



THEY ALL TALKED BACK.

A DARKEY BISHOP DISCOURAGING UNDER-DIFFICULTIES.

He Roused His Hearers So Completely That They Couldn't Wait Until Service Was Over to Express Their Approval—A Specimen Sunday in Florida.

(SEVENTH LETTER.)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., March 28.—On Saturday notices were posted about the town in all directions that Bishop Arnott would preach twice on Sunday in the colored church, he being bishop of the diocese of Florida and head of the Methodist persuasion, or rather the "colored" portion of it. His fame as an able, stirring preacher having preceded him, the building in which he was to hold forth next day became the great Mecca towards which every footstep tended, from far and near—nor were the white gentry (among them many visitors stopping at the hotels), a whit less anxious than the sable brethren to hear the great preacher and crowd the thoroughfares. Soon the building was filled to repletion. The white folks were honored with seats in front, facing a platform about two feet high, and probably ten broad, running the whole breadth of the room, upon which were seated the members of the choir on either side of the bishop and the regular pastor, who occupied seats directly in the centre. On the level of the floor, close beside the platform, stood a cabinet organ, presided over by an excellent performer. The bishop was as dark as ebony, polished at that, for the heat was considerable, added to which the exertion to make himself emphatic caused no small amount of perspiration and polish to appear upon his venerable physiognomy. The bishop's age is probably in the fifties—of commanding, dignified presence, and having a good sonorous voice, and lung power enough to make it sound in every part of the building and in the neighborhood beyond for that matter; he was always effective and kept his audience upon the qui vive throughout the hour and a quarter which his sermon occupied.

I have heard many able preachers in my day, but seldom listened to one more effective than this colored gentleman—whether as regards language, diction, aptness of illustration, gracefulness of gesture, scriptural references in elucidation of the text, ("I am not ashamed to preach the gospel of Christ"), his exegesis, his philosophical deductions, home-thrust conclusions, which by the way told most wonderfully upon the colored part of the congregation, who, as the preacher advanced, became responsive, loud, obstreperous, so that the effectiveness of the preacher was considerably marred through the unseemly, if not irreverent interruptions, such as I will here attempt to describe, for example:

Bishop—"You must be born again, become a new creature."

Response—"Yat's a fact, ye must be born again; I say so, too."

Bishop—"You must be the husband of only one wife."

Here some of the colored folks began to scratch their heads, for the marital relationship in numerous cases in the South is not en rapport among the colored race, with "the table of degrees" set down in our prayer books. From a seat a short distance behind me, went up the response, "dat's rite, bishop, guv't him, I tells him so;" and I inferred that there had been some domestic infelicities between the lawful husband and wife, and this was the opportunity for the latter to let out upon her unfaithful spouse, backed up by the dictum of the bishop; but as soon as the preacher followed up the admonition in the next sentence by saying, "nor must a woman have more than one man for her husband," it was Darby's turn to respond, "dat's rite, bishop, givet her; now den, d'ye har dat—just sarves yer rite." Here was a thunderbolt thrown by the bishop into the midst of the camp which scorched more than one couple in that sympathetic congregation. But the responses were so loud and frequent that it was difficult for one to hold the connection in the discourse, however loud the bishop's voice. "Yat's it, bishop," "guv't 'em," "so I tink myself," "dat's so," "a fact," "hit him hard, bishop." And yet the bishop seemed to think it was all right, or rather he was prepared for and accustomed to these very irrelevant and irreverent interruptions. The music of the choir was excellent—time, tone, voice and execution seemed perfect, if I am a judge, and then they all sung at the top of their voices, loud, clear, harmonious, and might have been heard half-a-mile off; windows up, mercury 80°.

The bishop's sermon and the music were to my mind exceptionally fine, and were it not for the terrible hullabaloo or accompaniments I have attempted to describe without a particle of exaggeration, the services of that afternoon would have done no discredit to the best conducted in other churches, as regards sermon and music, where everybody is supposed to keep quiet, in the presence of "the Great King."

At the conclusion of the sermon the regular pastor of the flock stepped forward and informed the congregation that he must have \$100 on that occasion to pay off the church debt, and he knew that there were three persons present who of themselves could subscribe that amount and not miss it. Some of us thought that this was rather a hit at the front seats, but as I felt that the cap did not fit, I thought it better for all the other white folks to form their own

individual conclusions, and if so disposed, make up the hundred dollars. The baskets, however, went ahead all the same, the organ and the singers let out in right good earnest and at the same time the minister kept calling upon his brethren to shell out. "I must have \$100 this day." This he repeated over and over again, an occasional remark thrown in, comical enough to give us all the titters. But the preacher knew how to work upon the enthusiasm of his people, and so by thus hammering away upon the red hot anvil, he could beat them all into shape and thus secure the \$100. When the baskets were emptied upon the table, the minister and one of his deacons began to count the money—the singers keeping at it all the time. When it was all counted it was ascertained that the sum required was nine dollars short. "Come, I must have the balance right off," ejaculated the minister. One by one the folks went forward to the table and put down his or her mite, in some cases a quarter, a dime, or a nickel, (there are no cents in this place.) Several put down a quarter and got change, as the quarter was all the money they had and they wished to give a dime out of it. In this way the amount was made up—and the minister announced the fact with emphasis. We were also informed that the bishop would preach again in the evening, and for everybody to bring all the money they had.

