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Business Directory.

D SUTHERLAND, DEALER IN Coal. Lumber, Shingles, Laths, &c., YARDS, at the Harbor and corner West and Waterloo Streets. Office, on Waterloo street, in rear of the yard.
Goderich, Nov. 5th, 1868. 42w&sw 1yr*

Commercial Hotel, Mitchell C.W.

JOHN HICKS, Proprietor. This is the largest and best Country Hotel in Western Canada, and charges as moderate as any House in Mitchell, Stage Proprietor. Good stabling for 100 Horses. Horses and Carriages for Hire, on Shortest Notice. 1417

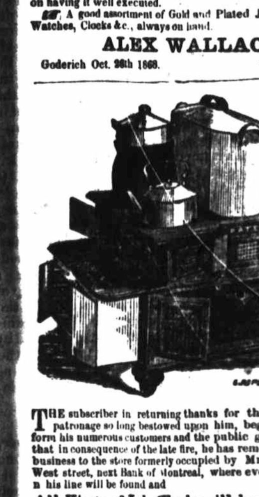
REMOVAL.

ALEX. WALLACE, WATCHMAKER AND JEWELER, WEST STREET, GODERICH.

THE Subscriber having removed to the Store lately occupied by A. Naysmith, West Street, opposite the Post Office, wishes to thank his friends and the public, for the liberal support with which they have favored him for the last 25 years, and begs to assure them that no effort will be spared to merit a continuance of their patronage, his anxious study will be to supply

Watches Clocks and Jewelery

which will give satisfaction to the purchaser, and as all work has been done by myself, customers may depend on having it well executed.
A good assortment of Gold and Plated Jewelry Watches, Clocks &c., always on hand.
ALEX WALLACE.
Goderich Oct. 28th 1868. w40



THE subscriber in returning thanks for the liberal patronage so long bestowed upon him, begs to inform his numerous customers and the public generally that in consequence of the late fire, he has removed his business to the store formerly occupied by Mr. Booth, West street, next Bank of Montreal, where everything in his line will be found and

All Kinds of Job Work will be Done the same as usual.

G. N. DAVIS.
Goderich, 29th March 1869

G. BARRY & BRO., CABINET MAKERS WOOD-TURNERS AND UNDERTAKERS, Hamilton St., Goderich,

KEEP constantly on hand for sale all articles in their line, such as Bedsteads, Chairs, Tables, Sofas, &c.,
All kinds of wood-turning done, such as Nool posts, stair bannisters, neckyokes, &c
Always on hand, a complete ASSORTMENT OF COFFINS and a HEARSE to hire on reasonable terms.
Goderich, May 3rd, 1866 15w6m*

SASH AND DOOR FACTORY.

THE undersigned having purchased the Planing Mill and Sash Factory owned, and occupied by Donald Cumming, are now prepared to carry on the business of manufacturing Sash, Doors, Blinds, Mouldings, Flooring Siding, and all kinds of CIRCLE WORK, such as Circle and Gothic Sash and Frames. They think from their experience in Factory Work, that they can give satisfaction to all who may favor them with a call.
N. B.—A liberal discount to the trade.
20,000 feet of Dry inch and a quarter Flooring on hand.
JAS. BUCHANAN, DAVID LAWSON, WM. ROBINSON.
Goderich, March [illegible], 1867. sw55

ROOM PAPERS ROOM PAPERS.

A LARGE VARIETY OF The Different Kinds of Papers REQUIRED
Halls, Parlors, Dining Rooms and Drawing Rooms,
ALL NEW PATTERNS,
good Stock and declared by Painters and Paper Hangers to be the most beautiful designs.
The Best and Cheapest PAPERS EVER INTRODUCED IN GODERICH.
FOR SALE AT BUTLER'S.
Goderich, April 13th, 1869. w11.

TO Farmers, Livery Stable KEEPERS AND OTHERS.

Bring on all Your Lame Horses.
J. TAYLOR at COLBORNE HOTEL, Goderich, after twenty-one years experience is prepared to Doctor Horses for all diseases.
N. B.—Horses examined as to Soundness.
Goderich, 9th Aug 1869.

Business Directory.

Stoves! Stoves!

CISTERN PUMPS, LEAD PIPES, &c., &c.
EAVETROUGHS & CONDUCTING PIPES.
PLAIN AND FANCY TINWARE,
COAL OIL, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Coal Oil Lamps, &c. &c. Old Iron, Copper, Brass, Wool Pickings, and Sheep Skins taken in exchange.
J. & J. STORY.
Sign of the Large Coal Oil Barrel, Goderich, March 1st, 1867 6-1

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

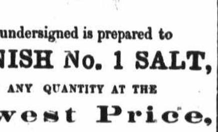
CRABB'S BLOCK, KINGSTON STREET.

Prices to Suit the Times!
Photographs reduced to $1.00 per Doz., or 75cts. PER HALF DOZEN.
Large Photograph Reduced in Proportion.
Also will make the largest Photographs made in Goderich, very cheap. Porcelain pictures from one dollar upwards at D. CAMPBELL'S Photograph Gallery.
Goderich, Oct. 19th, 1869. w27

THE Oldest Establishment in Town.

