

J. P. MARTYN DIES AT SPARTA.

J. P. Martyn, one of the oldest and best known men in the county of Elgin and Western Ontario, died at his home in Sparta on Wednesday of last week shortly before 8 o'clock in the evening. Mr. Martyn, who had reached the great age of 87 years, had been confined to the house for some time, and never rallied from a stroke of paralysis over a week ago.

His death removes a man who has been prominent in the affairs of the county for upwards of half a century and who was universally esteemed.

John Piper Martyn was born in the town of Bude, Cornwall, England, on the 17th of June, 1829. He was the son of John Martyn, a Cornwall farmer, who emigrated with his family to Canada in 1849, settling in the township of Yarmouth, then a portion of the old Middlesex district. His mother was Mary, daughter of Edward Piper, of Devonshire, England. Shortly after the arrival in Canada of John Martyn, he was taken ill and died, leaving his wife and two sons. John Piper was the youngest. His eldest brother, James, was for years a prominent architect in London, England. After her husband's death Mrs. Martyn resided with her son, who had settled on a farm of 400 acres in the township of Yarmouth.

Mr. Martyn received a careful and comprehensive educational training in the national schools of Exeter, England, and obtaining a diploma, engaged in teaching in the schools of his native town. In 1849 he resigned his position as teacher, and sailed for Canada, entering the Normal School at Toronto. He was then in his 20th year. He succeeded in obtaining at the Normal School a first-class professional certificate. Immediately he began to teach school in the township of Yarmouth. He taught at Dexter, east of Sparta, at the Plains Schoolhouse, and on Talbot Street, east of St. Thomas.

Many residents of Elgin who are now grown up to men and women's estate were taught by Mr. Martyn. He taught school till 1866, when he retired from the profession and gave his entire attention to the cultivation of his farm. In 1868, however, he went to Strathroy and opened out a banker's and broker's office. He conducted this business till 1870, when he removed to St. Thomas, where he continued the same business, which he had conducted for many years, being for a time in partnership with Gilbert Roche.

Mr. Martyn was prominently connected with business affairs of St. Thomas and county a quarter of a century ago. He was the first secretary-treasurer of the St. Thomas and Aylmer Gravel Road Company and drafted all its by-laws. He organized and was the first manager of the South-Western Farmers' and Mechanics' Savings and Loan Company, now merged with the Southern Loan Company. In politics he was a very prominent Conservative, but in 1896 took issue with his party over the Remedial Bill.

In 1892 he married Hannah Mann, daughter of the late Noah Mann, of Yarmouth, who died in 1881, and was one of the most prominent farmers of his day. Of ten children, the result of this union, seven survive, three sons and four daughters. They are: E. J. Martyn, Ithael, South Dakota; Dr. E. Martyn, Fort Smith, Arkansas; and Jno. P. Martyn, at home. The daughters are: Mrs. (Dy) Oille, Mrs. Chamberlain and Mrs. Granfield, Toronto; and Mrs. W. Matheson, Sparta. Mrs. Martyn also survives her husband.

The funeral took place on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock p.m. from the family residence, and was largely attended.

THE PASSING OF MRS. GOODING.

In the passing away of Mrs. Sarah Gooding on Friday last, 7th July, at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Silas Hemmingway, at the ripe age of nearly 93 years—having been born on 10th August, 1823—Aylmer loses a woman of remarkable character. As a clear thinker and righteous worker, she was truly a grand old woman. She was the eldest daughter of James Marchant and Elizabeth Marchant (formerly Gilliard), who came to America about the year 1800. The Marchants lived at Baltimore, Auburn, Circleville, Ohio, finally settling near Woodstock, and spending their best years at Springfield, Oxford County. They came originally from Kent, England. Mrs. Gooding was the eldest and last survivor of a family of six children. In a memorandum found among her papers, Mrs. Gooding had written: "I was converted and became a member of the Methodist Church when I was four years old, in Circleville, Carteret County, Ohio, Sciota River, and came to Canada when I was eighteen." She was always an ardent church and temperance worker. Deceased was married on 24th April,

1846, to John Gibson, then a young Methodist minister of the London District. Mr. Gibson died in the year 1861, leaving to deceased the care of six small children. With that remarkable ability that has always commanded the respect and admiration of this community, she set about the imposed task. She maintained her home in more than ordinary comfort, kept her children together, gave them a good education, and, best of all, sent them out qualified to become citizens of high character in the several communities where they reside. Her daughter, Thirza, is Mrs. Silas Hemmingway, Josephine is the wife of Mr. Norman B. Dresser, of Salt Lake City; William H. Gibson is a well-known lawyer, and President of the Board of Trade in New York City; Edgar J. Gibson is one of the best known of Washington correspondents, and Arthur B. Gibson is a highly successful merchant of Salt Lake City. Whatever may have been their successes in the world, their mother has never been forgotten.

