

The Face Behind the Mask

A Romance.

As the cart stopped the two young men approached the edge of the plague-pit and looked in with a shudder. Truly it was a horrible sight, that heaving, putrid sea of corruption, for the bodies of the miserable victims were thrown in in cartfuls, and only covered with a handful of earth and quicklime. Here and there, through the cracking and sinking surface, could be seen protruding a fair white arm or a baby face, mangled with the long, dark tresses of maidens, the golden curls of children and the white hairs of old age. The pestilential effluvia arising from the dreadful mass was so overpowering that both shrank back, faint and sick, after a moment's survey. It was indeed, as Sir Norman had said, a horrible grave wherein to lie.

Meanwhile the driver, with an eye to business, and no time for such nonsense as melancholy moralizing, had laid the body of the young girl on the ground, and briskly turned his cart and dumped the remainder of his cartful into the pit. Then, having flung a few handfuls of clay over it, he unwound the sheet, and kneeling beside the body prepared to remove the jewels. The rays of the moon and his dark lantern fell on the lovely, snow-white face together, and Sir Norman groaned deeply as he saw the girl's death-rigidity. The man had stripped the rings off the fingers, the bracelets off the arms; but as he was about to perform the same operation toward the neck, he was stopped by a startling interruption. In his haste the clasp entered the beautiful neck, inflicting a deep scratch, from which the blood spurted, and at the same moment the dead girl opened her eyes with a shrill cry. Uttering a yell of terror, as well he might, the man sprang back and gazed at her with horror, believing that his sacrilegious robbery had brought the dead to life. Even the two young men—abstinent, neither of them given to nervousness or cowardice—recoiled for an instant and stared aghast. Then, as the whole truth struck them, that the girl had been in a deep swoon and not dead, both simultaneously darted forward, and, forgetting all fear of contagion, knelt by her side. A pair of great, lustrous black eyes were staring wildly around, and fixed themselves first on one face and then on the other.

"Where am I?" she exclaimed, with a terrified look, as she strove to raise herself on her elbow, and fell instantaneously back with a cry of agony, as she felt for the first time the throbbing agony of the wound.

"You are with friends, dear lady," said Sir Norman, in a voice quite tremulous between astonishment and delight. "Fear nothing, for you shall be saved."

The great black eyes turned wildly upon him, while a fierce spasm convulsed the beautiful face.

"Oh, my God, I remember! I have the plague!" And with a prolonged shriek of anguish, that thrilled even the hardest heart of the dead-cart driver, the girl fell back senseless again. Sir Norman raised her up by her feet, and with more the air of a frantic lunatic than a responsible young English knight, caught the cold form in his arms, laid it in the dead-cart, and was about to spring into the driver's seat, when that individual indignantly interposed.

"Come, come, none of that! If you were the king himself, you should not run away with my cart in that fashion; so you just get out of my place as fast as you can!"

"My dear Kingsley, what are you about to do?" exclaimed Ormiston, catching his excited friend by the arm.

"Do!" exclaimed Sir Norman in a high key. "Can't you see that for yourself? And I'm going to have that girl cured of the plague, if it takes such a thing as a doctor to be had for love or money in London."

"You had better have her taken to the pest-house at once, then; there are carriage-men and nurses enough there."

"To the pest-house? Why, man, I might as well have her thrown into the plague-pit there, at once! Not I! I shall have her taken to my own house, and there properly cared for, and this good fellow will drive her there instantly."

Sir Norman backed this insinuation by putting a broad gold piece into the driver's hand, who instantly produced a magical effect on his rather surly countenance.

"Certainly, sir," he began, springing into his seat with alacrity. "Where shall I drive the lady to?"

"Follow me," said Sir Norman. "Come along, Ormiston," and seizing his friend by the arm, he hurried along with a velocity rather uncomfortable, considering the both were cloaked in the night and the excessive suavity. The gloomy vehicle and its fainting burden followed close behind.