MARTIN AMANN
BEGS TO INFORM HIS OLD CUSTOMERS that he is still able to sell for cash, at the lowest rates, ALL KINDS OF FURNITURE, At his shop on Kingston Street, opposite the [illegible] Give him a call.
Goderich, Oct. 3, 1868.

Maitland Salt Well



PLATT'S PATENT EVAPORATOR.
The undersigned is prepared to FURNISH No. 1 SALT, IN ANY QUANTITY AT THE Lowest Price, FROM THE ABOVE WELL.
S. H. DETLOR.
Goderich, August 3rd, 1869. w27

CHEAP LANDS FOR SALE IN TOWN OF GODERICH.

LOTS 1323, 1324 & 1334, $30 each, sub-division Park Lots 2 and 3 in con A. Lots 116, 149 and 150 $40. Township of Wawanosh, North 24 acres lot 18, con. 1, 100. Township of Ashfield, Southerly 16 acres of East ½ of South ½ lot 1, con. 4, W. D., $100.
Apply to THOMAS WEATHERALD, P. L. Surveyor, Goderich.
Goderich, Dec. 18th 1868. w48 tf

FARM FOR SALE.

FOR SALE OR TO RENT.—Lot No. 6, Con 10. W. D. Ashfield, Co. Huron, containing 80 acres. 25 cleared, with house and barn. There is a living creek on the farm. It is a corner lot. Price $18.00 per acre, rent $40.00 and taxes. MARTIN DURKIN.
London, Feb. 2, 1869. w2.

Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber offers for sale, E½ of lot 2, 11th con., W. D. Ashfield, distant about 4½ miles from Belfast, containing 100 acres more or less, 30 acres cleared, 8 or 10 chopped, 10 acres good cedar and the balance hardwood. A new frame house, 18x24; good orchard and well. School house on next lot. The soil is good clay loam. Price $1000, $600 cash and easy terms for balance. Further particulars may be obtained from the proprietor, DENNIS SHEA.
25th Nov. 1869. w45 6m* Belfast P. O.

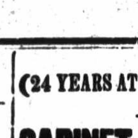
NEW PATENT HAY FORK.

STRACHAN & McKINNON,
BLACKSMITHS, Nelson street, Goderich, would intimate to farmers and others that, having purchased the right for Carter's Hay Lifter, they are now prepared to furnish them at $5.00 each. The are made in a neat and substantial manner, and have given great satisfaction to those who have used them.
An agent will be out for the sale of the lifter in a days.
Goderich, Jan. 25th, 1869.

(24 YEARS AT THE OLD STAND.)

CABINET FURNISHING WAREHOUSE.

DANIAL GORDON, CABINET MAKER Undertaker, &c., &c.,

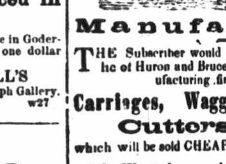


HAS now on hand the Largest Stock OF FURNITURE in the County, in every variety, cannot fail to command the favor of all in want of FURNITURE who may favor him with a visit—whether in regard to Quality, Style or Price. Every article warranted as recommended.
Having made arrangements with JACQUES & HAY, Toronto, can furnish anything here or at their Warerooms in Toronto,
Cheap FOR Cash
N. B. Has always a complete assortment of COFFINS on hand.
Also, HEARSES to hire.
West St., Goderich, Nov. 3, 1868. w2

NOTICE.

All parties indebted to R. Runciman & Co.
EITHER BY NOTE OR BOOK ACCOUNT are hereby notified, that unless they CALL AND PAY UP AT ONCE they will be sued, without further notice.
R. RUNCIMAN, Huron Foundary, Goderich, Ont.
Goderich, 29th Dec., 1868. w49.

GODERICH WAGON & CARRIAGE Manufactory



THE Subscriber would announce to the public of Huron and Bruce, that he is now manufacturing first-class Carriages, Waggons, Sleighs, Cutters, &c., which will be sold CHEAP FOR CASH.
Wanted a wood-worker, and two apprentices—one to learn wood-work and the other blacksmithing.
JOHN PASMORE, Victoria Street, Goderich
Goderich, May 16th, 1868. w49

Middlesex Seminary.

THE design of this Institution is to prepare students in a short time and at a light expense for entering Universities and Colleges, and as Teachers, Accountants, &c. Special attention paid to the Fine Arts.
The Winter Term will commence Tuesday, January 4th, 1870. For Board and Tuition in English and Classics per 11 weeks' term $30. Scholarship in Commercial Department (unlimited) $15 and $20.
Students are charged from date of entering. For names of Professors, Teachers and terms for Music, Oil Painting, Drawing, French and German, see circular.
CROSS & CURRY, Komoka, Ont.
TESTIMONIALS:—"The Seminary is in a highly prosperous state. Eight pupils got first class certificates to teach from the Board of Education in January, 1869. Three were first, third and fourth on a list of thirty-six licensed to teach in August, 1869."—[Advertiser, Komoka, Ont., Nov. 23rd, 1869. w45 3m&q

SAW-LOGS & STAVE-BOLTS WANTED.

