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METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

WESTERN ONTARIO.

The Christmas tree entertainment of Ogrie church S. S. held on Monday evening proved a grand success. The proceeds amounted to over \$52.60.

Mrs. Price, a teacher in the Central Sabbath-school, Woodstock, was waited upon by her class on Monday night, Dec. 26, and presented with a beautiful album.

The Christmas Arch and entertainment in aid of the Sunday School held in the Aylmer church on Christmas Monday was a grand success,—financially and otherwise.

Mrs. Laura Edwards, organist of the Fingal church, was, at the Christmas entertainment of the church, presented with an address and purse of money in recognition of her services.

Anniversary sermons were preached in the Methodist church, Gorrie, on Sunday morning, by the Rev. W. H. Wood, of Niagara, and in the evening by Rev. A. Smith of Wroxeter.

A concert was given in the West Brantford church on Thursday evening, Dec. 29th. A good audience was present, and a good program was presented. A chorus of 60 or more voices gave a number of selections under the direction of Mr. Geo. Fisher, and a varied program of song, duet and quartette was very enjoyable. Mr. Plewes acted as chairman.

The members of the Davenport congregation met together in the basement of the church on Monday evening, Dec. 19th, specially inviting the Rev. Mr. Jennings, an aged supernannated minister. After partaking of a most sumptuous repast, Father Jennings was presented with a kind and appreciative address, and an envelope containing a handsome amount of money.

The Sunday-school entertainment in connection with the Woodford appointment was held on Dec. 21st. Refreshments were served at 7 p. m., after which the meeting was called to order by the pastor. The literary part consisted in recitations, dialogues and charades by the school, and addresses by Rev. J. Endicott, of Walter's Falls, and W. H. Hauken, of Owen Sound. The singing was conducted by the Walter's Falls choir. Proceeds, about \$37.

A very pleasing event occurred at the Christmas morning service in the Central church, Toronto. An address of thanks to the leader and choir for their services during the past year was read by Mr. Wickson, the secretary of the Board of Trustees, on behalf of the pastor, officials and congregations of the church. The address was beautifully designed in gold and maroon, the exterior of the card bearing a most artistic lithograph of the organ and chancel, specially designed.

The annual Christmas festival of the London South Sunday School was given on Tuesday evening, 28th ult. After the scholars had satisfied themselves of theainties provided, the Superintendent, Mr. A. Callander, introduced a program of recitations and songs, the following taking part:—Misses Ollie Paul, Nellie Wyatt, Lucy Gowman, Rosa Gartley, Bertha Jarvis, Minnie Rowell, Annie Deacon, Flossie Burns, Clara Brenton, Masters Covert Jarvis, Garfield Case, Messrs. Robt. Harrison and Jas. Learn.

Very successful revival services are being conducted in the New Durham church.

In the Manchester church a jubilee was given to the Sunday school children on Friday evening of last week. The proceeds amounted to about \$30.00.

A Christmas tree entertainment was held in the Calvary church on Wednesday evening, 21st inst. Rev. Mr. Fallis, of the Sylvan circuit presiding. Some \$13 was realized.

The pastor, Rev. Mr. Hanna, assisted by two very efficient lady helpers, has been holding very successful revival services in Chelsea church. Great good has been the result.

The anniversary entertainment of the Midland Sabbath School held on Monday evening, 26th ult., was successfully carried out and afforded much enjoyment to the audience present.

At the Christmas Tree Entertainment of Tapleystown Sunday School, held on Dec. 23rd, Mr. Joseph Penfold, Superintendent of the School, was presented with a handsome bible.

The Shelburne church S.S. anniversary, held in the Town Hall on Christmas night, was the best ever held there. The program was a very good one and the hall was crowded from one end to the other. Financially it was a success.

Special services have just closed in Berlin church, and some thirty-eight names have already been handed in on probation for membership. Mr. J. H. Sedweek ably assisted the pastor, Rev. J. W. German, in the glorious work.

