

THE WATCHMAN-WARDER

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THAT OPEN LETTER

When last week we commented on Ald. McDiarmid's discomfiture in the Chalmers case, we had no intention of making him perpetrate an open letter. It was not our purpose to fluster him to that extent. It came as a surprise; we confess to feeling somewhat like the duelist whose opponent suddenly forsakes the sword for the sloop pail. But a man must have the right to choose his weapons. Some are expert with one and some with another. Alderman McDiarmid must excuse us though, if we decline to adopt his.

There is no denying, however, that the open letter has its advantages. It looks courageous when you have got the worst of it in the preceding encounter; in the absence of an argument it is excellent. It has this interesting feature also, that it can be addressed to one person and directed to another. That renders it especially useful to the man who is too mad to take particular aim. These things no doubt suggested its use to the alderman.

From the alderman's open letter we would gather that he is pained. In so far as his meaning can be rescued from incoherency and bad English, we assume that neither the proprietor nor the editor of this paper is satisfactory to him. That the editor had once followed another calling oppresses him. That he filled it with tolerable ability and withdrew with the best of credentials, the alderman does not deny. But he refuses to be cheered by these considerations; in fact that record serves only to magnify his offence in chastising the alderman now. He is in divinity once; now as a journalist, he hands out hard knocks to a blundering legislator in the most secular fashion. It is immoral; the wickedness of it pains the alderman's sensitive soul; it calls for an open letter.

It does not seem to have occurred to Alderman McDiarmid that before administering reproof, it is always worth while to establish the offence, and that attacking the arguer is not an approved method of overwhelming the argument. He objects to our report of the Chalmers trial and our comment on it. He says the report was doctored. If it was, why did he not prove that it was? No man ever had a better chance. The short-hand report of the proceedings was open to him. Why did he not take it, and from it show where our report was wrong? He did not do it; he will not; because he cannot. We stand by our report and challenge Alderman McDiarmid to show it to be wrong in any substantial particular. Let him come on, or retract his charge. When he attempts it, he will stay in the job about as long and as well as he did when he tackled the Chalmers case. If he could prove charges as easily as he makes them he might be taken seriously.

He complains that the proprietor of this paper told him he should begin the investigation. He did; but that was after he had heard from the alderman the same sensational romance that he uttered in the council chamber and retracted in the court room. The alderman in his open letter grieves aloud over the bad morals of this paper in holding that Chalmers had done no serious wrong. On that he based his nasty personal attack on Saturday, and from that charge he cleared everybody on Monday night when under Alderman Jackson's reproof he said: "If I had known that Chalmers intended to resign I would not have objected to giving him the contract, but I did not know it then."

Here then is the alderman's own admission that his attack on Chalmers was the result of ignorance of the facts, and that when these facts are known the morals of the case are good enough for even him. Thus does the aspiring alderman disappear through the seat of his overalls. But he straightway comes into view in a new and interesting if characteristic role. In the recent referendum campaign he was the official organizer for the liquor men; he had previously resigned the same position in the Epworth League; and at the last meeting of council, after taking clerical counsel as to the probable support of the temperance people, he gives notice of a by-law to reduce the number of hotel licenses! If the alderman does not prove a more expert two-stool juggler than has been, his municipal career in this town is nearing its close.

EDITORIAL NOTES
WHEN VERY MAD write an open letter.
WHEN YOU get the worst of it an open letter will do.

AN OPEN letter seems to be a letter in which the writer leaves himself open.
WE LIKE an open letter for one thing—it is easy to see there is nothing in it.

WE ARE INDEBTED to Rev. W. G. Clarke B. A. of Little Britain for pointing out that we were in error in saying last week that even if the liquor men had out-voted the temperance people, they could not have won in the recent vote. Reference to the Act shows that a majority as well as a total of 212,723 votes was needed to make the Act law. Rev. Mr. Hughson's objection that in one place we said both sides worked hard and in another that the liquor vote was not all polled, arises from overlooking the fact that the first reference is to the liquor organization and the second to its success with the voter. Mr. Hughson's further objection to our saying at the temperance people's early protests against the referendum defeated them, shows that he has forgotten quicker than the public the clamor against the measure, that reached a climax at that uproarious convention in Toronto.

