

"CHINESE" GORDON.

His Brother Feels No Fear for His Safety—Interesting Interview.

New York, April 14.—In an interview with the London correspondent of the World, General Sir Henry William Gordon, "Chinese" Gordon's brother, expressed himself as having no fears for his safety. He may be in danger, he said, of a stray bullet or of assassination, but absolutely in none of any such attack from the false Prophet as would imperil his personal safety. He further stated that his brother had never requested or even suggested the sending of a British expedition across the desert to Khartoum. He made a suggestion in regard to keeping open the caravan route between Suakin and Berber, which was promptly acted on by the Government. The last letter Gen. Sir Henry W. Gordon had from his brother was dated March 6. In it he expresses the belief that his work at Khartoum is nearly over, and he hopes that the English and Egyptian Governments would agree to send Zobeir Paasha as his successor. He hopes to be in Brussels next August, and resume his engagement with the King of the Belgians to take command of the International African Association. From Brussels he will go direct to the Congo country, and he says he will try never to return to England, which means that he will devote the rest of his life to the civilization of Africa and the extirpation of the slave trade.

Boys in the Riot.

A peculiar feature of the Cincinnati riots is said to be the number of boys who were engaged. It is alleged that there was a large proportion of them present during the first fight; that after their numbers increased, until on the third night, when the riot was at its worst, it had become a rabble of boys controlled by thieves and cut-throats. This is conceivable, judging from the character and conduct of the young of the present generation in all our large cities. Doubtless, if a riot of a similar kind should unfortunately occur in Chicago, the daily exhibitions of youthful depravity in our streets would insure precisely the same condition of things with us that have been observed in Cincinnati. It is painfully true that the criminal and the lawless element among boys is becoming so large as to constitute an ominous menace to the future of society. An important question is, how much of this state of things is to be charged to our defective school system? —[Chicago News.]

Revision of the Constitution.

There should be a revision of the Canadian constitution. As the leader of the Opposition said in parliament the other night, it is hardly to be expected that after seventeen years no causes of friction should be found in the working of the constitution, and he thought all true Canadians would agree to the proposition that a revision should be had. The recent decisions of the Privy Council, defining the powers of the federal and provincial authorities, would be of no little service in making such a revision. —[Toronto Telegram.]

Goderich Township.

A MONSTER CALF.—On the farm of Peter Cantelon, 8th con., one day last week, the largest calf that has ever been seen in this section—probably the largest in the county—was dropped. It took two men three hours to remove the burden, and of course the calf was dead. It's exact weight was 131 pounds.

Blyth.

Mrs. C. E. Tanner has returned from Alvinton. The above came too late for insertion last week, and has since returned.

W. Coulthard was on a visit to Guelph last week, and has since returned. The Blyth correspondent of the Vilette, was at Wingham last week, publishing that paper while the printer was at Goderich.

The Methodist of this place held a social in the Temperance Hall, on Wednesday evening, where a very enjoyable time was spent eating pancakes with molasses.

Damon Crittenden, an employee of the Blyth salt works, got his hand caught in the machinery, while oiling the other day, and thereby sustained some severe bruises.

Duncan McKellar, known to many readers of THE SIGNAL, died on Friday. He was 96 years old, and was one of the earliest pioneers of this place. In his death, Blyth sustains a severe loss, as he was one of the best, law-abiding citizens in the town.

Colborne.

Owen Jones has purchased the farm of R. Blow on the 10th con., containing 75 acres, for \$4,202.

Mr. Harbottle is back again with a man and team, taking out the long timber for the Holmesville bridge.