On the evening of the 19th ult., the members of the large and interesting Bible-class of the Central church, St. Thomas, met at the home of their teacher, the Rev. J. Philp, and presented him with a flattering address and a very handsome clock.

Miss L. Drake, organist of the Bethel church, near Dundas, was the recipient of a beautiful fruit dish and album as a slight token of appreciation of her valuable assistance rendered the church. Rev. Mr. Cook thanked the congregation on behalf of Miss Drake for their kindness.

The Croton church, Florence circuit, after undergoing repairs for a length of time, was recently re-opened. Rev. J. Livingstone, of Blenheim, Rev. J. Russell and Rev. Mr. Harrison conducted the services. Sunday's and Monday's proceeds amounted to the handsome sum of \$108.

A Christmas tree prepared for the children of the Atkin church, last Friday week met with great success. James Honor was chairman, Miss Susie Park presided at the organ, Rev. Mr. Cobb gave a short address and there were readings, dialogues and singing by the children. \$42.50 was taken at the door.

The Xmas tree on Thursday evening last held in Sweaborg church, proved a success. The tree fairly groaned under the enormous weight of pretty, fancy and enticing presents which its boughs were laden with. The programme reflected credit on the management. A declamation by Master O. Withrow was the masterpiece of the evening. The chair was ably filled by the pastor, Mr. Holden. Proceeds, \$21.

Anniversary services were held in Clifford church, on Dec. 18th and 19th. Eloquent discourses were delivered on the Sabbath by Rev. R. H. Wadell, B.D., of Mount Forest. The tea on Monday proved a success. Excellent speeches were delivered by Rev. Messrs. G. Lounds, Mildmay, and S. Young. The choir of the church gave some well-rendered anthems, as did also the Misses Mills, from Hamston. Proceeds in aid of Trust Fund, \$67.33.

The Sabbath School anniversary sermons of Fingal church were preached on the 18th ult.,—in the morning by Rev. J. W. Annis, M. A., and in the evening by Mr. W. H. May, both of St. Thomas. Large and appreciative congregations, including the children, greeted the preachers of the day. On Tuesday evening, the 20th, the anniversary and Christmas Tree Entertainment took place. There was a full church and a choice program by the children consisting of music, recitations, dialogues, kindergarten exercises, etc. The annual report gives evidence of prosperity.

The Wroxeter will be opened on Sunday next.

A highly successful and enjoyable entertainment was given in the Granton church last week. Proceeds \$28.

Anniversary sermons will be preached in the St. George church, on Sabbath next, by Rev. S. Rose, of Brantford.

A large attendance was present at the tea meeting in the Chelsea church held last week. There about \$100 taken in.

Miss Glassford, choir in the Bradford S. S., was last week presented with an address and a beautiful album, by the scholars of her class.

The Christmas tree entertainment held in the Boston church was a rare treat to the children. The presents were very numerous. Proceeds, \$25.

The anniversary services of Dundas church will be preached by Rev. R. W. Woodworth on Sunday next. The annual tea will be held Monday.

Anniversary sermons in connection with the Clearview church were preached on Sunday last, morning and evening, by Rev. J. A. Trollope, Mimisig.

The revival series in the Lyons church have met with great measure of success. They still continue with gratifying results.

The Fergus tea meeting on Christmas Day was well attended. The chair was taken by the pastor, Rev. J. S. O'ling, and able addresses were delivered by J. C. Pomeroy, B. A., and master of the high school, Rev. Mr. Mullen, and Mr. Tolmie.

Mr. B. Bush, the Superintendent of Stirling church S. S., was on Monday evening of last week, made the recipient of a handsome egg chair, from the school. Miss Della Martin read the address, Miss Nora Martin making the presentation.

The anniversary services in connection with the Markdale church were held on Sunday and Monday, 23rd and 24th ult. Rev. Mr. Casson preached eloquent sermons on Sabbath. Collections and free-will offerings of the day \$46.31. Proceeds of tea \$100.