When living, Mrs. Gooding was often heard to express the wish that on any stone that marked her resting-place should be the words, "She hath done what she could." Others beside her own family will miss her, and will accord her that "She did her best." It was a good best. Her life will light other lives with hope and inspire them to do better.

Deceased was twice married, her second husband, Mr. Gooding, predeceasing her a number of years.

The funeral was held on Saturday at three o'clock p.m. from the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. Silas Hemmingway, and interment was made in the Aylmer Cemetery.

LUTON.

Mrs. Fred Westover and infant daughter, of Walkerville, is the guest of Mr. and Miss Westover for a month.

Miss Opal Soper, of Gainsboro, is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Harrett.

Miss Alta Richardson left on Friday last for Montreal, where she will spend a few days.

Miss Bessie O'Bryan, of St. Thomas, is home for the holidays.

Mrs. John Richardson and Mrs. Kinsey are the guests of Mrs. John Rowe in Aylmer.

Mr. and Mrs. John VanPatter and guests spent Sunday in Port Bruce.

Mr. Ralph Dunn spent Sunday with Mr. W. F. Smith, of Sparta.

Rev. Mr. Kitley and bride arrived on Thursday last and are nicely settled at the Paragon. We extend them a hearty welcome.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dunn, Sr., spent several days in Sparta last week.

Miss Nellie Jacob and Miss McDiarmid, of Lakeview, were the guests of Miss Ethel Raymond on Friday last.

Miss Hattie McLennan and Miss Chalk were the guests of Mrs. R. Harrett over Sunday.

Mr. Fred Westover, of Walkerville, spent the weekend with his family at his old home here.

Mrs. Lee Hagan left for Cleveland on Sunday after spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Hagan.

Master Murray and Miss Carrie Welter are spending their holidays in Detroit.

Mrs. Frank Huffman and children, of Orwell, visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Brown, for several days last week.

HUMOR OF THE WEEK.

Mrs. X.: Bothered with time-wasting callers, are you? Why don't you try my plan?

Mrs. Y.: What is your plan?

Mrs. X.: Why, when the bell rings I put on my hat and gloves before I press the button. If it proves to be someone I don't want to see, I simply say, "So sorry, but I'm just going out."

Mrs. Y.: "But suppose its some one you do want to see?"

Mrs. X.: "Oh, then I say, 'So fortunate, I've just come in.'"

"I trust we shall make you feel quite at home," remarked the hotel manager. "Don't you try it," expostulated the married man. "I'm away for a good time."

"How much did you pay for them eggs, Biddy?" inquired Pat. "Forty-five cents a dozen," replied Biddy. "Oh, wirra!" exclaimed Pat. "We can't afford to eat eggs at that price. Put them down cellar till they get cheaper, an' then we'll eat them."

Where There's a Will.

"My husband," said the matron, "was a confirmed smoker when I married him a year ago, but to-day he never touches tobacco."

"That's fine," approved one of the group. "To break off the habit of a lifetime in one year requires a strong will indeed."

"Well," remarked the wife meditatively, "that's just the kind of a will I've got."

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During the fighting a Highlander had the misfortune to get his head blown off. A comrade communicated the sad news to another gallant Scot, who asked anxiously: "What's his head? He wis smokin' ma pipe."

In a certain training camp there is a private who is the despair of his drill sergeant.

One day the colonel came round to inspect the men, and as it was feared, fixed his eagle eye on the private referred to straightway.

"Now, my man," said he, "what do you know about your rifle? How many cartridges does it hold?"

"Ten, sir," answered the recruit, hesitatingly—"nine in the part made of black tin, and one in the spout."

In a famous Irish regiment at the Battle of the Marne a young Irish private was seen to hurriedly leave the ranks and run to the rear as hard as he could go. His officer called to him, asking what was the matter. He said:

"I'm skeered out uv me loife."

"Why, Pat, you'll be branded a coward as long as you live," said the officer.

"Begorra," said Pat, "I'd rather be branded a coward the rest uv me days than a corpse for five minutes."

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CARD OF THANKS.

riend in need is a friend indeed and we wish, through these is, to thank every one for the sympathy extended us, both the illness of Mr. Smithson and the accident which befell Wm. Smithson. We assure such thoughtfulness is appreciated and will not be forgotten. Truman Smithson and Family, and Mrs. Wm. Smithson.



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