

Our Poets.

MOTHER, CHILDHOOD, FRIENDS AND HOME.

Written for THE BEE.
Friend with every earthly tie,
Mem'ries sweet that cannot die,
Whispering softly, as we roam,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Distant chimes may pleasures bring,
But before long these take wing,
And we murmur, as we roam,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Love that brightens every joy,
Brings us more than gold can buy,
Singing, thinking now of home,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Yes, this love, this lasting bond
To which all our hearts respond,
Binds us to, whatever may come,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Sad the soul that does not know
What rich blessings these bestow,
Sweet the thought when sad and lone,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Pleasure we all dearly prize,
Twined with all our fondest ties,
Sacred still, where'er we roam,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
Childhood's past, dear ones have fled;
Oh how sweet and yet how sad
Are the pensive thoughts that come,
Mother, childhood, friends and home.
—Violet Snow.
Berlin, May 20, 1890.

OLD SAYINGS.

Written for THE BEE.
If you don't succeed in your first attempt,
Do not think you have tried in vain;
Like Bruce and the spider, "If at first
You do not succeed try again."
If this world proves a difficult riddle,
To "get on" you feel at a loss,
Don't waste any time "seeking fortunes"
"A rolling stone gathers no moss."
But stick to the work that's before you,
Do right, labor on, and trust,
Though oft you are tired and weary,
"It's better to wear out than rust."
And if you have failed in beginning,
That does not a failure foretell,
For "practice makes perfect," you'll
prosper.
And find "all's well that ends well."
Sometimes you find you're mistaken
In treasures you thought were untold,
But, "all is not silver that shines,"
"All that glitters is not pure gold."
If some sorrow threatens your future,
You think you can never pass through
Be cheerful and hopeful, "don't trouble
Till the trouble troubles you."
And if you have burdens already,
Do not give up in repining,
Though they may be heavy, remember,
"Each cloud has a silver lining."
Do not find fault with your neighbor,
(How often his failings he owns)
Remember your own: "Those that live
In glass houses should not throw
stones."
If anyone vexes or wrongs you
And would do you harm if he could,
Just show him that you are a Christian
And "overcome evil with good."
And if he should say aught against you,
Pass by with a good natured laugh
And do not get angry, remember,
"A soft answer turns away wrath."
We could quote you many old sayings
But now it is time we ceased,
"Tis easier to preach than to practice."
And "enough is as good as a feast."
—Kennis.
Toronto, June 30, 1890.

Noxious Weeds.

As usual, the country is overrun with Canada thistles, rag-weed, ox-eye daisy, burdock and other noxious weeds. These pests are not only spreading in country places—on farms, on every side-road and concession—but the back streets of the towns and villages have grown rank with them. What are the authorities doing in this matter? and what are the land owners about? Chapter 202 of the R. S. O. distinctly states that it shall be the duty of every owner of land or the occupant to cut down or destroy all the Canada thistles, ox-eye daisies, wild oats, rag-weed and burdock growing on his land. The council of any city, town, township or incorporated village may, upon a petition of fifty or more ratepayers, appoint at least one inspector to enforce the provisions of the Noxious Weed Act. And it shall be the duty of the inspector to give, or cause to be given, notice in writing to the owner or occupant of any land within the municipality where the noxious weeds are growing, the same to be cut down or destroyed within ten days from the service of the notice; and in case such owner or occupant refuses or neglects to cut down any of these noxious weeds, the inspector may lay information before any Justice of the Peace as to such refusal or neglect; and such owner or occupant shall, upon conviction, be liable to a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$20 for every such offence. It is the bounden duty of municipal officials to

at least keep the streets and roads clear of noxious weeds, if they do not enforce the penalty against private property. But until the law with regard to both public and private property is enforced the country will continue to be overrun with weeds. There is very little use in one man's trying to keep down these weed pests, whilst the public highways, vacant lots and railways are allowed to be a breeding ground for them. For the public good strict measures should be imposed to check the dissemination of this destructive army of weeds. The injury to the crops of Ontario every year is inestimable, and every year finds the thistle, ox-eye daisy and wild oat pests on the increase, and soon every other farm will have to be laid down to pasture or summer fallowed in order to check the spread of these pests. Let every municipality—city, town, village and township—enforce the statutes relative to these noxious weeds, and such action will confer a lasting benefit to the country.

