

THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 8, 1897.

Murders and the Newspaper Fraternity.

We have been sorry to note of late a growing tendency on the part of some of our provincial weeklies to imitate the trashy and sensational papers of the Western States, in devoting their columns to extended reports of every murder case which comes before the courts.

Some brutalized wretch raises a murderous hand against his fellow. He is arrested and tried for his life, but the moment he enters the criminal's cell he becomes an object of demanding interest.

This poor brute, who had performed a worthy deed instead of his horrible crime would never have been heard of, can now justify the eulogies of kakologies of politicians and capitalists, and becomes the lion of the day.

The sickening details of his crime, his every word and gesture, the very clothes he wears and the food he eats become subjects of the momentous discussion, while matters of real moment are laid aside to make room for this loathsome discussion.

When such matters are confined to the dailies it might be endured, but when it is taken up by the local papers, and from week to week thrust into the home as family reading it becomes a glaring evil.

That there is some temptation for the pursuance of such a course cannot be denied. To make use of column upon column of such matter called word for word from the dailies, is manifestly a very easy way of editing a newspaper.

When too it is remembered that this reading is exceedingly popular with a certain class of hoodlums individuals who might by this means, if by no other, be induced to subscribe, the tendency can be accounted for. It cannot, however, be excused, and how a particularly extended and wholly borrowed murder report can render a copy of a paper particularly credible; or how such a report can be regarded, as it was recently regarded by a Kings County paper, as a provocation for heaping panegyrics upon itself; transcends our comprehension.

There is little doubt but that the increase in the prevalence of crime which is becoming so appalling is traceable very largely to the increased publicity which each offence now receives. Man by his nature is very greatly affected by what he sees and hears. In a moral community it is quite easy for one to be moral, while in an immoral community the reverse is true.

The ACADIAN has ever avoided any more detailed account of murders or other crimes than they actually demanded as matters of news. While we must concede that there has been little temptation for us to do so, we fully realize that the tastes of our subscribers do not lie in that line, yet we flatter ourselves that even were we situated differently we would not be tempted to aid in bringing our profession into disrepute.

Town Council Meeting. The regular meeting of the town council was held on Tuesday evening. The mayor and all the councillors, with the exception of Coun. Caldwell, with the recorder were present.

The regular standing committees presented reports which were on motion adopted. It was ordered that the report of the Street Committee be printed in the annual report of the town.

The following bills were read and ordered paid: Township of Horton, \$28.53; E. P. Howles, M. D., 8.85; A. J. Woodman, 11.02; C. E. Starr & Son, 2.11; Acadia Edison Electric Co., 41.48; Town Clerk (postage), 2.45; Andrew Delahant, 1.50; J. W. Selfridge, 1.80; C. A. Patrician, 22.60.

A communication was read from the Provincial Secretary relative to the proposed pedlar's bill, which was introduced in the Provincial Legislature last winter, and was deferred and ordered to be printed for the information of municipal and town councils.

On motion it was resolved that the council approve of the bill with the exception of a clause referring to the peddling of products of the garden, farm or sea.

On motion F. W. Woodman was appointed harbor-master in place of J. F. Armstrong, deceased.

Resolved that J. W. Wallace be presiding officer, and V. A. Dixon clerk at the ensuing town election.

Our System of Road Making.

DISCUSSED BY ONE WHO KNOWS.

To the Editor of the ACADIAN.

The matter of roadmaking has been agitating the minds of many of the thinking portion of the community for a number of years, and as the Provincial Legislature is soon to meet for the dispatch of business, and as that body is the only source that we can look to for amendments, I thought it would be pardonable, at least, to lay a few facts before the public through the medium of the press.

It seems that by the present system of highway labor, and the limited amount of government money at command, the amount available is altogether inadequate to keep the roads in a satisfactory condition. Our government has already resorted to borrowing to a considerable extent, both for roads and bridges, and yet the demand exceeds the supply.

Therefore it behoves every patriotic citizen to set his wits to work to devise some means to remedy this growing evil. In the first place I shall attack the present system of highway labor.

