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DICKENS THE REFORMER.

The "Boz" Club of London the Greater recently celebrated the birthday of Charles Dickens, points out the London Advertiser. Judges, statesmen and diplomats of the first rank, as well as literary men, were present, and discussed Dickens' influence on social reform. Lord James, of Hereford, seems to have voiced the general view of the meeting when he attributed to Dickens' writings the credit for many important reforms. Amongst them were the following:

1. Reformation of the poor laws and their administration. The needy who find a refuge in the free homes provided by the county or parish may even now not live exactly in luxury, but they are not likely to be hauled before the board, because, like poor little Oliver Twist, they timidly ask a little more alms. The food is better and more abundant and the general treatment of these unfortunates is more humane and sympathetic.

2. Proceedings at law have been simplified and made less tedious and expensive. The law's delay, which, according to Hamlet, was one of the ills of life in early Denmark as well as in modern England, no doubt is still noticeable, but no case of Jarndyce vs. Jarndyce now appears to support successive practitioners of the law and to drive successive generations of litigants to the insane asylum or the workhouse.

3. Improvements in education. Private boarding schools there are still, some doing good work, some not so good, but seldom a Dombey's Hall is found since the moral of Nicholas Nickleby soaked into the British understanding. By the way, did you ever notice that the name of that school should be pronounced as four words, DO-THE-BOYS HALL? No name in Dickens but conveys a meaning. Unhappily we have to admit that the system of education favored by Mr. Gradgrind, the hero of "Hard Times," still has its exponents, who think it the right thing to wear the nerves of little children in the study of matters too advanced for their development.

4. Imprisonment for debt has been abolished. In this matter, as well as in that of private boarding schools, Dickens drew from the deep well of his personal experience. Not that he personally suffered imprisonment, but for a considerable time, perhaps two years, when Charles was ten to twelve years old, his father, John Dickens, lived as debtor in the Marshalsea Prison, and part of that time his family lived there with him. The inimitable descriptions of prison life found in David Copperfield, Little Pickwick Papers, etc., were not imagination nor caricature, and were, without doubt, largely to be thanked for the abolition of this penalty for poverty.

5. Trained nurses have superseded the old-time abominations, of which Seiry Camp and Betsy Prig were types. Martin Chuzzlewit was written in 1843-44. It needed only the work of Florence Nightingale and her corps of helpers in the Crimean war, ten years later, to show the world a more excellent way to make the profession fashionable. Now every nice young lady of a philanthropic spirit and with naught else pressing takes to the business of trained nurse, and it is a real pleasure to be sick when one can afford it. Some might even consider it a duty to once in a while furnish in propria persona an interesting and instructive "case" for young and good-looking students of the art. Seriously, nursing has been rescued from quackery and made a noble profession, adorned by many fine minds and many loving and sympathetic hearts.

6. Regulation of child labor. During his father's imprisonment little Charles worked in Lamert's blacking factory. This establishment appears in David Copperfield, which in spirit, if not in detail, is an autobiography, as that of Murdstone & Gribby, wine merchants. The heart-breaking picture of David's state of mind while working in this place is less pathetic than the true story of Charles Dickens' own childish woes at this period. Yet the novel excited that just sympathy which produced the legislation against child labor.

7. The girls now have a fair chance. A London paper suggests that Mr. Weller's advice to his son Sam, "Beware of vidders," has notably reduced the number of re-marriages of women, the percentage of such re-marriages having fallen off one-fourth in the last 25 years. Whether or not this is in the nature of true reform might be left for decision to a jury of bachelor girls.

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If your mirror tells you that your face is losing its roundness, the eyes their lustre and the cheeks their glow, don't blame the mirror. You are losing flesh—there's a waste somewhere. Try the scales. You don't tip the beam at the point you did formerly. It's several notches back. Try on last year's clothing. Doesn't it sit so snugly, perhaps. These are all evidences that you need Scott's Emulsion because you need more flesh. Nothing picks up lost flesh or stops wasting like

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Dick Phillips, his son—George Perolat.

Paul Frost, newspaper reporter—Edwin Walton.

Monique Provost, a circus ring master—Gustave Neville.

Ephraim White, colored servant—Ed. F. Stuttle.