On the benediction being pronounced by the bishop there was a general stampede, precisely as in the case of children being dismissed from school. Every one commenced talking, laughing, shouting even, as if their pent up powers, which had been kept under some discipline for an hour and a half, could endure the pressure no longer, and now came a universal outburst. The bishop, apparently not accustomed to so much of this irreverent, irreligious vocalization, shouted out, as if addressing so many children, "Be quiet—be quiet—be quiet, I say," louder and louder with each repetition; and his stentorian commands produced considerable effect—after that, and until they reached the doors of the building, the clamor among the crowd was quite moderate; but once outside, and fairly upon the sidewalk, the din was renewed with unctious enough to put to flight the armies of Israel.

It must not be supposed by your readers that it is through a spirit of levity that this account is written, or even that it is an attempt to caricature an inoffensive people—much less to make light of matters which should ever demand our most serious consideration. The object on my part is to convey a glimpse of the habits and customs of this primitive, unsophisticated race; and however incredible the account may appear, it will be corroborated by numerous witnesses in this part of Florida where the article will be read.

The flora of this great treasure house of nature continues to unfold new charms. The bloom of the wisteria, the Cherokee rose, the LeConte pear, the crab-apple and the peach is all passing off, and a new creation of efflorescence is taking their place—such as the banana blossom, the magnolia, the oleander, the liliun-auratum, which are all getting ready to burst into flowers, but only waiting a wee until the orange blossoms, now in full fragrance, are ready to go with the gentle breezes, which woo and wait them hither and thither into azure space and nothingness. The whole air is aromatic with this orange blossom—the trees a short distance beyond are enshrouded in a white sheen of bridal dazzliness, the real thing itself, and no mock imitation. The roses continue to hold their own, keep on blooming longer and longer with each new crop, upon bushes and trees 20 feet high.

G. E. F.

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GEORGE F. BAIRD, M. P., MERCHANT, POLITICIAN AND MAN.

A Story of His Life and Its Important Incidents—Perseverance, Pluck and Ability Have Brought Him to the Front, Where He is Likely to Stay.

I once heard a Queens county Liberal give his opinion of George F. Baird. The speaker was a countryman—a rough and ready farmer who spoke as he thought, and never minced his words. "George Baird puts me in mind of a thoroughbred bull dog. He never lets go." Inevitably, perhaps, but exceedingly terse. Mr. Baird may not feel flattered at this published opinion of him, but it struck me at the time that few men deserved the compliment so well, for indeed few deserve it at all.

The tenacity, persistency and perseverance that command success are the attributes of so few about me that I can count them on my fingers. Mr. Baird, the subject of this sketch, has all of them and to them in no small degree does he owe his prominence of today.

The residents of Wickham, Queens county, are rather proud of the fact that Mr. Baird grew up among them. Whenever they get the chance they show their regard in a substantial fashion, whether it be in the way of votes or good will. Thirty-eight years ago the present representative of Queens saw his county. He



GEORGE F. BAIRD, M. P.

lost no time in getting ready for the work that was cut out for him. At first, a country boy thinking of nothing save school between the hours of 9 a. m., and 4 p. m., and his "tasks" at night, he soon began to show what ability and pluck was in him. Getting beyond the depth of the rural pedagogy was not uncommon in those days, and young Baird was soon able to instruct his former teacher. Then it was that he was sent to that place of discipline and scholarship, the Kingston Grammar school, where such men as Mauger, Wetmore, Seovil and Raymond reigned, and every pupil was a loyal subject. With many other men of the present day Mr. Baird retains pleasant recollections of this well known and famed school. I may be permitted to digress a moment and tell them that since the removal of the shiretown to Hampton, the old Grammar school building has been moved from its former lofty and isolated site, and where once nothing was heard but the everlasting drill of English and French, Latin and Greek, the sound of saw, hammer and plane has been prominent, and even since the walls which once bore nothing but pencil sketches and blackboards, have been decorated with shelves bearing canned goods and spices. What a change!

From 1870 to '74, Mr. Baird was supposed to be a student-at-law. The fact was that he entered about the first date and then roamed around the ocean on a vessel's deck for nearly three years. Getting enough of that he settled down to hard study in the city and bending, every energy to his task, was ready for and passed his attorney's examination in 1874. One year later he was sworn in as barrister.

It can be said that this was the turning point. Mr. Baird was in a good office with a fine business. He was the right man in the right place, and in a short time was in a position to acquire and carry on the business for himself. Lawyers were not so plentiful in those days, and there was more work for them to do. Before and after the fire it seemed as if every man had something for the lawyers. The result was—money. Mr. Baird had been a keen observer during his seafaring life, and when he began to make money he was sharp enough to invest it where it would pay him best—in coastwise shipping. Fortune seemed to smile upon his commercial plans. Shippers were in a panicky state and as fast as they wished to sacrifice their vessels Mr. Baird was on deck with the cash for them. His money made money, for at no time during the shipping depression did his coast property fail to pay.

In 1881 he became associated in a professional co-partnership with Mr. G. W. Allen, and later with Mr. W. B. Chandler, which continued until he entered the political arena. Few people realized at the time what that meant to George F. Baird. He could only run for one county and it seemed little short of madness for him, a Conservative, to expect any show of success in the banner Liberal county of the province—a county which had known no public men in dominion politics save Ferris and King, to whom it had been loyal to the backbone.

If Baird was not a polished and eloquent speaker, he was a ready, forcible talker. He had every favorable fact on his tongue's end; he indulged in no personalities; he knew his people, and he was a native of the county. He was fighting the great battle of his life, with the friends of his boyhood rallying around him. He had the ablest and most astute lieutenants in the country, and I cannot be blind to the fact that behind all this was a well-filled purse, so necessary, it would appear, to the success of any political candidate. With even all these aids, the county was Liberal, and returned Mr. King by 61 votes.