According to the law now in vogue each male subject, between the age of twenty-one and sixty years, is called upon to do so many days' work, according to his assessment—which is put down at about half what the property is really worth, thus costing a loss of one-half the work. Then the compensation is fifty cents per day, and as that is only half what we have to pay for a day's work, they pay the fifty cents, or agree to, and work for a dollar a day, which cuts down half of what is left. Then in Kings county there are three hundred and sixty-five highway labor districts with a surveyor for each. Now allow each surveyor to be liable for ten days work, we have 3650 days spent in executing the labor. But as everybody is in a hurry to get through with the work as soon as possible, I think I would be safe in saying that three days, as a rule, would complete the work in each district, and when the work is done the surveyor goes home and says nothing about the seven days that he has got clear of, which in the whole county amounts to 2555 days. I am not going to say that the law will bear the expenses out in doing this, but I have not been able to find any law to oblige a surveyor to pay the balance of his work after the rest had got through with theirs, or to require him to remain on the road after the others were done. Then there are a number of surveyors who fail to send in their returns, and some with the work partly done. The council generally pass some stringent resolutions and threaten to fine the delinquents but that is the last we ever hear of it.

The expenditure of the government money as the present law stands is but very little if any better. The members of the local government since county incorporation have sidled out of appropriating their government money and imposed that duty upon the County Council; and as there is no provision made to pay that duty for such service it is plain to expect them to discharge that duty in a very efficient manner. There are two objects which stimulate the applicant for money to expend. One is ostensibly to repair a certain piece of road; but the principal incentive to a large number of cases is to get an appointment as assessor as much of the public money as possible. With that object in view they will harass the councillor until he grants their request. The commission on the other hand ranges from five dollars to twenty-five dollars, so the commissioner, if he be so minded, can manage to monopolize the most if not all the money. I don't wish to say that this always the case as there are men who will do the fair thing and give their neighbors as good a chance as they take themselves, but cases of that kind are exceptions rather than the rule. Very many receive the money in such a clandestine manner that the neighbors will not know that they had money to expend for months after the work was done. The plan generally adopted is: as soon as the rush of spring work is over there a daily gang and the land not fit to work to shy off to the road with oxen and plow and cart, and if he has a boy large enough to up-and-a shovel he is employed. The oxen and plow will work about an hour or two each day and draw full pay. I think a parcel of the road returns in the clerk's office will verify this statement.

I suppose you will conclude that this article is a regular series of fault-finding, but it is doubtful if the truth be half as bad as it is made out to be. In asking for a change in the law it is necessary to point out the defects in the present law, and as our local members are largely gentlemen from the various towns and villages of the province they are not in a position to know the wants and necessities of the rural parts of the country.

We see in the last decade that this country has lost quite a number of its best inhabitants, and that the towns and villages have increased; so that the loss to the rural districts must be something immense. I know of no other cause more likely to drive the inhabitants out of the country than bad roads. It seems as though the government is afraid to tackle this question for fear that the opposition will take advantage of the act and raise a storm. But if government is strong as ours is afraid to pass a law that all parties admit is for the public interest, it is about time that another Oliver Cromwell appeared on the scene.

BACKWOODS.

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Reminiscences of the Old Pleasant Valley Meeting House.

IN FOUR PARTS—PART I.

The scenes of my boyhood are treasured with care, Respecting the ways in the old house of prayer; That house in the Valley, where the dais yet grow, That hallowed old spot in the green long ago.

A passion for worship the people possessed; The young and the aged were anxious for rest;

The men and the matrons, the girls and the boys, Came longing to drink of its pleasures and joys.

They came to that house in the Valley of old; The home of the saints, and the Shepherd's safe fold;

They came from the east, and they came from the west, And down from the mountains they came to be blest.

The preacher was perched in a box in the air, Like a bird in a cage when shown at a fair,

And over his head hung a board from the roof, To keep all his words from soaring too high.

And under the pulpit and filling their place, The deacons sat gravely with smooth shaven face,

Unless by the preacher, yet known to be there, The sermon to follow with well worded prayer.

The sermon is done, and aloft from his cage, The preacher looks downward his help to engage;

The silence is broken, a voice in the air is heard—"Brother Skinner, please lead us in prayer."