The Christmas entertainment of Salem church, McGillivray, was a decided success. Interesting addresses were given by Revs. Messrs. Jones and Husser, and excellent readings by Messrs. W. T. Amos, M. W. Athouse and F. Turner. Proceeds \$20.70.

The London West church had a Christmas Tree entertainment on Wednesday night. The Rev. C. W. Smith presided, and a typical old "Santa Claus" in full costume distributed the various and sundry presents with which the tree was loaded. The evening was pleasantly spent amid music, recitations, singing, &c.

The S. S. anniversary in connection with the Stirling church, held on Monday evening, Dec. 26th, was attended with every success. A very interesting and varied programme was gone through, at the close of which all attending the school were presented with a bag of confectionery and fruit. The proceeds amounted to over \$26.

The annual Sabbath School anniversary in connection with the Arthur church was held on Monday night, 26th ult. A very large crowd filled the hall to its utmost capacity. A splendid tea was served, after which an entertainment was given, consisting of music, singing, recitations and speeches. Rev. Mr. Thom gave an interesting and pleasant address.

On Monday evening, Dec. 28th, a very pleasant and successful Christmas boat entertainment in connection with the Hensall S.S., was held in the church. The boat, which was well furnished and equipped, with handsome and useful presents, presented a very fine appearance. Rev. R. Godfrey, pastor, occupied the chair in his usual pleasing and able manner. The proceeds of the entertainment amounted to nearly \$40.

The annual tea meeting of the London-boro church was held in the Temperance Hall on Monday evening, 26th ult. The entertainment in the church was, also, all that could be expected. The selections by the choir were excellent and good addresses were given by Revs. E. Mead, T. Gee, A. W. Tonge and E. Fessant, of the London conference. Proceeds of tea, over \$97, which with other proceeds will doubtless reach the round \$100.

Zion church meeting on week, which was, intellectually, over \$89.

There was a mc Tree Entertainment in the church on the 23rd beautifully decorated presents, while special occasion were delivered Moore, Mr. Jenking proceeds amounted to \$100.

Mr. W. Godfrey, of Grovesend Sunday School made the recipient of an handsome hanging lamp, by the school. Mr. Jas. A. Burdick was also presented with an address and a beautiful China Tea Set in recognition of his valuable services as organist and leader of the choir.

EASTERN ONTARIO.

Rev. Mr. Allin, of Brockville, has accepted the call to George-st. Methodist church, Peterboro'.

The Christmas tree entertainment of Salem church, near Colborne, on Monday last was a very successful affair. Proceeds, \$40.

Missionary sermons were delivered in Epsom church by Rev. R. N. Willoughby, of Port Perry, on Christmas day. Collections, subscriptions, etc., amounted to \$17.71.

The Christmas tree entertainment at the Foot church, Scoug, came off on Friday evening, the 23rd. The programme was very varied and very lengthy, but seemed to give satisfaction to the large audience. Proceeds, including \$5 presented to the school by Mr. Adams, through the pastor, were \$24.50.

The special services which have for the past eight weeks been held with so much success in the Western church, Napanee, closed on Friday evening before last. They were the most successful ever held in the town. The membership was greatly quickened, and two hundred have already connected themselves with the churches. Rev. Mr. Baker, pastor.

The annual Christmas and literary entertainment of Gesto church was held on Saturday last, and proved to be one of the most pleasant and interesting ever yet held there. During the evening, the Superintendent of the Sabbath-school, Mr. John Rodd, was presented with a very complimentary address, accompanied by a large panel morocco bound bible, on behalf of the scholars and friends of the school.

Anniversary services in connection with Beulah church, Huntingdon circuit, were held on Sunday, Dec. 18th. Rev. J. J. Rice, of Stirling, officiated in the morning, and in the afternoon, addressed a full church at the children's service. The pastor, Rev. G. Robinson, took the evening service. At these services, instead of the usual tea meeting, a cash contribution was asked for, and the people's response was very satisfactory—the amount given reaching about \$60.