Little Local Lines.

—Dr. Gillespie has this week installed an up-to-date X-ray machine.
—Mr. Benj. Cook fell on a slippery walk near Williamson's gallery on Saturday morning. He hurt his leg severely.

—On Christmas night the Sunday school scholars of the Queen-st. Methodist church will hold their annual entertainment.

—Some communications and obituary notices of Thos. Newman, W. Passmore and Mrs. A. A. Lawler, are crowded out this week, and will appear in next issue.

—The Simpson House bar has been extended to double its former length. New furniture, metal ceiling, and elegant side rooms are being put in. A steam-heating plant is being installed through the entire hotel.

—Mr. Mayer of New Orleans is in town. He is an expert in drawing. He has done a picture of the proposed library building in colors that will help the site campaign. He is now engaged on sketches of parts and machines for Mr. Sylvester.

—A leading American trade journal publishes with high commendation a photographed group of window displays and other advertising attractions drawn by Mr. W. Ferguson of Sutcliffe & Sons and used in the show windows of that firm.

—At a meeting of the School Board on Tuesday night, Principal Harstone's salary was increased from \$1400 to \$1600, and that of Teachers Hardy, Stevens and Colling to \$1150 from \$1100.

—On Friday afternoon a team of horses belonging to Mr. Thos. Deyell, Mount Horeb, and driven by a lad named Crawford, broke the double-tree at the Sylvester railway crossing, dragged the driver over the dashboard and tore down Kent-st. Young Crawford hung on till opposite the town hall. The team had some narrow escapes from collision before reaching Dr. White's residence, where they were stopped uninjured.

YOUR CHRISTMAS OPPORTUNITY
We have striven to make your holiday buying economical and satisfactory this year. We have the goods, we make the prices. Don't buy amiss, don't fail to make your money count. See what we have, get our prices, then look around if you think it worth while. Here are a few desirable gifts. Come to the store and see the rest.

Cloth Brushes, Atomizers, Cut Glass Bottles, Ebony and Rosewood Shaving Sets, Parlor Lamps, Manicure Sets, Leather Companions, Perfume, Brush and Comb Sets, Toilet Goods, Ebony and Rosewood, Pocket Knives, etc.

A. HIGINBOTHAM DRUGGIST
NEXT PYM'S HOTEL
Lindsay Ontario

FENELON FALLS AND VICINITY

Happenings of the Past Week at the Cataraugus Town

Mr. John Austin of Kinnmount, warden of the county, spent Sunday at the Falls.

Mr. Wm. McArthur spent Saturday in Lindsay.

Mr. E. M. Horton spent Saturday and Sunday in Bobcaygeon.

Mrs. Kennedy returned home last Saturday, after a week's visit to her brother, Mr. Wm. McArthur.

Messrs. A. Gould and H. Puly returned last week from the Ontario School of Pharmacy, Toronto. Both young gentlemen look in good form and spirits.

Mrs. W. H. Walsh left last Saturday for a short visit to her many friends in Toronto.

Mr. Walter Reesor of Lindsay spent Monday at the Falls.

Those residents of our town who spent Saturday in Lindsay, had a shake of the hand and a good-bye from Col. Sam. Hughes, M. P., on the eve of his paying a flying trip to Winnipeg.

Mr. Ross, who has been for some weeks the guest of his uncle, Mr. Geo. Nie, left last week for Saskatchewan territory, G. N. W.

Messrs. Arch. and Geo. Wilson came home for the vacation last week from Belleville, looking none the worse for their quarter's work at Albert University.

This school closed early this year owing to an outbreak of measles.

Mr. Willie Crossgrey of Deseronto is visiting friends in town.

Mr. W. H. Robson spent a few days in Toronto this week.

Mr. W. Church of Detroit is the guest of his brother-in-law, Mr. M. De Cew.

Mr. W. Boyd of Bobcaygeon passed through the village on Friday on his way home from Port Hope.

