

THE ACADIAN.

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Editorial Notes.

We omitted last week to make mention of the new serial, 'A Prophet in Babylon,' now running in this paper. The story is a high-class one and of absorbing interest throughout. It is such a story as no one can fail to be benefited by reading, and we feel sure its publication will add very materially to the pleasure and profit of our subscribers.

We wish to call attention to a way in which our subscribers can be of assistance to THE ACADIAN. It costs considerable money to issue a newspaper, and money, therefore, is a necessity. On our books a great many small in themselves but the aggregate make a very considerable amount. We have sent a number of accounts recently, and receiving them as well as indebted will oblige very much in making prompt payment.

It is now plainly apparent that an individual at present residing in this town, who hitherto has devoted his spare moments to scribbling house-keeping items for neighboring journals and other literary work of like merit, has secured free entry to the editorial columns of the Western Chronicle, of Kentville. His references to THE ACADIAN are evidently not intended to be regarded as complimentary. We have devoted some attention to looking into the past record of this facile scribe and will have something of interest to communicate concerning him anon.

Some years ago the Wolfville Board of Trade made an effort to have a letter-box provided at the railway station here, but for some unknown reason their undertaking failed of accomplishment. We are inclined to think that the matter was not entrusted to skillful hands at that time, and beg to suggest that another attempt be made. The providing of this convenience would be very much appreciated by business men especially, and there is no reason why it should not be furnished. Such towns in the valley as Digby, Annapolis, Middleton and Kentville have enjoyed this privilege for some time, and certainly Wolfville has just as reasonable a claim. Let another effort be put forth.

Not a little interest is being manifested in the query as to whom is to be Wolfville's new post-master. It is understood that there are more than a few who are hungrily looking for the position. If the interest of the public were the supreme issue we do not see how better could be done than to appoint Mr. A. V. Rand as the successor of his worthy father. Mr. Rand has had a splendid training for the work and would be an admirable post-master. The suggestion is especially reasonable because not many years ago a number of citizens who now ought to have influence with the government of the day circulated a petition which was largely signed, asking for his appointment in view of a possible vacancy.

It is stated in the press, that any person who does not hold a University degree can not hereafter be principal of a County Academy in this Province. This regulation, which is announced in the October Journal of Education, has been decided upon by the Council of Public Instruction on the recommendation of the Advisory Board and will have a far reaching effect on the High School work of the Province. For many years the highest work done by the County Academies had been overlapping the first work of the universities and henceforth this overlapping will cease. This practically brings the Provincial Universities into the public school system. Ontario has Provincial University of her own and requires University degrees for a head master's license, but apart from this Nova Scotia is the only Province that has adopted such a regulation.

The forty fifth annual convention of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association is to be held at Middleton next week. The meeting begins on Monday at 2 o'clock in Morrison's Hall, and there will be three sessions on Tuesday, closing at noon on Wednesday. W. T. Mason, of the Central Experimental Farm Staff, Principal Cuming, Prof. Smith and Prof. Shaw, of the Nova Scotia College of Agriculture, will be present at the meetings. The commercial side of fruit growing will be a strong feature. R. J. Graham, of Stellerville, Ont., Howard Bigh, of Halifax, the managers of co-operative associations, and Dominion Fruit Inspectors, are expected to take part in these discussions. Tuesday evening will be given to a popular mass meeting addressed by the Lieutenant Governor and other prominent public men. All interested in fruit growing are invited to attend and assist in making the convention profitable.

Beware of Frequent Colds.

A succession of colds or a protracted cold is almost certain to end in chronic catarrh, from which few persons ever wholly recover. Give every cold the attention it deserves and you may avoid this disagreeable disease. How can you secure a cold? Why not try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy? It is highly recommended by Dr. H. M. White, of Butler, Tenn. "Several years ago I was bothered with my throat and lungs. Someone told me of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I began using it and it relieved me at once. Now my throat and lungs are sound and well." For sale by Rand's Drug Store.

Conception of Life and Death.

Dr. Charles Minot, of Harvard, who has just written a book on the problem of longevity, says that we have very little information that is satisfactory from a scientific point of view. There seems to be a fundamental principle that every animal should live long enough to reproduce its species, and that there is some relation between the age of a species and its prolificacy; but the hypothesis that reproduction is the cause of the termination of life does not necessarily follow. There is another general rule that the larger animals live longest, as, for example, the elephant. But there are many exceptions to this principle, for parrots sometimes live to be a hundred, while a dog is old at fifteen. There are insects which live for many years, like the seven-year locusts, and there are other insects of the same size whose lifetime occupies only a few months. A recent theory is that advanced by Weismann, which is to the effect that the duration of life is governed by the extent to which the body is used, that an active species is shorter-lived than one of lethargic temperament, because the body really wears out. Dr. Minot disputes this, and shows that at death all parts of the

body are worn out. "The case," however, reveals a cell change in the body. The living material, having acquired its differentiation, passes now in one part, now in another, then in a third, to a yet further stage, that of degeneration. The result of degeneration or atrophy, as the case may be, is that the once living protoplasm loses its vital quality, and becomes dead material; and necessarily the functional activity ceases. In our author's judgment, therefore, the duration of life depends upon the rate of this mysterious process called cell change, or cytomorphosis.