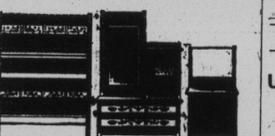
Mr. Baird was declared elected! The returning officer based his declaration on a legal technicality, and Mr. Baird took his seat in parliament. When the session was over, he resigned his seat—which, in my opinion, he should have done on declaration day—and a few months later opposed Mr. King again, and was returned as the member for Queens.

I can say, without hesitation, that when Mr. Baird entered politics he lost sight of his own interests. He is better fitted in every way for commercial than political life, and I believe that his greatest successes will be scored, not on the hustings or upon the floor of the commons, but at his business desk in Palmer's building. It cannot be said that he has not the requirements of a good representative—he has shown, more especially this year, that his business talent, applied in the interests of his country, is of great value, and in the eyes of his constituency, which looks, I suppose, to county rather than country, his work must be appreciated. It was only a few days ago that his shipping experience came into action in the house. Certain legislation was proposed regarding the deck-load law, and Mr. Baird, thoroughly conversant with the subject, presented such strong arguments against the passage of the section that the government dropped it.

But I would not be surprised if, when the herald sounds the political challenge again, the name of George F. Baird did not appear on the list. His politics interferes with his business. Three months absence at a time is not usually in favor with good business men, and Mr. Baird belongs to that class. In fact so strong a hold have his shipping interests upon his attention that some time ago law took second place, though even now he never neglects his clients' interests, and is regarded as one of the best maritime lawyers in the province.

Mr. Baird is a self-made man, and as such must command the admiration of lovers of energy and perseverance. He stands today ahead of any self-made man of his age in the province. Personally he is well liked, and no man who knows him has aught to say against his personal qualities. When free from the cares of daylight he is an entertaining companion. He presents his views in a forcible, ready style, and always gives his listeners something to think about. E. S. CARTER.

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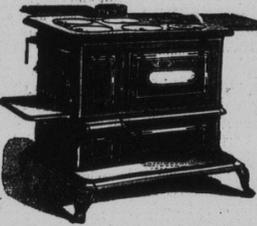
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THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

A New England Preacher.

To be born in New England, of native ancestry, at any time during the present century, has ensured to everyone so born a life of activity and to not a few such a career of attractive usefulness as would have been almost impossible elsewhere. It has been a period of unsettlement and of growth, social, religious, political. Radicals and conservatives have alike found full scope for the work of destruction and defence, and in each class both characters have been curiously blended. Like every other time of conflict this has been little favorable to those who would live in philosophic calm. That every able or honest man should "take his side" on every living issue has seemed to be a necessity as well as a duty. I may be mistaken in my interpretation of the spirit of the age, but it seems to me that the tendency has been towards a renaissance of character, if I may so speak. The great New Englanders of the last generation neglected to cultivate the social virtues that make men pleasant companions, but they diligently considered the civic virtues that made them better citizens. Strenuous needs developed strong men, keen-eyed, though rarely far-sighted, absolutely conscientious, somewhat intolerant by virtue of their excess of sincerity, men who prefaced their assertions of duty with a "Thus saith the Lord," and who wrought in the full conviction that their opponents were only negatively moral if not positively wicked—because they were opponents. Such a man was David Atwood Wasson, preacher and poet.

Mr. Wasson was born in the little seaport town of Brooksville, Maine, in 1823. In the matter of ancestry he was exceptionally favored: his environment could hardly have been less stimulating than it was; in the fragment of outspoken autobiography included in Mr. Frothingham's memoir, he tells us that his was not a happy childhood. The practical demanded too much of him. A sensitive, imaginative boy, the things to which his earliest attention was called were Religion and Work. The former, as there manifested, was a hard, ugly affair,—"not a wing, but a clog." It, too, inspired the theory of work that drove him as with scorpion whips: "From our natures no good could come. These needed only to be kept down. That labor was not agreeable only proved our need of it." Unaffected alike by revival meetings and incitements to drudgery, he entered upon young manhood. Love of work, for the sake of its results, first possessed him when he began to dream of a career, and he helped himself to an education. He studied law in Belfast and began its practice, but soon abandoned it, from conscientious scruples. The influence of Carlyle determined his after life, sending him to Bangor Theological school. To him, as to many other ingenious young men after Sartor Resartus appeared, religious belief ceased to be, as Mr. Frothingham aptly says, "a thing of tradition. Revelation was not a matter of record. There was no more an inspired book, but an inspired soul." Transcendentalism was in the air, and became the basis for a new superstructure of conviction. Young Wasson, off in Maine, felt the afflatus, and was swept by it towards divinity.