On Sunday last, Mr. Hable was going home from church, the back seat slipped off behind, throwing Mrs. Hable and two of her daughters backwards, to the ground, the girls escaped injury, but it is feared the old lady is injured internally. A party at Maplewood, the residence of Thos. Sallows, was one of the social events of the season. There was a large turnout of young people, and a splendid reception was given by the hospitable owners of Maplewood.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.—On Good Friday, Anthony Allen, deputy-revee of Colborne, drove to Kintail on business, and on his return journey, when coming down Finn's hill near the bridge, his horse suddenly shied, and ran away, pitching Mr. Allen violently to the ground. The animal was stopped after running about half a mile, and John Finn and son came to the assistance of the injured man, who lay motionless upon the road. With the assistance of others, Mr. Allen, who is a heavy man, was lifted into a wagon, and borne home. Upon examination, it was found that two of his ribs had been broken, but with careful nursing he is now getting on nicely.

ST. GEORGE'S VESTRY.

Annual Meeting—Appointment of Church Officers—Voices of Thanks.

The 43rd annual vestry meeting of St. George's church was held on Easter Monday, at 8 p.m., in the schoolhouse. The chair was occupied by Ven. Archdeacon Elwood, and Geo. Sheppard performed the duties of secretary. The attendance was unusually large. The minutes of last year's meeting were read and confirmed. The Ven. Archdeacon appointed John Deacon as clerk, and R. Radcliffe as sexton. Messrs. Jas. Sheppard, T. B. Van Every, J. Davison, D. Glass were appointed side-men. Messrs. R. Radcliffe, J. Deacon, J. A. Naflet were appointed delegates to the diocesan synod. Messrs. H. Cook and R. S. Williams were appointed auditors. Rev. J. Walters was re-appointed assistant rector at the same stipend as last year. A committee consisting of the churchwardens and Messrs. J. Sheppard, Van Every and G. Parsons, was appointed to revise the pew rent and envelope systems and report at the next meeting. A committee, consisting of the churchwardens and Rev. J. Walters, was appointed to ascertain where a suitable dwelling house could be procured and to report to the next meeting of adjourned vestry.

Heavy votes of thanks were tendered to the choir and their leader, Prof. Foot, for their very efficient services. A vote of thanks was tendered to the ladies, for their attendance at the vestry meeting. Vestry adjourned for two weeks, to receive annual financial report.

Leoburn.

R. E. Brown spent Easter at Leoburn. T. C. Wright and P. Stewart who are attending the seat of learning in Goderich, enjoyed their Easter holidays among their friends here. Harry Horton returned to Paramount on Monday to resume his duties, much improved in health by the bracing lake air of this healthful spot. Prof. Clarke of Woodstock college, with Mrs. Clarke and other friends, visited his old pupil, W. H. Clutton, on Good Friday, and had a long chat with him about the alma mater. OPEN LODGE.—This entertainment drew a large audience on Friday evening. The place club furnished the music, Mrs. Edith Horton playing the accompaniment, and also an instrumental duet, with John Horton on the violin. Recitations were given by J. and G. Clutton and sisters Cowan, with spirit. A dialogue by several members, in which an ardent lover got the "grand bounce," elicited roars of merriment. J. Hogarth's reading on courting was very amusing, and showed that he had a good knowledge of the subject. Harry Horton, of Paramount, sang several songs in his hearty style. At the close of the programme the chairman, Bro. Linklater made a few remarks on the progress of the lodge during the past quarter. A series of lectures to be given "for the good of the order," were announced. The hall has been neatly painted within, and some pictures have been hung. The lodge is in a very prosperous condition.

Dunlop.

E. Lawson and family, of Goderich, took up their residence on Lonsdale farm on Good Friday. D. Hennings, of Goderich, has removed his family to this bur, and will hereafter reside here. Shortly before one o'clock on the morning of Wednesday, the 9th inst., Martin Finland turned the first sod with a plow for the season of 1884. Our Leoburn comrade is again left. Our jovial Yorkshirer has left us. On Monday a number of neighbors turned out with teams, and helped him to remove his effects to his new home in Goderich township. The parting with his friend, the Irishman, was most affecting. Mr. Bean was popular among his Dunlop neighbors.

Gorris.