Graduated with Honors.

A CLEVER YOUNG ATWOODITE IS HONORED BY THE FACULTY OF ALBERT COLLEGE, BELLEVILLE.

I will be indeed gratifying to the many friends of J. H. McBain, son of J. W. McBain, of this village, to learn of his success at the Convocation services of Albert College, Belleville, where he has been taking a preparatory course for the past year and eight months. Heaps of honors—well deserved honors—were conferred on our young citizen by the leading men of the college, together with a medal presented to him for Languages by Mayor Tickell, of Belleville. Mr. McBain also read the valedictory address. We glean the following extracts in connection with Convocation, held June 25th, from the Belleville Ontario: "Prayer was offered by Dr. George. Prof. Holgate named the candidates admitted to the collegiate course, but the thesis for diploma in liberal arts on Samuel de Champlain by Rosa Swayze, although on the program, was allowed to remain the undelivered creature of her mind to make way for the valedictory by J. H. McBain. It seemed fit and proper that Mr. McBain should be chosen for this particular work. He was first in every good work and had a hand in all college undertakings. He received a warm ovation as he mounted the rostrum. His theme was Canada, and his patriotic utterances and hopeful forecasts of the future of our country was warmly applauded. In conclusion he said:

"I have said that I am proud to say that I am a Canadian. It gives me equal pride to be able to say I am today a graduate of Albert college. I congratulate the worthy Principal and his esteemed colleagues on the close of another prosperous term. On behalf of my fellow students I desire to thank the faculty for their earnest, pains-taking, untiring efforts on our behalf and assure them that as the years roll on we will cherish in our hearts the kindest memories of the many profitable hours we have spent under their tuition. In no college in this land does more of the spirit of earnestness, of cheerfulness, of energy, of spirituality, of devotion to the cause of Christianity exist than in Albert college. The year that has just gone has been a pleasant one. Of the students of 1890 I cannot speak in terms of sufficient praise. They are many, genial, agreeable fellows that one learns to love and is sorry to be separated from. Our class can boast of a lady graduate who by her ability and lady-like qualities have won the respect of all her fellow graduates. But while we are in the midst of our pleasure, we miss the face of one student who started out with prospects just as bright and hopes just as high as our own. The angel of death has taken from our ranks Fred Fowler. We mourn his early death, but rejoice to think that while we are here assembled he is with the great teacher in whose presence there is fullness of knowledge and joy forever. We are about to go out from Albert College. Let us remember that we have a duty we owe to our alma mater. Wherever we may be placed or on a mission field in the Bay of Quinte Conference, or on the fertile prairies of the Great Northwest, amidst Africa's sunny fountains or India's coral strand, in beautiful Japan or amidst the myriads of China, wherever an Albert man be found let it be said of him he is doing noble, honorable work."

Prof. Dyer addressing the graduating class said I congratulate you on completing the course of Albert College. You are no longer freshmen. You are soph-(o)-mores. This is the best graduating class in quality and quantity that ever went from Albert. Any honor that you may win not only honors yourselves but honors me and Albert College. May you live useful and Godly lives. Diplomas were awarded to Chas. Winfield Service, James Henry McBain, Alfred Yale Massey, George Herbert Manchester, Matthew Philip Floyd, Samuel David Gandin, Milton Byron Williams, Wellington Robert Robinson.

Dr. George presented the Shepard prize for elocution to J. H. McBain referring to his all round good qualities as student editor in chief of the college paper and as assistant professor at the college.

The Mayor Tickell prize in pass languages was presented to Mr. McBain by the Mayor.



DOMINION DAY.

The Day Celebrated in Royal Style.

CROWDS OF PEOPLE IN THE TOWN NOTWITHSTANDING THE INCLEMENT WEATHER.