The Revs. Crossley and Hunter began a series of union evangelistic services in Whitby on Sabbath. The Rev. Mr. Hunter conducted the service in the Presbyterian church. In the evening the evangelists both took part in the services in the Methodist church. The Rev. Mr. Crossley gave one of his interesting unique song sermons. The Rev. Mr. Hunter conducted the after service with much success. Thirty-five adults indicated their determination to consecrate their services to God.

The Anniversary Tea in the Methodist Church, Brooklyn, on Monday 26th ult., was attended by such large numbers from a distance that the usual social after had to be abandoned. The church was filled with people who thoroughly enjoyed the platform meeting. Mr. Norman, the young man on the Greenwood circuit, led off with a fine humorous address, which had its points in his last word, which gave a very open countenance to the audience. Rev. H. Moore, a former pastor, followed with an address full of wisdom and good words. The selections by the choir were heartily approved by the audience who were delighted with them. Rev. Mr. Phelps occupied the chair in his most happy manner. Proceeds about \$70.

The congregation of the Morrisburg church last week presented Mr. G. P. Graham, leader of the choir, with a handsome easy chair, and Mrs. Graham with a beautiful mirror.

The members of Mrs. C. A. Smith's Bible Class, in the Port Hope Sunday School on the occasion of her removal to Toronto, presented her with a beautiful teacher's bible, accompanied by an address.

Missionary sermons will be preached in the Church-st. church, Bowmanville, on Sabbath next by Rev. Dr. Shaw, of Toronto. A meeting will be held on Monday evening when Rev. Mr. Hiraiwa, a native Japanese minister will appear in native costume.

The members of Ashburnham church Sabbath school recently presented their teacher, Mrs. (Rev.) J. C. Wilson, with a very handsome plush album. Mr. I. Wilson, organist of the church, was also presented with a handsome writing desk by the members of the choir.

Missionary sermons will be preached on Sunday next, in the Hampton church, by the Rev. J. E. Sanderson, M. A., and Rev. E. Barras, M. A. On Tuesday evening the Missionary Meeting will be held when Rev. Mr. Hiraawa, a native minister from Japan, will give an address.

Rev. Mr. Thompson, of Cobourg, the new incumbent of the George-st. church, Peterboro', held his first service on Sunday morning last. Rev. Mr. Thompson is a young man, earnest and powerful of speech, and on his first appearance created a favorable impression. He will occupy the pulpit until next June.

The Ladies' Aid of the Cartwright church gave a tea and entertainment and bazaar on the 26th ult. Tea was served at 5 o'clock, after which a program was rendered, consisting of readings, recitations, dialogues, music, &c. The articles of the bazaar were disposed of during the evening. The autograph quilt was sold for \$18. Proceeds of tea and bazaar about \$85.

The Oakland church anniversary held on Monday, was a success. Rev. Mr. Webber, Newmarket, preached morning and evening, Sunday, and gave good spirited sermons. On Monday the tea meeting was well attended and Mr. Webber's lecture on "The age we live in," was practicable, interesting and in some parts of it eloquent. Proceeds of anniversary amounted to over \$90.

The Whiffy Tabernacle Christmas Entertainment was a grand success. The body of the church was comfortably filled with happy children and their delighted parents, and the white wings of the large yacht, that rested peacefully upon the dry boards of the altar steps, were literally covered with gifts for the pupils of the Sabbath school. Mr. F. Powell, Superintendent, occupied the chair. The literary part of the program was well rendered, and gave entire satisfaction.

The anniversary services of the Queen St. church, Bowmanville, were held on Sunday and Monday last. The Rev. H. Moore, of Sanford, delivered a most excellent and interesting discourse on Sunday morning which greatly impressed the large audience present. Rev. R. D. Fraser, of the town, occupied the pulpit in the evening. The tea on Monday, though up to its usual excellency, was not so well attended as in former years. The proceeds amount to between \$50 and \$60.