THE SUBSCRIBERS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE contracts for the delivery of a quantity of Elm, Ash, Beech, Pine, and Hemlock, Sawlogs, also, Stave Bolts
Delivered on their premises opposite the railway station. Also to undertake the sawing of custom Logs. For particulars apply to Mr Gunn on the premises or at the residence of Mr James Tomlinson
STANDLY & Co.
Goderich, 23rd December, 1869 w49-tf

1868. THE LIVERPOOL & LONDON AND GLOBE INSURANCE COMPANY

Has been in existence Thirty-two years, and during that period has paid Losses exceeding Five and a half million pounds sterling.
The disbursement of this enormous sum over a wide area, has without doubt contributed to the establishment of this Institution, in the confidence of Public Corporations, Merchants, Householders, and business men generally, wherever it is represented.

In its 1st year, 1836, the Fire Premiums alone amounted to	£9,970
In its 10th year, 1846, " " "	£47,763
" 20th year, 1856, " " "	£222,279
" 30th year, 1866, " " "	£8[illegible]9,332
One year later, 1867, " " "	£818,055

The Fire Reserve Fund is now $4,737,464
The Life Reserve Fund is now $9,282,468
The company is represented throughout Ontario and Quebec, by influential Agents, to whom application for insurance may be made.
G. F. C. SMITH, Resident Secretary, MONTREAL.
A. M. ROSS, Agent for Goderich; B. V. Elliott, for Exeter; W. N. Watson, for Seaforth
Goderich, Feb. 11, 1868. w41

TAILORING

D. ADAMS
RETURNS HIS MOST SINCERE THANKS for the very flattering encouragement he has received since he commenced business in Goderich, not being able to execute over one-half of the orders brought to him last season having now secured facilities to
Carrying on Business Extensively
and employing none but first-class tradesmen And as D. A. believes his experience as Cutter is second to none in the Province, having carried on business extensively and successfully in Hamilton, principally first-class customers, and having been Cutter in one of the Principal Establishments in Edinburgh, Scotland, he earnestly states to a discerning public that
CLOTHING CAN BE MADE
at his establishment equal to the best Establishment in Toronto or Montreal.
Goderich, October 3rd, 1863. sw17

SECOND BLOSSOM.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "THE HARVEST OF A QUIET EYE."

Concluded.

'Ah! but is it, can it be thus too late? Ring out, bells of Christmas, and give your pathetic denial to so cold and hard a verdict! Tell the dull world of a love which was not too proud to be the wooer, to stoop to seek first for reconciliation. A love which, after Paradise lost, could yet exert itself to set before the sullen-hearted and rebellions, the sweet and softening hope of a Paradise yet to be regained! And surely, where once flowers grew, where once fruit ripened, although now neglect and confusion have taken the place of the sweet blossoms and the pleasant fruit, yet if you would part the briars, and tear up the weeds, the roots of the flowers would be found to remain, the trees themselves are not cut down. At least 'tis worth the experiment. Even this very day let it be made; even this very day let the deserted garden be entered, and search made for the hidden flowers! The flowers of old confidence, and tenderness, and kindness; the flower of gentleness, and forbearance, and peace, and love. They are there still, the roots are there; they are not dead. It is not yet too late. Another Christmas, and the great gulf of Death may have opened between you and the happy garden of the past. You would give worlds then for the opportunity which you are refusing now. You then would cry aloud what your heart is too proud to whisper a little. But you shall hear your voice die across the great distance. They cannot hear you not though you plead with passionate fervour. It is all in vain; though with streaming eyes and clasped hands you stand by the brink, and cry out in the hunger and desolate desiring of your heart. You would forgive then. But you cannot be heard. You would forbear then. But the opportunity has passed. Return, O love, O trusting; O old and dear confidences! Ah, the voice dies across the abyss; only a dull echo answers from its chasms, Too late! too late!'

There were more of such words—words not very wonderful, not very eloquent, but earnestly spoken, and here and there finding their mark. And when the sermon ended, the quiet service afterwards took up, and concluded with the thought of peace and good will.

And then the bells burst out again. Glad, as it would almost seem, to have had their music interpreted, they made the old tower rock with their joy-peals, and their plaintiveness seemed almost merged in their ecstatic gladness. Persuading, pleading, reminding, all through the walk home; weaving words of the sermon into their tones; changing their arrangement, urging them in new combinations, piecing them anew; here a fragment, and there a sentence: 'joy and gladness: peace and good will; good will and peace.' Yes, they became vehement, importunate voices, that would not be denied: ah! was there still that spectre—tolling, that dirge-answer which replied to the morning chimes? Or did any response come, in any heart, like the distant peal that might now and then be detected in a pause of the near bells, if the wind just then set that way?

Whether this might be so or not, Waring and his wife paced home in silence. So the bells at any rate found patient listeners.

At lunch, little Minna asked her mother, 'Mother, do you think Mr Johnstone would say that our garden was in bad order?' But her mother found out suddenly that the child was spilling the soup, and admonished her to mind her dinner. 'It isn't dinner,' persisted the little one; 'it's Christmas, and we have dinner with you. But, mother, don't *you* think *our* garden is nice?'

