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"MOTHER" BARNES.
[Engraved by Toronto Eng. Co., from a photo by M. C. Knapp, photographer, Farmersville.]

THE PLUM HOLLOW FORTUNE TELLER

Sketch of a Celebrated Character.—A Genial but Mysterious old lady.

A few days ago we donned our fair weather clothes, hitched up our best nag, seated ourselves in our old reliable buggy, and proceeded to the enjoyment of a spin out in the country. Did you ever consider, gentle reader, how really human nature is to dignify the place of its abode, however rural it may be, with the cognomen of town, while every other locality, although perhaps no more sequestered or rural, is dubbed with the less high-sounding title of country? It is a weakness shared in by all, if indeed it be a weakness, for, looking at this particular peculiarity from another standpoint, it may be taken as the expression of the latent love of rural scenes which is implanted in each bosom—a feeling which elevates every little excursion to the level of a search into the beauties and mysteries of nature. Whichever theory is the more correct, we took our drive with a great deal of pleasure. The trees, just then making their annual toilet, appeared in a decollate costume of delicate shades of green, which pleased the eye none the less because of the lack of summer perfection and glory. The bright waters of beautiful Lake Eloida glinted in the sunlight, and all nature danced with joy, in celebration of its late escape from the thraldom of winter.

A drive of a few miles brought us to our destination, the residence of Mother Barnes, the far-famed fortune teller, whose name is so well known throughout a large section of country and whose power of foretelling the future is believed in by thousands. The portrait at the head of this column gives a very good idea of Mrs. Barnes' appearance, but it only faintly portrays the genial smile, the flash of wit, and the look of intelligent shrewdness, which light up her features during a conversation. The residence of the aged prophetess is a large but somewhat battered log house, one story in height. It gives comfortable shelter to Mrs. Barnes, her son and his family. The visitor cannot help but notice the hundreds of names which have been carved by her visitors on door post, window sill, and every available exposed timber, until there is hardly space left for another name. The number of these names, and a glance at the registers which she used to keep for the reception of autographs, give a faint idea of the multitudes who visit the place.

Jane Elizabeth Barnes was born on the 5th of November, 1900, and is therefore, nearly 88 years of age. Her parents were both Irish, her father being, however, of English descent. The place of her birth was in Spain, during the Iron Duke's campaign against Bonaparte, her father being in the army of occupation, and her mother having accompanied him to the war.

At the age of twenty, Mrs. Barnes came to Canada, and soon after married James Harrison, a native of this country. They lived in Cobourg, and were blessed with three fine boys. At the age of twenty-five Mrs. Harrison became a widow, and mourned her dead life partner with an intensity corresponding to the ardor of her love for him. One of the children by this marriage died young, while the others lived to manhood, but did not survive their mother.

Mrs. Barnes' second husband was a native of Connecticut, and the offspring of the marriage were six sons and three daughters, of whom seven are alive. She has always been very fond of children, and in addition to her own large family, brought up three orphans, whom she adopted. She takes great interest in all her children and grandchildren, and in spite of her great age, does all the knitting for the household. Her direct living descendants number 68—seven children, 47 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Barnes is very devotional in her character, and speaks confidently of her acceptance by her Heavenly Father. She is a believer in the doctrine that people know each other after death, and from this belief derives a great deal of comfort and support in trial. Her faith in the goodness of God and his care for those who put their trust in him, is simple and childlike, and has to recommend it the fact that it has been put to a practical test. She relates that years ago, when she lived with her husband in the bush near the Ottawa, their house being many miles from any other human habitation, they were in absolute destitution. The children were given their suppers and sent to bed, but were not told that there was no breakfast for them. In this predicament, she retained her faith in a benign providence, and prayed for bread, in full faith that the prayer would be answered. Before retiring to bed, a knock was heard at the door, and a teamster was found to be outside, seeking admittance in order to get warmed, the weather being bitterly cold. Before leaving the teamster said that a bag of the flour with which his sleigh was laden had burst, and that its contents were spilled on the snow just outside. He told Mrs. Barnes to gather it up and use it, and at the same time brought in a large piece of pork and some tea and presented it to her. This teamster did not know of their destitution, and she considered the circumstance a direct answer to prayer. Faithful prayer, she said, always resulted in a granting of the petition. Like the people of the north of Ireland, where her parents lived, she is a strict observer of the Sabbath, and never so much as visits a friend on that day.