"What do you mean to do with her?" asked Ormiston, as soon as he found breath to speak.

"Haven't I told you?" said Sir Norman impatiently. "Take her home, of course."

"And after that?"

"Go for a doctor."

"And after that?"

"Take care of her till she gets well."

"And after that?"

"Why—find out her history, and all about her."

"And after that?"

"After that! After that! How do I

know what after that!" exclaimed Sir Norman, rather fiercely. "Ormiston, what do you mean?"

"And after that you'll marry her, I suppose!"

"Perhaps I may, if she will have me. And what if I do?"

"Oh, nothing! Only it struck me you may be saving another man's wife."

"That's true!" said Sir Norman, in a subdued tone, "and if such should unhappily be the case, nothing will remain but to live in hopes that he may be carried off by the plague."

"Pray heaven that we may not be carried off by it ourselves!" said Ormiston, with a slight shudder. "I shall dream of nothing but that horrible plague-pit for a week. If it were not for La Masque I would not stay another hour in this pest-stricken city."

"Here we are," was Sir Norman's rather inapposite answer, as they entered Piccadilly, and stopped before a large and handsome house, whose gloomy portal was faintly illuminated by a large lamp. "Here, my man, just carry the lady in."

He unlocked the door as he spoke, and led the way across a long hall to a sleeping chamber, elegantly fitted up. The man placed the body on the bed and departed, while Sir Norman, seizing a hand-bell, rang a peal that brought the staid-looking housekeeper to the scene.

"Seeing a lady, young and beautiful, in bridal robes, lying apparently dead on her young master's bed at that hour of the night, the discreet matron, over whose virtuous head a shawl and a snow-white cap had passed, started back with a slight scream."

"Gladious me, Sir Norman! What on earth is the meaning of this?"

"My dear Mrs. Preston," began Sir Norman, blandly, "this young lady is ill of the plague, and—"

But all further explanation was cut short by a horrified shriek from the old lady, and a precipitate rush from the room. Down stairs she flew, informing the other servants as she went, between her screams, and when Sir Norman, in a violent rage, went in a violent manner, he found not only the kitchen, but the whole house deserted.

"Well," said Ormiston, as Sir Norman strode back, looking fiery hot and savagely angry.

"Well, they have all fled, every man and woman of them, the—"

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Ratepayer's Views.

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

Please allow me space in your paper to say a few words, which the election day is near. It is not my purpose to single out one individual more than another who is aspiring to represent the city of London as mayor and alderman.

There is a great need of reformation in municipal affairs, and it is for the ratepayers to place such men, judiciously to transact the business of the city with economy, as they would their own, giving every ratepayer the benefit they pay in taxes.

Some reforms would be for municipal ownership of all paying concerns, namely gas plants, electric street railways, waterworks, telephones, etc. The margin derived from them would go to improve the city and reduce the taxes to the ratepayer.

Another method of raising salaries for the city's interest. There should be just such a number employed and paid a fair remuneration, and elected by the people. We cannot expect men to do work for another without pay. No more can the city expect it.

If such a course was pursued we would find that the men so employed would discharge their duties more faithfully in order to retain their positions.

Yours truly,
C. GREEN.

A Request From Caradoc

To the Editor of The Advertiser:

I will ask your indulgence for a small amount of space, in which to discuss a question that directly concerns a goodly number of the ratepayers of the townships of Caradoc and Delaware, and more indirectly every taxpayer in the county of Middlesex, and that question is the building of a bridge across the river between Caradoc and Delaware at what is known as the Giles site.

Some 25 years ago petitions were circulated and largely signed asking the county council to build a bridge across the river wherever it might be found most convenient, in order that the people of South Caradoc might have more ready access to the London market.

At that time the principal products of this part of the township (as well as most of the other townships to the west) were wheat, barley, peas, dressed hogs and cordwood, all of which were to be taken to London for a market.