Miss Canada was 23 years old last Tuesday. Her birthday was celebrated throughout her vast domains, extending over half of the North American continent. Every patriotic son did her honor in some way, and throughout the length and breadth of this fair land—the Eden of the world—renewed pledges of loyalty and devotion were signalized by flags, bunting, evergreens, etc., etc., and every city, town, village and hamlet were a unit in lauding her excellencies. The morning was bright and everything in nature appeared to be in harmony with the occasion, but to-flashes of lightning, followed by heavy showers marred the proceedings to some extent. However, by this time large crowds of people from surrounding places had gathered together and the village presented quite a gala day appearance. The gay decoration of the business houses with sweet strains of music by the Atwood Band produced harmony and effect. The first feature of interest on the program was the shooting match between sides chosen from the Atwood Gun Club. The nimrods repaired to the agricultural grounds and sides were chosen, captained by James Priest and Jno. Sanders, respectively. Some good shots were made by both sides, Mr. Fullarton scoring 8. The match resulted in favor of Jas. Priest's side by 28 to 27. Next came the Calathumpian march. In this there were but two competitors, Phineas Priest and Jake Klump. However, the costumes were excellent and their performances were ridiculously funny and delighted the youngsters.

In the afternoon the sight seers crowd into Wm. Dunn's field, opposite the planning mills, where the sports were announced to take place. The various games were hotly contested and the interest was intense throughout. Following is the list of sports together with the names of the successful competitors:

PRIZE LIST.

- Standing jump—1st, Jas. Struthers; 2nd, Jas. Hanna.
- Running high jump—1st, Jas. Struthers; 2nd, Frank Wilson.
- Running hop, step and jump—1st, W. H. Wilson; 2nd, Frank Wilson.
- Three standing jumps—1st, J. Struthers; 2nd, Wm. H. Wilson.
- Vaulting with pole—1st, Jas. Struthers; 2nd, Jas. Hanna.
- Calathumpians—1st, P. Priest and E. Priest; 2nd, J. Klump and R. Morrison.
- Putting stone—1st, Jas. Struthers; 2nd, Jas. Hanna.
- Tossing caber—1st, John Sanders; 2nd, August Steve.
- Jockey race—1st, Jas. Struthers and Wm. Gordon; 2nd, Frank Wilson and Wm. H. Wilson.
- Barrel race—1st, Frank Wilson; 2nd, Wm. H. Wilson.
- Egg race—1st, Sid Holmes; 2nd, Frank Wilson.
- Boys Race, under 12—1st, John Dixon; 2nd, Jacob Klump; 3rd, Jas. Dixon.
- Boys Race, under 8—1st, Wm. Struthers; 2nd, Wm. Hope; 3rd, Geo. Corrie; 4th, Thos. Fullarton; 5th, M. Graham.
- Girls race, under 15—1st, Minnie Corrie; 2nd, M. Rozzell; 3rd, Nellie Hoar.
- Girls race, under 8—1st, Ellen Wilson; 2nd, E. Hains; 3rd, Lilly Wilson.
- Mens race, 150 yds.—1st, Jas. Struthers; 2nd, Sid. Holmes.
- Mens race, over 45—Special prize, cane seat rocker given by Mr. Forrest—John Struthers.

It was intended to have an old maid's race but no field could be found large enough for the number of contestants expected so it had to be postponed.

The refreshment stall was not a paying speculation and the Committee of Management were behind in their receipts in consequence. The Band rendered good service during the day for which they were given \$12. Taking all in all the day was well spent and all felt as though another milestone had been passed in the history of our fair Dominion in a way that displayed the unanimous loyalty of the people to the land of the Maple Leaf.

The Clergy and Amusements.

Two recent deliveries by American clergymen on the subject of amusements illustrate the old view of the question and the new. One was the address of Bishop Bowman, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, before the graduating class of De Pauw University at Greensville, Ind., a fair sample of which is afforded by this extract:—"So it is with cards my young friends. They lead to gambling. I learned to play once, and in some way my father found it out. He came to me—I can see him now—and with a sad look in his face as he took me by the hand and pointed to the old mill, said:—My son, I would

rather see that mill in ashes to-day than have you know cards." That cured me then and there." The other was a paper read before the General Congregational Association of Connecticut by the Rev. P. M. Snyder, of Middletown, in which he urged the Church to adopt a more liberal policy concerning amusements for young people, saying:—"I do not believe that the young people of our churches will indulge in pleasures of which they can show them the evil, and they are making it abundantly manifest that they will not be held back from things which they feel to be innocent by any mere indiscriminating denunciation." Bishop Bowman will be grieved to learn that the Rev. Mr. Snyder's paper "was commented on by several of the delegates, and all agreed that a more liberal policy towards innocent amusements should be adopted than that heretofore pursued."