When the young man entered upon his ministry, he was far from being orthodox. Somewhat against the wish of the examining council, however, he was settled over an evangelical church in Groveland, Mass. Here he labored for a year. At the end of that time a Calvinistic Goliath in the neighborhood began to preach a series of sulphurous sermons, and the liberal-thinking David—the simile is Mr. Frothingham's—took up the challenge, and affirmed his views so explicitly that there was nothing for the council to do, but dissolve the relation. His Groveland friends established him in an independent pastorate—a position involving stress and struggle, since it seemed to align him with Theodore Parker, who, a few miles away, was contending against Trinitarians and Unitarians alike. He was equal to the responsibility. Up to the year 1855, when began his 30 years' martyrdom from the effects of a boyish wrestling bout, he ministered most acceptably to his people. In that year he went abroad to rest and gain health, and the record of the decade following was one of depressing weakness, bravely struggled against, when he "spent in his effort to bear anguish an amount of power sufficient to earn fame, yet still had enough to spare for admirable intellectual work." In 1865 he was called to the charge of Theodore Parker's society, the Twenty-eighth Congregational, of Boston, but sickness severed this connection in 1867. The next 20 years, with the exception of three which he spent in study in Germany, were passed in quiet, but not in peace, at West Medford, Mass. He was never free from pain, and his disabilities culminated at length in blindness. His last essay, a review of Adams' Emancipation of Massachusetts, published in the Atlantic for February, 1887, was written piecemeal, in extreme weakness, and from the impressions of memory, the book having been read to him, as he lay unable to read for himself. He died in the same year, before the article appeared.

There is a hint of heroism in the simple story. The suggestion deepens into a reality when one studies the works of th

man—the present volume of essays and a small book of poems that are too thoughtful and unimaginative to be popular. The invalid is never morbid. His disease is of the body, not the soul. He is never so much of an optimist as to feel that "Whatever is right," but he does believe that whatever is wrong will some day be made right. "His mind was fixed on intellectual realities." The seclusion which his ill-health necessitated did affect him, in so far that it narrowed his sympathies and dulled his perception of the motives of men. Aside from that, for all the indication that these books afford, one might never know that their author was not a man among men.

Certain of Mr. Wasson's limitations that were shared by most of his associates, have already been indicated. It remains to note that he was somewhat impatient of argument. "Logic, with me," he wrote to Dr. Clarke, "comes after, not before, conviction: it is, as far as I use it, my way of justifying to other minds the results at which I have arrived, never the road by which I travel." Naturally enough, he frequently generalized from insufficient data: to believers in positivism and woman suffrage it may even appear that he condemned their cause unheard. He said of his great predecessor, Theodore Parker, that he "preached a political economy of the soul." Wasson himself was far from any such exactitude. His was the gospel of intuition and impulse—chastened somewhat, it is true, by thought, but never greatly broadened.

But to the man who is true to his best nature we can forgive much. The key-note to Wasson's career was sounded when he left Bowdoin college in his junior year, "refusing to inform against the perpetrators of an outrage of which he had no certain knowledge, and for which he could feel no sympathy." Meanness was impossible to him. He might misrepresent an antagonist's views, but it would be done unconsciously. He might—and he often did—seem arbitrary or severe, but that was because he felt it his duty so to be. Few men have more consistently adhered to the rule of conscience. He was a Puritan with the Calvinism left out.

There is helpful inspiration in such a life for all of us, whether near or remote. Though the literary quality of these essays is admirable, their chief value is this, that they give us to understand the nature of the man; and Mr. Frothingham's chapter aids to that end by quoting his subject whenever possible. The memoir is most complete, in its way, a broad-viewed and sweet-spirited work, happily free from the tattle that mars most efforts of this kind. The choice of essays is a happy one, though those of us who have watched for Mr. Wasson's contributions to the dead but forgotten Index may wish that there had been room for more of our favorites. As the book stands, however, it deserves a warm welcome from a host of new readers as well as from the admirers of one who, "had he possessed health," as Mr. Frothingham truly says, "would have done great things, have left a distinguished name."

WALTER L. SAWYER.

Notes and Announcements.

Young Lion of the Woods, a story of early colonial days, has been published in pamphlet form, by the author, Mr. Thomas B. Smith, of Windsor, N. S. It will doubtless prove interesting to many readers. The price of the book is 35 cents and it can be ordered through the Montreal News Co.

Zola has asked and obtained permission to ride on an express railway engine during one of its longest trips. He intends to introduce into his next novel his personal impressions, and also his remarks on the character of the driver and stoker which such a life creates.

The two famous French collaborators in novel writing, M. Eckmann and M. Chatrian, are said to be engaged upon a new story—an announcement of considerable interest, in view of the forthcoming publication of a new edition of their national novels by the Scribners.

America, the Chicago weekly, has begun the second year of its existence. The first year has been a prosperous one, and deservedly so, for America is one of the best publications of the entire West. A cartoon by Mr. Thomas Nast will be printed in America each week from this date.

A new portrait, recently taken, of George Bancroft, will be printed in the May Book Buyer. The same number will also contain a portrait of Ellen Olney Kirk, author of 'The Story of Margaret Kent,' and Sallie Pratt McLean, author of 'Cape Cod Folks.' A personal sketch will accompany each portrait.

Scribner's Magazine for April admirably maintains that freshness of interest for which it has won so enviable a reputation. In this installment of "The Master of Ballantrae," Mr. Stevenson surpasses himself. It seems to us that this story suits the highwater mark of the fiction of today. Its interest is breathless, its insight profound, its style an abiding delight. Then there is another vivid and effective story by John R. Spears, entitled "A Sailor Called the Baron;" and John E. Curran contributes the opening chapters of a taking novelette called "Jeanne."

Essays, Religious, Social, Political. By David Atwood Wasson. With a Biographical Sketch by O. B. Frothingham. Boston: Lee & Shepard. New York: Chas. T. Dillingham.