The anniversary sermons in connection with the Sherbrooke Sabbath School, Que., were preached on Sunday, December 28th, by the pastor, Rev. Jas. Kines. The Festival and entertainment took place in the fine large school room on Tuesday evening when about three hundred were present. The program comprised several excellent recitations, effective dialogues, vocal and instrumental solos and trios. The Christmas Cantata "Immanuel" was also rendered by about fifty voices, the parts being very creditably sustained throughout. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed the number of the school to be upwards of 200 with an average attendance of 150. The finances showed a healthy state, the receipts since last anniversary being \$260. The school has given to the new church in all about \$150 besides paying all running expenses.

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BOWMANVILLE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7. THOUGHTS FOR THE NEW YEAR.

We are now fairly launched upon the new year; but ere going further would it not be well to consider what we are doing to make it a better one than the past.

Patience—which is one of the grandest of the Christian graces—is often dwarfed into a mere stoical submission akin to that of a savage tortured at the stake.

It lays largely with ourselves whether our march through this year shall be onward or whether it shall prove only a repetition of former ones.

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Which calls for patient care? There is a cross in every lot, And an earnest need of prayer; But a lowly heart that leans on Thee Is happy anywhere.

This is the secret of true and lasting happiness—the heart leaning on Jesus. The thought that He is helping us and that if "He is for us it is more than all that can be against us," brings joy immeasurable, unspeakable.

Rev. Dr. Dale, owing to ill health has been compelled to bring his tour in Australia to a close, and is already on his homeward journey.

Rev. Dr. Potts has gone to Saratoga Springs for a brief rest, his health being somewhat impaired. The result of overwork.

Rev. John McLean, M. A., of the Blood Reserve Methodist mission, has been appointed by the Lieut.-Governor a commissioner of public schools in and for the Northwest Territories.

How important it is that young men should endeavor to realize the weight of responsibility that will soon rest upon them, and to seek the best qualifications they can obtain for the proper discharge of the duties upon which they must soon enter.

A CHRISTIAN STAYING-POWER.

BY THEC. TYLER, D.D.

A robust man was the Apostle James. The tradition that he played until he was as hard as the knees of a camel at the good people in Jerusalem vie with each other in touching the hem of his robe.

Our blessed Lord was keenly sensitive to suffering, but how unflinchingly He endured the severe strain of dealing with the sick and the suffering, the bigoted and the ungrateful. He never complained; under the vexation of His crude disciples and irritating opponents.

I have been watching the careers of young men by the thousand in this busy city for over thirty years, and I find that the chief difference between the successful and the failures lies in the single element of staying-power.

What a change obedience to this text would make in this world! Fancy every body going about doing good; no envying and backbiting, no forging and stealing, no haste to grow rich.

Stick to your aim; the mongrel's hold may slip, But crowsbars can't unloose the mastiff's grip.

If staying-power is indispensable in all secular pursuits, it is even more so in the spiritual life. Young converts come into our churches by platoons, especially in seasons of revival.

Before you can win anybody's else soul to Christ you must "win" your own. This can only be accomplished by steady conflict with sin, by completely joining

your weakness to the mighty strength of your Saviour.

Paul did not claim to be a perfect man; but he had a prodigious staying-power. "I keep my body under," he exclaims—as a boxer who is in a sharp encounter; he constantly beats down with steady and sturdy blows, the unrelenting appetites and lusts.

Impatience is the prevailing sin of the times—impatience to suddenly rich, impatience under restraint, impatience with slow and thorough processes. A Christian character is more to be finished in a day than wine of Thorwaldsen's statues.

The virtue of holding on is absolutely indispensable to all successful Christian work. How many volunteers are constantly dropping out of our Sabbath-school teachings, and out of mission-work as soon as the novelty is over!

HIS MIND.

BY MARY E. LEE.

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Jesus Christ,"—Philippians ii 5.

Our prisons would crumble away, or be transformed into comfortable homes for the aged and helpless. Instead of bringing in criminals, our police would seek and find the needy and destitute.

Because the mind of Christ has been in many and is in many, "homes" and hospitals abound. Sick children and weary mothers are taken out of the heated city to breathe pure ocean air by those who have the mind of Jesus.