The many friends of Miss Bonnell, daughter of Dr. Bonnell of Bobcaygeon, will be pleased to hear that she is recovering from her serious accident of Friday last.

While over to the station, the ponies behind which she was seated in Mr. Boyd's pleasure sleigh, took fright and bolted. Before they could be stopped Miss Bonnell was thrown out and badly bruised and cut. The wound in her head required several stitches, and she, we believe, also seriously bruised. She was taken from the Dr.'s office to the home of Mr. J. Dickson, where she lies in human power, as was done for her.

The accident was done very nearly being fatal as had the young lady been thrown over the end of the bridge she could scarcely have escaped with her life. We trust she will soon be fully recovered.

The annual Christmas tea of the Methodist denomination here will be held in the church on Christmas day. In the evening a program of music will be rendered by the choir and a lecture on "John Bull, Father and Son," delivered by the talented pastor of the congregation. We feel sure that the attendance will be as usual, large and appreciative.

The Parish Workers of St. James' are holding their annual Christmas bazaar to-day (Thursday). We wish them the success they deserve in their undertaking.

Mr. W. H. Robson, Dr. Gould, Editor Moore of the "Star" and our grocery and dry goods merchants all have a fine stock of Christmas goods. We will speak more fully next week of the pretty decorations which are just being thought of at present.

There are to be a couple of Christmas trees in the very near future, and others too will be described next week, when the particulars are to hand.

The promotion exams are on, and many a little heart beats high at this time with suspense and anxiety.

The wind of last Thursday practically demolished the front door of our handsome south ward school. But the worthy chairman of the school board was not long in seeing that the injured member was repaired and the Sandford firm attended to the job.

Fenelon Falls lost a worthy member by the death of Mrs. Jones, sr., last week. The deceased lady had been ill for some time and was well known and highly respected. She leaves a number of children and grandchildren to mourn her loss, and they have the sympathy of their many friends in their hour of bereavement.

Obituary

HENRY WALTERS
No man in recent years was more identified with the architectural and municipal interests of this town than Mr. Henry Walters, who died in the hospital at Winnipeg on Friday, November 28th last.

Mr. Walters was a son of Mr. Henry Walters and was born in the parish of Marytavy, Devonshire, England, in 1850. When a child he came to Canada with his parents, who settled in Kingston. A year later his father died.

In 1867 Mr. Walters came to Lindsay and engaged in boat and targe building with his brother, Mr. Thos. Walters. Later they built the locks here and did government contract work at Peterboro. About 1875 Mr. Walters built some public works in Western Ontario, and afterward built St. Paul's and St. Andrew's churches here and the Collegiate Institute.

For several terms Mr. Walters sat in the town and county councils. He was reeve, deputy-reeve, councillor and mayor. The latter position he filled in both 1894 and 1895. He was a man of strong personality, genial temperament and keen practical intellect.

For the past few years Mr. Walters had been associated with McKenzie and Mann in the construction of the Canadian Northern Railway. A week before his death, he went into the hospital at Winnipeg and seemed to improve in health, but hopes of his recovery were blighted by his sudden death. The funeral, on Thursday, Dec. 4th, conducted from St. Paul's church, was largely attended. A widow, daughter and two sons survive him.

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The Coming Christmastide.

We're excellently prepared and equipped for it, and, as always our establishment is headquarters for Holiday Purchasers, useful gifts are the order of the day, and with Daintiness and usefulness in view we have selected our Christmas Novelties. The low prices are helpful to the Holiday Shoppers.

