

—generally modest in dimension and unpretentious in theme—won him a sufficiently assured position in the artistic world, to make the opening of an art school in Westminster, a successful enterprise. He has the gift of imparting knowledge in a quiet, impressive way. His school grew and prospered; but his zeal as a teacher did not abate his vigour as a painter; and, year after year, his work (exhibited mainly in the New English Art Club) was amongst the best of the efforts of the coming men. The picture, "Hard Times," was a dark interior, painted mainly in browns of beautiful quality. The story was quietly told, and well: a labourer, out of work, sat in an attitude of dejection, with his chair against the dingy wall; his ten-year-old daughter crouched by the dying embers of a fire at which she tried to warm her hands. This was clearly stated, but the story was subordinated to a fine scheme of glowing, deep browns, and the picture is valuable, not so much as an illustration of the hardships of the poor, but as a masterpiece of style. Fred Brown allied himself with the advocates of progress—Starr, Sickert and Steer—and he fearlessly attacked the conservatism of the Academy. One of the features of a powerful speech of his, at a dinner given to him by his students at the "Holborn," was a most unqualified denunciation of the methods of Burlington House. But in justice it must be said that on the rare occasions, when Brown has sent pictures there, the Academy (after a few rejections) has treated him very well. It remains to be seen what will be the position finally occupied by Brown in the world of art. He has not painted his best work yet. He is still experimentalising. Portraits, landscapes, interiors, all interest him in turn, and it cannot be said that he has found his groove. Perhaps his acceptance of the position of successor to Legros as Slade Professor will help him to find it.

E. WYLY GRIER.

### Personal.

Mr. H. Corby, M.P., was in Toronto on Tuesday last.

Hon. Mr. Fielding, Premier of Nova Scotia, is in the United States, and will be absent from his office for several weeks.

Mr. J. B. Mills, M.P., of Annapolis, N.S., is mentioned amongst Conservatives as a possible member of the Dominion Cabinet.

His Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, left on the 27th ult. for the purpose of obtaining a new Provost for Trinity University. The Archdeacon of York was appointed his commissary during his absence.

Principal Grant was in town last Sunday and was the guest of Hon. Mr. Justice and Mrs. Maclellan. He preached at St. Andrew's Church at both the morning and evening services. The Principal's sermons are striking and original in the best sense of the words.

The Newfoundland delegation, charged to negotiate confederation with Canada, is now at Ottawa. It consists of Hon. Messrs. Robert Bond, Geo. H. Emerson, E. Morris, and W. H. Harwood. They have the authority of both branches of the Newfoundland Legislature to negotiate the treaty, and hope to be successful.

Mr. David Creighton, formerly manager of *The Empire*, has been appointed Deputy Receiver-General in Toronto, in place of Mr. C. J. Campbell, who, having reached the age of 73, and having been twelve years in the office, has been superannuated. The change will take place May 10. The salary is \$3,000 per annum.

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Mr. T. D. Bell, of Montreal, has been in Toronto recently. He favoured our sanctum with a visit, and was good enough to say that the people of Montreal were beginning to appreciate the national character of *THE WEEK*.

At the recent Trinity Medical College examinations the gold medal was won by Mr. H. Parker, and the first and second silver medals by Mr. Alexander C. Lambert and Mr. J. C. Hutchison respectively. We beg to offer our congratulations to these three able young men. They took their M.D. degrees yesterday at Trinity University.

The Hon. A. R. Dickey, M.P., is now Minister of Militia and Defence. He was sworn in at Rideau Hall on Monday afternoon last by Mr. McGee, Clerk of the Privy Council, in the presence of His Excellency Lord Aberdeen, Sir Mackenzie Bowell, Sir A. P. Caron, Hon. Messrs. Costigan, Angers and Haggart. Mr. Dickey has already assumed charge of his department.

Dr. Laphorne Smith, of Montreal, is delivering a course of lectures in that city on "Health and Beauty of Women." The addresses are characterized by sound common sense and a large knowledge of feminine failings. We are pleased to see that he condemns in strong terms the use of the hideous form-destroying corset which makes so many women mere caricatures.

Mr. Archibald Blue, of Toronto, has been asked by the editors of *Res Gestae*, the publication of Ann Arbor University's law faculty to prepare a monograph on the life of Hon. David Mills, who, in 1867, graduated from that law school. Judge Cooley, the well-known American jurist, recommended Mr. Mill's name to the editors as one of the three distinguished graduates of the institute, sketches of whose careers will appear in the annual publication of *Res Gestae*.