In matters of conscience first thoughts are best; in matter of prudence last thoughts are best.—Robert Hall.

TWO WAYS OF PRAYER.

There are two ways of praying to God which are exemplified in the lives of two most excellent men.

George Muller's "Life of Trust" is the example of one way. Whatever he wanted he asked God for. It may have been nothing more than a watch or a dime; he asked God and did not—so he thought—ask man for it, and he got it.

We may take Dr. Tholuck as the example of the other way of praying. He did not ask many things of God. He did not seem to want many things beyond what his own labors naturally brought him, but he talked familiarly with God of his goodness, lived in his presence, and asked him for his grace.

Both forms of prayer are good; only the prayer must rest, as did Muller's and Tholuck's on active service. Jacob had to wrestle before he got the blessing he prayed for.

Another man believes that law moves in its natural course, and he fails to see evidence that God gives less sunshine to the evil than to the good, or pours more abundant rains upon the just than upon the unjust.

But the danger is that a man may make his faith in the regularity of God's laws, which will not be changed for him, an excuse for not praying at all.

"Restraining prayer we cease to fight, Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright, And Satan trembles when he sees The weakest saint upon his knees."

Any way of praying, whether it be petition, confession or praise is good, because it is communion with God. If petition becomes less prominent, let the uttered communion with God, the walk and talk with God, be even more strictly maintained.

"IF I WERE RICH."

One evening, passing along a crowded street, I heard one boy say to another, "If I were rich I wouldn't—" and the rest of the sentence was lost as I hurried on with the throng.

We cannot know, but there is one thing quite certain. Whatever that boy does now that he is poor, he would do if he were rich. If he is generous now, he would be generous then.

GATHERED GEMS.

The Christian life is not bearing nor knowing, but doing.—Rev. S. L. Dickey. Humility and meekness escape many a blow; always keeping peace within, and often without, too.—Rev. W. McKee.

The sacred Scriptures teach us the best way of living, the noblest way of suffering, and the most comfortable way of dying.—Flavel.

It is the absence of love to Christ, not its fulness, that makes us so impatient of the weaknesses and inconsistencies of our Christian brethren.—Mrs. Sallie Friserson Paden.

We have no strength to walk unless Thou lead us; Sin hides each side, the straight and narrow way; Our hungry souls must faint, except Thou feed us, Help us, we plead, to live aright each day.

Prayer is the preface to the book of Christian living; the text of the life sermon; the girding on of the armor for battle; the pilgrim's preparation for his journey. It must be supplemented by action, or it amounts to nothing.—Phelps.

It is not in the bright, happy day, but only in the solemn night, that other worlds are to be seen shining in their long, long distances. And it is in sorrow—the night of the soul—that we see farthest, and know ourselves natives of infinity and sons and daughters of the most high.—Euthanasia.

Thoughts, thoughts, thoughts! Rolling wave-like on the mind's strange shore, Rustling leaf-like through it evermore, O that they might follow God's good hand! —William Alexander.

When Christ is within us, sorrow is a time of revolution. It is like the cloud that crowned the summit of the holy mountain into which Moses climbed, and by which he was hidden so long from the eyes of the people.

LIVING FOR OTHERS.

"No one liveth for himself." No, most lives are so inseparably intertwined with that of others, that well-being and happiness are ever dependent upon the well-being of others.

That this is mysterious we must acknowledge. That its effect is far reaching beyond the limit of our thought we know, and we stand awed before the presence of a dimly seen, and unsteadily grasped truth.

Practically we are at a loss to know how accountability can enter as a factor at all into such laws, which seemingly are inexorable and far beyond our reach.

The heavens above give no reply to our earnest questionings, save to point us to a higher power than they. The earth beneath shows us no way whereby we may be sure that our influence is true and righteous.

There can be no self-centred life in obeying these laws of being. It must be our continued living for and in the interests of truth and humanity.

THE COMING YEAR.

Before our feet, untrodden, lies Another year; And in our hearts grave thoughts arise, Imbued with fear.

GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN.