Very bright and readable are Mr. Hidding's paper on "The Building of 'An Ocean Greyhound,'" and the notes on "A Second Shelf of Old Books" by Mrs. Fields. In a sketch of Henrik Ibsen, the Norwegian dramatist, Mr. G. R. Carpenter introduces us to a representative modern of whom we should know more. The end paper is a piece of charming prose by Mr. Walter Pater, entitled "Shakespeare's English Kings." There are papers also on "The Prevention of Railroad Strikes," "Climbing Mt. St. Elias," and "The Anatomy of the Contortionist." Among the poems, we find an exceptionally fine sonnet (quoted in another column) by the Canadian poet, Mr. Lampan; and a thoroughly charming lyric by Miss Guiney. Mrs. Thaxter's lines, entitled, "Crowned," are also above the average of the verse of the month.—New York: Charles Scribner's Sons. Price, \$3 a year, 25 cents a number.

A little book of great interest to all lovers of Burns will soon be published in Kilmarnock, the town which gave the poet's first edition to the world. It will consist of a verbatim & literatim copy of the famous holograph MSS. acquired by the trustees of Kilmarnock museum early last year, and will show all the alterations and emendations made by Burns on those documents during the time they were in his possession, together with his peculiarities of spelling. The veteran historian Bancroft does his work in the early morning. He is at his desk at 6 and leaves at 9 a. m., having done his stint. This leads the Lounger in the Critic to ask Mr. Bancroft if this was his habit when he was in his twenties and thirties, or even his forties. When they arrive at his present age, all men, or nearly all, are early risers. They do not require as much sleep as younger men; they may go to bed late but they rise with the lark. Mr. Bancroft, however, retires early. Ten o'clock finds him snugly tucked between the sheets.

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## SPORTS OF THE SEASON.

If "the A. and A. club" is too much of a mouthful  
for you, call it "The Maroons." That will be the  
color of the nine's jersey uniform.

Secretary Barker and I are indebted to Manager  
Tredwell of the South Portlands, for handsome  
photographs of the Maine champions. The boys  
look contented and happy, and might be expected  
from a club that is in the habit of getting there.

If Larrabee plays ball anywhere, this season, it  
will be in Moncton. Chances that down.

St. John has never seen Larry at his best. When  
he joined the Nationals he had played but two  
games, and was in no physical condition. This year  
he is practicing daily with Wagg, and will be as fine  
as silk when the season opens.

The Colbye are hard at work, and will open their  
season next Saturday. The Presumptuous play with  
them on the 20th.

A correspondent writes me that St. Stephen will  
have a good nine this season—"one that will make  
the rest of them hustle." I hope so. With St. John,  
Moncton, Fredericton and the border city all to the  
front, we shall find it easy to organize occasional  
matches that won't cost a great deal of money, and  
will keep up the interest of every crump.

I am sorry for Sussex. An Athletic association  
has sunk pretty low when it confers its highest office  
upon such as Ora P. King.

The Maine State League is likely to be re-estab-  
lished by Portland, Lewiston, Brunswick and Bath.  
The Reds will represent the first-named city.

Robert Nixon and a few other enthusiastic ad-  
mirers of base ball are organizing a nine. Mr. Nixon  
said, last evening, that James Robinson would be  
the pitcher and that arrangements had been con-  
sidered with Nick Wise to play behind the bat.  
Robinson and Wise would make a good battery, and  
the team is organized base ball will be very lively  
the coming summer.—Sun.

Precisely. Let's all pitch in and organize clubs!  
Then, after we have accomplished our object—  
to divide a patronage that isn't a cent too large for the  
A. A. and Shamrock nines—base ball will be more  
than lively—for the men who have to pay the bills.

I have letters this week from our star pitcher and  
catcher, Small and Rogers. Both men are in fine  
condition and happy in the thought that they are  
coming to St. John.

The Lovell Arms company's nine, which my  
friend Power mentions elsewhere, must have made a  
dismal exhibition of themselves, last Monday. The  
Worcesters scored six runs off two hits. Neverthe-  
less, the nine is a good one, as Power says, only  
subject to occasional attacks of that common dis-  
ease, the rattles, and I'd be glad to see them here.

The Interprovincial League which was to have  
been organized in Amherst, Tuesday, failed to ma-  
terialize. Only three clubs, from Moncton and Am-  
herst, were represented.

The Neptune Bowling Club favors a regatta in the  
harbor and two marine displays—one in the harbor  
and one at Indianown—during the summer carni-  
val. Good scheme. The Neptunes will help, of  
course.

The Y. M. C. A. sports have dwindled down to a  
"gymnastic exhibition" only to members of the  
gymnasium and to be held there on the 25th inst.  
Does our correspondent, "Bore Muscles," feel any  
better now?

The Thistles have organized with P. Mills as cap-  
tain. It's a wise choice.

The Chicago and All-Americans have touched the  
home plate.

At the banquet given to the globe-trotting ball  
players in New York, the other night, Mark Twain,  
Chauncey M. Depew, Erasmus Wiman, Dan  
Douglass and other spell-binders were present.  
According to Mr. Depew, Mr. Wiman had "a tear  
in his eye and melancholy in his tone when he spoke  
of the fact that you can go around the world and not  
touch Canada." But Mr. Wiman's tears were the  
only liquid resembling water that was seen at the  
banquet.

Anson and Ward both responded to toasts. The  
great rickier remarked that this was the proudest  
moment of his life. (It strikes me I have heard  
something like that before.) John Montgomery  
said that the most impressive thing he had seen  
during the tour was Fire Island light. Then they  
opened another bottle.