Crops in Europe.

The latest European mail reports that there is little fault to be found with the condition of the wheat crop of the United Kingdom. Accounts of the French wheat crop are on the whole satisfactory. In Germany warm, sunny days and refreshing showers have removed the signs of damage in some of the earlier districts, and the outlook for the cereal crops is full of promise. In Belgium the grain crops are doing well. From Austria the accounts are very flattering, but Hungary continues to complain of rust, and the winter wheat plant shows deterioration, while the spring grain is suffering from drought. The wheat fields of Italy are in a flourishing condition. In the Danubian provinces the rainfall has been excessive, and it continued much longer will cause serious damage. The drought in Southern Turkey and the Levant has broken up and the spring crop will be saved, but rain came too late to be of much benefit to the winter crops. Taken all round, Russia reports good crops. In Spain the wheat crop looks well.

The short supply of oats in Russia, says the New York Evening Post, has compelled French contractors and Government agents to send to the United States for oats for the cavalry horses of the Republic. American oats are drier than the Russian, which is a decided advantage when such large quantities have to be stored in the military depots. From a recent inspection of contractors' supplies it was found that the supply of oats was about 1,400,000 bushels below the specified level, and it is this deficiency that has caused the free purchase of oats in the New York and American markets.

Huron County Notes.

Wm. Hooper, who was killed at Wellington Street crossing, London, the other day, by being run over by a train, was a former resident of Exeter.

There is a movement on foot in Goderich to have a summer carnival in that town under the auspices of the Board of Trade, about the latter part of July.

Isaac Wright, of con. 6, Turnberry, lost a valuable mare colt one day recently. This will be a heavy loss to Mr. Wright as the mare was valued at \$175.

A fine brood mare belonging to Thos. Pennington, of Goderich township, died the other day with colic. Mr. Pennington purchased her early in the spring and paid \$150 for her.

James Turnbull, of Clinton Collegiate Institute, has been requested by the Minister of Education to act as one of the Provincial Examiners this year. Mr. Turnbull performed the duties last year.

Dan Wilson, of the Sauble Line, near Bayfield, has rented his large farm for a term of ten years, at a rental of \$450 a year, and intends moving into Bayfield as soon as he can make the necessary arrangements.

Rev. R. Y. Thompson, son-in-law of Deputy-Reeve Scott, of Hullett, is recommended to the choir of apologetics and Old Testament literature, in Knox college, Toronto, at a salary of \$2,500. He well deserves this appointment and is admirably qualified for it.

Wm. Atkinson, in the employment of Jas. Dignan, blacksmith, of Exeter, met with an accident a few days ago. He was welding a piece of iron when the tongs turned in his hand and the iron collapsed with his face, giving him a severe burn over the left eye.

A man has been going through Hullett for a few weeks past, wanting to purchase a farm. He has stopped with several respectable farmers. One night lately he took some 18 or 20 dollars out of the pocket of one of the proprietors at whose place he stopped and then left.

Fred W. Johnston, Q. C., of Goderich, has been appointed Junior County Judge of the District of Algoma, by the Dominion Government, and will remove to Sault Ste. Marie about the 1st of July. Mr. Johnston has been a resident of Goderich since his birth, and is well known throughout the county.

Wm. M. Gray left Seaforth on Tuesday of last week on a trip to the Old Country. Mr. Gray is accompanied by his eldest daughter, Miss Annie, and Miss Edith Young, daughter of N. H. Young, of Blyth. They go by way of New York and purpose visiting Scotland, England and Ireland during their travels.

Poole.

Mr Chalmers has returned from attending the General Assembly in the city of Ottawa.

The contractors of the Poole bridge on the northern gravel road have commenced operations.

Misses Sarah Struthers and M. Dunn, of Stratford Collegiate Institute, are visiting at Mr. Struthers.

