

'SLOGGER WILLIAMS' OF "TOM BROWN SCHOOL DAYS"

Another Character in the
Popular Story Has
Died.

REAL CHARACTER
WELL KNOWN DIVINE

Very Rev. Buckley
Jones one of Last of Sur-
vivors in Book, has Pass-
ed Away.

One of the reasons, perhaps, why "Tom Brown's School Days" has become a classic is that the characters were drawn from life, and drawn indeed with such fidelity that they easily recognized themselves and were recognized by their acquaintances. One of the last survivors of that notable company that provided Hughes with the material for his great story has passed away. The Rev. Buckley Jones, who died two years ago when the cables announced as having been the "Slogger Williams" of the story, and one of the principals in that heroic fight. Just who were the fighters Hughes, the author of the story, would never say, because both were living. Nor would the principals admit which was which when interviewed upon the subject for the hundredth time a couple of years ago. There is no doubt that Rev. Augustus Orlebar, who died two years ago when he was in his ninetieth year, and the Very Rev. Chancellor Bulkeley Jones were the gladiators, and that in some respects the character of Orlebar inspired "Tom Brown."

Arthur was Not Stanley
Despite the fact that many of the characters are accurately drawn, the fact that there were no many boys at Rugby in the years covered by the story has led to some confusion. For example, the boy Arthur, who was the cause of the fight, is very generally supposed to have been Arthur Stanley, Dean of Westminster. Mrs. Hughes, however, asserts that this is an error, and that Stanley left Rugby soon after her husband had gone to the school as a very small boy, and that they were not acquainted with each other until after the publication of the book. When "Tom Brown" was published, Stanley read it and said: "It is an absolute revelation to me; opens up a world, though so near me, of which I was absolutely ignorant." Arthur, like some of the other characters, was a composite. Probably Theodore Walcott and W. P. Adams may be said to have been equally Arthur, whose physical power was small, and whose moral courage was tremendous.

The Old Foes as Friends.
Tom Brown himself was a composite. He was partly Tom Hughes, the author, his brother George, and in the fight he was Orlebar, who died a couple of years ago. In a new edition of the classic story, with a preface by Lord Kilbracken, edited by F. Sedgwick, and published in London by Sedgwick and Jackson, we are given an interesting reminiscence by Orlebar, who tells of a chance meeting with his old antagonist. He had come up to Rugby to attend the unveiling of the statue of Tom Hughes, and was sitting under a tent in Dr. James' garden when an elderly clergyman came up and seated himself beside him. They chatted together for some time, and then a remark of the new-comer revealed the fact that they had gone to school in the same year. Further revelations followed, and the two principals in the Homeric school fight were face to face in the two elderly clergymen. After the battle the boys had become good friends, and their friendship continued as long as they lived, though sometimes years would pass without a meeting, as in the instance of the unveiling.

Some Noted Characters.
In an interview in "Answers" not long ago, some four years or so, each principal admitted that he was in the fight, but as usual each refused to say which was Slogger and which was Tom. Mr. Orlebar said that most of the details of the fight were correct, so far as he remembered it, but that the battle took place in the School House Hall, and not in the meadow behind the chapel, as the day was very wet. He identified Arthur as the Right Hon. W. P. Adams, Governor of Madras, who had died some years before. Another of the characters of the story, J. G. Holloway, who backed Orlebar, became a barrister-at-law, and was living at that time.

Author Wished to Quit.
Bill another character died four years ago. This was Martin, the chum of Tom Brown. In real life he was Sir Charles Strickland, the eighth baronet and a famous Tory. He had the firm conviction that the country was going to the dogs, and refused to take any interest whatever in political affairs. When he found that his name was on the voters' list he indignantly demanded to know who had had the impudence to thus associate him with the rest of the voters. He was a member of the same family as Miss Agnes Strickland, the historian, and Mrs. Trill, who is well remembered in Canadian literature.

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How nearly "Tom Brown" came not to have been finished is unknown to the majority of its readers. Hughes in 1886 wrote to Alexander Macmillan that he was engaged upon a school story, and sent along some of the earlier chapters. The Macmillans

The annual meeting of the Women's Christian Temperance Union of the North End, will take place on Tuesday, 3rd of February, 1914, at the Library room, Union Hall, to hear reports read and transact any other business that may come before the meeting.

(Signed) A. B. FARMER,
Secretary-Treasurer.

HON. ADAM BECK IS HOME FROM ENGLAND

Considerably Improved in
Health—Has Heard Rum-
ors about High Commis-
sionership.

London, Ont., Jan. 29.—Hon. Adam Beck arrived home at one o'clock today after a two months trip to England. He is greatly improved in health and spirits and the rest has done him a world of good. He came through from New York, landing from the Olympic yesterday afternoon. When seen by the newspapers, Mr. Beck stated that he had little to say at the present time.