That deacon responding, stands up in his place; His soul overflowing with glory and grace,

And prays that the gospel, "Right onward may go, As oil from the vessel to vessel does flow."

Meanwhile, all the people stand up in their place, According to custom, and right about face;

Their hands to the preacher, their eyes to the door, Inspecting the girls, and the bonnets they wore.

The preacher now leads for the choir to sing, A hymn to the praise of his Saviour and King;

Not from the New Hymnal, but "Winchell and Watts"— Most precious in lyrics and beautiful thoughts.

The man in the choir who leads in the song; The master of music who never goes wrong;

A pipe from his pocket he takes,—gives a toot; And people enraptured in silence are mute.

The songs of that choir 'neath ancient and new, If now in the light of the present were viewed, Tho' wanting in culture, and musical art, Had much of the music that comes from the heart.

D. O. PARKER.

NOTES.—The old Pleasant Valley Meeting House was built about 1825 and for many years was the headquarters of the Baptists of all western Cornwallis. It was there I heard the late Dr. Wm. McKenzie, then a student, preach his first sermon in a pulpit, from the text "God is love," most fifty years ago, and when the convention was in Berwick in 1866, I heard him in the same place, but he stood under the pulpit and did not venture so high. It was taken down some years since, and portions of it were used in building the Grafton meeting house. The ground on which it stood was the gift of Rev. Wm. Chipman, and is still encircled by a grove of large and beautiful elms, planted by his son, Prof. Isaac Chipman. The floor of the gallery covered nearly the whole second story. The pulpit was as high, or higher, than the gallery, and was little more than a neatly made box with a side door at the top of a high flight of stairs, and over it was a sounding board, hung by a chain, and under it, in front, was a hinged shelf, used for a communion table. And here, too, were the orthodox seats of the deacons, who always sat there, away from their families, entirely out of sight of the preacher, and facing the congregation. At the close of the sermon it was quite common for the preacher, leaning over, and looking downward, to ask one of the deacons to speak, or lead in prayer. The congregation sat during the singing, and stood at prayer, and as they stood up, turned their backs to the preacher. At the time of my earliest recollections Allan Sharp was the leader of the choir and always set the tone with a toot on his pipe-pipe. There were no chairs, not even in the pulpit. The pews were little more than small closets, with perpendicular backs with a thin rail on top projecting inward, and all most perfectly constructed for weariness, wakefulness, and doing penance. It had a large porch on the front and characteristic of the parietal style of church architecture peculiar to that period, which Professor Chipman called the "nasal appendage," D. O. P.

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NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS having legal demands against the estate of James F. Armstrong, late of Wolfville, in the County of Kings, deceased, are requested to register the same duly attested, within one year from the date hereof, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to

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John E. Palmeter. Wolfville, Nov. 20, 1896.

Dr. H. Lawrence, DENTIST, N. S.

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Local... The College opened on Wednesday... Public school a good standard... The Men in the Court... next... Dr. T. H. Baptist a... Prof. Keirstead evening... The weather been remarked the year, and impossible in... Wolfville is another victim of J. I. D., which his former vic... Persons who taxes will do fore the 14th the coming day... The union been largely count, double of the weather to-night will... The many have been of his us to learn that, and hope to be arranged... At the Acadia Club, Dr. Sawyer valuable paper several scriptures the thanks of request for it... Regulation largely signed W. H. Chas... instated for the council at the are first class councillors... A lecture in College Hall Messrs. C. G. Ontario, the Foresters, of Halifax. I speakers and be an interest will be charged present... Company suit-at-... on Friday members of drilling faith give an inter... games will bayonet drill etc., and the full house... In the Pres... prizes were Murray and prize contest were offered pupil of his of the year shorter catalog at the begin... hundred and which are the best cer... establim ha by people a history of th...

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THE ACADIAN.

WOLFVILLE, N. S., JAN. 8, 1897.

Local and Provincial.

The College, Seminary and Academy opened on Wednesday.

Public schools reopened this week with a good attendance of pupils.

The Municipal Council will meet at the Court House, Kentville, on Tuesday next.

Dr. T. J. Higgins preached in the Baptist church on Sunday morning next. Prof. Keirstead taking the services in the evening.