"Turning again toward the poet's domain," so writes Helen E. Gregory Flesher, of a visit to Joaquin Miller, in California, "upon the top of the mountain and to the right we see three high, square heaps of stones and beside each a pile of wood. One of these is Joaquin Miller's funeral pyre, and here, after death, he intends to be cremated. One has already been used, and the third is for a Parisian lady, whose body, when her spirit has left it, will be brought hither and burned."

Mr. S. Sheren, the Secretary of the proposed Pan-American Congress, has been in Toronto during the current week making arrangements for the reception of its members. The date selected is the 18th to 25th July next. Rev. Dr. Samuel G. Smith, of St. Paul, is President, and on the Executive Committee are: Bishop N. N. Gilbert, Rev. Dr. Heffron of Minnesota; Lyman J. Gage, President First National Bank, Chicago; Bishop J. H. Vincent; Hon. John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, and others.

*The Bookman* gives the following as a story that Kipling has told of himself: "One day I was sitting in my bachelor study in London when suddenly a gentleman appeared at the door unannounced, followed by two young ladies. 'Is this Rudyard Kipling?' inquired the gentleman. 'Yes,' I answered. I turned round. 'Girls, this is Rudyard Kipling. And is this where you write?' he continued. 'Yes,' I replied. 'Girls, this is where he writes.' And before I had time to offer them tea," said Mr. Kipling, "they were gone, girls and all. I suppose they had all literary London to do in that way."

Great is the energy displayed by the ladies who have charge of the projected "Women's *Globe*" of April 18th. It ought to be an immense success with an organization so perfect as that which has now been reached. The Executive Committee is an interesting one comprising the following well-known brainy women: Mrs. John Alexander, Mrs. Adam Lynd, Mrs. George Kerr, jr., Mrs. E. G. Heliwell; Mrs. George Dickson, (Editor-in-Chief) Mrs. Willoughby Cummings, Miss Freeman, Mrs. Frank Yeigh, (Press Committee) Mrs. Dignam, Mrs. M. McDonell, (Business Manager) Mrs. W. C. Matthews, Miss Wardrop and Mrs. Charlotte Morrison, (Circulation Committee) It is a very strong and harmonious executive, the business and editorial departments in the various branches

being well represented. At a recent meeting Mrs. S. H. Blake was unanimously elected Honorary-President.

The new Examiner of Plays—a post worth about £1,000 a year—is Mr. George A. Redford, who frequently assisted his predecessor, Mr. Pigott. The applicants were very numerous, among them, it is reported, being Mr. Robert Wallace, M.P.

"Bi-metallism" was the subject of a most valuable and instructive lecture delivered on Saturday night last at the Canadian Institute, by Professor Mavor, who occupies the chair of political science at Toronto University. Prof. Ramsay Wright was chairman.

Mrs. Campbell Praed, the novelist, who is accompanied by her son and daughter, is now on a tour round the world. She was in Sydney when the last mail left, and was going on to Queensland. After a few weeks stay there Mrs. Praed was to proceed to Japan and return to England by way of America.

### Health and Happiness.

HOW IT WAS FOUND BY A LANARK COUNTY LADY.

She Had Suffered for Years From Weakness and Pains in the Back—Sciatica Complicated the Trouble and Added to Her Misery—Her Health Almost Miraculously Restored.

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On a prosperous farm in the township of Montague, Lanark county, lives Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wood, esteemed by all who know them. Mrs. Wood was born in the village of Merrickville, and spent her whole life there until her marriage, and her many friends are congratulating her on her recovery to health and strength after years of pain and suffering. When the correspondent of the Recorder called at the Wood homestead, Mrs. Wood, although now not looking the least like an invalid, said that since girlhood and until recently, she was troubled with a weak back which gave her great pain at times. As she grew older the weakness and pain increased, and for nearly twenty years she was never free from it. About a year ago her misery was increased by an attack of sciatica, and this with her back trouble forced her to take to bed, where she remained a helpless invalid for over four months. Different doctors attended her and she tried numerous remedies said to be a cure for her trouble, but despite all she continued to grow worse. She was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but she had dosed herself with so many medicines that her faith in the healing virtues of anything was about gone, and she had fully made up her mind that her trouble was incurable. At last a friend urged her so strongly that she consented to give the Pink Pills a trial. Before the first box was all used she felt a slight improvement, which determined her to continue this treatment. From that out she steadily improved, and was soon able to be up and about the house. A further use of the Pink Pills drove away every vestige of the pains which had so long afflicted her and she found herself again enjoying the blessing of perfect health. Eight months have passed since she ceased using the Pink Pills, and in that time she has been entirely free from pain or weakness, and says she is confident no other medicine could have performed the wonder Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for her. She says: "I feel happy not only because I am now free from pain or ache, but because if my old trouble should return at any time I know to what remedy to look for a release."

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