- HOLIDAY HANDKERCHIEFS. The daintiest new patterns in profusion and they have arrived for the holiday season, in the newest Irish Linens and Lawns, also Japanese Silks. Pretty, dainty and very much in vogue. They are exceedingly acceptable for Christmas gifts. We have made the prices especially attractive for that purpose.
-Ladies' Hemstitched Lawn Handkerchiefs, fine sheer lawn, clear hemstitch, at only 3 for 10c or each 4c
-Ladies' fine lawn handkerchiefs, with 2-inch footings and Valenciennes lace edging; 2 others Lace corners and edge also insertion; 2 others in a neat folding box with corner suitable all lin. with narrow hemstitch, Extra... 12c
-Ladies' fine lawn handkerchiefs, hemstitched; six in a neat folding box with fancy cover for presentation. One pair in box. Only per box 25c
-Better quality lawn Handkerchiefs, six in a neat box with Lithograph lid or cover. Neatly put up. Only per box 50c
-Your choice of one pretty folding box containing three lace-trimmed Lawn handkerchiefs, or one plush box containing four extra value fine hemstitched linen handkerchiefs for 75c
-Fine quality Linen Handkerchiefs, four in a neat plush box—assorted colors—photo in-laid cover. Extra special value per box... \$1
-White Silk Handkerchiefs—good full size—wide or narrow hemstitch, Initials or plain. Extra value at 25c
-Large size white Silk Handkerchiefs, Extra quality silk, wide or narrow hems, plain or initial, a good wearing quality, each 50c
Travellers' Samples Colored and Brocaded Handkerchiefs at 1-3 less than regular price
This lot comprises the entire silk handkerchief samples of a well known silk house. They are in assorted colors, both plain and fancy, also White Brocades and small spot patterns. The selection is large as they are almost all odd-sized designs. Prices range: 35c, 40c, 50c, 60c, 75c, 85c—all extra values
Linen Table Covers 2 yds by 2-1/2 yds—all linen \$1 75, \$1 50 and \$1 25
-Also hemstitched, 2 yards x 3 yards, all linen, \$4 and special 3 49
Dainty Embroidery Linen from Ireland Tamboored Shams, Drapes, Etc from Switzerland, Christmas Novelties—our direct importations
Our foreign purchase of Xmas Novelties in Pillow Shams, Pillow Covers, Dresser Covers and Sideboard Drapes are now on display. These are the handwork of the peasants of Ireland and Switzerland. Extra nice for presents, being extra nice and serviceable.
-Fine Swiss Muslin Pillow Shams, hemstitched frill and beautifully embroidered in floral and bow designs, at per pair 2 75
Dress Covers to match Splasher or Wash Stand 90c sizes 18x45 each only 1 15 Covers to match 2 00
-Fine India Lawn pillow shams, all over applique pattern, size 30x30, extra value per pair 2 00 Dresser Covers to match—size 18x 54 only \$1 25
-Damask Linen Side board drapes, fringed and drawn work centres, size 17x56, also Irish linen sideboard drapes, 2-inch hemstitched border, spot and floral designs, embroidered ends and open work stripe centre, size 23x46, 50c
Your choice 75c
-Fine quality Brussels net dresser covers, all over applique patterns, size 14x46. Each for only 75c
-Irish Linen side board drapes, 2-inch hemstitched border, heavily hand embroidered and drawn centres, size 18x48—only each 85c
-Damask Linen Tray Cloths, fringed and open work centres, size 14x32, each 25c
-Fine quality Irish linen D'Oyilles, 1-inch hemstitched and embroidered in floral designs—5 D'Oyilles in set—only 90c
-Fine quality five o'clock tea covers, Irish manufacture, 2-inch drawnwork corners, size 32x32, each 65c
-Warranted pure Irish Linen tea covers, hand embroidered and drawn work centres, size 36x36—each only 1 40
Table Napkins
—Magnificent range of all linen, from \$5 per dozen down to 5-8 size, only per dozen 65c

Toys, Games and Dolls--Second Floor.

A great part of our second floor is given over to their display. This display of foreign and domestic toys, games and dolls is by far the greatest and most fascinating we have ever shown—from the simplest to the most elaborate, is amazing in its variety and full of keen interest to both young and old. Little folks are welcome—bring them while the assortments are fresh and new.