Mark Twain, introduced as "a native of the Sand-  
wich Islands," made a great speech. I wish I could  
print it all. It ended as follows:

"They have carried the American name to the  
utmost parts of the globe, and covered it with  
glory every time. That is a service to sentiment;  
but they did the general world a large practical  
service also, a service to the great science of geo-  
graphy. Ah, think of that! We don't talk enough  
about that—don't give it its full value. Why, when  
these boys started out you couldn't see the equator  
at all; you could walk right over it and never know  
it was there. That is the kind of equator it is.  
Such an equator as that isn't any use to anybody; as  
for me, I would rather not have any equator at all  
than a dim thing like that you can't see. But that  
is all fixed now; you can see it now; you can't run  
over it now and not know it's there; and so I drink  
long life to the boys who ploughed a new equator  
round the globe stealing bases on their bellies!"

The boys had a great time, but they're glad to get  
home. Natural curiosity there aren't any ball  
cranks in the old world and a country that hasn't  
got 'em isn't fit to live in.

Anson says the Chicago team that is now come  
home will not be the same team that will battle for  
the League pennant. He says—"Hutchinson and  
Krook will do the bulk of the pitching, with Farrell  
to catch most of the games. Baldwin and Day I  
shall reserve for the clubs against which I know  
them to be most effective." The outfield will be  
altered and improved over that of last season. An-  
son had no idea of engaging new talent, but the  
probabilities are that two or three of the present  
team will be released. Van Haltrae will probably  
be installed as a regular outfielder and emergency  
pitcher.

With Morrill and Wise added, Washington will  
have a good nine, one that won't gravitate so in-  
evitably towards the tail of the list.

So John Ward will give up base ball in two years,  
and begin to practice law. It is a wise man who  
provides something to fall back upon.

A good man gets credit for good work in the New  
York Press. The "Turf News and Gosip" therein  
saw with the "Turf News and Gosip" therein  
Here's luck to our Jack!

The St. John Lacrosse club was organized here  
Thursday night. Its membership is limited to 35—  
just the number necessary to form two "sides" and  
leave one man over for manager.

The club is the idea of A. H. Bell, whom we shall  
have to thank for introducing a new game—for it is  
new to this city. He will play on one of the teams.

## AN ACCIDENT



WIFE-UP-THE-MOUNTAIN (the *Patience* Chief)—"The scalp of the white traitor  
shall grace the wigwag of the great red man!"  
PETERED DICK (the scout, under his breath)—"Leggo there, you barn-stormin'  
clump! You've got holt of some of my real hair!"—Judge.

After he has educated them sufficiently by means of  
practice games, he will take them around the prov-  
ince. Sackville already has a club, so there's a  
chance for sport in that town, and Halifax is likely  
to have one. In July, Mr. Bell will bring down one  
of the famous Indian teams from Upper Canada, and  
then we shall have a chance to see "the Canadian  
national game" well played.

It is a great pity, though, that Frank Dowd is in  
this club. He is a fine lacrosse player, but that's  
all that can be said for him. From the standpoint of  
square and honest sport, his reputation stinks.

I am authorized to say that he will never be  
allowed on the A. A. club grounds, to take part in  
any game.

Dowd is working at his trade of upholsterer for  
John White.

"I had a chat with John McKay, the Dartmouth  
sculler, the other day," writes Power, of Halifax,  
"and questioned him in regard to the proposed  
regatta at St. John in connection with the summer  
carnival. He says the dates selected for the carnival,  
July 1 to 10, would be most suitable for the oar-  
men, but the race should not take place until after  
July 4, as the oarsmen in the East will row at Bos-  
ton on that day. They can leave the day following  
for St. John. He says the dates and purses should  
be announced as soon as possible, as other places  
will be arranging regattas, and, of course, as soon as  
one city advertises a regatta for a certain date, other  
cities proposing to hold boat races, arrange their  
dates so as not to conflict with those previously an-  
nounced."

"I see St. John is to have a lacrosse club," he  
adds. "The Wanderers have appointed a commit-  
tee on the game, and the Chebuctos are seriously  
considering devoting their attention to this position."  
They have a strong hockey team, and they think  
that the game will greatly assist them in hockey.

C. H. Nelson, proprietor of Sunnyside Stock  
Farm, Waterville, Me., is not only one of the most  
enterprising among the numerous trotting-horse  
breeders, but is wide-awake to his own interests and  
equal to most any emergency, as is illustrated by  
the following incident: His valuable stallion Dic-  
tor Chief, 2214, was taken suddenly very sick re-  
cently, says *Sport of the Week*. Mr. Nelson hitched  
up one of his best, and in a few minutes the tele-  
graph operator at Portland took off this message:  
"Dr. G. H. Bailey—Come quick! Dictator Chief is  
sick. Nelson." The answer was: "Can't get there  
in time. Nelson's order to the telegraph operator  
was: 'Hire a locomotive at my expense and come.'  
"What is that to you?" said Nelson. "I pay the  
bills." Dr. Bailey got the engine, and the engineer  
had the right of way. He was something of a  
driver, and he emptied the "Cavalier" when he  
landed Dictator Chief a winner in 2:14. Twenty-five  
miles were run in twenty-six minutes. At the lo-  
comotive rolled into Waterville Mr. Nelson stood on  
the platform and handed the dictator a little souve-  
nir, with the characteristic remark, "This is for you.  
Whenever I want you again pull the throttle wide  
open." Then behind one of his own "engines" he  
kept the clip up to Sunnyside. Dictator is all right  
now—only a temporary illness; but for a time that  
horse had the whole railroad system of Maine at  
tending to him.