The weather during the past week has been remarkably mild for the season of the year, and the roads have been almost impassable in places.

Wolfville is shortly to be favored with another visit from the Rev. Geo. Sexton, LL. D., whose sermons and lecture on his former visit were so highly appreciated.

Persons who are in arrears for town taxes will do well to remember that all rates and taxes must be paid on or before the 14th inst. to qualify to vote at the coming civic election.

The union prayer-meetings have not been largely attended this week on account, doubtless, of the disagreeable state of the weather and roads. The meeting to-night will be in the Baptist church.

The many friends of Mr. J. W. Caldwell have been sorry to learn during the past week of his serious illness. We are glad to learn that his health is now on the mend, and hope that he may soon be able to be around again.

At the last regular meeting of the Acadia Club in the University Library, Dr. Sawyer gave a very learned and valuable paper on the season of the sacred scriptures, for which he received the thanks of the Club and a unanimous request for its publication.

Regulations are being circulated and largely signed this week asking Messrs. W. H. Chase, E. W. Sawyer and Dr. Boyce to allow themselves to be nominated for the vacant seats in the town council at the approaching election. All are first-class men and will make good councillors.

A lecture is to be given on Forestry in College Hall next Monday evening by Messrs. C. O. White, D. S. C. R., of Ontario, the creator of the Order of Foresters, and E. J. Halden, H. C. R., of Halifax. Both are said to be excellent speakers and the meeting will no doubt be an interesting one. No admission fee will be charged and all are invited to be present.

"Company 9" started giving an assist-ment-erms in the College gymnasium, on Friday evening, the 25th inst. The members of the Company have been drilling faithfully, and will no doubt give an interesting exhibition. The programme will consist of sword drill, bayonet drill, single stick, quarter-stick, etc., and the boys should be greeted with a full house.

In the Presbyterian Sabbath-school of this town on Sunday afternoon last prizes were awarded to Miss Annie Murray and Master Clair Comand. The prizes consisted of \$10 gold pieces, and were offered by Mr. W. H. Chase to any pupil of his class who should at the end of the year recite without an error the shorter catechism. The prizes were offered at the beginning of the third quarter, and considering that there are one hundred and seven questions, many of which are quite lengthy and difficult, the feat certainly reflects credit. The catechism has been learned and recited by a number of times during the history of the school.

Death of James S. Morse.

In the death of Mr James S. Morse, which occurred on Thursday evening of last week, Wolfville lost a citizen who for many years had been closely connected with the history of the place. Mr Morse was born at Nictaux in the year 1821. He attended Acadia College and was graduated with the class of 1846. Soon after he embarked in business in Wolfville and has since continued in trade here. He has ever been known as a man of sterling integrity and worth, and was held in high esteem by all who knew him. For many years he held the office of magistrate and at different times has occupied many other positions of public trust. In politics he was an ardent Conservative, faithfully holding to the tenets of that party through success and defeat. The deceased was a faithful and consistent member of the Baptist church, having been appointed a deacon in the year 1877. He was a warm friend of Acadia and for many years marshalled the procession on anniversary occasions. Ever on the side he believed to be right, faithful in the performance of every duty, the deceased was of such men as make the world better for their having lived in it. He leaves a widow and one daughter, Mrs Frank Douth, of Montreal, three brothers and two sisters.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon of this week, and was largely attended. The service was held in the Baptist church, where an appropriate address was delivered by the pastor.

The interment was at Willow Bank, and notwithstanding the disagreeable state of the weather, the remains were followed to the grave by a large number of citizens and friends. A good man has been laid to rest. May the influence of such a life tend to make us all better.

Hanteport.

Miss Mrs Margaret has gone to Digby to spend a few days with her aunt, Mrs H. B. Smart.

Mr and Mrs I. B. Oakes were the guests of Mr William Whitman on Saturday last.

Mrs M. Messenger, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was the guest of Mrs J. W. Churchill on Monday last.

Mr John McLeod, of Amherst, spent Sunday last with friends here.

Mr Albert Dodge, of Kingston, spent Sunday last with his sister, Mrs J. H. Mumford.

