

## DISTRICT

MIDDLE ROAD.

The union picnic of the Middle cod and Charing Cross Sunday chools was largely attended last

Miss Scaman, of Detroit, who has a visiting at the home of her trather, W. S. Scaman, returned on Besser Goulett was renewing old argustances on the 13th concession. Senday.

Mr. Jos. Bandall, Mer-Zin, spent a few days with their Zing, spent a few days with their Zinghter, Mrs. Jos. Bannett. Mr. Clenn, our popular teacher, meturaed Saturday.

Mrs. James Walker, of the 13th
session, spent Sunday evening
whi his friend, Stephen Bennett.

Size Wright is the guest of her
series, Miss Hazel Scaman.

Mrs. Lynch, of Blenheim, was the
succest of her mother last Thursday.

Miss Nora Bennett visited Miss

Hattie Scaman, Sunday.

Mr. O. Sykes, of the 15th con-

cession, made a short visit with friends here Sunday evening. Mr. Roy Pardo and Mr. O. Gou-Plett spent Tuesday evening in the Maple City.

NORTH ORFORD.

Joseph Train, of London, England, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hogg this week.

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A number from here attended the picnic to the lake on Wednesday, August 21.

Mrs. Ryan spent last week with friends in Sombra.

School re-opened Monday morning with a large attendance.

Miss Woods, of Belfast, our new teacher. whom the trustees has engaged to fill the vacancy of Miss Causgrove, is highly recommended by those who knew her as a teacher and student.

Miss S. Hetherington and Miss I was a streen on the fire engine best him to it."

and student.

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Anderson spent Thursday with
friends in Newbury.

The frost on Wednesday night did
some damage to the beans and corn.

Mr. and Mrs. McDenald, of London.
were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E.

L. Moore last week.

sort of protege of his.
"Wouldn't it hurt you t' get run
down by an engine?" demanded Muggsy. "Naw, it didn't hurt him. He Vardon bought a paper and turned away, when there came a tug at his coat, and he looked down to see the midget, thin faced and wistful. COMFORT, PERFECTION and SIMPLICITY

"Mox said would y' come t' see 'im? He wants t' say goodby before you went t' th' country. He's in the 'mer-

gency."

Vardon bestowed a dime upon the would be time to stop at the Emer-gency hospital on the way uptown. For more than a year "Limpy Mox" had been on that corner, rain or shine, to hand out the evening necessary. been on that corner, rain or shine, to hand out the evening paper and a greeting. A queer friendship had grown up between the two. It would only take a few minutes. Vardon knew one of the internes at the hospital and could get in even though it wars nost the visiting hour.

were past the visiting hour.
In a little while he was standing in one of the wards with grave faced Dr. Tomlin, looking down into the still

Miss Lanfesty spent Saturday and Sunday the guest of Mrs. G. Shaw.

Edward Bassett and femilia. "We had to take the leg off," explained the physician. "The heavy wheel crushed the bone beyond mending. It

one, yet he could not blame the hospital authorities. They were crowded for room, and the sunstroke cases were taxing their capacity. Vardon wanted very much to see Zess. Somehow it seemed as though he might open his heart to her with a better chance of success in vacation time, and all the

year he had been planning the trip.
He had nearly \$200 saved up, for the
Curtains were wealthy and spent the
summer at an expensive resort. Yet
it did not seem right to spend all the
money when it might be the price of
Moxie Solomon's life.

With a sudden determination he
turned into a side street, and presently
he was in the charity organization office. The superintendent was interest-

Mox's Vacation

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Vardon stopped across the street and

was to be care free-free to loaf, to in-

Up at the house there was a case of fishing rods, and already he could see the brook, with its green clad banks, and Bess, sitting on a fallen tree, watching his luck. He raised his hat ironically to the office building and the street down the street.

turned down the street.
At the corner the newsboys made a dash ror him, but Vardon waved them

not seen her in weeks.

fice. The superintendent was interested, but helpless. Like the hospital, the ed, but neipless. Like the nospital, the demands were greater than their resources. He might send Mox away for two weeks with one of the fresh air parties. More than that he could not various topped across the street and turned to smile at the grim old pile. For fifteen whole days he would not enter those dull offices on the seventh floor. For two weeks and a day he do-unless Vardon cared to raise a sub-scription. When Vardon turned away vite his soul and to see Bess Curtain. The last was the best part of it, for Bess had gone to the country at the first sign of hot weather, and he had not seen her in weeks.

that he was not coming. It was harder still to explain without seeming to ask her appreciation of his action. In the end he said nothing of the reasons, simply writing that unexpected developments made it impossible for him to come.