'Never mind, dear,' she answered, driven to extremity; 'Mr. Johnstone did not mean that kind of garden. Besides, he couldn't see ours for the snow.'

Lunch ended, Lilian ran upstairs to her little room; Waring retired to his study.

CHAPTER III.

'Ah! take the imperfect gift I bring,
Knowing the primrose yet is dear,
The primrose of the later year,
As not unlike to that of spring.'

We have seen enough of the interior of the study, I think, and are tired of Waring's somewhat dull company. Let us leave him, therefore, to his own meditations, and steal quietly with Lilian into her boudoir, invisible, unsuspected spectators. The children are in the nursery; mother could not have them yet, she told them in answer to their petitions. And there is little fear that the denizen of the study should come to break in upon her quiet; even in old days he rarely did this; it would have been her part to trip down stairs, and (on such an afternoon as this,) nestle on to his lap, with her arms round his neck, and chatter to him; or lay her golden head upon his shoulder, and listen happily and contentedly to his earnest quiet talk. So, except for our unguessed intrusion, the little wife can (if she wishes it,) count on an undisturbed afternoon. Yet see, she has risen from the chair which she had drawn to the fire, and turned the key in the door; we cannot now creep out, if we would; we must e'en stay where we are, and amuse ourselves as we best may, by watching her.

It is rather dull work for the first hour, for indeed she has done nothing but remain with her head rested on her wee hand, and staring into the fire. A sort of don't care look, however, which has somehow got to be almost a part of her expression, has been laid aside now, or has unconsciously melted away. There is a look of quiet weariness in her abstracted eyes; a shade of intense melancholy over her very lovely face. Nothing more than this, no change in look or in expression for a whole hour. Then at last you might see two large tears trickle down through the fingers, and fall upon her dress.

'Pshaw!' she says then, 'how foolish I am! I don't think I have ever cried about it before. But now—oh, it must be the bells; and then that sermon! Ah! shall I let the hardness go, and the tears come, just for this once? My ruined garden, that was so beautiful; my ruined garden! under the snow, showing no sign, but how desolate!'

And she bows her head, kneeling by the sofa, and gives way to a convulsion of sobs and weeping. This gradually hushed into a calm again; and she sat quiet on the floor by the sofa, again resting her head, that ached now, upon her hand.

'I wish I could lay it on his shoulder—on Paul's shoulder. It aches; and my heart is so lonely, so desolate. Such a ruined garden. And once——'

But here were the tears again.

'It is of no use,' said little Lilian; 'it is too late now. Yet ah! Mr. Johnstone said so earnestly, just as if he were talking to me, that it was not. Not too late, he said, while the roots of the flowers had life. But have they? I feel now that mine have. But Paul's love died quite at one frost. It can't have been much, surely, for one frost to kill it. Yet, oh yet, it was so tender, so sweet, so dear! Ah! the garden is the saddest of all, Mr. Johnstone said, when you may see that once it was kept so carefully, but now it is ruined. And that was true. All that he said was true. And the bells seemed all to mean the same. But for all that, it comes too late. Paul never minded it, never thought of it. The garden is ruined; the very roots are dead. It is too late for us.'

'I was foolish,' said little Lilian. 'I was foolish and wrong, I know; but I fancied he would be sure to come round in time, if he really loved me. So I waited and waited, and would not give in; and every day made it more difficult. I didn't know he could be so cold and stern to me. And I almost got to hate him for being able to do so without me. Then that hard letter. But you see in his heart the roots were dead. His love went clean away. I thought I had managed to get to be don't-care as well. I made the children my husband and children too. I went out a good deal, and even got friends that I knew made him angry. But he did not speak; we are just separate since. There is a gulf between us already. Ah! how *silly* I am to keep on crying so.'

Another silence. Then she murmured. 'I have really been very wrong; I have known that for long w. But I was wilful, and would not listen to myself. And now nothing can be done. It is too late now.'

Too late. Again there came across her heart that interpreted denial of the Christmas bells; but she sadly shook her head and said again, 'It is too late now.'

'I have a fancy,' she presently said, 'to look at some of the old letters. How long it is since I read one; since that time I have not cared to, before that I had no need. 'Tis all that I have left now;—dried flowers from the ruined garden.'

She went to her davenport, and chose a bundle tied with faded blue ribbon. 'I will have the last year's letters before we married,' she said; and settled herself down upon the floor by her sofa again. It was part of her softened mood that she just then felt an almost insupportable yearning to be nestling, as in old days, against Paul's knee, and to feel his hand now and then laid tenderly on her head, or playing with her tresses. However, she arranged herself against the sofa-head instead.

And then she undid the letters, and read one or two, and then laid them down to think again. The rush of old memories, of the old feelings, that they brought! The imperious demand that awoke in her heart, of an old want, stifled long, held down, silenced, but not destroyed!