Mrs. Barnes has lived in this neighborhood about forty-four years, and is respected by all who know her well. She refers with feelings of gratitude to the great kindness of her neighbors, who on many occasions have been true friends in time of need.

It is difficult to say anything about the occult art, for the practice of which Mother Barnes is so celebrated. Some say her alleged power of foretelling the future is derived from the fact that she is the seventh daughter of a seventh daughter. Mrs. Barnes claims that she sees into the future by a contemplation of the horoscope of the person consulting her. We have heard people describing interviews with her, in a way which showed that she possessed a knowledge of their past lives which was at least startling, and which gave them confidence in her ability to foretell the future. We have learned of remarkable fulfilments of her predictions, which would contradict the theory that they were chance verifications of random utterances. An interview with her has enough of the elements of mystery and awe about it to make it a unique experience. First her client is required to state the date of his birth, and then several teacups are turned, in reading which the fortune teller relates incidents of the past life of her visitor, and tells what principal events may be expected in the future. At the close of the interview the client may make a wish for a friend, when he will be told if the wish will be gratified. Whether Mrs. Barnes' predictions are mere haphazard guesses, made by the aid of natural astuteness and a knowledge of physiognomy, and a portion of which would, by the law of chances, almost surely come to pass, or whether her forecasts are the result of knowledge which she obtains in some mysterious way, it is not for us to judge. We leave the question open, to be decided by the thousands who have consulted the famed prophetess of Plum Hollow.

FIRST SUNDAY SCHOOL IN LEEDS.

EDITOR FARMERSVILLE REPORTER:

Dear Sir:—In the interesting article in reference to the centenarian Richard Holmes, which appeared in your issue of the 15th May, you say:—

"Mr. Holmes has been a consistent and honored member of the Methodist Church for over half a century, and he has always been an active Christian worker. He refers with peculiar pride to the fact that in the year 1829 he assisted in the first Sabbath School opened in the county of Leeds. The school comprised his neighbors' children, who used to meet at his house on Sunday afternoons, and receive religious instruction from him."

Now, while I would not wish to detract in any way from Mr. Holmes' merits, I think it only just to call attention to the fact that it is, I believe, claimed that the first Sunday School in Ontario (then Upper Canada) was instituted in Brockville in 1811, by the Rev. Wm. Smart, Presbyterian minister. Upon Mr. Smart's monument in Brockville cemetery, it is recorded that he arrived at Elizabethtown (now Brockville) on Oct. 7th, 1811, and that the first Sabbath School was formed in October, 1811. In Leavitt's History of Leeds and Grenville, at page 28, it is said of Mr. Smart that he established a Sabbath School in 1811, immediately after his arrival here, Adiel Sherman Ely acting the first superintendent. It is stated that he also opened a second Sunday school in Yonge in 1818.

Yours truly,
Brockville. CANADIAN.

TO C. C. S., FARMERSVILLE.

My dear C. C. S., you're a genius—no less—
A joker, a painter, a poet.
If you had more conceit you would be hard to beat,
And Canadians all would soon know it.
Your "Old Elm-tree" celebrated should be,
And others of more sterling merit;—
To write a good song would not take you long.
Do not any longer defer it.
Do not linger in doubt, but come squarely out
And let the world know you can do it;
Though critics should sneer, you can still persevere
And show them all up till they rue it.
Paint nature most fair, with a comb in her hair,
Like a piece of well underbrushed land.
You can, if you will, write up Farmersville
And set forth the praise of this good land
You may as well write up your name, and take flight up.
As down at the foot of the ladder to toil;
Although it is true, I know well as you,
That writing for nought will not make the pot boil.
But "go it" for fame; show the world you are game
And determined to rise on life's billow;
Persevere in strong hope—you may rival a Pope,
A Tennyson, or a Longfellow.
Your beautiful lays in Oddfellow's praise,
The sentiments therein outspoken,
Indicative are of ability rare,
And of a kind heart a sure token.
If your muse you neglect, you need not expect
At the first to obtain her best treasure.
Court her often you must, and then you may trust
And enjoy her rich gifts in full measure.
ENG, THE FARMERSVILLE BOY.
April 25th, 1888.

ACROSTIC.

May the Sunday ever come
In the years which God hath left us,
Not to mourn, but think of one,
Now in youth, who's gone and left us,
In the morning of her life.
Ever shall be thought of here—
Knows no sorrow, thought of strife;
Now in heaven away from fear.
As she died in hope and love
Peace was made with her, O God,
Paradise to her was love.
C. H. W.