Mox's delight at the news of his va-

Mox's delight at the news of his vacation brought a feeling of warmth to Vardon's heart, but it did not relieve the ache when Bess' cold reply came. She had not understood and was angry that he should have changed his plans at the last moment.

Vardon spent his two weeks at a cheap resort near town and came back to take up the office grind again. Bess had not replied to his last letter, and though Mox's beaming face as he departed on the train for the country home repaid part of the sacrifice the dull ache remained.

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The next few weeks dragged miserably. Then one morning there was a letter at his plate at the breakfast table that for a moment seemed to stop the action of his heart.

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Bess was coming to town on Friday, and she suggested that they might lunch together and he could take her to a roof garden in the evening.

"I have a lot to tell you," she wrote, "I met one of your friends up here, and I want to tell you what he said. I shall save it for lunch."

Somehow the

Somehow the days dragged by, but Friday came at last. Sitting across the table from her Vardon could not real-ted his good fortune.

"I thought you were angry," he said as he leaned forward. "I was," she admitted frankly. "I

"I was," she admitted frankly. "I was counting so much on your visit. had made no other plans for those two weeks, and when your letter came and you did not even offer an explanation of your rudeness I could not understand it. It seemed as though you wanted to hurt my feelings."

"Could you think that?" he cried reproachfusy.

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"I am afraid," she confessed shyly,
"that in my disappointment I was not fair. Then your friend came, and it was all explained."
"Who was that?" he asked curiously.

him to it."

"Is he badly hurt?" Vardon's face clouded. The lame newsboy was a

"Who was that?" he asked curiously. He did not remember having told any one of his real reason.
"A gentleman of the name of Solomon," she smiled. "Moxle Solomon, I believe it is."
"What is Mox doing in your part of the country?" he demanded. "I understood that he was at Melrose."
"That is just below us. We drove over there one day to see the kiddies, and Mox told his story."
Vardon moved awkwardly in his chair. He did not want to be praised, even by Bess.

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"I suppose Mox put a lot of trim-

I suppose Mox put a lot of frim-mings to it?" he said after a pause. "He was very truthful," she said, smiling softly. "He said that you were the best man he knew." "And you think so too?" His voice trembled with eagerness. Bess nod-ded.

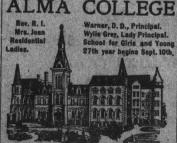
"Good enough-for a husband, your

husband?"
"I think so, Dick," she whispered.
"That's what I came to town to tell you—to make up for your lost vaca-

"Lost vacation!" he echoed. "Why, Mox's vacation was the most selfish thing I ever did since it won me you."

THORNCLIFFE.

Wiss Dale Blackburn, of Louis Reguest of Mrs. Q. Shaw and Sanday the guest of Mrs. Q. Shaw and Sanday the guest of Mrs. Q. Shaw and Sanday the guest of Mrs. Dole Blackburn, of Louis Reguest of Mrs. Wester States of Mrs. Wester Wester Wester States of Mrs. Wester Wester Wester Wester States of Mrs. Wester Wester Wester Wester Wester States of Mrs. Wester Betrayed by Clumsiness.



gold buckle I had left in the hotel, he replied: "There' is no occasion to telegraph. Write to the hotel manager when you get to Stockholm, and he will send the buckle on to you. No one ever steals in Finland." I wrote as he directed, and the buckle followed me to England, where I received it soon after my arrival.—Mrs. Meakin's Russia.

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in

## Looseness of The Bowels.

It is very seldom during the summer months that most people are not troubled with "looseness of the bowels."

Sometimes it only goes that far, but generally it develops into Diarrhoea, Dysentery or Summer Complaint and has a tendency to weaken the whole system.

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Miss M. Hopkins, Roseview, Sask., writes: "I have used Dr. Fowler's EXTRACT OF WILD STRAWBERRY and found it is all it is recommended to be for Diarrhoes and Summer Complaint. We would not be without a bottle of it in the

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Drowning at Windsor. Windsor, Sept. 3.—Albert Jubenville, aged 24, son of J. P. Jubenville, inland revenue officer, was drowned in the Detroit River here yesterday. The young man was engaged in helping a crew raise the G. T. R. car ferry. Huron when he slipped off a raft. The body has not been recovered.

Prince Leaves for Falls. New York, Sept. 3.—Prince Welham's visit to New York came to a close Sunday with a sight-seeing dash over the city that carried him from Harlem to Staten Island and back

again.

The royal guest left last night for Niagara Falls.

