

Ashfield.

EDUCATIONAL.—The following list comprises the most successful pupils in each of the classes of S. S. No. 6, Ashfield, for the month of February.—Fifth Form—1 Wm. Hagan, 2 Mary J. McConnell, Fourth Form—1 Mary Draney, 2 Sarah Harris, 3 Jas. Maize, 4 Sarah Willis, 5 Letitia Draney, 6 Barbara Willis, Senior Third—1 Hattie Hawlow, 2 Fred Robinson, 3 J. Judge, 4 Lavene Augustine, 5 Albert Maize, 6 Maggie Hagan, Junior Third—1 B. McConnell, 2 Dorcas Maize, 3 Susan McConnell, 4 Frances Hart, 5 Mary A. Harris, 6 Wm. Hart, Second Form—1 Maggie Augustine, 2 Annie Russell, 3 Sarah Maize, 4 Sarah Draney, 5 Annie Warner, 6 Rhoda Willis.

St. Helen's.

The young people of St. Helen's congregation, (Presbyterian), desirous of giving an open expression of their attachment and respect for their pastor, the Rev. R. Leask, from 80 to 100 of them—principally belonging to his Bible Class—assembled at the Manse, on the evening of Monday, the 21st ult. After all had been comfortably seated Mr. J. Webster read a most kind address to the minister, and presented him with a purse, also intimating that they had left over 60 bushels of oats in the stable. Mr. Leask, although taken completely by surprise, replied, thanking them for the practical expression of their kindly feelings to himself personally, and assured them that he fully reciprocated their attachment, that during the fifteen years of his ministry among them his young people had ever been nearest his heart. Refreshments were served by a committee of young ladies, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Market.

HORSES SOLD.—A few days since, Mr. T. Heywood sold two fine colts for \$150 each.

DEATH OF A CONDUCTOR.—Conductor Hazelgrove, for some time was on one of the freight trains on the L. H. & B., died at his home in London, on the 21st ult. He was much respected by every one with whom he became acquainted.

STEAM HATCHER.—Mr. Geo. Southcott is at present hatching chickens by steam; this is a new feature in this place. He anticipates a large harvest of young chickens shortly. Mr. Southcott has the reputation of keeping the best variety of fowl in this section.

BRAKEMAN HURT.—On Tuesday afternoon last, while coupling cars at Brucefield station, a brakeman named George Black was seriously hurt by projecting lumber. His head was badly smashed, and much internal bleeding was the result. He was sufficiently recovered on Wednesday morning to be taken to his home at London.—Reflector.

A NARROW ESCAPE.—On Monday last, Mr. Richard Manning, agent for the Confederation Life Association, received word from a gentleman in Clinton that he had been poorly for some few weeks, and would not be able to pay his premium on a \$2,000 policy, which would become due on Tuesday, March 1st. Mr. Manning wrote him a letter in answer, and had it posted. On Tuesday morning a telegram was received that the gentleman was dead. This was, indeed, a close call. The widow will receive the \$2,000.

Lockwood.

HEAVY FALL.—Last week a fall that might have proved serious in its consequences befel Mr. John Allin. He was on top of a load of hay and through some mishap fell backwards, off the load, striking the corner of the rack in his descent, and severely bruising his head. He was sufficiently recovered to get out in a couple of days.

VALUABLE THOROUGHBRED PURCHASE.—A valuable addition has been made to the thoroughbred stock of Ashfield, by the purchase of a fine thoroughbred stallion, "Duke of Wellington," by Mr. Jos. H. Gardner, of the 10th con. The animal was purchased at Fergus from Messrs. J. & W. McDermott, for the handsome sum of \$140.

SKATING CHAMPIONSHIP.—The silver Cup put up by R. Henderson, of the Dominion Skating Rink, Kincardine, for the Championship of the Counties of Huron and Bruce was won easily by G. Kerr, of this village, who came out best in the two contests on Wednesday evenings of last week and this week. The Cup was to be given to the skater who covered the greatest distance in an hour. Kerr skated 11 miles last evening. We understand there was considerable excitement over the race.

