

Business Notes. The ADVANCE office is open for business from 8 a. m. until 6 p. m. every week-day. It is not open for delivery of papers in the evening. Terms and local country subscribers will, therefore, please call for their papers at the delivery window before 6 p. m.

Advertisements. The insertion of advertisements can only be insured each week by their reaching the office before 6 p. m. on Tuesdays.

Miramichi and the North Shore, etc. THE ROYAL ARCADE meets this evening. READ our fine array of new advertisements.

CHICKEN clubs are being reorganized in Newcastle and Chatham. THE RIVER and smaller streams have not sufficient water in them which would drive logs.

To quote—The World complains of the Times stealing a steamer from its column. Who is it that steals our ship news?

SCHOOL CHANGES—Owing to a re-arrangement of the grades in the Schools in No. 1 district Chatham, Miss Duffy's School is to be located in Masonic, instead of St. Patrick's Hall.

MA. COVINGTON late of the Newcastle advanced School has become a Principal of the Schools in No. 9 district Chatham. He has the reputation of a thoroughly good teacher.

LOOKING OUT FOR NO. 1. Hereafter no child living outside of No. 1 district, Chatham will be permitted to attend any of the Schools, save the Grammar and High School, within said District.

PRESENTATION.—We are pleased to learn that the members of the Newcastle Brass Band have presented their leader, Mr. T. M. Stewart, with a fine guitar, imported from Riviere & Hawkes, London, England.—Advocate

DENTISTRY.—Dr. Cates, of St. John, Dentist, has determined to locate himself at Newcastle for the purpose of practicing his profession and will also spend part of his time in Chatham. Announcement as to his location, etc., in each place will be made in a week or two.

INLAND REVENUE.—Inspector Hanford of the Inland Revenue Department has been here since the funeral of the late Collector Griffin and has directed Mr. Thomas J. Griffin, son of the deceased, to discharge the duties of the office until a permanent appointment is made.

SHAME! The World gives prominence to a miserable affair (entitled "Pity and Patronage") against any "Grit" being allowed to have the late Collector Griffin's office. The matter may, we think, be safely left in the hands of the Government at Ottawa, advised as they will be by Mr. Mitchell, Senator Miramichi, Mr. Burns and Mr. McFar.

MIRAMICHI ABOARD.—A Milwaukee correspondent says: "In Chicago and also here, we found plenty of Wisconsin's milk during the winter, and they seemed to meet with good sale. Wisconsin has a representative in its House of Assembly from Lafayette County, in the person of Mr. O'Neil, a Nelson boy, who left Miramichi in 1848."

PERSONAL.—Rev. Mr. Chapman of the Methodist church, Chatham, has been ill for some time, but we are glad to hear that he is somewhat better.

Rev. E. Wallace Waits of St. Andrew's church Chatham, is also reported ill.

Inland Revenue Inspector Hanford is in town.

PRESENTATION.—Rev. George Howell, who has resigned the pastorate of Immanuel Church here, to accept another pastorate in Philadelphia, was presented, on Wednesday evening last, with addresses from his congregation and Sabbath School accompanied by a well-dressed nurse from each. His life congregation, and others who enjoyed his acquaintance here, extended him very highly as an earnest worker in his church and among the people by whom he was surrounded.

NEW STORE.—We are pleased to learn that Mr. J. A. Platt, who has been here for the last three years, residing in New York where he held a position in the house of H. B. Clavin & Co., (the largest dry goods house in the U. States), is about starting a general business in Nelson. Mr. Platt is having a new and commodious store fitted up with large glass front, etc., and expects to open about last June. We wish him every success.—Advocate

A SOCIAL was held in Chatham Head Lodge Room on Tuesday evening last under the management of Messrs. John Cameron, W. J. Henderson, J. Jackson and Misses Annie McLeod, Bessie Carter, Rebecca Harper and Bessie Jackson. The music by Mr. Andrew Williamson was much appreciated and the affair proved a thoroughly enjoyable one by all who participated. About sixty couples were present.

PRESENTATION.—A very pleasant episode in connection with Miss Reese's resignation as teacher of the school in District 11, Napan, was the presentation to her, by her late pupils of a handsome silver smoking ring accompanied by a letter. This is the first presentation to a teacher yet made in the district and, therefore, all the more gratifying to the recipient, who, we understand, to leave the teaching profession.

SUPPER.—Mr. Michael O'Brien of Nelson, was found dead last Sunday morning at the house of Mr. Daniel Baldwin, where he had lodged for the night. When found he was lying face downward on a pillow and had evidently died of suffocation. An inquest was held by Dr. Smith, Coroner of Newcastle and a verdict of death by suffocation returned. The funeral on Tuesday was largely attended. A large mass was said at the Catholic church Nelson by Rev. Father Jones.