The Modesty of Women

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Naturally makes them shrink from the indelicate questions, the obnoxious examinations, and unpleasant local treatments, which some physicians consider essential in the treatment of diseases of women. Yet, if help can be had, it is better to submit to this ordeal than let the disease grow and spread. The trouble is that so often the woman underpoes all the annoyance shd shame for nothing. Thousands of women who have been cured by Dr. Rierce's Favorite Prescription write in appreciation of the cure which dispenses that the examinations and local treatments. There is no other medicine so sure and safe for delicate women as "Favorite Prescription." It cures debilitating drains, irregularity and female weakness. It always helps. It almost always cures. It is strictly non-alcoholic, non - secret, all its ingredients being printed on its bottle-wrapper; contains no deleterious or habit-forming drugs, and every native medicinal root entering into its composition has the full endorsement of those most eminent in the several schools of medical practice. Some of these numerous and strongest of professional endorsements of its ingredients, will be found in a pamphlet wrapped around the bottle, also in a booklet mailed free on request, by Dr. B. V. Pierce, of Suffalo, N. Y. These professional endorsements should have far more weight than any amount of the ordinary lay, or non-professional testimonials.

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## A PIONEER OF ONTARIO

NOT IN CHOPPING VIRGIN FOR-EST, BUT CHOPPING WORDS.

Some of the Work Done by Dr. A. Hamilton In the Direction of Spelling Reform-Chat With Him on His Hobby Is Not Only Pleasant But Profitable-Mine of Information on the Progress Already Made.

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A veritable mine of information on spelling reform and the progress that has been made in this direction from earliest times, is Dr. A Hamilton of 25 Bellevue avenue, Toronto, says The Sunday World. With the exception possibly of Mr. W. H. Orr, the doctor may be said to thave been the pioneer in this movement in Ontario. To chat with him on the subject is to spend a most profitable as well as pleasant half-hour, for the doctor is always willing to discuss the progress made in this movement, in promoting which he has spent the greater portion of a life-time, and it is impossible not to glean considerable interesting information from such an interview.

As far back as 1833 Dr. Hamilton became publicly identified with the spelling movement in Ontario; at which time he contributed a series of articles on the subject to The Toronto World. This was followed by the establishment at Port Hope in 1835 of a quarterly journal "devoted to promunciation and amended spelling," entitled The Herald. Soon afterwards the doctor moved to Toronto and has continued the publication of The Herald to the present time.

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His object cannot be better set forth His object cannot be better set forth than appeared in a recent sketch in The British Colonial Printer and Stationer, which says: "He tries to precipitate results on two planes, first that of moderately amending current spelling, under the title of Amended Spelling; second, to evoive a New (or more ideal) Spelling, toward which, as an end, advocates of improvement



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can work; but this is very far short of phonetic spelling with new characters which he considers wildly utopian and impossible for popular purposes, though very necessary as a tool or notation for special linguistic work."

The doctor is a member of the American Dialect Society, and a student of Ellis & Bell's writings on the British dialects. As may be imagined, he is exceedingly well-informed on philological and etymological questions and keeps in close touch with what is being done all over the world in the matter of spelling reform. It is interesting for the average man to learn, for instance, that certain European countries are ahead of us in the matter of reformed spelling. Germany Italy and Spaln have a simpler and saner system.

Maly and Spain have a simpler and san-er system.

The reform in Spain was brought about by the Spanish Government in 1804. The academy undertook the mat-ter, with the result, that in 1826 the new method went into effect. Portu-gal, though an adjacent country, has not kept pace with its neighbor, and still adheres to its antiquated style of spelling.

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It is impossible to reproduce home certain new characters which Dr. Hamilton employes in The Herald, for the reason that the type is lacking. To be more exact, two of these characters are described by the doctor as "reinstated" and two as "evolved." However, the following paragraph, which contains none of these characters, which will give an idea of the spelling to be found in The Herald:

Sonya, Ontario Co., Ont., has a name frequently misspelt, tho simpl. The pastmaster there kept note of diffrent spellings of Sonya, as receivd, and publist them in The Toronto Mail for May 29. They number 148. It is mentiond in our vol. 1, p. 73, that Cayuga was speld in 112 ways. Both Cayuga and Sonya ar fonette now. Why ar they not speld uniformly? Very simpl spelling will not prevent the tillterate from going wide on received wordforms, however simpl. We advocate in plank 15 (not unsetid, but) spelings fixt and much simplified.

Lake of Quickeilver.

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A take of Quicksilver, covering an area of more than three acres and having a depth ranging from ten to fifty feet, has been discovered in the mountains of the state of Vera Cruz. The value of the product is estimated at millions. This lake has been known to the Indians for many generations. It is situated far up in the mountains in an almost inaccessible position. Its surface is partity covered by stones. It is surface is partity covered by stones. It is believed that volcanic action in the mountains above smelted the quick-silver out of the cinnabar ore and that it ran down and filled this depression. A tunnel will be driven through the base of the mountain, and the quicksilver will be breught down by nears of gravity.

