

COUNTY OF VICTORIA

RETURN OF CONVICTIONS.

Made to me by the Justices of the Peace for the said County, and filed in my office, for the quarter ending Tuesday, the 12th day of December, 1899, in pursuance of the Revised Statutes, Ontario, Chap. 76, Sec. 1, Chap. 77, Sec. 8, and Criminal Code, Sec. 902

STUDENT'S CORNER.

This column will be open for the publication of questions, answers, discussions and original articles of an educational and literary character. Our readers who are or have been students are requested to contribute.

Letter of Simonides.

J. COLLING, B. A.

Now it chanced that having journeyed far by land and on the sea, I came again to a populous city, large and prosperous, called in the tongue of the barbarians, Lindsay, but which in the Greek tongue would be called Pelopolis, or the city of mud.

And following, as is my wont, my eager longing for knowledge of the pursuits of men, I betook me once more to the schools, and chiefly to one called "The Poor Man's College,"

Thou why it should be so called I know not, unless it be from the poverty of the priests who conduct the lectures. And there met me at the door of the college a certain old man, exceeding grim and fierce of countenance, concerning whom one of the youths told me that he was a Briton and had served in the Imperial war-galleys, and had been, moreover, a man of great prowess, and that the fame of his deeds had spread through the land, and that through the gratitude of the Queen he had retired with a pension, though what a pension is I know not, but I observed that he bore in his teeth a slender stem with a bowl at the end, and that he sent forth from his mouth great clouds of smoke whereof his quarters, which they call the basement, stank exceedingly. He, therefore, conducted me to a little pen small and narrow, which they call the "Room of the Priests."

And when I had waited for some time there came one and pulled a string, whereat a bell rang violently and then came in the chief priest, whom they call principal, and other priests came also, whom they call assistants, and a priestess. And I observed moreover that all of them were fair and tall, save only the chief priest, but therein was a just degree of Providence, inasmuch as where he lacked by nature here he compensated in rank. But he gave me most kindly greeting and straightway told me of all those things which I desired to know.

And he declared that he had been much distressed of late by frequent changes of the staff, for that one of the priests had gone farming, having previously had a predilection thereto, and that another had walked off, and that another had gone far toward the setting sun, to the land of the Yukon, being lured by the love of gold.

And he told me many marvellous things that the youths did, the like whereof I had never heard in any other land. For there came to the youths not only many holy days, but also a certain evening which they call the Hallowed Evening. To me, accordingly, I had thought much upon the matter, it seemed that the time would be set apart for prayer and fasting with much meditation on man's sinfulness and the temptations of the Wicked One. But he told me that on the contrary, the evening was given up to merry-making, for that the maidens boiled taffey which they supplied to the youths and that many of the youths became sick, but whether the taffey contained a philtre whereof the youths became lovesick, or whether he meant a certain other kind of sickness, I have not to say. And the youths, too, disported themselves with many mischievous pranks, which they are exceedingly fertile in conceiving. For they rang door-bells and carried off gates, and some would cast at the doors, cabbages whereof the heads had been removed, and that certain youths were even known to throw rotten eggs, and that in former days they delighted to visit one of the priests, by name, Timotheus Agricola and had borne off from his house saundry pumpkins and squash and a quantity of ice-cream wherewith he proposed to regale himself.

And he said that on the last occasion, whereon the evening was observed the youths invaded the backyards of certain of the priests, uttering warlike cries and discharging their pea-shooters, and that they called often for Doodle and Mary who had been confined by their mothers through fear of a bell, though why they should fear a bell is beyond comprehension. And

Table with columns: Name of Prosecutor, Name of Defendant, Nature of Charge, Date of conviction, Name of Convicting Justice, Amount of penalty fine or damage, Fine, when paid or to be paid to said Justice, To whom paid over by said Justice, If not paid why not and general.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct schedule of the returns of convictions for the County, of Victoria made to me by the Justices of the peace for the quarter ending Dec. 1st, 1899.

A. P. DEVLIN, Clerk of the Peace of the County of Victoria

Office of the Clerk of the Peace, County of Victoria, Dec. 15th, 1899

another party being led by some youths called General and Shorty and Gulliver had seized upon the chariot of a certain dealer in lumber and had placed it upon the steps before the door of the Halls of Minerva, and the other entrance, also, they barricaded with sticks of timber from the pile whereof the grim countenance, who dwells in the basement, keeps fire in the furnaces to heat the halls wherein the priests lecture. And they left, moreover, a greeting to him of the grim countenance, when he should return to his toil in the morning. "And this" said he, "you may, even now, see with your own eyes." Being conducted, then, to the window of II. B. I beheld the timber lying on the ground. W.P.A.—S.—M.R.—E.

"And now," said the High Priest, he that is called Principal, "I know the voices of the youths." So in the morning these youths, with much shame of countenance, bore back the wood to the place where it had been taken and they drew home the chariot of the seller of lumber and the General, as was meet, had a fine ride.

And many other things told he me, such as for number would fill a book, concerning cadet corps, and certain fresh youths in II. A, and concerning a lecture course and the perversity of some who break written promises and concerning Part I. and Part II and Junior Leaving and Matric, but of these, O Reader, if it please the gods we shall discourse to you again.

Table listing names and numbers for JUNIOR DIVISION, MISS TWAMLEY—SENIOR DIVISION, JUNIOR DIVISION, and MISS LUMSDEN—SENIOR DIVISION.

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