

TOWN TOPICS.

A chief among ye, takin' notes, An' faith he'll print it.

The number of candidates who wrote at Goderich for entrance to the High school was 102.

A Carlton, of Wawanosh, recently sold to a gentleman named Boyd, of London township, an entire colt for \$1,800.

The Toronto Telegram, Ind., says:—Mr. Mowat's administration of affairs has been prudent and economical, and if he is to be turned out of office it should be on something more substantial than a religious cry.

REMEMBER THE CARRIER BOY.—THE SIGNAL Carrier Boys are on their annual rounds, and will be looking for their yearly present. We were once carrier boys, and remember the joy the Christmas coins brought us when we were routed London townships, an entire colt for \$1,800.

SEVED HIM RIGHT.—A young man named Nelson Galbraith was arrested by Chief Pettipiece, in Wingham last Sunday night, for disturbing the Salvation Army meeting. The following morning he was brought before the mayor, found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$10 and costs, amounting to \$13 10 in all. The money was paid.

Mr. McCallum, high school teacher, of Listowel, well known to a number of our readers, in a recent speech, said:—"The Tories carrying Sir John in his feebleness around the country and exhibiting the old man as if he were a mere show. He said the ancient Greeks, when they went to war were wont to carry the corpse of some old hero in order to instil valor into their armies and he thought the Tories were doing the same with Sir John, who was now only a living corpse."

The Sunday School papers, issued by the Methodist Publishing House, Toronto, and edited by the Rev. Dr. Withrow, have reached the extraordinary circulation of a quarter of a million of copies for each issue. The Sunday School Banner is a 32 page illustrated Magazine, 60 cents a year. Pleasant Hours and Home and School, for senior scholars, are 30 cents a year each, and Sabbath and Happy Days, for junior classes, are 15 cents a year each. They are copiously illustrated, and give special attention to Canadian subjects, and are saturated with patriotic sentiment. It is claimed that they are the cheapest Sunday school periodicals in the world.

CANADIAN APPLES.—A cable despatch says:—Mr. Alexander McDonald Allan, of Goderich, President of the Ontario Fruit Growers' Association, known in London as the Fruit King of Ontario, was interviewed to-day. He says:—Apple cultivation is greatly neglected in England, while it is largely adopted in Canada. He strongly advocates mixed farming for a new country like Canada. He spoke very enthusiastically of the Canadian Pacific Railway, the importance of which in the future, he says, cannot be exaggerated. He hopes the railway officials will see their way to granting through rates to small consumers in England, which would result in opening up an immense and profitable new business. He objects to State assisted emigration, on account of the class of people who would go to Canada.

The January number of *Artists Home Magazine* is at hand, with an unusually attractive table of contents and charming illustrations. The short stories are capital, and the serial by M. G. McClelland begins well, and promises to be one of the best by this rising young writer. In addition to the stories, the women folk will find many things useful in its well-filled departments, and the illustrated *Home* magazine is a little, inexpensive present for the right things to keep fair fingers at work in the holiday season not at hand. The enlarged form of the Magazine is a great improvement upon its old style, and places the *Home* prominently before the public as the best of the best of the lower cost monthly magazines. The price is but two dollars a year, with reductions and premiums for clubs. Sample copies, ten cents each. T. S. Arthur & Son, Philadelphia, are the publishers.

Dr. Sexton Coming.—Read what the Press says of the Rev. Dr. Sexton as a lecturer:—"Dr. Sexton is a man of wonderful fertility of mind, in fact his mental resources seem boundless." "It has never been our privilege to hear a lecture equal to the one Dr. Sexton gave here (Toronto) last night; He made several of the free thinking, sceptical persons who were in the audience feel anything but at home. It was both a treat and a pleasure to listen to the delivery of one of the most masterly lecturers ever heard in this city (Hamilton). The Methodist Magazine says: Beyond any lecturer whom we ever heard Dr. Sexton possesses the rare faculty of making the most profound abstract problems of science lucid and luminous to the unscientific hearer; hence the Metropolitan church and some of the largest audience rooms in the city have been filled night after night to overflowing. The reason of this popularity is that the Doctor is thoroughly familiar with both the scientific and theological aspects of his theme, and possesses a power of lucid explanation that is truly marvellous." "In his own peculiar sphere Dr. Sexton has no equal. His address was full of striking illustrative anecdotes and bore the imprint of the highest English University training."

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A Canadian Woman speaks.