Notwithstanding the prejudice against clipping  
which so generally prevailed a few years ago, the  
practice is steadily growing in popular favor, and  
more horses are clipped now than ever before, says  
the *National Stockman*. This outcome is not  
surprising, in view of the fact that the practice is  
practically solid in its favor, and the veterinary au-  
thority in actual results that no evil effects are follow-  
ing the innovation. Thousands of power clipper  
are now scattered all over the country.

Many of the homes intended for the Ontario  
Jockey club's May meeting are now quartered at  
Toronto, Ont. J. E. Seagraves' string will occupy  
the stable at Woodbine in which the Hunt horses  
were located last year. He will have six or seven  
horses in charge of Trainer Walker. Among them  
are Glen Fox, Bonnie Leo, Helen Leigh, John  
Objection, Charleston and a two-year-old. The Otta-  
wa stable of F. Gorman & Co. will put up with the  
string will consist of Lambert and Remsen, and  
Johnny Burr (dark) and Beesham (red). The Red Bar  
horses, from Montreal, in charge of Billy McBride  
will go to Gates' track. The Hendrie stable will  
find quarters at Charley Gates' place, near Wood-  
bine. Wild Rose will be the only bearer of the well-  
known colors of the Halton stable at the May meet-  
ing.—*Chicago Horseman*. JACK AND JILL.

Power's Base Ball Budget.

HALIFAX, April 10.—The Socials have received a  
number of applications for positions of pitcher and  
catcher on their nine. James Doyle, of this city,  
who played with the Gardiner, Me., club, last sea-  
son, has been heard from, and he will play second  
base for the Socials this season. He writes that  
John A. Davis and Brown, the two pitchers who  
came here last season with the Augustas, would like  
to play in Halifax, and a pitcher named Lezotte,  
who played with Lewiston last year, has been re-  
commended by the manager of the Lewistons.  
There was a player named Lezotte who made the  
tour with the Augustas, but he played in the out-  
field, and nothing was heard of him being a pitcher;  
but perhaps this is not the same man. Nick Wise,  
brother of Sam Wise (late of the Boston, but now  
of the Washington), writes that there is a battery in  
Houlton, Me., which might be communicated with,  
and a letter has also been received from an East-  
port, Me., player. The Halleguans, however, have  
not made arrangements at present, and they still  
hope to secure a good man.

The Socials expect to have a number of American  
teams visit Halifax this season, and with the ex-  
ceptions of the month of July, they think they will  
have no difficulty in filling dates. The cheap rates  
on the steamship lines between here and Boston,  
with the new steamer and fast travel, should enable  
them to bring a number of clubs from the Hub this  
season. Under the present arrangements, parties  
can leave Boston at 3 p. m. Saturday, arrive here at  
8 p. m. Sunday, and leave here Wednesday, at 10  
a. m., to return, thus giving two days at Halifax.

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Surplus (4  
per cent).....\$20,704,715.15 Income..... 26,968,977  
Surplus Earned in Five Years (1884-1888), \$21,824,766  
Surplus Earned in One Year (1888)..... 5,067,124  
Increase in Income..... \$3,718,128  
Increase in Surplus (A. P. C.)..... 2,630,460  
Increase in Assets..... 10,664,018

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The melancholy days have come—  
The saddest of the year, and the quality  
only city that you know of that permits its resi-  
dents to see a ball game for nothing." Halifax  
will have to claim a rivalry with St. John again, as here  
the announcement "Ladies Free" is always posted.  
The boys here feel that there is nothing that will  
make the game more popular than the presence  
of the ladies, and they are always pleased to see them.  
Even on holidays, they do not charge admission to  
the fair sex, who turn out in goodly number.

The Wanderers held their annual meeting last  
week, and an amount was placed in the estimates  
for base ball supplies. The Wanderers' team has  
its nine several cricketers and one or two amateur  
base ballists who made their first appearance in  
public last season, while the only one who has made  
a reputation at the game is Frank Grierson, the So-  
cial's old catcher, who has many friends in St. John.  
The majority of the players are now gathered in base  
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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

St. Anthony, forgot to count his beads for a moment, and like his old pop, that the description of their charms will be the pleasant task of some future correspondent. Mine, just at present, is to speak of the queen, not the princess.

And so I will begin by describing two lovely sisters, who may be described as being very beautiful, shopping or paying calls, and nearly always together, for they are as devoted to each other as if they were twins.

They were twins. These are Mrs. C. J. Butcher, wife of the manager of the Merchants' Bank of Halifax, and Mrs. W. E. Sawyer, wife of the manager of the Montreal branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Stewart, the younger sister, is tall and slender, with a sweet, fair face, whose perfect oval shape and rather juvenile expression, reminds one a little of the picture of Beatrice Cenci. She has large grey eyes and light brown hair, and with her delicate complexion and tall, slight figure, she is like some tall, thin, delicate creature.

But it is not alone by her personal charms that these ladies attract attention. Their sweet disposition and charming manner have won the hearts of friends, and although they have only been among us a short time, there are few things that we should regard as such a social calamity as the removal of either Mrs. Butcher or Mr. Stewart from their respective posts.

Of all the beautiful girls, perhaps the one to whom the term "beautiful" could be appropriately applied is Miss Minnie Galt, sister of Mr. John Galt, of the engineering department of the I. C. R. B. Miss Galt's features are of a higher type than is usually met with, carrying one back irresistibly to the days of ancient Rome.

Some years ago there was an entertainment given in the Fythin temple, by members of St. George's church, at which there were a series of beautiful tableaux, among others the scene where Cornelia shows her jewels to her friend. Miss Galt took part, dressed as a Roman maiden, and I have always thought of her as the loveliest. She seemed to be in her proper dress and character, and I wish she could have had her portrait painted, in the classical dress which suited her so well.