She mused, with the letter last read still open in her hand. What hopes those had been at the time that this was written; hopes fairly realized too; for had she not once been a happy—oh, a very happy wife? The sympathy, the tenderness, the confidence of two minds in one accord; the never feeling lonely; and, if ever unhappy, the never being without the kindest of supports, the deepest interest, the most womanly entering into all that was of moment to her. Ah! what were all those trifles for which she had given all this up—what were they in the balance with it? How had she indeed sold the fair fruitful acres, to contest the possession of a strip of bare sand! 'But he had been so tiresome, sometimes; so exacting.' Oh foolish! Her piques, her small resentments, her fancied injuries; could these outweigh that happy time which she had bartered for the bitter right of nursing them?—Her own way! What was this, after all, compared to the possession of her old love?

And she mused on the times when those letters were written. How he used to come over; how he came over one Christmas time, after a long absence; and the flush and the joy of it all came back.

Her eye rested on the letter which she had begun to read. Strange, he had then expressed a doubt of himself, a fear lest he should be too stern, too exacting. And she had smiled at this, and told him, in her reply, that having had her own way for eighteen years now, she was quite content to be obedient in future. Ah! she had not known, nor guessed, the strength, the sternness of that nature. Yet he had loved her; undoubtedly he had loved her. And now that was over.

Another letter lay by her. She picked it up, and instinctively began to read it. How well she remembered it as she read! It had followed upon their reconciliation after some slight quarrel, and he had been so pleased, so fond, so proud of her, because she had owned herself in the wrong, and cried on his knee. He told her in the letter how he loved her doubly now; and he went on to say, (O, how strange and pathetic the words seemed now!) "In our married life, dearest, such little clashings *will* (in this imperfect state,) doubtless arise at times, especially in our trial time, before the passing of many years has changed love's delicate shoots into sturdy timber. And if you have been wrong, I shall, I know, be apt to seem cold and stern, and as though the estrangement did not make me wretched. But believe me, that while I may seem coldest and most reserved, my heart will be hungering ever with a great yearning for that first even slight advance from you which will render it possible for me to let loose the flood-tide of my great love again. It may seem strange to say this; but I distrust myself so; I fear my great unfitness for married life: I know how easily my manner (which I cannot alter), when I am hurt or unhappy, might be misunderstood. How miserable I have been these last few days! How intensely I have yearned for you! And you tell me that you thought I did not care!'

She let the letter fall, and pressed her hands upon her forehead, steadying her hot brain to think. Ah! *might* there be a hope? should she try? The words of that sermon came back. It is not too late, the preacher said. It is *not* too late, the bells had repeated. O, all this might, it *might* have also struck him! Should she try?

And just then her eye fell on *that* hateful letter, the letter that had caused all the quarrel. There it lay: she had brought it out with the bundle of old letters. Was this mere chance? Was there not a meaning; a directing in this? Clasped hands, an upward look for a moment; and then—

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A timid tap at the study door. A soft, hasty step, up to the chair where he was sitting. The face was turned away, and did not see the imploring look, the streaming eyes:—the heart almost sank. 'Husband, dear, I have brought *that* letter; will you read it? And oh, will you forgive little wife; and let us begin all again!' Here the poor child broke down.

The face was turned to her now; the eyes were full of tears: the look mild, grave, loving; in a moment she was clasped to his heart. 'I thank God, my child!' he murmured, 'I thank my God that He has broken the long, hopeless spell of loneliness and desolation!'

She was in his lap now, as in old days, *long* ago. 'Mr. Johnstone *said* it wasn't too late,' she murmured, piteously: 'oh, can you ever forget it all, and really love me again?'

'Little wife, I also need to be forgiven: I have been too hard; but I have suffered.'

'Darling, have you *really*? I didn't ever believe you cared much.' And the golden head was laid on his shoulder once more after this long while. 'Oh, I have so often wanted to cry on your coat again, as I used to do. I didn't ever care to cry, now I couldn't cry there; and so I seemed to get hard and cold. Then have you really, really loved me, really wanted me? And can you really love me again now, as in the old, old days?'

But as she glanced for a moment from him to the table beside them, she needed not the fervent answer which yet was given. For there was also the bundle of *her* old letters, and on one which lay open, a big, new, blotting tear.

Just then, the Christmas bells broke out again, sweet exceedingly; with a tender, subdued ecstasy, with an earnest triumphant gladness, that came and went like the Christmas chorus of the angels.

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Little more remains to tell. That was a happy Christmas evening at the Hall. It was especially curious to notice the effect upon the children of the changed state of things. The instinctive perception of a change in the father, and their gradual, shy creeping up to him. They could not reason on the change, but a looker-on might see that they felt it. In truth, look, manner, all were different from what they at all remembered. The dull, gnawing pain had on a sudden stopped; the heavy burden had been lifted from the heart; the man was an altered man. Not that outwardly there was any definable mark of this to a careless observer. But children are not careless; they cannot explain, but they perceive. And in finding his wife again, her husband afterwards told her, he had found his children too.

And we may end our story by the old formula, 'and they lived happy ever after.' The change was complete. *He* was, indeed, more tender, more allowing; but this we not *needed*, though appreciated. When once a woman has really thrown aside self on behalf of one she loves, 'tis wonderful what she can attain to do.