At that time the county was heavily in debt, and upon that indebtedness was paying a high rate of interest, and the greatest pleasure in stepping around with you to the doctor's office.

Sir Norman, though he did not very well approve of this, could not very well object, so the two sallied forth together. Walking a short distance up Piccadilly, they struck off into a street, and soon reached the house they were in search of. Sir Norman knocked loudly at the door, which was opened by the doctor's maid. Briefly and rapidly Sir Norman informed him how and where his services were required, and the doctor being always provided with everything necessary for such cases, set off with him immediately. Fifteen minutes after leaving his own house, Sir Norman was back there again, and standing in his own chamber, he heard a simultaneous exclamation of amazement and consternation broke from him and Ormiston, as on entering the room they found the bed empty, and the lady gone.

[To be Continued.]

CONCERNING A COMPASS. In the matter of One Compass is the rather formal title of a none too formal poem by Rudyard Kipling, which, with appropriate decorations, occupies three pages of the Century for January. We quote the first two of the five stanzas, written in 1892:

When, foot to wheel and back to wind,
The helmsman dare not look behind,
But looks beyond his compass light,
The blind bow-thunder through the night,
And, as a harpstring ere it snaps,
The rigging sings beneath the caps.

Above the shock of storm in sail,
Or rattle of the blocks blown free,
Set for the peace behind the gale,
This song the needle sings at sea:

Oh, drunken Wave! Oh, driving Cloud!
Rage of the Deep and Sterile Rain!
By Love upheld, by God allowed,
We go, but we return again!

Cairo has a population of 525,000, Alexandria of 274,000.

Springtime

Is the sweetest season in human life, as it is in Nature generally. It is the time of promise. As the young girl draws near to that mysterious line "Where womanhood and girlhood meet," her whole destiny is in a measure being determined. How often the sweet young girl, under the influence of the change, withers and droops like some blighted bud. Nature generally needs some little help at this critical period, and this help is contained in Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes regularity, and gives the vigor of perfect health to the womanly organs. It contains no alcohol, neither opium, cocaine, nor other narcotic.

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we will not have so many men returned who have pledged their constituents (as some of the present representatives have done) that they would oppose the building of any more county bridges.

The districts these men represent have been largely benefited at the expense of the county, and now, when they have nothing further to look for in this direction, they are opposed to any expenditure for similar purposes in any other part of the county. We are not looking for any favor in this matter. We are simply asking for what is just, and for what those who are best qualified to express an unbiased opinion say we are certainly entitled to. While all the way down the river from London to Delaware there is a bridge every three miles, and from the Caradoc and Elfrida town line west there is one every five miles, we contend that we, with our frontage of twelve miles, are justly entitled to one, and will not cease in our endeavors until we get it.

Surely, if it is good policy for our local legislature to expend hundreds of thousands of dollars in aiding railways and in building colonization roads, and our Dominion Government to incur an indebtedness of sixty millions in the last few years in order to facilitate a more ready access to the markets of the world, then it must be proportionally beneficial for the local governing bodies to do what they can in reason to assist all their constituents in marketing their surplus produce to bring the producer and the consumer into as close a communication as it is possible to do.

D. C. BRODIE.
Caradoc, Dec. 21, 1899.

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TREASURER'S SALE OF LANDS IN THE COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX.

Province of Ontario. By virtue of a warrant issued under the hand of the Warden of the County of Middlesex, and sealed with the corporate seal thereof, To Wit: Which warrant bears date the 21st day of November, 1898, and is to me directed and addressed as the treasurer of the said county, commanding me to lay in accordance with the provisions of "The Assessment Act," in that behalf on the lands hereinafter mentioned and described, being in the said county, for taxes in arrears thereon respectively and lawful costs, I hereby give notice that unless the said taxes and costs be so or paid I shall proceed to sell by public auction at the Court House, in the City of London, Ontario, on Wednesday, the Eighth of March, A.D. 1900, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon, the said lands, or as much thereof as may be sufficient to discharge the said taxes and costs and charges in and about the sale of said lands, authorized by the said act.