The following arrived too late for publication last week:— Mr. Dane, who has purchased the barn behind Mr. Bean's, is occupying by the Gorris livery, is having it moved to his residence, which he recently bought from Jas. McGill, where he intends having it fitted up for a stable. Mr. Dow, of Hibbert, who is visiting with his daughter, Mrs. McNeil, of this place, was taken suddenly ill with heart disease last Sunday. He is still confined to his bed. Mrs. Birch died last Friday night of consumption, after a lingering illness of four months. Her remains were taken to Wingham on Sunday and buried there. Mr. McGill intends starting for Manitoba in about a month, where he has taken up a homestead. James A. McMichael, who was on a visit to his mother, of this village, returned to Michigan on Tuesday last, where he has a half interest in a drug store. A young son of John Jardine's, of the 4th con of Hewick, had the misfortune to get kicked in the face on Saturday last, breaking both upper and lower jaw bones, and bruising the upper part of the mouth badly. He was knocked senseless for a time, but medical aid was immediately procured, and he is now doing as well as could be expected.

Belfast.

G. M. Kilby and wife, spent the Easter holidays visiting friends in the vicinity of Clinton. Crops.—The wheat, which was sown early, looks pretty well, but that which was sown late will stand a poor chance. Master John Mullin left last week for Toronto, where he has received a position in a large establishment. Major Coombs, of England, will take command of the Salvation Army in Canada.

Clinton Spring Show.

A heavy rain poured down on Tuesday last, the day of the Clinton entire stock show, and consequently the turnout was not as successful as it otherwise would have been. The following is the prize list:— Best heavy draught horse (entire) aged 4 years or over—1st, J. P. Fisher, Prince of Kerr; 2nd, J. P. Fisher, Lord of the Isle.

Best heavy draught horse (entire) foaled in 1881—1st, A. Innes, Avon; 2nd, Jas. McFarlane, Lord of the Manor. Best heavy draught horse (entire) foaled in 1882—1st, Horton and Innes, Kinnmount Willie; 2nd, none.

Best road or carriage stallion, 4 years old or over—1st, J. Beacom, Palestine; 2nd, Duke, Fisher, Archie Bourbon. Best road or carriage stallion, foaled in 1881—1st, Robt. Beacom, Young Accidental; 2nd, John T. Anderson, Accidental Jr.

Best stallion of any class with 5 of his colts, foaled in 1883, price of \$10 by Mrs. Isaac Rattenbury—J. Fisher, Lord of the Isle. Diploma for general purpose horse was awarded to J. Fisher's Duke of Perthcon.

Best thoroughbred Durham bull, 3 years or over—1st, Richard Carter, Grimsby; 2nd, W. J. Biggins, Duke of Elmhurst. Best thoroughbred Durham bull, 3 years or under—1st, A. Innes, Favorite; 2nd, H. Snell & Sons, Captain Morley.

Morris Spring Show.

The annual spring show of horses and cattle was held at Blyth on Friday. The show was the best ever held here, there being over 20 horses and some 10 or 12 bulls. The attendance was very large. Following is the prize list:— HORSES. Heavy draught horses, aged—1st, J. P. Fisher, Prince of Kerr; 2nd, J. P. Fisher, Prince of Perthcon; 2d, Thos. Caulder, Young Donald Dinnie. Road and carriage, aged—1st, J. P. Fisher, Archie Bourbon; 2d, Jas. Carter, Bashaw Abdallah.

Heavy draught, 2 years and under—1st, Wm. Bell, Robbie Burns; 2d, H. Beadle, Honest Tom. General purpose, 2 years and under—1st, Hiram McDowell, Young Harry; 2d, Edward Lundy.

Thoroughbred bulls, aged—1st, R. Carter, 2d, Solomon Mallon. Thoroughbred bulls, 2 years and under—1st, Nicholas Cummings; 2d, J. Clark.