Mr. Johnston's choir appeared in surplices for the first time on Easter Day. They were the gift of the churchwarden elect, Mr. Waring; and were worn at his express desire. Mr. Johnstone thought that the world had moved on quickly indeed.

To the Warden and Council of the County of Huron

GENTLEMEN.—Knowing the lively and deep interest which you feel, and take in the Educational and Moral advancement of the youth of your respective Townships, and the County generally, I have much pleasure in being able upon the whole, to report favorably of this Township. Most of the Schools have during the past year, been well attended, and with two exceptions only are progressing in the various branches, very satisfactorily. In reading, grammar, dictation and arithmetic, there is a very marked improvement while in writing, geography, history, &c. the progress is not so great; there is nevertheless no cause for complaint. I would further remark that the attendance in seven of the ten Schools under my supervision, in this half year, is in excess of the corresponding half-year for 1868, and had it not been for the very severe draw-backs which some of the Schools met with through the sickness and consequent unavoidable withdrawal of numbers of the pupils, the attendance would have very much exceeded that of the corresponding half-year. No. 1 School was for thirteen consecutive days entirely closed, in consequence of the sickly state of the youth of the section. The attendance of the whole township for the year 1869-70 is also in excess of that of the year 1868. It will be as gratifying to you to hear as it is pleasing to me to announce that in some of the Schools I find pupils capable of solving most of Sangster's Arithmetic problems. Arithmetic I regard as one of the indispensibles in either literary, scientific or mercantile life. To the praise of the Trustees of School Section No 1 be it spoken that the suggestions made in my last report touching the enlarging of the School-house and making some internal improvements, were by them fully met and very promptly acted upon. The work reflects credit upon themselves, and the School-house is now a credit to the section.

I am, gentlemen,
Yours, with much respect,
THOS B STOKES,
Goderich, 31st Dec. 1869.

EAST WAWANOSH.

Council Room, January 17th. 1870.

The Council met this day according to law. The members present being Messrs. H Helps Esq, Reeve, T. Taylor, E. James, W. Graham and Geo. McKay Councillors. The minutes of last meeting were read and approved. G Quinn put in a tender for the office of T'p Clerk, when it was moved by Mr Taylor, sec. by Mr McKay that as the Clerk has given general satisfaction, he be retained at the same salary as he had last year.—Carried, moved by Mr Taylor sec. by Mr Graham, that the following acct. be paid, viz., T Walsh $1.50 for mending a scraper; J Coutts $85 (part payment) for ditching, putting in posts &c., at lot 30 con 10; R Riley $3 for services as License Inspector; J Wightman $1 50 for cleaning School-house No 8 after election.—Carried, moved by Mr. Graham, sec. by Mr Taylor, that B Naylor be allowed 10 months to pay the arrears of taxes against him, on giving a note with security, for the amount, with interest at 10 per cent.—Carried, moved by Mr Taylor, sec. by Mr James, that W Bengough be appointed Auditor for this year.—Carried. The Reeve then nominated J Garrich as the other Auditor which was confirmed by the Council. Moved by Mr Graham sec. by Mr Taylor, that G McGowen be appointed Assessor, at a salary of $45.—Carried, moved by Mr Taylor, sec. by Mr James, that J McGowan be retained as Treasurer at the same salary as he had last year.—Carried, moved by Mr James sec. by Mr McKay, that the Clerk provide three Municipal Manuals for the guidance of township officers.—Carried. The Council then adjourned, to meet again on the second Tuesday, 8th of February next.

J TISDALE,
T'p Clerk.

A Yankee wagered a Dutchman that he could swallow him. The Dutchman lay upon a board and the Yankee bit his toe severely. The victim screamed with pain. 'Why, ye tarnal fool!' cried Jonathan, 'ye don't think I'm going to swaller ye hull, do ye?'

COUNTY COUNCIL in GODERICH

JANUARY 25th, 1870.

The County Council met this day pursuant to statute, when the following gentlemen presented certificates from the Clerks of their respective Municipalities of having been elected Reeves and Deputy Reeves.

Township	Reeve	Deputy
Ashfield	G Armstrong	M Dalton
Clinton (Vil)	W W Farran	
Colborne	W Young	
Goderich (T)	R Gibbons	H Horton
do Township	W Shepperd	D Patton
Grey	J Leckie	A McDonald
Hay	R Brown	W Carrick
Howick	J Perkins	W Wade
Hullett	C Morrow	H Snell
McKillop	W J Shannon	S Hannah
Morris	T Kelly	W J Hingston
Seaforth (Vil)	S G McCaughey	
Stanley	T Simpson	G Castle
Stephen	T Greenway	T Yearly
Tuckersmith	E Cresswell	J Dallas
Turnberry	J Messer	C Tait Scott
Usborne	A Bishop	G Willis
E Wawanosh	H Helps	
W Wawanosh	C Girvin	E Gaunt

The Clerk requested the Council to elect a Warden to preside over the Council. When it was moved by Mr Young, sec. by Mr Bishop:—That R Gibbons, Esq., Reeve of the Town of Goderich, be Warden for the Current year, carried unanimously. The Warden took the necessary declaration of office and addressed the Council in acknowledgment of the honor conferred upon him.