Mrs John Davidson, who has been visiting her brother, Mr Charles Kirk, of Boston, returned home last week.

Mr H. Hatt, who has been visiting his brother, Rev. D. E. Hatt, intends to pursue studies at Horton Academy.

Mr Gideon Martin, of Halifax, spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr Harris Martin.

Mr and Mrs H. Perker spent Saturday last with Mrs Elderkin, of Wolfville.

Prof. Vroom, of Kings College, Windsor, held services in St. Andrew's church on Sunday last.

Mr Henry Vaughn, who has been attending Fictou Academy, spent a few days last week with his brother, Mr Walter.

Billtown. Mr Louis Duval and Mr Fred Beauson, of the College, spent their Christmas holidays here and in the vicinity. The former held a few religious services at Woodville.

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Wolfville, Dec. 18th, 1896.

To My Friends:

I take this opportunity of wishing the compliments of the season and also thank you heartily for many kind favors in the past, and hoping the year of 1897 will be a happy and prosperous one for you,

I remain, Yours truly,

F. J. PORTER.

Wolfville, Jan. 1st, 1897.

DENTISTRY.

Dr A. J. McQuinn.

Graduate of Philadelphia Dental College. Office in Herbin's building, Wolfville.

Important Communication from the Highlanders.

Mr EDDON.—Certain parts of Wolfville are reaping a rich harvest of rebuke for the part they played in securing the incorporation of the town. If patient and long-suffering endurance of wrong is an evidence of piety then the people who live on Highland avenue are surely entitled to the cake. From Mr E. W. Sawyer's mouth, after every shower of rain, and then after a frost, the side walk in one deep mire of mud. In behalf of the ratepayers living on said avenue, and in the interest of fair play your correspondent begs to move the following resolution:

Resolved by the ratepayers of Highland avenue:—That the city fathers of Wolfville be required, after every rain storm, to march up and down the side walk of said avenue, single file, for five hours, and this to continue till they learn the import of the golden rule, and do evile work for repentance. And further, that the lord Mayor of the city, in his Sunday boots, be respectfully requested to take an evening walk up said side walk, any time, after a brisk shower of rain.

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Wolfville, Oct. 16th, 1896.

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WM. REGAN.

Wolfville, Oct. 14th, 1896.

FALL, 1896.

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Wolfville, Oct. 16th, 1896.

NOTICE.

The Overseers of the Poor for the Township of Hexton, will receive tenders by the undersigned, or his successor in office, until 12 o'clock, noon, on Wednesday, the 24th day of January, 1897, for supplies for Poor's House.

For 25 barrels Flour, 80 per cent, roller process, at cost per barrel, to be delivered 1st April, 1897, at the store of the person whose tender is accepted.

Also for general Groceries, at rate per cent, above cost, and charges.

Tenure—Flour, cash 90 days after delivery, payment for general groceries will be made quarterly.

The Overseers do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

By order of the Overseers, H. M. NABY, Clerk. Greenwich, Dec. 30th, 1896.

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The Best Selected Stock in the County. 1000 Solid Gold, Diamond Engagement and Wedding Rings, Gold and Silver Watches. If your Watch is out of order you had better take it to McLeod before you get it botched. His prices are: Cleaning, 50c; Watches' Main Spring, 50c; New Jewel, 25c to 50c.

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TELEPHONE NO. 26. Wolfville, July 9th, 1896.

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Next meeting in Temperance Hall Thursday, Jan. 14th, at 3.30 p. m. The meetings are always open to any who wish to become members.

Systematic Giving. A PAPER READ BY MISS IRISH FITCH, AT A RECENT MEETING OF THE WOLFFVILLE W. C. T. U.

What is systematic giving? It is the first question which arises in our minds, and the answer follows: It is the giving of the tenth or tythe. Is it? Let us look into this question.

It is not plain that the tenth is the Lord's, and that we cannot give that which does not belong to us.

Nothing should be said then about giving until what we owe is paid. Nay, do we not rob God when we fail to pay our tenth? Listen to the prophet in Malachi 3:8.

Seldom in his "History of Tythes" states that the Arabian by law requires every merchant to offer a tenth of his frankincense to the priests for their God.