The problem is to retard cell-change. Dr. Minot is not able to offer a solution, but he does not hesitate to criticize the theories of Metchnikoff, Oslor, and others. Dr. Oslor's ideas on the subject are pretty well summed up in the phrase "A man is as old as his arteries," and perhaps most doctors agree that the prime cause of senility is the hardening of the walls of the arteries. This condition, called arterial sclerosis, interferes directly with the circulation, and thus every function of the body is affected. In the old, many alterations can be traced to the natural changes in the arteries, by which these acquire hardness and inelastic walls that prevent the proper response of the artery to the heart beat, upon which the normal, healthy circulation largely depends. This undoubted condition has led many to declare sclerosis of the arteries the initial factor in senility.

Prof. Metchnikoff says that our bodies suffer from what he calls "dis-harmonies," by which he means the imperfect adaptation of the structures within us to the performance of the functions of the body as a whole. The most prominent of these disharmonies is that of intestinal fermentation poisoning the system. The Metchnikoff theory is that certain cells go to work upon the poisoned parts and cause still further damage. These cannibalistic cells are called phagocytes, and are held responsible for grey hair. They eat the pigment, which would otherwise have remained in the hair. Having located, as he believes, the real internal enemies to long life, Prof. Metchnikoff gave to the world what he believed was a still more powerful agent of benevolent tendencies—sour milk. The lactic acid, he holds, and with him agree such other noted investigators as the German Biologist, and the Italian Kovitch, prevents intestinal fermentation, and thus the copious drinking of sour milk is offered as a substitute for Ponce de Leon's fabled spring.

Dr. Minot has no admiration for the sour milk cure. He considers it merely as an optimistic substitute for the various forms of philosophy and religion which many millions of people have found healthy in their declining years. Another odd theory as to the fundamental nature of the senility is that advanced by a Russian, Prof. Muhlmann. He notes respiration in connection with the production of warmth in a child's body, and in the body of an adult, and finds that the diminution of surface in proportion to the bulk of the body is characteristic of the old. His view is that as we get old we do not have surface enough left, and the implication is that if we maintained the stature of penguins we should live longer. This theory, as well as the others that have been offered so far, seems more or less fantastic to Dr. Minot.

He condemns them all because they spring from the common assumption that senility is a disease, and death a terror to be avoided at any cost. He insists that death is not a curse, but an inseparable condition to the highest blessings we enjoy. Death is not a universal accompaniment of life. In many of the lower organisms death is not the inevitable end. When it occurs, it is due to some accident, some external cause. Our existing science, according to Dr. Minot, teaches us that death has been acquired in the course of evolution. It is the price we are obliged to pay for our complex organization, for the differentiation that has been carried so far in the human race.

The street authorities have had a catch-basin placed on Summer street, which should be a great improvement as during past winters this street has been flooded during nearly every frost.

Minot's Unimpaired Cures diphtheria, listened to with close attention.

MITCHELL'S SHOE STORE

At your service. This Shoe Store always at your service always ready to show you the best at the very lowest prices.

Shoes for every member of the family. Shoes for all purposes.

Our whole stock of Shoes is made by manufacturers who have won a reputation for making good shoes.

We have a very large assortment of New Fall Shoes at the very Lowest Prices.

We sell Trunks and Suit Cases at Right Prices.

MITCHELL'S SHOE STORE
WOLFVILLE, N. S.

A CART LOAD OF DOLLS AND TOYS

SANTA CLAUS' SHOP

opened in Wolfville, opposite Telephone Office, Linden avenue, next to Herbin's Jewelry Store.
5 cent, 10 cent, 15 cent, 25 cent and Bargain Tables.

Father Morrissey is Missed.

THE KINDLY MINISTRATIONS OF THE FIRST PHYSICIAN WILL LONG BE REMEMBERED.



One man departed this life in March last who is sadly missed—a man whose place there is none worthy to fill. There is none like him.

Father Morrissey was a saintly man. He lived with only one thought and purpose—to do good and promote the happiness of his fellows. His time—his talents—his goods were at the disposal of anyone who needed them. White man or Indian, Catholic or Protestant, Christian or heathen, all were welcome to his services at all times.