DEAR SIR,—Having read your report of the Duncannon meeting, I must say that I was shocked beyond expression to think that the language used in regard to marriage was that of the First Minister of the Dominion. It sounded more like the impure utterances of a heartless libertine, and that, too, in the presence of virtuous women. Does the premier recognize marriage as God's ordinance? instituted by Him in the Garden of Eden, and sanctified by the presence of the Lord Jesus at Cana, of Galilee—and a standard still, likened unto the union of Christ and His church? Will those noble (?) English schisms whose immoral Sir John Macdonald condones take those "savage women" to the halls of their fathers and proudly introduce them to their stately mothers and sisters and also to the "love-lost Amy"? I trust not. Society will receive with open arms the returned Anglo-Canadian who has made a fortune and endured hardships in the Northwest, and the poor Indian wife with her dusky race will be consigned to degradation and ignominy, and will only be an unpleasant memory to the sacred conscience of the returned Government official amid more congenial surroundings. I utterly refuse to believe the statement that those men desired to be married in accordance with the laws of the land. What was his hinder the fulfilment of their desires, and why were they not married accordingly? How is it that there are so many unacknowledged wives today in the land if the premier's standard of marriage be a correct one? I think it an insult to women throughout the Dominion, especially to those who are married. Sir John Macdonald did not dare to speak of it at his meeting at Goderich. A large number of his hearers were women, so he wisely withheld his unclean conceptions, for his audience would have been considerably thinned had he done so. As a Christian woman I do not wish to speak evil of a "Ruler of my people," but one cannot help wishing that his character was more in accordance with the following:—"He that ruleth over men must be first ruling in the fear of God." Yours, CHASTITY.

The following is the language referred to by our lady correspondent:—"Only two officials of the Government live with Indian women to whom they are not married under the Christian rite. These took their wives, as the Indians took them, under the pagan rite, and in both cases the men have asked for the performance of the Christian ceremony. But it was said that these officials bought the Indian women from their parents. There was no proof that any of the officers of the Government had purchased Indian women, but white men probably had bought them. The Government had no control over a white man's actions, and if a man purchased an Indian wife he was simply acting in accordance with the custom prevailing among all the tribes. (Hear, hear.) He did not know how Mr. Cameron could complain of that system when it was so generally in vogue, prevailing among wealthy white people in most marriages, a man having to settle a handsome dowry on his intended wife to support her in the event of his demise."

Miss Lewitt of Detroit is here visiting her mother.

Our athletic success in Winnipeg has been the subject of conversation for the past few days. This section of country is almost solid for A. M. Ross.

The public examination in connection with our school was held last Friday afternoon. Our teacher was ably assisted by Messrs. Nevins and McIntosh. A large number of the ratepayers were present, who expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the ready answers of the children to the various questions put to them and also expressed their regret that our teacher had decided to leave at the end of the year.

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The annual examination of S. S. No. 2, Goderich tp., was held Friday Dec. 17. Mr. Diehl was assisted by his brother, L. Diehl, from Stanley. The houses were crowded with visitors, including Miss Maggie Diehl, and Miss Johnston, who is to succeed Mr. Diehl. At noon refreshments were served by the ladies of the Section, after which we were entertained with music by Mrs. E. McCullagh, Miss Whitley and Mr. L. Diehl and sister, and dialogues and singing by the scholars. Then the teacher was presented with an album and an address by the pupils, Mr. Diehl making a suitable reply. The entertainment was closed by all singing God Save the Queen. All seemed well pleased.

Price Essay, Fifty Pounds Sterling.

A gentleman, of Toronto, Canada, believing that much good may result from the better education of Christian people upon their duties and privileges in the use of money, offers a Prize of £50 sterling for the best Essay on "Systematic Giving," what it implies when considered in relation to our obligations to God and the light of the Nineteenth Century." It is required that the essay shall be terse, crisp, outspoken and incisive, and shall cover about 300 pages of 250 words each. The Prize Essay is to be the property of the gentleman who offers the prize, it being his purpose to publish it at a low price, so as to obtain for it the widest possible circulation. The competition is open to the world, the only conditions being that the essay be written in the English language, and must be in the hands of Rev. Dr. Withrow, of Toronto, the Secretary of the Committee of Adjudication, by the first of October, 1887. The award will be given by the first of December following. Each essay must bear some motto by which it may be identified, and must be accompanied by a sealed envelope, bearing the same motto, and containing the name of the writer; the envelope to be opened after adjudication of the prize. No essay will be necessary recommended for publication, nor awarded unless it is in the opinion of the adjudicators it comes up to the standard of excellence they may deem necessary. Unsuccessful essays will be returned to their authors on receipt of stamps for the purpose. The Rev. Elmore Harris, M.A., pastor of Bloor Street Baptist Church, on this subject, and the writing of the essays and awarding