### A LONDON MYSTERY SOLVED.

Death of Thomas Wakley Recalls a Dramatic Episode.

The death of Thomas Wakley, joint officer of The London Lancet, recalls of dramatic and almost tragic episode in the life of his father, the founder of the paper, and for many years prominently before the public as Coroner for Middlesex.

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The circumstances arose out of the terrible sentence passed on the Cato street conspirators, Thistlewood, Inga, Brant, Davidson and Tidd, a sentence which prescribed that after being hanged their heads should be cut of and held up to the crowd, the executioner shouting, "This is the head of a traitor?" To carry out this wentence the sheriffs of London were in a considerable difficulty. The ordinary hangman was not equal to the task, and it was doubtful whether anybody could be found to wield an axe for such a purpose.

However, eventually the obstacle was overcome, and the enormous crowd gathered in front of the Old Bailey burst into roars of execration when a man, dressed in a sailor's jacket and trousers, and with a black allk handkerchief tied over part of his face to serve as a mask, stepped forward. An axe was brought forward, but he retused to use it, and, drawing out a large knile, he removed the heads in succession, very skilfully and rapidly.

At that time Thomas Wakley had just commenced to practice as a surgeon, and was living in Aryle St., Regent street. Immediately after the execution he received several anonymous letters containing vague threats, but, being a courageous man, he took little notice of them.

About 1.30 in the morning a man knocked at the surgeon's door. The servants were in bed, and the surgeon, heing indisposed, was at that moment applying some leeches to his temples. Hastily bandaging his head, he opened the door, and the visitor, in a hurried manner, asked the doctor to go to a patient (whom he named) who was dangerously ill. The messenger said he had come a long distance, and wurld like something to drink. The doctor went into the cellar, and during his absence other men were admitted. On his return the surgeon saw something rush toward him, and at the moment he received other injuries, and while lying on the ground was kicked senseless.

He remained thus for three-quarters of an hour, when

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He remained thus for three-quarters of an hour, when he was aroused
from his stupor by flames, immense
volumes rushing down the staircase.
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The surgeon, with difficulty, arose
and crawled through a skylight into
the adjoining house, where he was
found. The house was completely destroyed, and no clue was ever found
to the perpetrators.

At first it was thought Mr. Wakley
could not recover, but his strong
constitution save him. He was, however, not at the end of his misfortunes, for the insurance office refused
to pay the insurance money, and he
was forced to bring an action to clear
his character, for the insinuation was
that he had himself set fire to the
house.

He won the day, and the truth of He won the day, and the truth of the story of the murderous assault was proved; but the mystery as to the cause of the outrage was as great as ever. All that could be found out was that the young surgeon was supposed to be the man in the mask who had executed the Thistlewood gang. There was, of course, not the slightest foundation for such a statement, and a letter from the sheriff of London put an end to the slander.

It would not have been safe at the time to say who the man really was, as it would have cost him his life; but the secret may now be divulged. The masked headsman was a man named Tom Parker, the head dissecting room porter at a school of anatomy known as Grainger's Marroadal

A Soldier's Memorial.

The grim humor of soldiers is not often displayed on tombstones, but here is an inscription from the cemetery at Winchester, revealed on a walking tour in those parts:
"In memory of Thomas Thetcher, a grenadier of the North Regiment of Hants Militia, who died of a violent sever contracted by drinking small beer when hot, the 1th of May, 1764, aged twenty-six years.
"In grateful remembrance of whose universal good will toward his commades this stone is placed here at their expense as a small testimony of their regard and concern.
"Here sleeps in peace a Hampshire grenadier, who caught his death by drinking cold small beer.
Soldiers, be wise from his untimaly fall,
And when ye're hot drink Strong or none at all."
"This memorial being decayed, was restored by the officers of the garrison, A Soldier's Memorial.

none at all."

"This memorial being decayed, was restored by the officers of the garrison, A. D., 1781.
"An honest soldier never is forgot Whether he died by musket or by pot. "This stone was placed by the North Hants Militia when the sembodied at Winchester on April 25, 1802, in consequence of the original stone being destroyed.—London Tribone.

No Need to Cry.

"Don't cry, Buster," said Jack after the catastrophe. "Napoleon didn't cry every time his brother hit him accidentally on the eye."

"I know that," retorted Buster. "Napoleon did all the hittin' en the eye hisself."

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