Moved by Mr Farran, sec. by Mr Scott that the Council do now adjourn to meet to morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—Carried.

JANUARY 26, 1870.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present the Warden in the chair Messrs Armstrong, Dalton, Farran, Young, Horton, Shepperd, Patton, Leckie, McDonald, Brown, Carrick, Perkins, Wade, Morrow, Snell, Shannon, Hannah, Kelly, Hingston, McCaughey, Simpson, Castle, Greenway, Yearly, Cresswell, Dallas, Messer, Scott, Bishop, Willis, Helps, Girvin and Gaunt. The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved.

Moved by Mr Kelly, sec. by Mr Morrow: That James Allen, Esq., be appointed one of the Auditors for the current year, moved in amendment by Mr Scott, sec. by Mr Messer, that James Scott, Esq., of West Wawanosh, be appointed Auditor, for the current year, carried by a majority of seven. Moved further in amendment by Mr Armstrong sec. by Mr Dalton that J Cook, Esq, of the Township of Ashfield, be Auditor for the current year. Lost by a majority of nine, moved further in amendment by Mr Shannon, sec. by Mr McCaughey, that Mr W N Watson of Seaforth be Auditor for the current year. Lost by a majority of nine. Moved further in amendment by Mr Shepperd, seconded by Mr Patton, that J Patton Esq., of Goderich Township, be Auditor for the current year. Lost by a majority of six. The Warden nominated W McKay, Esq., of the Town of Goderich, as the other Auditor.

Moved Mr Girvin sec. by Mr Bishop, that a committee of five be ballotted for, to strike the standing committee for the current year. Upon a ballot being taken, the committee was declared to consist of Messrs Girvin, Bishop, Leckie, Simpson and Messer.

Moved by Mr Horton sec. by Mr Bishop that D H Richie, Esq, be reappointed Trustee for the County Grammar School in Goderich, carried. Moved by Mr Farran sec. by Mr Simpson, that R Coats Esq, be appointed a Grammar School Trustee for the Clinton County Grammar School, carried.

Petition of Mr Sproat and others requesting the Council to establish monthly Fairs in the Village of Seaforth. Referred to Finance Committee.

Petition of Mr John Nairn, requesting assistance was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Petition of H. Penfound and others of the Township of Stanley, was read and referred to the Finance Com.

Moved by Mr Messer, seconded by Mr Scott, That the By-Law imposing a tax upon dogs be rescinded, and that no tax be imposed on dogs the present year in the County of Huron. Referred to the Finance Com,

Circular from C. S. Gzowski requesting a grant from the Council to the Ontario Rifle Association, was read and referred to the Finance Committee.

Report of Mr Worthington, Local Sup., was referred to the School Com.

Report of Mr Farrow, L. S., referred to the School Committee.

Circular from the County Council of Lambton was read and referred to the Finance Com.

Circular from the County Council of Oxford relating to import duties was read and referred to Special Com., consisting of Messrs. Morrow, Patton, Greenway, Shepperd and Leckie.

Petition of Arthur Mitchell and others of the Township of Howick, requesting aid from the Council to grade the road on the 8th and 9th cons. of the said Township.

Petition of John Martin to be appointed Court House Keeper, was read and referred to the Salaries Com.

Report of Dr Stokes, L. S., was referred to the School Com.

Application of Mr Reed, Court House Keeper, for an increase of salary, was read and referred to the Salaries Com.

Report of the Rev Mr Price, L. S., was referred to the School Com.

Communication from Mr Esson, respecting Gravel Road drainage, was read and referred to the Gravel Road Com.

Communication from Mr Toms respecting taxes paid by him on non-resident lands was read and referred to Finance Com.

Report of Mr Tennant, L. S., was referred to the School com.

Letter from County Treasurer, accompanied by a detailed statement of Receipts and Expenditures for 1869, and statement of Ledger Balances was read and referred to the Finance committee.

Moved by Mr Farran, seconded by Mr Young, that the Warden and Mr Adamson be appointed on the Board of Audit in the terms of the late act.

Engineer's accounts were referred to the Finance committee along with thirteen other accounts.

Resignation of Rev W Barr, as L. S. for Colborne, was read and accepted by the Council.

Moved by Mr Young, sec by Mr Horton, that the Rev Jas Seiveright be appointed in his stead—carried.

Moved by Mr Armstrong, sec by Mr Young, that the Rev W Barr be re-appointed L. S., of Schools for the Township of Ashfield, for the current year—carried.

Moved by Mr Scott, sec by Mr Helps, that the Council adjourn to 3 p. m.

3, p. m.

The Council resumed, the Warden in the chair. Account of Mr Spence was read and referred to Finance Committee. Report of the selecting committee was read and adopted. Moved by Mr Patton sec. by Mr Gaunt, that the sum of $3000, be raised within this County for the improvement of boundary lines of the several Municipalities. The sum so raised to be apportioned according to the equalised assessment of the current year. The expenditure to be on the same principle as last year, exclusively on Town Lines, except the Town of Goderich and villages of Clinton and Seaforth, who may appropriate their proportions as heretofore, carried. Moved by Mr Bishop sec. by Mr Messer that the Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.—Carried.