Township.	Sub-Street.	Name Original of Survey.	Lot, Con. Acres.	Years for Taxes Due.	Am't. Com. Taxes and Costs.
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do 2 s of George street 1-5 1895 to 98 14 67 2 97

Village of Lucan s p 195 Elm street (b) 1-5 1895 to 97 12 04 2 99

Village of Wardsville 1 c of Hagerty street (c) 1-5 1894 to 95 60 50 4 48

do 8 do (d) 1-5 1894-97 3 79 2 88

do 8 do (e) 1-5 1894-97 3 70 2 88

All the lands herein mentioned are patented. ("SR" means south of River Thames. (b) Mrs. Boland's. (c) Robert Morrison's. First published in the London Advertiser on November 9th, 1899.

A. M. McEVOY, Treasurer of Middlesex County. County Treasurer's Office, London, Nov. 21st, 1899.

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For round trip, going Dec. 29, 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good to return Jan. 3, and to points West or Detroit, Mich., Dec. 30, 31 and Jan. 1, good to return Jan. 3, 4 and 5.

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METEOROLOGICAL

Toronto, Dec. 27, 8 p.m.—The pressure has increased both in the North and West in the eastern provinces, but shows little change over the lake district. The general outlook is for continued cold weather everywhere. Minimum and maximum temperatures: Kamloops, 25-35; Calgary, 12-34; Prince Albert, 12 below-6 below; Winnipeg, 6 below-8; Port Arthur, 8 below-3; Parry Sound, 10-26; Toronto, 15-22; Quebec, 2-12; Halifax, 26-30.

Local temperature.—The highest and lowest readings of the thermometer at the observatory on Wednesday, Dec. 27, were: Highest, 17°; lowest, 10°. Sun rises today at 7:51, and sets at 4:48. The moon rises at 3:45 a.m., and sets at 1:29 p.m.

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A LOCAL BUDGET

—Mr. and Mrs. W. Stein, city, are holidaying in Berlin.

—Mrs. Glass, city, is the guest of Mrs. Eastwood, East Hamilton. Welcome, near Port Hope.

—Miss A. Teale, of this city, is the guest of the Misses Nichol, Galt.

—Mr. Robert J. Stevenson, of this city, is in Stratford, visiting friends and relatives.

—Miss Alice Leatherne, of this city, is the guest of the Misses Martyn. Welcome, near Port Hope.

—Mr. C. S. Hyman has contributed the sum of \$50 to the Western University, per Rev. Dr. Beaumont.

—Mr. John Lewis, tinsmith, of Port Stanley, died in the Elgin House of Industry yesterday morning.

—Stratford Beacon: Mr. Robert J. Stevenson, of London, is in the city visiting friends and relatives.

—Messrs. Wm. McNeil and Richard Oke are to be judges in the Perth County Poultry Association show.

—Mr. Harry Strong and Miss Georgie Wells, of Toronto, spent Christmas with Miss Winnie Ford, King Street.

—Miss Agnes Fleming, of the Royal Hotel, city, is visiting friends in Toronto, Guelph, Mount Forest and Stratford.

—Mr. Allan Magee, son of County Crown Attorney James Magee, is home from Toronto University, spending the holidays.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Radcliffe, of this city, are visiting Mrs. Radcliffe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Scholtz, Stratford.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Malone, of Hamilton, and formerly of London, spent Christmas with Mrs. Malone's mother, 794 King Street.

—Mr. Charles Crow, formerly a man-

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ber of the London baseball club, was married on Christmas Day at Niles, Ohio, to Miss Ruth S. McGaughey.

—On Sunday night in Dundas Center Methodist Church, "O Thou That Tearest," from Handel's "Messiah," was sung by Miss Couke, a pupil of Miss Roblyn, in a very effective manner.