Sir Reginald Fitz Smythe, who claims the English title—G. P. Smith.

Starlight, an Indian chief—Gustave Neville.

Michael Ryan, a Niagara Falls guide—Ed. F. Stuttle.

Two Horns, an Indian—Louis Pelligrini.

War Horse, an Indian—Jack Wilson.

Eagle Eye, an Indian—Harry Clark.

Mlle Madeline, circus rider—Louise Reming.

Mildred Roslyn, an orphan heiress—Blanche Hazleton.

Madge Roslyn, her sister—Mamie Keene.

Bess Starlight, a half-breed Indian—Florence Severance.

Act I.—Morning. Lake Chautauqua.

Act II.—Evening of same day; library of Asa Phillips.

Act III.—Scene 1, Evening, a week later. Goat Island above Niagara Falls. Scene 2, The Rock of Ages, below Niagara Falls. Scene 3, Niagara Falls.

Act IV.—Next day. The Indian village. Pan-American Exposition. Re-tribution.

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When the joke is on you it pays to pretend you enjoy it.

DISTRICT DOINGS

TILBURY

May 2.—Harry Mailloux, who purchased the recent dwelling of F. Nantais, at Tilbury Corners, from Joseph Peltier, is having the same moved to-day to his lot north of the M. C. R.

J. W. Smith yesterday purchased the 100 acre farm of S. T. Marshall, at Stewart, for \$2,900. This farm sold 20 years ago for \$4,000, showing an immense depreciation in value in that time.

Posters are being got out for the 24th of May races. Purse amounts to \$350 are being offered. There will also be other sports.

In the charge of assault preferred by John W. Clark, of Tilbury East, against George Cameron, of the same township, Police Magistrate Houston, of Chatham, fined the defendant \$20 and costs, \$65 in all.

J. H. Dennis, of Chatham, was in town yesterday completing arrangements to open his new drug store here in the Wilcox Block. He expects to move here next week.

Detective Heenan, of St. Thomas, was in town this week.

Rev. Mr. Hodgins, of Holy Trinity Church, Chatham, will conduct special missionary services in the Anglican Church here a week from Sunday.

Mr. McKishnie, of Chatham, was in town this week on business.

Rev. Fr. Langlois, of this place, and Rev. Fr. St. Cyr, of Stony Point, are spending the week in Montreal.

Mrs. Campbell returned this week from Toronto, and will move into her new house on Prospect St.

W. C. Crawford's new saw mill and heading factory is now in full operation.

SOUTH DAWN.

John Gould and Wm. Christner were Chatham visitors last Saturday.

Wm. Leeson has thirty acres of choice wheat.

O. McRoberts has put up a lot of wire fence on his farm.

J. Christner is through with his spring work.

John Prescott, formerly of Rathfriland, lately of Brantford, is here visiting friends.

Charlie Childs has a fine herd of fat cattle.

Our Council are talking of getting the township wired for telephone to all post offices in township, and in Dresden and Florence.

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In assorted stripes, fine heavy firm woven twill ticking, full width and weight, extra good value at 20c a yard, Friday price.

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FLORENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Henderson, Howard Tp., visited friends here last week.

Mrs. Tiffin, Detroit, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hanks, of this village, and also visited her brother, E. J. Hanks, Langbank.

There is talk of re-organizing the Band here.

Mrs. J. H. Smith, Petrolia, is visiting friends here.

Since that letter appeared re duty of License Inspectors you would think on Saturday nights, and Sunday there was a funeral at each of our hotels—they are so quiet.

Lloyd Mills, C. B. C. Chatham, visited friends here recently.

To put the brakes on the wagon going down the hill is a help to the horse, when the wagon is heavily loaded. But what driver would think of applying the brake to a loaded wagon going up hill? If he did, his sensible horses would probably balk. Many a man is in the condition of pulling a load up hill with the brake set against him.

When his stomach is out of order, and the allied organs of digestion and nutrition impaired in their functions, a friction is set up which has to be overcome in addition to the performance of daily duties. A foul stomach makes a foggy brain, and the man with a disordered stomach has often to grope his way through the day's business like a man in a fog. He forgets appointments. Prob-lem seem presented to his mind entirely remedied by the use of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery.

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