In our biographical sketch of Col. Wylie, in last week's REPORTER, we stated that he was born in 1816. This was an error, as the veteran journalist was born in 1811, making his present age 77.

COUNTY NEWS.

Interesting Letters from Various Points in the County.

ELGIN.

SATURDAY, May 26.—The weather is very warm and dry. Rain is badly needed.

Quite a number of Elgin people spent the 24th at Jones' Falls.

Mrs. Joel Laishley is spending a few weeks with her sister, Miss Etta Halladay, who is very ill. We hope that, with the care and medical skill she is receiving, Miss Halladay will soon be among us again.

The funeral of Mrs. A. Coon was largely attended. Mrs. Coon, formerly Miss Ida Wing, was born and brought up in this place, and though living away from us for a few years since her marriage, she was not forgotten, but loved by all who knew her.

The bell has arrived and has been placed on the new school house.

WESTPORT.

SATURDAY, May 26.—The Methodists of this place have been very fortunate in procuring a site for their new church, in the purchase of the vacant lot owned by Peter Kelly. This lot is situated on the corner of Spring and Church streets, opposite the telegraph office, and will make a prominent and convenient location for the church, which is to be commenced at once.

The boats on the Rideau have been doing a big business this season, since navigation opened.

The enlarging and remodelling of H. W. Lockwood's store, with the addition of a full plate glass front, render it one of the finest stores in this district.

Mr. H. Hunt has moved his family to the village and started travelling with wholesale stationery.

A number of mechanics are employed in tearing down and rebuilding the large water tank at the station. Owing to its being built in the winter the stone abutments which supported the trestle work were not founded on the rock, and so when the frost gave way the abutments also gave way, and the tank was about to find its way to the ground.

TOLEDO.

SATURDAY, May 26.—Wm. Pratt, M. D., has located permanently at Lombardy. We understand the opening is an excellent one. We feel positive that the doctor will succeed in his professional avocation, if we may judge from his abilities as exhibited during his collegiate course.

Mr. and Mrs. Beecher and Mrs. A. Coad and daughter spent the 24th at Charleston Lake.

Mr. Fulton, of New York State, has been here purchasing horses, and succeeded in securing two very fine ones.

Dr. Stanley S. Cornell, accompanied by Mr. T. M. Porter, Principal of the Farmersville Model School, were the guests of Dr. Cornell, of this place, on the 24th.

The school house fence has been the recipient of a coat of paint, which was much needed, and adds considerably to the appearance of the school grounds.

Mrs. Leathley, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Dr. Kilborn, of this place, has returned to her home at Easton's Corners.

The Presbyterian congregation, of this village, have had their pulpit supplied by the Rev. Mr. Fraser, of Montreal, for the past two Sabbaths.

Mrs. Porteous has been staying at the manse for the past two weeks.

Mr. Frank Fairbairne and Mrs. McLennon, of Brockville, spent last night in the village.

THE B. & W. RAILWAY.

The prospects for the early completion of the B. & W. Railway have brightened somewhat during the past few weeks. The lifting gang have the road in passable condition from this village to Delta, and the engine, tender and box car, that stood on the track near R. Kelly's for a couple of months, was brought down to the village one day last week. The engine was run out to Delta and some dozen flat cars also brought to this station. The work of lifting the track, cutting off rails, &c., between here and Lyn is slowly progressing and one of the officials told our reporter that it would take between one and two weeks to reach the latter place. Meanwhile report says that Messrs. Lewis, Knowlton & Webster have get the contract for completing the road between Lyn and Brockville, and a portion of the plant used by this firm in building the section near Newboro, went through this place yesterday. Lewis & Knowlton are pushing contractors, and if they are only furnished with funds will soon finish their part of the work. They had the reputation of being the most reliable contractors on the line, always paying promptly as they promised, and we hope that they have got this contract, so as to sustain their own reputation and also put a little confidence in the general management. It is also understood that W. J. Webster, of Westport, has the contract of putting up the fences and telegraph poles along the line.

A preacher illustrated a point he wished to impress upon his hearers by telling a story about a young store clerk, who in putting up some nutmegs for a customer, threw in some wooden imitations for his children to play with. Subsequently the customer was mean enough to return to the store and accuse the boy who waited upon him of fraud. The lad was able to prove that the man got his full count of real nutmegs, however, and so escaped a reprimand from the proprietor. Now, if this explanation would fit the case of those who sell water with milk, sand with sugar or tallow with lard, the thrifty housewife would breathe more freely.

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