"I went for a complete rest and in order to do so I had to cut myself off completely from business here," said Mr. Beck.

"I do not know anything about matters in the province but expect to get in touch with them at the earliest possible moment."

"I was exceedingly sorry to hear of the illness of Sir James Whitney. I have been kept advised as to his condition, and I am more than delighted to hear of his improvement. I sincerely hope that it is permanent."

"Oh, yes, I did hear something about that High Commissionership. It seems that I am very favorably spoken of for the position in this country and elsewhere. Some person sent me some of the recommendations. Of course that is all I know about it. I have heard nothing."

FOR THE ORPHANS
The following subscriptions to the St. John Protestant Orphan Home are thankfully acknowledged by the treasurer:

T. H. Estabrook \$50
John P. MacIntyre 25
Geo. C. Weldon 10
W. T. N. 5
B. S. Smith 5
Geo. F. Bishop 5
Friend 2
H. F. Puddington 2
F. R. Fairweather 2
Miss Ethel Milligan 1
Andrew Blair 1
Rev. M. F. McCutcheon 1

They were delighted, and began the publication of the book forthwith. Three or four months later, however, Hughes' little daughter died and he lost all interest in his task. He even suggested that someone else should finish it, and this might have been done, with that result we may well imagine. However, Hughes plunged again into the work, hoping to find in it a distraction from his bitter grief, and eventually the necessary quantity of one has been taken from the mine and will be shipped today.

"I met your wife just now and she told me she had just bought a pinhead check suit."

"Well, I was the pinhead and the check was there, all right."

MILD WEATHER HITS THE COAL COMPANIES

Reading Collieries in
Pennsylvania Forced to
Close for Week—Thirty
Thousand out of Work.

Philadelphia, Jan. 29.—Because of the unusually mild weather some of the anthracite coal producing companies are greatly reducing their output. The Reading Company's collieries, employing thirty thousand men, closed down last night for the remainder of the week.

Today the collieries of the Susquehanna Coal Company suspended operations until Monday.

Miners say they cannot recall such long continued mild weather at this season of the year.

WILL MAKE TEST OF CARLETON COUNTY ORE

New York People Want
Shipment Sent to Decide
if Erection of Plant at
Northampton warranted

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 29.—The Collier-Sexton Mining Co. held a meeting this morning to consider a letter received yesterday from Shepherd Esley of New York, requesting a shipment of five tons of ore, which will be tested by different assays to decide as to whether it will yield a sufficient percentage of gold or copper to warrant the erection of a twenty-ton concentrator, to be erected at the mine in Northampton, four miles below Woodstock, if the assays are satisfactory.

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A WORD TO TODAY'S IMPERIAL PATRONS

The Hours at which "The
Fall of Pompeii" will be
Shown.

The management of Imperial Theatre respectfully request that intending patrons today be in their seats not later than two o'clock in the afternoon and seven and nine in the evening, the hours at which the wonderful six-reel spectacle-drama, "The Fall of Pompeii" will commence. Box seats may be reserved by telephone Main 2727. As the picture will be continued today and tomorrow only, special effort should be made to see it as it is unquestionably the most magnificent photodrama yet brought to St. John by the Keiths. The matinee on Saturday will be of unusual educational value to school children.

IN THE COURTS

PROBATE COURT.
The probate court yesterday took up the matter of the estate of John Donovan, bill posted. He died on February 20, 1911. His sister, Mary Ellen Driscoll, was appointed administratrix, but having failed to conform to an order of the court she was removed from office, whereupon the late Homer D. Forbes, barrister-at-law, was appointed administrator de bonis non. He having died before sufficient time had elapsed to administer, the estate on the petition of the next of kin, Richard B. Coolidge, of that city, counsel-at-law, was appointed administrator de bonis non, he giving the Canadian Surety Company as bondsmen for the due performance of his duties. F. J. G. Knowlton, is proctor for many of the next of kin; John A. Barry for some.

The court also took up the matter of the estate of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Roberts. She died in September last. She gives her leasehold property on the corner of Metcalf and Front streets and all her other property to her son William Wentworth Roberts, of St. John, marine engineer, and she nominates him as executor. He was accordingly sworn in as such. There is no real estate; personal estate, including the leasehold, valued at \$900. J. King Kelley, K. C., is proctor.

ASSASSIN'S NOTICE
The Board of Assessors of Taxes for the City of Saint John hereby require all persons liable to be rated for the year 1914 forthwith to furnish to the Assessors true statements of all their property, real estate, personal estate and income which is assessable under the "Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909," and hereby give notice that blank forms on which statements may be furnished can be obtained at the office of the Assessors, and that such statements must be perfected under oath and filed in the office of the Assessors, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

Dated this Fifth day of January, A. D. 1914.