FIRE AT NAPAN.—About one o'clock on Friday last Mr. Jonathan Dickson, Jr., dwelling house, Lower Napan, was discovered by the inmates to be on fire in the up stairs portion and attempts to extinguish the flames were altogether ineffectual, and appliances for such emergencies being at hand. Most of the furniture from the down stairs rooms was got out, but that up stairs was nearly all destroyed. Among the property up stairs was a trunk belonging to Mr. James Dickson, which had some \$80 in it, which

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YOLANDE.

By WILLIAM BLACK, AUTHOR OF "SANDS BELLA," "MADONNA OF DALL," "WERNER WISS," "SCARLET," ETC.

(Continued.) CHAPTER XXIII. INTERVENTION.

Mrs. Graham saw clearly before her the difficulties and danger of the task she had undertaken, and she approached it with much circumspection and caution. Time and abundance of opportunities were on her side, however. Moreover, she and Yolande were like sisters now; and when the men-folk were smoking together in the present part of the dahabayah, and talking about public affairs or their chances of having a little shooting in the neighborhood of Merhad, these two were most likely seated in the cool shade of the Belvedere, having a quiet and confidential chat all to themselves, the while the slow-moving panorama of the Nile stole stealthily by.

And gradually Mrs. Graham got Yolande to think a good deal about the future, which ordinarily the girl was loath to do. She had an admirable capacity for enjoying the present moment, so long as the weather was fine, and her father not a long way off. She had never experienced any trouble, and why should she look forward to any? She was in perfect health and consequently her brain was free from morbid apprehensions. Sometimes, when Mrs. Graham was talking with the saddest begotten of worldly wisdom, the younger woman would laugh lightly, and ask what there was on earth to depress her—except, perhaps, the absence of dear Baby. In short, Yolande could not be made anxious about herself. She was content to take the present as it was, and the future as it might come. She was far more interested in watching the operations of this or that African kingfisher, when the big black and grey bird, after uttering in the air a whistle in the manner of a hawk, would swoop down and dive into its river, emerging with a small silver fish in its beak.

But as she could not easily be made anxious about herself, she very easily indeed could be made anxious about her father; and Mrs. Graham quickly discovered that anything suggested about him was instantly sufficient to arouse her interest and concern. She played upon that pipe skilfully, and yet not the faintest notion that her strenuous music was anything but of the simplest and honestest kind. Was it not for the welfare and happiness of every one concerned? Even Jim, with his faculty for looking at the sardonic side of things, had not a word to say against it. It would be a very good arrangement, that oracle had declared. "Do you know, dear," said she, one morning, to Yolande, "what Jim has been saying lately—that he would not be surprised if, sooner or later, your father were offered some place in the Government."

Yolande opened her eyes wide with surprise. But then she laughed, and shook her head. "Oh no, it is impossible. He is not good friends with the Government. He has too many opinions to himself." "I don't know," said pretty Mrs. Graham, looking at one of the little French mirrors, and something her uncle. "I don't know. You should hear Jim, anyway. Of course I don't mean a post with a seat in the Cabinet; but office of some kind—an Under-Secretaryship or something of that sort. Jim says he heard just before he left town that the Government were going to try to conciliate the Radicals, and that some member below the gangway would most likely be taken in. It would please some of the northern towns; and Slaggoole is an important place."

"Oh, do you think it is possible?" cried the girl, with a new light in her eyes. "My papa in the Ministry—and always in town!" "That's just it, Yolande dear," said Mrs. Graham. "If your papa were a member of the Government, in whatever place, he could not go gallivanting about like this." "Oh, of course not, certainly not," the girl said, eagerly. "He would live in London. He would have a house—a proper home. Do you think it is likely I never heard of it before? But why should it not be—why should it not be, dear Mrs. Graham? There are very few members in the House of Commons—why, scarcely any at all—who are returned by such a number of persons. Look at the majority he always has: does it not say that those people respect him, and believe he is working for the good of the country? Very likely; why should it not be?"

"I quite agree with you; and Jim says it is not at all unlikely. But you are talking about a house. Yolande dear, it would scarcely be worth your papa's while to take a house merely for you; though it is certainly of importance for a member of the Government to have a town house; and entertain, and so forth. You could scarcely manage that, you know, my dear; you are rather young; but if your papa were to marry again?"