The learned historian Grotius says that from the most ancient ages a tenth has been regarded as the portion due to God, and that the evidences of this fact are to be found in both Greek and Latin histories.

Just another important thought for the ladies. It takes from two to three packages of the common imitation dyes to do the work that one single package of the Diamond Dyes will do.

Just think of having to spend thirty cents for adulterated dyes for your work, that can be better done by the Diamond Dyes at a cost of ten cents.

Most people have aversions of some kind or other, and some very strange ones. The sight of a set of false teeth makes John L. Sullivan sick at the stomach.

Our Lord in the Gospel, speaking to the Pharisees of the payment of tythes says: "These ought ye to have done and not to leave the other undone."

Surely these witnesses, both from the history of the nations, prove conclusively that the tenth of one's income is not a gift but a debt.

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The New Year.

How You May Feel Happier and Better Than in the Past.

Paine's Celery Compound Will Enable You to Thoroughly Enjoy Life.

Act Promptly and Your Fondest Desires Will Be Realized.

Many of our readers can truthfully confess that the year just gone by was to them a period of pain, suffering, anxiety, disappointment and wretchedness.

Those of our readers who were unhappy last year may this year throw off their burdens and anxieties, if they use that great source of health-giving—Paine's Celery Compound.

There is no necessity here to enlarge on what Paine's Celery Compound has done or is doing at the present time.

Every day it is making well rheumatic, neuralgic, dyspeptic and sleepless mortals, and giving new life to those afflicted with kidney, liver and blood diseases.

All classes unite in praising and recommending Paine's Celery Compound as the most effective of medicines.

It is not generally known here, says a London paper, where artists' works are more familiar than their faces.

George Du Maurier and Laurence Alma Tadema resembled one another to an amazing degree; so much so that even their intimate friends mistook them.

A young lady who prided herself that she had no difficulty in determining which was which, finding herself once seated next to Du Maurier, remarked: "I cannot imagine how any one can mistake you for Mr. Tadema."

The Half Rate Dollar. Sterling Value and Full Strength in Diamond Dyes.

Sixteen ounces of silver, for the coinage of \$18.00 in silver dollars, can be bought to-day for \$9.94.

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A PEDLAR'S EXPERIENCE.

Illness Brought Him Almost to the Verge of the Grave.

Pale and Emaciated, Suffering From Excruciating Pains in the Back, Life Became a Burden and Death Was Thought To Be Not Far Off.

From the St. Catherine's Journal. It is a curious pathological fact that special complaint has sometimes actually been mistaken for Bright's disease, and there is no doubt many have been maltreated for Bright's disease, when spinal trouble was the real malady.

Geo. T. Smith, pedlar, of St. Catherine's, is one who thus suffered. His narrative is as follows:—"In the fall of 1894 I began to experience alarming symptoms of what I thought to be spinal trouble. I resorted to lotions, plasters and other remedies, but to no avail, as I continued to grow worse.

At this point my friends advised the services of a physician, which I gladly submitted to. The professional man made a minute examination, and pronounced mine a case of Bright's disease, which quite naturally gave me a severe shock, as I deemed the death sentence had been passed upon me.

The doctor said he could alleviate my suffering, but remarked that it would only be a question of time with me. However, I accepted his medicine, and took it according to directions with no beneficial results.

In the meantime a friend procured a remedy said to be a cure for Bright's disease. This medicine I took, but with no effect whatever. Ten months had passed away and I had become so haggard, emaciated, stooped and miserable that my friends had difficulty in recognizing me.

In fact, they, like myself, harbored the most painful apprehensions. At this juncture an aunt came to visit me, and strongly advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Like a drowning man reaching for a straw I did so.

To my great surprise I soon noticed an improvement, the pain in my back began to leave, my appetite improved, my color returned, and by the time I had used eight boxes not an ache or pain remained, and I am as able to travel about to-day as previous to the attack. I know that I owe my restoration to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I urge those ill or suffering to give them a trial.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills strike at the root of the disease, driving it from the system and restoring the patient to health and strength. In cases of paralysis, spinal troubles, locomotor ataxia, sciatica, rheumatism, erysipelas, scrofulous troubles, etc., these pills are superior to all other treatment.