SHOOTING MATCH.—A match between seven married, and an equal number of single gentlemen took place at the Corrie Range on Tuesday afternoon. The single men succeeded in scoring 19 points more than their opponents. On the same day a match which had been arranged for some time ago took place, the opposing parties being Messrs. L. C. McIntyre and J. St. C. Walker, and W. H. Treleven and R. G. Greenwell. The first mentioned two beat by 11 points.

The Stratford Beacon says:—A Tavistock gentleman lately received a private and confidential letter from New York stating that the writer was prepared to supply some thousands of bogus Canadian bank bills for ten cents on the dollar, and that said bills were so finely executed as to defy detection by the bank officials. Our impetuous friend swallowed the bait, mortgaged his property for \$1,000, and with the proceeds started for Gotham, interviewed the philanthropist, bought \$500 worth of the famous bills which were sent by express, but when the parcel was opened it was found to contain old newspapers.

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LITERARY NOTICES.

The British Quarterly, London Quarterly, and Edinburgh Reviews, for January, have been recently received from the Leonard Scott Publishing Co., 41 Barclay street, N. Y., and closely following them comes Blackwood's Magazine for February. This number will be found attractive, as in it there is an article devoted to George Eliot, whose works were published in this magazine. This article is both a tribute to her memory and a valuable contribution to the story of her early life and career. There is another charming essay by Helena Faucit Martin, in continuation of the series of Shakespeare's heroines, in which she has selected the character of Portia for analysis. The "Private Secretary" is continued, and we have two other narratives, "Mr. Cox's Photogen" (Mr. Cox is a martyr to philanthropy), and "The Salmon of Clotie's Hole," very gamy fish, remarkable for its probably the only fish that rose to land without having his weight reduced. There are also reviews of Trevelyan's Early History of Charles James Fox, and Trullinger's Life of Cicero. The numbers of these periodicals are of the highest standard of periodical literature, and this fact must surely commend them to the public, independent of the liberal premiums offered for new subscribers.

John B. Gough's New Book. "SUNLIGHT AND SHADOW."—Ever since it became known that John B. Gough was engaged in writing a new book, its appearance has been watched with intense interest. It has recently been published, and the enormous sales afford a striking instance of the success that is sure to be awarded to a really good work. Although only just published, the twenty-sixth thousand is already printed; and this fact alone is worthy of notice, for a book which sells like this must be one of extraordinary interest.

John B. Gough, the author of "Sunlight and Shadow," is too well known to require any eulogy here. Thousands are familiar with the history of his life: his early poverty, the depth of the degradation to which he descended while a victim of drink, his wretched condition and terrible sufferings, his superhuman struggles against intemperance, his reform, his relapse, his resigning of the pledge and final victory, his world-wide fame, and his extensive travels and protracted labors in this country and abroad. Thirty-five years ago Mr. Gough first published his Autobiography. He had then just recovered from a life of unparalleled dissipation, and was just entering the career which has since made him so famous. In 1869 a new edition of that work, with additions and emendations, was given to the public. It contained a history of his early life, with some recollections of his career as a public speaker. It did not embody the intensely interesting and exciting record of the many thrilling, pathetic, and amusing scenes of human life.

"From grave to gay, from lively to severe," which all the world knew had crowded themselves into his long and varied career. These have now been gathered for the first time, and the new book, "Sunlight and Shadow," is the medium—and the only one—through which these thrilling details have ever been presented to the public.

"Sunlight and Shadow" is indeed a remarkable book by a remarkable man. Mr. Gough's recollections of his own experiences have made him ever ready to lend a helping hand to others, and the very nature of his life-work has brought him into close contact with poverty, crime, destitution and vice, and he has listened to life-histories of the most thrilling nature, and witnessed scenes that testify to the truth of the adage, "Fact is stranger than Fiction."

Some of the saddest and most pathetic incidents ever told are narrated in the present work, and the reader's eyes will fill in spite of himself at the power of Mr. Gough's pathos in describing scenes that have come under his personal observation.