—Travel on all the railroads during the Christmas holidays was remarkably heavy. The Grand Trunk is reported as having had double the traffic ever handled before during the Christmas rush.

—The children of St. Mary's school were treated to a goodly supply of candy by Trustee James Ward, after the close of the Christmas exercises. Mr. Ward invariably remembers the children at Christmas time.

—Superintendent J. B. Morford has just received a message from Major E. L. Randall, United States army, stating that his nephew, Lieut. William Henry Morford, died in Havana, Dec. 21. The remains were interred in Havana, Cuba.

—A splendid sheet of dangerously thin, smooth ice, on the river between Victoria and Wellington street bridges, attracted a big crowd of venturers yesterday, armed with hockey sticks and other sticks. A fast game of "shinney" was in progress nearly all day.

—The announcements for the spring sittings for the trial of actions in 1900 say that Justice Armour will open court here on Monday, March 19. Justice Falconbridge will be here for the winter sittings on Monday, Jan. 8, and Justice Street for non-jury sittings on Monday, May 14.

—Mr. J. K. V. Agnew, superintendent of the new Pere Marquette Railway Company, at Grand Rapids, will be retained in his present position under the incoming regime. Mr. Agnew is a graduate of the old Great Western Railway superintendent's office in this city, and a son of the late Dr. Agnew, of Dundas Street.

—The funeral of the late Robert Allen McKay took place from his residence, No. 19 John Street, St. Thomas, Tuesday, to St. Thomas Cemetery. The floral offerings were very beautiful, including contributions from St. Thomas Lodge, A. C. F. and A. M., No. 44; Burrells Precinct, No. 21, K. T. and K. M., and Palestine Chapter, No. 54, R. A. M. The pallbearers were W. E. Idsardi, Robert Potts, the late Dan Gregory, John Lewis, Edward O'Donnell, M. L. Flynn. Ex-Mayor Wright acted as floral bearer. The Masons attended in a body.

—The Brantford Expositor of Dec. 28 says: "A wide circle of friends in this city will learn with regret of the death, which occurred yesterday, of Mrs. Sarah Montgomery, wife of the late Edwin Montgomery, who died at his residence in Brantford at 63 years of age. She was born in New York, and came, with her father, to Brant county in 1821. Her father, the late Daniel Barton, purchased a farm in Onondaga, near Elizabeth Brant, daughter of Chief Joseph Brant, and there Mrs. Montgomery lived until she was married in 1837, when she moved to this city. She had lived here continuously since that time, and many are the stories she had to tell of the early days of Brantford. She resided at 397 Osborne Street. She leaves several children, Messrs. Charles and John Montgomery, of this city, being sons. Mrs. M. Street, of London, is a daughter."

Amusements.

"What Happened to Jones" will be presented at the Grand New Year's Day, matinee. The company consists of fifteen clever comedians, who were all selected by the individual fitness to perform the various roles. Quips of the merry Jones are hugely enjoyed.

The most momentous question at present on the family of Smith, is summarized in the query, "Why Smith Left Home?" It will be solved in the most satisfying manner at the Grand New Year's night. It is already a foreign success, having enjoyed a long and very successful season in London before being presented in New York. As a laugh-maker it sustains the author's reputation and is said to be a continuous joy.

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Vanish Under the Treatment of That Greatest of Kidney Specifics, South American Kidney Cure.

Mrs. W. S. Bissett, 62 Cameron Street, Toronto, was troubled with severe pains in the small of her back, which doctors said was caused by kidney trouble, and which produced intense suffering at times. She used many remedies without any lasting benefit until she tried South American Kidney Cure. A few doses proved a wonderful benefit, and after taking three bottles all traces of the trouble were gone. For sale by C. McCallum & Co.

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NOTICE is hereby given that a dividend of three per cent for the current half year upon the paid up capital stock of this company has been declared, and that the same will be payable at the company's office, Nos. 420 and 422 Richmond Street, on and after Tuesday, January 2, 1900. The transfer books will be closed from the 18th to the 21st December, both days inclusive. By order of the Board, M. B. ROWLAND, Manager, 12th ywt

London, Dec. 11, 1900.