They are also a specific for the troubles which make the lives of so many women a burden, and speedily restore the rich glow of health to pale and sallow cheeks. Men broken down by overwork, worry or excess, will find in Pink Pills a certain cure.

Sold by all dealers, or sent by mail post-paid, at 50c. a box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., or Schenectady, N. Y. Beware of imitations and substitutes alleged to be "just as good."

Three Tests for Mankind. Call no man your friend, a wise girl once said to me, until you have made him angry, seen him hungry and caused him to miss a train and wait three-quarters of an hour at a railway station.

If a man is nice and thoroughly and completely a gentleman one never knows how low nice he is until one has seen him hungry, and yet not ridiculous, or spiteful, or vulgar.

Another girl I know once kept her fiancé waiting an hour and a half for his dinner. He met her with a smile. Were you trying to find out whether I shall be a patient husband or not? he said, and that was all. She did not marry him. She said she was quite sure that a man who restrained himself so unreasonably before marriage would make up for it proportionately afterward and reminded me of William the Conqueror's love story.

Do you know it? He was quite an unimportant person at the time and was on a visit to Matilda's father who was a very great man. Matilda thought very little of him and snubbed him when he made love to her. One day she irritated him so much that he slapped her face. She instantly agreed to marry him. She said she was quite sure that a man who was brave enough to strike her when he was helpless in her father's castle would be too brave to ill treat her when she was helpless in his. And she proved to be right in the long run.

Yes, my friend was right; we never thoroughly like a man until we have given him an opportunity of making us thoroughly dislike him, and he has not availed himself of it.

They Worked Wonders. Two Years of Bladder Torment—Had Attacks of Inflammation—Cured by a few boxes of D. D.'s Kidney Pills.

Owen Sound, Dec. 28 (Special)—The people of this town are talking again of another cure credited to Dodd's Kidney Pills. This is the case of Mr. W. C. Caine, caretaker of town buildings, who when seen had this to say of the matter:—"For over two years I have been an intense sufferer from kidney disease with occasional acute attacks of inflammation of the bladder."

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Buckingham's Dye for the Whites is the best, handiest, safest, surest, cleanest, most economical and satisfactory dye ever invented. It is the gentlemen's favorite.

DODD'S Kidney Pills.

For the successful Treatment of all Diseases of the Kidneys and Urinary Organs, Bright's Disease, Diabetes and Paralysis, and all forms of Blood Poisoning.

These Pills are put up in large wooden boxes at 50 cents. Sold by all Druggists and under any other name than DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

The Dodd's Medicine Co., Toronto. Gentlemen—A new medicine called Dodd's Kidney Pills has been recommended to me by my physician, and, by his advice, I sent one dollar, the price of two boxes. Please send them without delay.

Yours truly, ANDREW FILKINS, Canton, Mo. Pherson Co., Kansas.

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I have for sale a good stock of trees for planting, comprising Ben Davis, Spy, Blenheim Pippin, Fallwater, Nonch, Wagner, Pevaks, Banks Red Gravenstein, and the common Gravenstein, and Moore's Arctic Plum—fruits.

Persons ordering direct from the Nursery will get this stock at first cost—saving agents' profits. ISAAC SHAW, PROPRIETOR.

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We have a large stock of the above instruments, in the latest styles, which we are selling at about one-third less than is usually asked around the country for these instruments. Don't fail to write for prices to

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Willis Piano and Organ Co. Any other advertiser, therefore, who may claim in any way the agency for the Bell Piano, or Bell Organs, do so under false pretences, to attract attention to goods sold in opposition to those renowned instruments.

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THE SLATER SHOE Fire Proof.

Saturate the average shoe in snow water, throw it beside a stove or heater to dry, and you've got a burnt up parody,—comfortable as a metal shoe. Ill treat this a chrome tanned Slater Shoe, and it comes out smiling, pliant, tough and smooth as before.

Can be boiled half an hour without injury. Is sweatproof and waterproof. Good year wear. \$3, \$4, \$5. Stamped on soles.