- Novelty Neckwear for Xmas A nice yet inexpensive Christmas present. Something always appreciated—a tie—With us this is a crowded section. The very newest shapes and choicest silks are here. They come in the new flowing ends, derbys, strings, bows, puffs and knots. Many of these are exclusive designs, the result of our personal purchasing direct from the manufacturer. For this season we are showing an exceptional range at only each 25c and 50c
Men's Neck Scarfs Padded Coat Scarfs, all new Silks, well lined and made. Choice range of black and colors. Prices range 50c, 75c, \$1 and \$1 35
Way's Knitted Mufflers—water color lar design and effect, assorted colors. Good quality material at only each 25c, 50c and 75c
10c. Will Buy. Lace edged Handkerchief, Photo Frame, eazel back, Fancy China Cup and Saucer. Fancy box writing paper and envelopes.
Story book—fancy colored cover. Set Child's Toy Dishes. Also large assortment of Toys, games and dolls—one table full to select from.
25c WILL BUY
Sett Glove and Handkerchief boxes
Fancy box containing six handkerchiefs.
Fancy Dressed Doll. Silk Belt with fancy buckle. Four lace edged Handkerchiefs. Medallion Souvenir of Lindsay. Portfolio—leatherette covered. Bisque figure; Cocoa Cup. Japanese Tea Set—two pieces. Japanese Crumpled Trail. Match Scratches—several designs. Fancy Box Writing Paper and Envelopes.
Fancy Work Basket—Tucked Lawn Apron. Sett Table Mats. Celluloid Photo Folder. Story books—colored illustrations. Sett Pyramid Blocks. Art Copy—"The Holy City." Fancy China Cup and Saucer. Letter Seal-crest top. Button Hook. Pair Tweezers. Glove Buttoner. Paper Knife.
50c. Will Buy. Toys, Dolls, games, steam engines, steam yacht, etc. Sett Child's Toy Dishes. Child's Trunk. Fancy Tea Set—3 pieces. Fancy Box Handkerchiefs. Fancy Silver Ink Well. Fancy Glass Jewell Cases. Ladies' Chatelaine Bag. Fancy Gift Frame Medallion picture. Fancy Cigar cutter. Silk Handkerchief.
75c. Will Buy. Sett Ping Pong. Fancy Silver and Enamel Ink Well. Fancy box 3 lace edged handkerchiefs. beautiful Glass smelling salts bottle. Extra quality Silk Handkerchief. Case containing Pipe and Cigar Holder. Fancy Box containing four Ladies' Lace Ties. Medallion, Burnt wood frame. Handkerchiefs.

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HAPPENINGS A -Last week R. spectator Ontario bank the latter part of making his annual branch here. -The children at the dolls Neil is given \$2 worth of goods. -Mr. Stephen Oliver a license as auctioneer of Victoria. postoffice address is -Mr. L. Archambault the stand recently by A. J. Soanes, and sectionary business. -Interesting corner Oakwood, Omemee, Mansie Grove and other out this week, with issue. -A doll given with of \$2 or more at and Shoe Store—50 -Fowler & Co.'s cheapest Photograph To prove it, call any styles and prices on -The Federal Business opens Jan. 2nd. desirous of a thorough date to do well. -Big 30 Days' Sale at Mrs. Mitchell's. Goods and Mantles sacrifice. -50-4. -Now that the big are ready for orders. Repairing promptly. Nothing but the best. A large stock of hand proof boots on hand 14 William-st., Lindsay. -The People's Store place to buy your suits. What is more Christmas gift than shoes or a dainty. What affords more and pleasure to the Christmas? We best assortment and ber of new effects at prices. Store open ember 22, 23 and 24. -Have you read by George A. Powell character story and humor, and we go Journal. HURST, The Shoe to Enlay and Chan -Mr. W. Webster thank his many customers unstinted confidence, range, and to be compared to do all kinds of his line. Clocks of hauled and refitted repairing a specialty, and filed; skates, and finished so as Agency for the famous Skates and S warranted. Satisfaction or no charge. Business stored—51-1. -Oliver Langton struggles of a bright Lindsay boy, his efforts to adjust him and religious world book of permanent treated, 471 p.p., gilt Porter's or Little's say. -I want your You will save money. You are the best in you on that festival will be sure to get purchase at the Ontario best Tea, Coffee, Pickles, Peels, Jams, fact everything you your table luxurious. -49-8. -Have you read It is for sale at Post bookstores. -Speaking of G. "Oliver Langton" of Mishawaka, Ind. of the story is in some county in Ontario. High School. The local is the local interesting from sta