Goodness was his most striking characteristic. It was as George Eliot says, "a sweet habit of the blood." It bubbled up in his heart, sparkled in his eye, shone from his face, and fell from his lips in kindly counsel to all who sought his advice.

A great physician was lost to the profession when Mr. Morrissey took orders. Ignorant or thoughtless persons speak of his "marvellous" cures, but there was nothing marvellous about his success as a physician. He succeeded by the same methods as other physicians. His medical training was as thorough as that of most (he studied medicine as well as theology at Rome) and in addition, he had the keen insight of the born physician. His power of diagnosis was remarkable, and so was his knowledge of the curative properties of herbs and balsams, of which most of his remedies were compounded, though, when necessary, he used the most expensive drugs.

So effective were his treatments that his fame spread throughout Canada, as far as far west as Vancouver, and even from the Western States, people came to him after being given up by other physicians, and were cured.

Personally Father Morrissey was the most congenial of companions, never failed and always pleased to welcome to his hospitable home those whom he loved to call his friends. His modesty was excessive, and nothing displeased him more than to have his own merits the subject of conversation. He always steadfastly refused to take any remuneration for his medical services, even when most strongly pressed to do so, but helped and cured for the love of it. Truly, there was none like him.

At the Methodist church last Sunday evening Rev. A. C. Bonen, lately returned from Japan, when he has been engaged in mission work, gave a highly interesting and instructive address on life and work in that country. There was a large audience present. Rev. E. B. Moore, pastor of the church, presided and excellent music was rendered by the choir. Rev. Mr. Bonen is a fluent and entertaining speaker and his address was listened to with close attention.

Old Age Annuities.

It is announced from Ottawa that Government is now prepared to begin business as the issuer of old age annuities. The final order in Council approving the actuarial rates adopted has been passed. Literature explaining the advantages of the system as a guarantee against poverty in old age and detailing its investment features has been sent out for distribution by postmasters throughout the country, and applications for annuities received from intending purchasers will be promptly dealt with by the office in charge of Mr. S. T. Bastard in Ottawa. A staff of lecturers to explain and popularize the scheme will hold public meetings in all districts of Canada during the winter. Dr. S. T. Bastard, M.P., will be at the head of the lecturing staff, and will begin a series of meetings in Ontario in a few days.

New and beautiful designs in calendars, booklets and cards at F. O. M. HARRIS.

The annual meeting of the Municipal Council will be held at the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, 1909.

EXPERIENCE IS BETTER THAN ARGUMENT

The world-wide fame of Mother Seigel's Syrup is based on the evidence of men and women whom it has cured of indigestion, biliousness, constipation, headaches, sleeplessness, flatulence, nervous depression, anemia, and other disorders of the stomach, liver and kidneys. Compounded of roots and herbs, Mother Seigel's Syrup contains digestive ferments and gentle tonics for the stomach, liver and kidneys. These qualities render it invaluable to all who, through unhealthy surroundings, sedentary occupation, worry, overwork, or climatic changes, lack the vitality which only good food, well digested, can supply. When you are tormented with indigestion, can't think, can't sleep, you should at once give Mother Seigel's Syrup a trial. Tens of thousands of people testify to the curative qualities possessed by Mother Seigel's Syrup because it has cured them. Read for your experience!

Here is some proof:—Mr. Charles Butterworth, Mahon, Inverness Co. N.B., writing on August 13th, 1908, says: "About eighteen months ago I took a severe cold, while at work near Madeline Mountain, N.B. Neglected, however, frequent headaches, a running cough and a sore side. While visiting a friend at Lake Umbagog, I was induced to take Mother Seigel's Syrup. In a short time my cough vanished, and apart from obtaining a cure, I increased my weight by thirteen pounds."

Price, 50c a bottle. Sold everywhere. A. J. White & Co., Ltd., Montreal.

SEALED TENDERS

For the Collection of County and Poor Rates in the various Wards in the County of Kings, are requested for the year A. D. 1909.

1. Tenders to be filed with L. DeV. Chipman, Clerk of the Municipality, at Kentville, until the first of January, A. D. 1909, noon.

2. All tenders to be marked "Tenders for the Collection of Rates," and to name the proposed two bondsmen.

3. Collectors must guarantee the amount of each rate roll, and the collection thereof, subject only to any losses the Council may see fit to incur.

4. The Council do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender. By order.

L. DeV. CHIPMAN, County Clerk, Man. of Kings, N. S. Kentville, Nov. 24, 1908.

Now is the Season

To build up the system and prepare it for the long cold winter by taking a few bottles of

Nyal's Wild Cherry Emulsion with the Hyphosphites.

This emulsion is made from Norwegian Cod Liver Oil and we can thoroughly recommend it. The addition of Wild Cherry not only makes it more agreeable to the stomach, but greatly increases its action on the bronchial passages.