I am painfully aware that I have done Miss Galt nothing like justice, but the fault lies with my too feeble pen, and not with my subject. Mr. G. J. O'Donoghue left town on Monday, for New York, to join Mr. O'Donoghue, who is already in that city, and spend a few weeks travelling in the States.

Dr. A. H. Chandler, of Dorchester, was in town on Monday. Mr. John A. Humphrey, M.P.P., was at home for a few days last week, returning to Fredericton on Tuesday. Mr. Arthur Charters, of Dorchester, paid a short visit to Moncton on Monday.

DOMESTIC

April 10.—Rev. J. E. Campbell was absent in St. John on Thursday and Friday, engaged in church business. As a consequence, the usual Friday evening service was cancelled.

Miss Annie Cooke returned to Moncton on Friday from her visit to Mrs. J. B. Foster. Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Smith, of Boston, have engaged rooms in Dorchester, and are giving instructions in oil-painting to a class of nearly 20 scholars.

The specimens of Mr. and Mrs. Smith's work which are exhibited in the dining room windows are beautiful in the extreme and superior to anything of the kind shown here for some time. Messrs. H. A. Fogel and A. W. Bonney, barristers of Sackville, were in Dorchester on Thursday last.

Miss Strobach returned to Moncton on Tuesday from her visit to Mrs. J. F. Toed. Mr. George E. Stoddard, an agent of probate for Albert county, was in Dorchester on Wednesday. Mrs. J. B. Peck gave a small but very enjoyable party, last Thursday evening, in honor of Miss Sayre who is visiting Miss Mary Beck. Cards and dancing furnished entertainment till a late hour.

Mr. John R. Foster, warden of the penitentiary, was in Moncton on Thursday. Mrs. Theodor returned last week from Ottawa, where she has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Bell. Mr. John C. Rogers, of Moncton, was in town on Friday. Mr. H. H. Lynde spent a few days in St. John last week.

Mr. E. B. Chandler spent Thursday last in Moncton. Mr. J. H. Vickery, who has been for some months bookkeeping for J. H. Hickman & Co., has gone to Sackville. Miss Estabrook, of Sackville, paid a visit to Dorchester last Wednesday, accompanied by her sister, Miss Jones, daughter of Mr. Fred A. Jones of the Dalmen, St. John.

Miss Stella Foster returned on Monday from her visit to Moncton. Dr. A. H. Chandler returned on Friday from his visit to Nova Scotia. Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Douglas spent Saturday and Sunday in Dorchester, with Mrs. Douglas's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Hickman. Mr. Thomas H. Gilbert is making a short visit to St. John.

Mr. William B. Chandler is in St. John, visiting her mother, Mrs. McNamara. Mr. Chandler went down to St. John on Saturday, to spend Sunday there, returning to Dorchester on Monday. Mr. H. R. Emmerson, M.P.P., spent Sunday at his home in Dorchester, returning to Fredericton on Monday to resume his legislative duties.

Miss Wells, of Dal Verre, who has been visiting friends in Moncton for some weeks, spent Sunday in Dorchester, with her brother, Mr. W. W. Wells. Mr. A. E. Oulton, judge of probate, was in Moncton yesterday. Mr. W. W. Wells left for Fredericton, Monday morning, to attend the supreme court.

Rev. Mr. Weeks, of Nova Scotia, has been appointed to take charge of the Baptist church here. I understand that Mr. and Mrs. Weeks will occupy Mr. W. A. Peck's residence. Mr. W. A. Russell, barrister, of Shediac, was in Dorchester on Monday. Mr. Frank A. McCully, barrister, of Moncton, was in town on Monday and Tuesday.

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NEWCASTLE. April 10.—We had a quiet wedding here on Tuesday morning, when Mr. Donald Sutherland, of the firm of Sutherland & Croghan, was married to Miss Malloy, of Scotland. The ceremony was performed at 11 a.m., at the Waverley, by the Rev. Mr. Johnston, and the happy couple took the accommodation for the South at noon.

SHEDAC. April 10.—Amongst those who have visited the town since last week I noticed Mr. and Mrs. George Willet, who spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hamilton, and Mr. Whitman who passed the day with Mr. and Mrs. George A. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russell, Messrs. Harper & Webster, where his wife went some time ago, for the benefit of her health.

BATHURST. April 10.—A large audience greeted the appearance of our amateurs in the Masonic hall, last Wednesday evening. Their very creditable rendition of that difficult and rather heavy play, "The Shipwreck," speaks volumes for their application and energy. Some of the parts were very cleverly sustained, notably that of Tony Lumpkin, which in the hands of Mr. W. F. Pepper, was most unqualified success.

Woodsstock. April 10.—Miss Bertha Markey, of St. Stephen, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. B. Belyas. Messrs. George Baker and W. Seaborn returned last week from Kingsport, Ont., where they have been attending military school. Mr. John Fisher, who has been ill for several weeks, is able to drive out.

TRACADIE. April 9.—Rev. James Robertson of Tabusatac, held service here in the Evangelical church, Sunday afternoon. Quite a number of his Tabusatac congregation came down with him, and some friends from Carleton were present. Our next service will be on Easter Sunday.

April 10.—I am glad to hear of the departure of one of our prominent citizens, Mr. Robert Harding, who left for the West this morning, where he will reside with his son, who, I believe, has become quite wealthy. The many friends of Mr. D. A. McDonald are glad to see him again. Mr. McDonald has been spending the summer at his home in Pictou.

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