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Granby Rubbers

Honestly made of pure Rubber. Thin, Light, Elastic, Stylish, Durable. Modelled each year to fit all the latest shoe shapes. Extra thick ball and heel. Sold everywhere. They Wear like iron.

Before the first Ontario railway was built, Before the first ocean steamer arrived, Before postage stamps were used in Canada, When £ s. d. was Canadian Currency,

E. B. Eddy's Matches

Were known throughout Canada, as they are now, as the best matches made.

(CONTINUED FROM FIRST PAGE.) Here Jess choked him again with her warm young arms, and he was forced to stop.

A few days after this Miss Mathers went back to her city home, alone. Miss Felton, wandering down the beach that same bright afternoon, came upon Jess in her pink gown, sitting in her grandfather's dory, while he made ready to push off.

She leaned over the girl gently, and said, "Miss Mathers has gone away, I see."

Jess lifted her dark eyes shyly, and dropped them again. The color rose in her brown cheek. Her lovely face was tremulous, like a child's, uncertain whether to laugh or cry. She put out a timid hand to Miss Felton, and laid the other on her grandfather's knee.

"Yes," said the old captain, with his slow smile, "she ain't a-join' Miss Felton, Jess ain't! 'What with me gettin' old an' foolish, an' bein' likely to go out when I hadn't ought to, an' Jess—well, she ain't a-join', that's about what it comes to. If it had a' blowed southeast, she wouldn't have had—don't ye see, Jess! Don't ye mind me—I'm pink gone, Miss Felton. She's got the eddication an' she's got the looks. But she wants to stay. An' Lord love ye, when it comes to that, why shouldn't she stay if she wants to?"—MARGARET JOHNSON in Youth's Companion.

The Tariff Commission elicits some strange and curious facts, but none more true than the good words spoken by both Free-Traders and Protectionists for MINARD'S LINIMENT. They are our BEST ADVERTISEMENTS, and we esteem them of more value than all the fences and barns in the country covered with posters.

Regular mail carried on steamer. Tickets sold to all points in Canada, via Central Vermont or Canadian Pacific Ry., and to New York via Fall River Line, Stonington Line, New York, Haven & Hartford and Boston and Albany R. R. For all other information apply to Dominion Atlantic, I. C., and Central Railway Agents or to W. A. CHASE, L. M. BAKER, Secretary and Treas. Manager, Yarmouth, Nov. 1st, 1896.

Having secured the Shop recently occupied by Mr. W. Regan, I am now in a position to supply the public with all Goods in my line: Custom Boots & Shoes. Men's, Women's and Children's Boots and Shoes made to order. Repairing neatly and promptly done. Thanking the public for past favors, and by close attention to business I hope to receive a fair share of patronage. F. R. SHAW, Secretary and Treas. Manager, Yarmouth, Nov. 1st, 1896.

Notice. The study of definitions presents many obstacles and difficulties to children's minds. I have prepared a list of definitions, requested the school teacher, requested the diminutive maiden. Now place it in a sentence, so that I may be sure you understand its meaning, said the teacher.

In summer I would rather play out of doors than ferment in the school house, returned the small scholar with such a delightful frankness and unconcerned humor that the teacher found it hard to suppress a smile.

Ayer's Hair Vigor, for dressing the hair and promoting its growth. Get Ayer's Almanac. May the new year, just opening to us, be signalled in good and in pleasant life by the growth of noble ideas—of ideas that shall make men freer, truer, better; that shall more and more reflect the incomparable teachings of the Holy Child whose nativity we have just celebrated, and whose spirit, imitated and obeyed, can redeem the time and crown mankind with blessedness—Christian Work.

Minard's Liniment relieves Neuralgia. "Pore Jim was always mighty good to me," sobbed the weeping widow. "With all the beatin' he gimme, he never hit me where the marks would show so the neighbors could see 'em."

Minard's Liniment Cures Burns. Teacher—How old are you, Willie? Willie—I'm five at home, six at school and four in the case.

Work in this line done at the shortest notice, in the latest styles, and most approved manner. Perfect fits guaranteed. Rooms in Acadian building. F. E. DAVIDSON. M. A. ZINK.

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