Rev. Mr. Gee preached his farewell sermon here last Sunday. Mr. Gee leaves this place with the warm wishes of hosts of friends whom he has made during his sojourn here.

Monkton.

Statute labor is the order of the day now.

Mrs. Chas. McKenzie, of Hepworth, is visiting friends in the village this week.

The base ball club of this village intend playing the return match at Milverton on July 1. We wish our boys success.

Rev. I. Campbell, of Listowel, preached the preparatory communion sermon in the Presbyterian church on Friday afternoon.

Rev. Mr. Swann preached his farewell sermon on Sabbath last to a large congregation. We wish him well in his new field of labor.

What might have been a sad calamity occurred on Friday. As three young ladies were returning from the picnic their horse threw them into the ditch. Fortunately they were not much the worse after their cold bath.

Elma.

There has been mean, contemptible talk going the rounds of late about one of our most respected ladies, a young married woman on the 16th con., and we under no circumstances will continue the guilty. It is the full benefit of the law. If those who are so ready to gossip would look at their own lives they would not find time to make trouble with other people. We hope such talk designed to hurt the character of the young married lady will cease as there is no truth in it whatever.

SCHOOL REPORT.—The following are the names of the pupils of S. S. No. 7, Elma, who obtained the highest standing in their respective classes for the month of June. Names in order of merit: Fifth class—Henry Duncan, Hester Vallance, Robt. Angus. Sr. Fourth—Ella Bennett. Jr. Fourth—Geo. Love, Daisy Woleben. Sr. Third—Walter Hamilton, Roxey Smith, Jessie Hamilton. Jr. Third—Lizzie Parke, Jessie Smith, Emily Attridge. Sr. Second—Nellie Little, Robt. Bowen, John Lawrence. Jr. Second, No. 2—James Gaynor, John Gaynor. Jr. Second, No. 1—Fred Ballantyne, Russell Riddell, Andrew Denman. Sr. Part II—R. Fisher, Clara Ellacott, John Ovens. Number on Roll 19. Aggregate attendance for the month 46. Number of pupils who missed no days during the month 14. School closed this week and will reopen Monday, August 18th.

C. J. WYNN, Teacher.

The annual picnic of S. S. No. 7 was held in Geo. Fisher's spacious grove on Friday, June 27th, and proved a success in every particular. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Rogers, of Atwood, Mr. Smith, who filled the position of chairman in a most creditable manner, Mr. Wherry, Mr. Ward and Mr. Shannon. As for the musical part of the program the solos by Miss Maud Hawkshaw, Mrs. Rogers, and the duet by these two ladies were in every respect well rendered. The instrumental duets of Miss Hawkshaw and Mr. Wilson were heartily received by the audience. Too much credit cannot be given to the ladies of the section for the way in which they provided for the inner-man. Games of ball, croquet, &c. were indulged in by old and young. The "Lady Elgin" was kept busy on the river during the afternoon. As the shadows of evening began to gather the proceedings were brought to a close, everybody well pleased with the afternoon's sport and the picnic in general.

Early on Saturday afternoon last the people of S. S. No. 2, Elma, might be seen wending their way to Jas. Brock's grove to spend a pleasant afternoon with their children and the teacher, T. M. Wilson. Nor were they disappointed for the day's sporting proved to be unprecedented. The young men of the surrounding country took advantage of the splendid roads and fine weather and took their best girls for a ride around the world in the California swing and treated them to lemonade. When the bounteous supper, which had been prepared by the ladies, was done ample justice to Jas. Fenton was called to the chair and the audience was entertained for a short time by the pupils with songs, calisthenic exercises, etc. These were pleasingly interspersed by speeches from the neighboring teachers, amongst whom were Messrs. Morrison, Kellum, Jas. Wilson, Snell, Ward, Harding and Wadell. They expressed their delight at the success of the picnic. A football match was begun between a Trowbridge team and the school team but was soon stopped by the ball bursting, neither sides having scored a goal. The shades of evening were fast falling when the large company dispersed for their several homes.

We regret that we were unable to attend the various picnics held throughout the township owing to pressure of office work. The teachers will accept our thanks, however, for their warm invitations.—ED. BEE.