But "Sunlight and Shadow" is not altogether a record of dark experiences. It has a bright and sunny side. Mr. Gough's stories and descriptions of the humorous side of life, as he has seen and experienced it, portray many amusing scenes. His remarkable facility for seeing the ludicrous side of every thing, and his talent for humorous description, are well known. No one can tell more amusing things and in a more irresistibly humorous way than John B. Gough. The comedies from life, absurd blunders, laughable mistakes, comical incidents, embarrassing situations, mostly drawn from his own experience on the platform and among the people, provoke the mirth of the most serious. His experiences with brazen-faced people; with letter-writers and their remarkable wares; with aspirants for fame and seekers after "muddle" lectures; with beggars without number and bodes of all kinds—are given in "Sunlight and Shadow" without reserve.

In short, "Sunlight and Shadow" is a mine of extraordinary interest. It can be truthfully said of it, that for thrilling interest, teaching pathos and irresistible humor, no book has ever equalled it.

In point of paper, printing, binding, and above all, beautiful and costly illustration, we have not seen its equal in many a day. It is superbly illustrated, engraved in the highest style from original designs by F. O. C. Darley, Frederick Dielman, and other famous artists. The magnificent steel-plate portrait of Mr. Gough was engraved from a photograph taken expressly for this purpose, and will be highly prized by tens of thousands who have listened to his eloquence.

We advise our readers to buy "Sunlight and Shadow" at the first opportunity. They can, in our opinion, much better afford to dispense with a dozen other books than not possess this. The gentlemanly agents are now canvassing the town.

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Words of Wisdom.

Ceremony is the smoke of friendship. Justice is like glass, which cannot be bent, but is easily broken.

Choose your shot according to the size of the game you are seeking.

We are solemnly obliged to the children of those who have loved us.

The man who fails in business, but succeeds in life in luxury, is a thief.

It is better to do the "idiot thing" in the world than to sit idle for half an hour.

Faith never stops to look at circumstances or powder results; it looks at God.

If the world owes any man a living, it stands ready to take up its notes, on demand.

The moment a man begins to rise above his fellows, he becomes a mark for their enmities.

A man speaks or acts with a pure heart, happiness follows like a shadow that never leaves him.

One of the kindest things heaven has for man is denying him the power of looking into the future.

The peasant could live very well without his king; but the king would fare hard without his peasant.

I follow nature as the surest guide, and resign myself with implicit obedience to her sacred ordinances.

Men of the noblest dispositions think themselves happiest when others share their happiness with them.

'Tis an ill thing to be ashamed of one's poverty; but much worse not to make use of lawful means to avoid it.

Riches with charity are nothing worth. They are blessings only to him who makes them a blessing to others.

To be furious in religion is to be irrationally religious; it were better to be of no church than to be bitter of any.

Cullinary Gems.

The stew is the great dish of the future.

The uncertainty of meal taking brings with it a craving for stimulants.

Stews should not be cooked too long as then they evaporate valuable particles.

It is impossible to get warm in cold weather with undigested food in your stomach.

Fish should never be boiled but steamed, so that no fine properties are dissolved in the water.

Exclusive diet on peas, beans and lentils do not develop the brightest and quickest tone of mind.

Food is only coarse when coarsely cooked, as the plainest materials contain nutritious and dainty elements.

It's a great mistake to eat half raw steaks on a cold winter's day. Half raw meat yields much less nutrition than well cooked meat.

Vegetables are the life and soul of healthy living, and should not be neglected at any meal.

If meals are kept irregularly in youth something creeps up in adult age which shows diminished vitality.

The want of a warm meal in the middle of the day is to people who have had perhaps but a slight breakfast and have been in the cold winter air the cause of disease and want of vitality.

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Newspaper Laws.

We call the special attention of postmasters and subscribers to the following synopsis of the newspaper laws:

1. A postmaster is required to give notice by letter (returning a paper does not answer the law) when a subscriber does not take his paper out of the office, and state the reasons for its not being taken. Any neglect to do so makes the postmaster responsible to the publishers for payment.

2. If any person orders his paper discontinued, he must pay all arrearages, and the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it be taken from the office or not. There can be no legal discontinuance until the payment is made.

3. Any person who takes a paper from the post-office, whether directed to his name or another, or whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the pay.

4. If a subscriber orders his paper to be stopped at a certain time, and the publisher continues to send it, the subscriber is bound to pay for it if he takes it out of the post-office. This proceeds upon the ground that a man must pay for what he uses.

5. The courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper and periodicals from the post-office, or removing and leaving them uncalled for, is prima facie evidence of intentional fraud.

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