Harpur's Magazine for May will conclude the sixty-eight volume of that venerable, but never aged, periodical. Howard Pyle, author and artist, will lead the number with a frontispiece and two other charming full-page pictures illustrating "A May-Day Idyl of the Olden Time," a quaint, old-fashioned love-story, told in letters. The fine-art feature will be another of the "great pictures" engraved by Clouson—this time "The Emperor William." A careful study by Bismarck's biographer, Dr. Busch, and Dr. Schliemann, of whom Prof. Mahaffy writes; there are fine portraits of both, as well as of President Monroe, Rufus King, and Henry Clay, in connection with Col. Higginson's paper on "The Era of Good Feeling," as he calls Monroe's administration. Travel includes a description of the holy city of Kairwan, in Tunis, by A. F. Jacassy, one of the first Europeans to visit it, who also illustrates his own paper; and the second of the papers on "The Fraser to the Columbia region, by Ernest Ingersoll; Mr. Rideing also presents a study of the Bank of England, which will interest every business man, as well as those who like to read of "foreign parts." The serials by Black and E. P. Roe will be a most interesting and delightful illustration by Abbey, Dickman, and Gibson; and Alfred Parsons will illustrate in his charming way the first of the St. Lawrence river and was carried to his death. Carrier may have had an unhappy time, as many other hard men do, but his conduct is not far from home life and home influences are the mainstay of civilization, and there cannot be home without marriage, although marriage does not always give men happiness. Carrier should have said, "Be careful how you marry," and his advice would have done his friends good.

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THE WORLD OVER.

As Mirrored in the Columns of our Outside Contemporaries.

The Duke of Buccleuch is dead. The Dominion Parliament will be prorogued on Saturday. Old James Beaty, of the Leader, is at the point of death. He is about 80 years of age.

At the Ottawa Police Court a boy named Herbert Byace, aged 11, was sent for trial, charged with stealing a mare. A general levy of men for the Chinese army has been ordered, and administrative changes of great importance are imminent.

A man named Laforte was choked while eating beefsteak at an Ottawa saloon Sunday evening. He was addicted to drink. A patient of Beaupont Lunatic Asylum named Cates, died on Saturday night while taking his tea, being choked by a piece of bread.

St. Catharines voted on Wednesday in favor of granting an \$80,000 bonus to the St. Catharines & Niagara Central Railway. Majorities 539. Frank Taylor, the defaulting clerk of the Belleville Merchants Bank, has written to the manager returning the cheque which he stole some weeks ago.

An Ottawa policeman named Proulx entered a dressmaker's establishment and kissed one of the employes, for which he was dismissed from the force. In a regatta at Nice the American yacht Gitana won the race for schooners over thirty tons, beating the English yacht Gladys.

The Queen has forwarded a letter to the newspapers, thanking her subjects for their sympathy with the royal family and the Duchess of Albany in their grievous bereavement. It is calculated that there are now residing in the United States nearly 1,000 Japanese, and of this number it is said that not one has ever been convicted of any criminal offence in an American court.

The Chinese Government, is exercised over the success of the French in Tonquin. More active measures of defence are to be entered upon. General Millot occupied Hung-Hoa on the 12th, without fighting, the enemy carried off all their artillery and destroyed the magazines.

An Irish musical festival, attended by over 2,000 persons, was given in New York on Tuesday under the auspices of the Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language. Miss Maud Morgan played several melodies of Tom Moore upon a harp that formerly belonged to that famous minstrel.

The debt of Canada has been added to by \$46,000,000 at the present session of Parliament, but it would puzzle a smarter man than they raise in these parts to discover any good it will do the country. Almost the entire amount is to be given away to speculators, monopolists, and birds of prey generally.

ASTON, Tex., April 15.—In Fayette county on Saturday night a negro entered the house of Mrs. Moore, a widow, and ordered her to prepare supper for him. The woman was frightened and refused. The negro went into the woodshed, procured an axe and murdered her. The fiend was captured on Sunday morning by citizens, tied to a stake and roasted to death.

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