"Yes!" said Yolande, without betraying any dismay. "In that case I have been wondering what would become of you," said the other, with her eyes cast down. "Oh, that is all right," said the girl cheerfully. "That is quite right, Madame has directed me to that once or twice—often; but not always with good sense, I consider. For it can not always happen that step-mother and step-daughter do not get on well—if there is one who is very anxious to please. And if my papa were to marry again, it is not likely that I should have less of his society; I should have more if there was a house, and I allowed to remain, I should have more. And why should I have anything but kindness for his wife, who gives me a home? Oh, I assure you it is not I who would make any quarrel."

"Oh no; I dare say not—I dare say not, Yolande dear," said the other, with a gracious smile. "You are not terribly quarrelsome. But it seldom happens that you would find yourself in the way. Sooner or later you would find yourself in the way."

"Then I would go."

The girl made a little gesture by turning out the palms of her hands ever so slightly. "I will tell you, my dear child, of one place where you could go. If you came to us at Invertry—now, or then, or at any time—there is a home there waiting for you; and Jim and I would just make a sister of you."

"She spoke with feeling, and indeed, with honesty; for she was quite ready to have welcomed Yolande to their northern home, wholly apart from the projects of the Master of Lynn. And Yolande for a second put her hand on her friend's hand. "I know that," said she, "and it is very kind of you to think of it; and I believe it true—so much that, if it were any need, I would accept it at once. And it is a very nice thing to think of; that there are friends who would take you into their own home if there were need. Oh, I assure you, it is pleasant to think of, even when there is no need at all."

"Will you come and try it? With you come and see how you like it?" said pretty Mrs. Graham, with a courageous cheerfulness. "Why not? Your papa wants to be back in time for the Budget, or even before that. They say that it will be a late session—that if they get away for the twelfth they will be lucky. Now you know, dear Yolande, between ourselves, your father's commissions are very forbearing. It is all very well for us to make a joke of it here; but really—really—"

"I understand you very well," said Yolande, quickly; "and you think he should remain in London till the twelfth, and always be at the House? Yes; that is what I think too. Do you imagine it is I who take him away on voyage after voyage? No! For me, I would rather have him always at the House. I would rather read his speeches in the newspaper than see any more cities, and cities, and cities."

"Very well; but what are you going to do, Yolande dear, between the time of our getting back and the twelfth?" "Oh," said Yolande, with her face brightening, "what will be a busy time—no more of going away—and I shall be all the time in the hotel in Albemarle Street—and papa and I dining together every night, and having a chat before he goes to the House."

"I am sure you are mistaken there," said Mrs. Graham, promptly. "Your father won't let you stay all that time in town. He hates the very name of town. He is too fond of you, too careful of you, Yolande dear, and too proud of the roses in your cheeks, to let you 'what yourself up in a town hotel.'"

"But look at me!" the girl said indignantly. "Do I not look well? Am I sick-looking? Why should I not live in a town hotel as well as others? Are all unwell who live in London? No; it is folly to say that. And if anything were likely to make me unwell, it is not living in London; but it is the fretting, when I am away from London, that I can be of no use to my papa, and that he is living alone there. Think of his living alone in the hotel, and dining alone there—worse than that will, dining at the House of Commons! Why, it was only last night Colonel Graham and he were speaking of the bad dinners there—the heat and the crash and the badly cooked joints, and I sitting there, and saying to myself, 'Very well, and what is the use of having a daughter if she cannot get for you a pretty dinner, with flowers on the table?'"

"I understand you so well; when you say it is like myself thinking," said Mrs. Graham, in her kindly way (and not at all imagining that she was anything of a hypocrite, or talking for a purpose), "but you may put it out of your head. Your father won't let you stay in town. I know that."

"Then I suppose it will be Outhwaite Park," said Yolande, with a bit of a sigh. "No, Yolande, I should like to see you, my dear child, but I am not going to Invertry—Archie will see to that. I am not going to Invertry; do back with me. Then we will see about the cook and the household in Inverness; and Archie will get the dog-cart and horses for you; and we might even go down to All-nam-ba, and see that the keeper has kept on fire during the winter, and that the lodge is all right. And then we will all go on to Invertry—Archie as well; and he will take you out salmon-fishing; for I shall have my own horse to attend to for a while; but so will make you just one of the family, and you will amuse yourself just as you think best; and if we don't get you, and make you comfortable, and as happy as ever you were in your life, then my name isn't Mary Graham. You will just see what a High land welcome we will give you!"

"I know I know," said the girl, "How can I thank you for such kind words? But then to think of my papa being all that time left by himself in London!" "My dear Yolande, I must speak frankly to you, even if you fancy it cruel. Don't you imagine your father would stand a little better with his constituents, and consequently be more at ease in his own mind, if he were left by himself a little more than at present? Do you think it would be better for every one if he were left a little freer?"

"Yes, yes—it is so—I can see it." "And if you were with us, he could give his whole time and attention to Parliament."

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