ARTHUR W. SHARP,
Chairman.
URIAH DRAKE,
JOHN ROSS,
Extracts from the "Saint John City Assessment Act, 1909."

"Sec. 32. The Assessors shall ascertain, as nearly as possible, the particulars of the real estate, the personal property, and the income of every person, who has not brought in a statement in accordance with their notice and as required by law, and shall make an estimate thereof at the true value and amount, to the best of their information and belief; and such estimate shall be conclusive upon all persons who have not filed their statements in due time, unless they can show a reasonable excuse for the omission."

"Sec. 43. No person shall have an abatement unless he has filed with the Assessors the statement under oath within the time required; nor shall the Common Council, in any such case, sustain an appeal from the judgment of the Assessors, unless they shall be satisfied that there was good cause why the statement was not filed in due time as herein provided."

W. W. DOREY,
Deputy Minister of the Interior.
N. B. Unauthorised publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE OF SALE.
There will be sold at public auction on 7th of February, 1914, at Chubb's Corner, Saint John, at 12 noon, in suit Lancaster Loan, Limited, vs. William O. Lee and others, all the interest of defendants in leasehold property situated in said City on Wall Street adjoining St. Paul's Church, having 62 feet in the rear, 148 on Burpee Avenue and 121 feet on its southern line.

For particulars and terms apply to undersigned solicitor.
Dated 24th November, 1913.
AMON A. WILSON,
Master in Chancery,
STEPHEN B. BUSTIN,
Plaintiff's Solicitor.

SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-
WEST LAND REGULATIONS.
THE head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section of Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Agency for the District. Entry by proxy may be made at the office of any Agent of Dominion Lands (not sub-agent) on certain conditions.

Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. Homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 80 acres, on certain conditions. A habitable house is required in every case, unless the homesteader is performing in the vicinity.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$5 per acre. Duties—Six months residence in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and 50 acres extra must be cultivated in case of rough, scrubby or stony land after report by Homestead Inspector on application for patent.

Homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price, \$5 per acre. Duties—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate 50 acres and erect a house worth \$100.

Deputy Minister of the Interior.
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MAIL CONTRACT.
SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the Postmaster General, will be received at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the 20th March, 1914, for the conveyance of His Majesty's mails, on a proposed contract for four years, six single trips per week between Waweg and C. P. R. station, from the pleasure of P. M. General.

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A. R. COLTER,
P. O. Inspector.
Post Office Inspector's Office,
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SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES
All kinds, half dozen 170 by mail; New Home machines twenty per cent discount during the holidays; Wilcox & Gibbs machine \$15; W. & W. manufacturing machine \$10; White machine \$7; Domestic and all machines repaired—William Crawford, 105 Princess Street, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE—A good lot of work horses and one or two drivers. Apply, The Hibbard Co., Limited, Fredericton, N. B.

SAWMILL PROPERTY FOR SALE
OR RENT—Steam and water power plant in Victoria County is being offered at very low cost for immediate sale. Suitable terms can be made for renting and sawing out this season's cut of spruce and hardwood. Capacity about three million feet. For further particulars write P. O. Box 276, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE—Fifty ash sleighs for sale at Edgemoor's. Send for prices and catalogue. Edgemoor's, 115 City Road.

TO LET.
Two splendid West Side properties at moderate prices. For application to Messrs. Fairweather and Porter, No. 61 Prince William Street.

FOR SALE—Tugboat, 65 ft. over all, 14 ft. 3 in. beam, 8 ft. deep, fully equipped with machinery, 10 and 20 horsepower engines, surface condenser and pumps. All connections and pipes brass and copper. Address T. N. McGrath, Tusket, N. S.

OFFICE TO RENT—On Water Street, facing Market Square, ground floor. Enquire of Peterson and Co., 7 and 9 Water Street.

TO LET—A suite of two offices and one single office in our new office building No. 167 and 169 Prince William Street; also store and small flat No. 267 Brussels Street. For particulars inquire Armstrong and Bruce, 55 Prince William Street.

FLATS TO LET—Metcalf Street, 2 flats, new house, modern improvements. Apply 63 Durham Street. Phone 654-11.

OFFICE TO LET—Nice large office in the Dearborn Building, 93 Prince William Street.

TO LET—Rooms newly furnished, electric light, and heated, 168 King Street East.

PUBLIC NOTICE.
PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill entitled AN ACT TO AMEND THE MUNICIPALITIES ACT by the next session of the Legislature of New Brunswick. The objects of the bill are to fix a date for filing voters' list in Municipal Elections; the enlargement of the term of Councilors to 3 years; and an indemnity of \$100. The Bill is intended to apply only to the Parishes in the County of Saint John.

Dated the 26th day of January, A. D. 1914.
JAMES KING KELLEY,
County Secretary.

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