RECRUITS BEING SWORN IN

At the Barracks—Only the Best Men Chosen—A Recruit From the States—Volunteers From the Battery.

Yesterday afternoon a number of men were sworn in at Wolseley Barracks by Col. Holmes, D. O. C. Very many applications have been received. As the number to be accepted is very small, the recruiting officers are stringent in their requirements, and none but the best material will be chosen. One man wanted to enlist yesterday who said he came from Grand Rapids, where he had lost his position on account of his sympathy being with Great Britain. Major Fairbanks, of the 6th Field Battery, was receiving applications last night at the Tecumseh House.

BY ACCLAMATION

Results of the Separate School Trustees Nominations.

The nominations for separate school trustees were held yesterday at St. Peter's school. The following gentlemen were named without opposition:

Ward 1—P. J. Pocock, 2-year term; Jas. Costello, for 1 year (uncompleted term of the late P. Mulken). Ward 2—M. O'Sullivan, 2-year term; W. Corcoran, 1-year term, in place of Mr. J. D. LeBel, resigned. Ward 3—John Forristal, 2-year term. Ward 4—O. Labelle, 2 years. Ward 5—J. B. Murphy, 2 years. Ward 6—W. P. Regan, 2 years.

MASONIC OFFICERS INSTALLED

The Ceremony Conducted Last Night in the Temple—Deputy Grand Master Hungerford Congratulated.

The officers of all the Masonic Lodges of the city (with the exception of Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, east end) were installed last night in the blue room of the Masonic Temple. R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, the deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was the installing officer on the occasion, being assisted by R. W. Bros. Isaac Waterman, A. B. Munson and J. S. Dewar; V. W. Bros. E. T. Essary, M. D. Dawson, John Overell, J. H. Flock, Q.C., Andrew Ellis, W. H. Chittick; W. Bros. John Higginbotham, James A. Smith, A. G. McWhinney, F. A. Andrews, James S. Shaw, A. G. Smyth, W. A. Young, T. A. Rowat, W. O'Brien, A. Riddell, Harry Hayman, W. J. Element, Charles Buskard, C. C. Reed, Joseph Weber and others. More than an hour was passed in the installation.

W. Bro. John M. McWhinney, the new worshipful master of Tuscan Lodge, No. 195, whose officers are not elected by ballot, has appointed the following officers:

Senior Deacon—Bro. H. A. Kingsmill, M.D.
Junior Deacon—Bro. S. J. Radcliffe, B.
Inner Guard—Bro. W. F. Hungerford.
Organist—Bro. W. C. Barron.
D. of C.—Bro. James Mattinson.
Senior Steward—Bro. W. M. English, M.
Junior Steward—Bro. J. B. McKillop.
A resolution was unanimously passed, in which congratulations were conveyed to R. W. Bro. R. B. Hungerford, the deputy grand master, upon his election to the highest office within the gift of the brethren, and upon his recovery from recent illness.

A vote of thanks was tendered him for his kindness in acting as installing officer for 1899.

The deputy grand master replied to both resolutions.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 330, held its installation last night in the hall, east end.

Obituary.

MRS. JOHN DOYLE.
Oil Springs Chronicle. A large number of Chronicle readers, who knew her well, will be pained to hear of the untimely death of Mrs. John Doyle, which occurred at her home on the 2nd of Enniskillen, about two miles west of Oil Springs, on Thursday night last. Deceased was in good health and spirits a few hours previous to death, having, as usual, milked the cows and prepared supper. She retired, and at 11 o'clock life suddenly departed, paralysis being the cause. Deceased was 61, and leaves to mourn her loss a husband and two daughters—Miss Winnie at home, and Mrs. James Parsell, of Toronto. She was a sister of Mrs. W. R. Smith and Mrs. James Diamond, of Petrolia. The funeral, which was very largely attended, was held on Sunday. Among those present from a distance were her sister, Mrs. R. J. Coulter, of Detroit; her brother, Mr. S. J. Henderson, and wife, of London; and Mr. and Mrs. James Parsell, of Toronto. The afflicted husband and relatives have the sympathy of the entire community. The deceased lady was the eldest daughter of the late Andrew Hen-

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derson, of Dorchester township. She leaves many relatives and friends in that vicinity.