50c. and \$1.00 per bottle at

Rand's Drug Store.

HERBIN JEWELRY STORE. XMAS GOODS

A nice line of FANCY, RUBY and STERLING Goods.

Solid Gold Links from \$3.50 up.

Waterman's Sterling and Parker's Fountain Pens.

Blondin Amethyst and Agate in Hat Pins and Bracelets.

WOLFVILLE, N. S.

Now for Christmas!

We put ourselves in evidence this year with the biggest stocks and best values we ever had in Holiday Goods, including many useful things that make home life all the happier. The large interest centers in

Toys and Dolls, Books and Games, Mechanical Toys, Xmas Decorations

and such things as make the children's Christmas. These stocks get business whether or no, but we have plenty of other goods that combine the useful and the ornamental and appeal at once to holiday shoppers.

No Trouble to Show Them—Come and See.

Wolfville Book Store
Flo. H. Harris.

An Open Letter "Everybody's" Circular

Supposed to be a copy of a letter written by a student to her parents. I apologize for publishing it, but am grateful for special mention.

Wolfville Decorating Co.

B. G. BISHOP, Prop.

Acadia Seminary, Wolfville, N. S., Dec. 10, '08.

Dear Parents,— Just a few words to let you know that I am well and very busy. Besides our regular studies we are preparing for a big fair on the 14th. It does not look much like Xmas but it is so open and green. The stores in town are beginning to adopt holiday attire. Some of them are very nicely arranged. I was making a purchase in the store of the Wolfville Decorating Co. and was struck with the nice show that they make. Beautiful Xmas Decorations, Fancy Stationery, Fancy and Useful Goods, Beautiful Carving Sets at any low prices, Skates, Sleds, Carts, and nice things for doing house-work with. I thought that if I lived in or near Wolfville I would spend my money there. But this cannot interest you so I will say good bye for a short time to Xmas.

Your loving daughter,
MAIE.

AT LAST! AT LAST!

A long felt want supplied. Realizing the necessity of a first-class

MEAT AND PROVISION MARKET

in the Town of WOLFVILLE, we the undersigned have decided to open such under the firm name of

SMITH & BISHOP

By strict attention to business and satisfactory dealings, we hope to win the patronage which such a place merits. This will be an institution which the citizens will be proud of, and feel they are not behind other towns in this respect at least.

Grand Opening Day, Saturday, Dec. 19th.

W. SMITH. A. W. BISHOP.

Apples. Apples. Apples.

HENRY LEVY

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FRUIT AUCTIONEERS

Floral Hall Covent Garden Market, London, England

Solicits consignments of Canadian, American and Nova Scotian Apples and Pears to all English, Scotch, Belgian and German markets.

SPECIAL TERMS. NO AGENTS.

London & County Banking Company, Ltd., Covent Garden, London.

London & Westminster Bank, Ltd., Temple Bar, Strand, London.

The Union Bank of Canada, Montreal.

Holiday Goods!

You can find lots of useful goods at this store suitable for Christmas Presents.

Fancy Handkerchiefs in Gift Boxes.

Kid Gloves in Gift Boxes.

Material for Fancy Waists in suitable lengths in Delaine, French Flannel and Silks.

See the range laid out on our counters.

Umbrellas with Gold and Silver Handles All Prices.

Neckwear. All styles and prices from 25c. to \$2.00 each. New Frillings, Belts & Beltings.

Furs. Furs. Special Discounts on all Furs.

Novelties in Shopping Bags & Purses.

See our Remnant Table. You can get some good bargains here.

J. D. CHAMBERS.

WATCH

FOR

"Everybody's" Circular

that we are distributing this year.

DECEMBER 15TH & 16TH
will be the Big Days.

Wilsley & Harvey Co., Ltd.

PORT WILLIAM'S, N. S.

CHRISTMAS FAIR!

— UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE —

Alumnae Society of Acadia Seminary

Wolfville

Monday, December 14, from 2.30 to 9.30 p. m.

Tuesday, " 15, " 11 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Sale in Alumni Hall and adjoining class-rooms. Besides the many attractive articles of home production, there will be a display of foreign work in Lace, Silk, Embroidery, Linen Embroidery and Brass.

Some interesting pieces of Old China will be on sale. A specially fine collection of children's Books, Calendars, Banners, etc., in room B. A Christmas Tree, Toys, Dolls, etc., in room C. Christmas Cakes and Home-Made Candy in Alumni Hall.

Be sure to visit the '96 booth and the Arts and Crafts' booth. Special entertainment will be provided Monday evening, from 7 to 9.30 p. m., in room D.

Tea, Ice-Cream and other refreshments will be served in the dining-room on Monday, from 3.30 to 9.30 p. m.

General Admission 10c. Children on Monday, from 2.30 to 3 p. m. 5c.