as she looks, and no older. That is why it is so impertinent to question her on the subject. Your heart and your imagination ought to make the question unnecessary. For the purposes of the census it is necessary to ask women their ages, which must also be given to satisfy certain other requirements of the law. But otherwise it is both impertinent and unnecessary to ask them the date of their birth. A charming woman is always young.—[New York Sun.

Twenty-Four Hours.

There were other changes proposed by Mr. Sanford Fleming besides the change in the standard of time, which is about to be adopted. Among the propositions made by that gentleman and discussed by meteorologists was one to abolish the division of the days into two equal parts of twelve hours each, and to employ a continuous count running from one to twenty-four hours in each day. President Barnard of Columbia college, takes the view that the division at present in use is not a natural one. He says it is founded presumably upon a custom of astronomers to begin the day at the meridian passage of the sun, or the habit of the people to fix the moment of apparent noon by observing the coincidence of the shadow of a vertical stile with a line drawn north and south. The natural division of the day is into a light portion and a dark portion. There are very appreciable disadvantages attending present division into twenty-four periods. The first of these is the necessity of using always in speech the word forenoon or afternoon in order to indentify the portion of the day to which the hour mentioned refers; or, in writing, to place after the number of the hour the explanatory suffix a.m. or p.m. If the hours of the day were continuously numbered from beginning to end there would never be any uncertainty as to which part of the day was meant. But on the other hand, it is plain that to make this change would involve a great loss of money and material. What would become of all the clocks? Under the present system they only strike twelve; under the proposed system they have to strike twenty-four. The figures on the dials would also have to be changed, and the tens of thousands of watches in use would have to be taken to pieces. It would be odd to see people making a mental calculation every time they heard the clock strike a number greater than twelve. But a still more startling proposition in regard to time is one to divide the day into ten hours, the hour into hundred minutes, the minute into one hundred seconds, and so adjust the duration of the standard second that one hundred thousand seconds would be equivalent to our twenty-four hours.—Toronto Telegram.

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Huron Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Huron met in Clinton, on the 13th inst., Rev. C. Fletcher presiding.

After the reading of the minutes, the Statistical Financial returns from congregations were examined. Although, in the judgment of the Presbytery, some of the congregations had not contributed to the schemes of the church in proportion to their ability, the returns were, on the whole, satisfactory.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane, Convener of the Assembly's Home Mission Committee, addressed the Presbytery respecting the Supplemental Scheme adopted by the General Assembly, at its last meeting. Its object is to secure to each minister in the church the minimun stipend of $750 and manse. Small stipends have, heretofore, been to some extent supplemented from the Home Mission Fund, but it is now proposed to create a special fund for this purpose.—The provisions of the scheme were fully explained, and in accordance with the Dr's suggestions, the Presbytery appointed a local committee to co-operate with the Home Mission Committee.

Rev. N. Patterson tendered his resignation of the united congregations of Bethany and Bayfield. The resignation was accepted, and Rev. R. Y. Thomson was instructed to preach in both places on the 25th inst., and to declare the charge vacant.

A call to Rev. Mr. Cameron, of Kippen, from the congregation of Summerstown, in the presbytery of Glengary, was sustained. Mr. Cameron stated that he had not yet come to any decision with reference to the call, and in accordance with his request, time was granted in order that he might more fully consider the matter.

It was agreed to hold a Sabbath School Convention in connection with the next regular meeting, which will be held at Brucefield on the second Tuesday of January, 1884.—[New Era.

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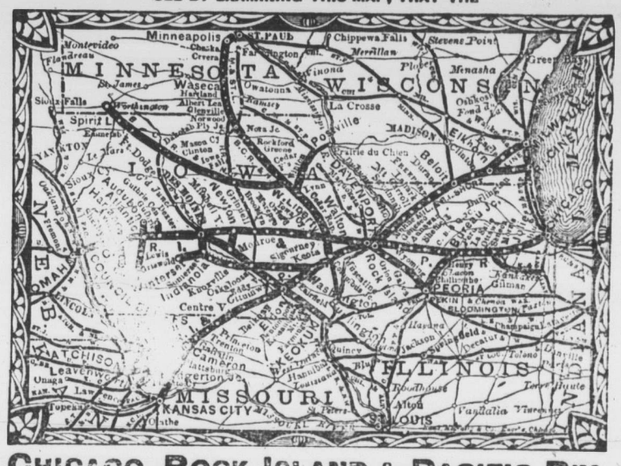

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