MRS. WM. SHORT.
The remains of the late Mrs. William Short, who died on Sunday morning, were buried yesterday afternoon in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. The impressive funeral services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Cecil C. Owen, of the Memorial Church (of which deceased was a much-esteemed member), and by Rev. Canon Richardson, of St. John's. Rev. Dr. Saunders, of the Dundas Center Methodist Church, was also in attendance. Among the relatives present from a distance were Mrs. Fred Morgan, of Worcester, Mass. (daughter of deceased), and Mr. Frank Short, of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. The pallbearers were three nephews of deceased, Messrs. Reuben, William and Alfred Short, and Messrs. Sanborn, McBride and Clissold.

MRS. MARY E. BRANTON.
The remains of the late Mrs. Mary E. Branton, of Clarence Street, whose death occurred last Monday, were interred yesterday afternoon in Mount Carmel Cemetery. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. A. J. McGillivray.

COAL FOR PORTUGAL.
Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—The British steamship Benedick (Capt. Cox), now en route to Philadelphia from Porman, has been chartered to load coal for Lisbon, Portugal. The vessel will carry 3,500 tons of Pennsylvania mined coal, and will be the first shipment of the kind ever made to a Portuguese port. Heretofore British mined coal had undisputed claim to the trade of Portugal.

TO FACE THE FENIANS.
Calumet, Mich., Dec. 28.—A hundred Englishmen and Scotch-Canadians of this city held a secret meeting yesterday and decided to volunteer their services to her majesty for the defense of Canada in case of a Fenian raid. The British in this city are very much worked up over the report of an impending Fenian raid, and a large sum of money has been raised among them for the help of orphans and widows of English soldiers who lose their lives in South Africa.

NOTHING IN IT.
Washington, Dec. 28.—The German warships Nike and Von Moltke, used as training ships for naval cadets, have arrived at Havana after a cruise through West Indian waters. It was the arrival of these ships in Haytian waters about ten days ago that caused consternation among the officials and people there, as it was feared

there would be a repetition of the Luders incident, and another demand on Hayti, backed up by German naval guns. It appears, however, that the visit of the Nike and Von Moltke was entirely devoid of significance.

Smallpox among the Indians in the Indian territory and at Crow Creek agency, in South Dakota and other reservations, has assumed serious phases.

TIRED-OUT WOMEN.

Suffering From Backaches, Headaches, Limbaches Find a Cure in Doan's Kidney Pills.

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It seems as though many women were doomed never to know what it means to be healthy. It should be so—wouldn't be so in nine cases out of ten if women only understood that backaches are merely kidney aches—that tired limbs are merely tired kidneys.

Kidneys are delicate little organs. Can't stand too much work, get tired and out of sorts, just as any other part of the body does.

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Doan's Kidney Pills are a never-failing, simple, reliable cure.

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Here is the statement of Mrs. R. S. Spence, 871 Clarence Street, wife of the well-known bridge contractor: "For over ten years I have been troubled with tired and weak feelings, and so dizzy at times that I could hardly go round the house. Backache and headache are my almost constant companions, and my kidneys were in a serious condition."

"Hearing that Doan's Kidney Pills were doing so much for kidney sufferers, I thought I would give them a trial. The result of using these pills is that I am now perfectly well. I have no more headache, and as for backache, I have forgotten all about it. Doan's Kidney Pills I consider the most effectual remedy for all forms of kidney derangement."

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