A noble Christian woman whom it was our privilege once to know, was wont to say when she had come from ministering at a dying bed, "I have caught a glimpse of heaven."

"They whose hearts are whole and strong, Loving holiness, Living clean from soil and wrong, Wearing truth's white dress, — They unto no far-off height Warily need climb: Heaven to them is close in sight From these shores of time."

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy," but it is true in a larger sense, that it lies about us all through our lives, though we may shut ourselves out of it, as too many of us do, by sin and impurity.

Sorrow is only one of the lower notes in the oratorio of our blessedness.—A. J. Gordon.

A WOMAN'S WORTH.

In thinking how Christ weighs one soul against the "whole world," I think how great is the work of a Christian mother, who first saves her own soul, leads and keeps her husband in the service of God, trains her children as Christian workers, and in her home exerts a Christian influence.

TO THE DOUBTING ONES.

When a man has to go over a river though he ride once and again into the water, and come out, saying, "I fear it is too deep for me," yet, considering that there is no other way for him, he resolves to venture.

WANTED, SOMETHING INSIDE.

You may remember hearing of the Spartan who tried to make a corpse stand upright, but found that it would fall, and said, "Ah, it wants something inside!"

HUMILITY.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power, or hesitation in speaking his opinion; but a right understanding of the relation between what he can do and say, and the rest of the world's sayings and doings.

LESSONS FROM LIFE.

A GREAT NATIONAL CALL—WHAT IT TEACHES.

The last few years played and havoc with many promises of our country. Many of them did not warn, passing away apparently the full flush of life.

It is singular that many of our prominent men die of these errors. Any journalist who watches the newspaper reports, will be astonished at the number of prominent victims of these disorders.

When a valuable horse perishes, it becomes the nine days' wonder of the sporting world, and yet thoughts of ordinary horses are dying every day, their aggregate loss is enormous, and yet their death creates no comment.

But how shall it be done? It is folly to treat effect. If there is any known way of getting at the cause, that way should be known to the public.

Because public attention has been directed to this great remedy by means of advertising, some persons have not believed in the remedy. We cannot see how Mr. Warner could immediately benefit the public in any other way, and his valuable specific should not be condemned because some nostrums have come before the public in the same way, any more than that air should be condemned because so many of them are incompetent.

It is astonishing what good opinions you hear on every side, of that great remedy, and the public opinion thus based upon an actual experience, has all the weight and importance of absolute truth.

A WELL MERITED WORD.

The value of baking powder consists in the fact that the proportion of alkali and acid is exact, and there is no danger of having yellow biscuits from an excess of soda, or heavy ones from an excess of acid.

BIRTHS.

TAYLOR.—In Cartwright, on Dec. 20, the wife of Mr. Asa Taylor, of a son.

MARRIED.

BURNS-DODGE.—On Dec. 27th at the residence of the bride's parents, by the Rev. E. Baras, W. A. Mr. James Burns, only son of Mr. Robert Burns, and Hannah, third daughter of Mr. William Dodge, Farmer, all of Danlinton.

DIED.

BREKELL.—In Bowmanville the 21st ult. the infant daughter of Geo. H. and Belle Bickell.

W. S. ORNSTON, L. L. B. Barrister, Solicitor, Conveyancer, Etc. Money to loan. Office, in Beaver Block upstairs in rooms formerly occupied by Dr. Harnden, Bowmanville.

THE GARDEN.—For the management of vegetable gardens and practical instructions concerning the culture of flowers—for hints and information concerning all vegetable and flowers, D. M. Ferry & Co's Seed Annual for 1888 will be found as complete as any work of a similar character ever issued.

VICK'S FLORAL GUIDE.—A silver lining to every cloud! With the short dull days of early winter come the cheery holidays and Vick's beautiful Annual, and lo! spring already appears in its radiant smile. We can almost see the green grass and the blooming flowers in the way of Catalogue, Vick's Floral Guide is unequalled in artistic appearance, and the edition of each year that appears simply perfect, is surpassed by the next.

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