JANUARY, 27th.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment, the Warden in the chair. Present Messrs. Armstrong, Dalton, Farran, Young, Horton, Shepperd, Patton, Leckie, McDonald, Brown, Carrick, Perkins, Wade, Morrow, Snell, Shannon, Hannah, Kelly, Hingston, McCaughey, Simpson, Castle, Greenway, Yearly, Cresswell, Dallas, Messer, Scott, Bishop, Willis, Helps, Girvin and Gaunt.

The minutes of yesterday were read over and approved. By-Law No. 1 1870 appointing County Auditors was read and passed. By-Law No. 149 of Goderich Township was submitted when it was moved by Mr. Shepperd seconded by Mr. Patton, that the clerk be instructed to draft a By-Law confirming By-Law No. 149, 1869, conveying a road allowance mentioned herein to Gabriel Elliot, Carried. County Engineer's report was read and referred to Gravel Road Committee. Account from the municipality of the town of Goderich was referred to the Finance Committee along with five accounts.—Moved by Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Helps, that the County Engineer be instructed to report at this meeting of Council as to the propriety or necessity of rebuilding the superstructure of the Zetland Bridge during the current year. Carried.—Petition of David Williams was read and referred to Finance Committee. Moved by Mr. Messer seconded by Mr. Girvin, that a By-Law be passed authorising the County Treasurer to pay over to the several Municipalities the amounts collected on account of the non-resident Land Fund, on the 30th day of April and the 31st day of Dec. in every year. Carried.

Moved by Mr Leckie, seconded by Mr McDonald, that this Council do grant the sum of $125.00 to the Township of Grey to assist in building a bridge on the Boundary Line between the Counties of Huron and Perth near the Village of Molesworth. The County Council of Perth, at their last December meeting, having granted a like sum to the Township of Wallace to be paid on the condition that the County of Huron do grant an equivalent—referred to Finance comm.

Four tenders for County Printing were referred to Printing com.

Council adjourned till 7 o'clock, p. m.

7 O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Council resumed, the Warden in the chair. By-Law No 2, 1870, to confirm By-Law No 149 of the Township of Goderich, was read and passed.

By-Law No 3, 1870, authorizing the Treasurer to pay over Non-Resident monies was read and passed.

Communication from Messrs. Benson and Meyer was read and referred to the Finance comm.

Report of the Printing committee was read and adopted.

Report of the Salaries committee was read and adopted.

Account of Neil Montgomery was read and referred to the Finance comm.

Communication from the President of the Northern Gravel Road Company was read and referred to the Finance comm.

Report of the Finance Committee was read. Moved by Mr. Bishop, seconded by Mr. Leckie, That No.'s 14 and 15 of the Finance Report relative to the Tax on dogs, be amended by allowing By-Law imposing a tax on dogs in this county—to remain in force as last year. Upon a vote being taken, there voted for the amendment Messrs. Bishop, McDonald, Leckie, Morrow, Girvin, Carrick, Helps, Snell, Hingston, Hannah, McCaughey, Horton, Willis, Young, Shannon, and Gibbons. For the report, Messrs. Armstrong, Castle, Shepperd, Perkins, Greenway, Kelly, Simpson, Dalton, Gaunt, Brown, Wade, Patton, Scott, Messer, Yearly and Dallas. There being an equality of votes the amendment passed in the negative. Moved by Mr. Perkins, seconded by Mr. Wade, That No. 21 of the Finance Report be amended by granting the sum of $1000, to grade the Road on 8 and 9 concessions of Howick. Lost on a division by a majority of 13. When the report was again submitted to the Council and adopted. Moved by Mr. Carrick, seconded by Mr. Helps. That this Council do now adjourn to meet again to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Carried.

28th JANUARY, 1870.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment. Present, the Warden in the chair, Messrs. Armstrong, Dalton, Farran, Young, Horton, Shepperd, Patton, Leckie, McDonald, Brown, Carrick, Perkins, Wade, Morrow, Snell, Shannon, Hannah, Kelly, Hingston, McCaughey, Simpson, Castle, Greenway, Yearly, Cresswell, Dallas, Messer, Scott, Bishop, Willis, Helps, Girvin and Gaunt.

The minutes of yesterday were read and approved.

Petition from the Corporation of the County of Huron to the House of Commons of Canada, to make the Harbor of Refuge at Goderich, was read.

Moved by Mr Farran, seconded by Mr. Greenway. That the Warden and the Clerk be and are hereby appointed to execute on behalf of this Council a Memorial to the Dominion Government in support of a Harbour of Refuge at Goderich. Carried. By-Law to repeal By-Law No 8 1869, for imposing a dog Tax in the County of Huron was read, when the vote was taken. There voted for the By-Law Messrs Armstrong, Shepperd, Wade, Simpson, Gaunt, Yearly, Dalton, Perkins, Messer, Scott, Paton, Greenway, Kelly and Dallas; against Messrs Leckie, Carrick, Helps, McDonald, Snell, Morrow, Girvin, Bishop, Cresswell, Farran, Hingston,