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EDITORIAL NOTES.

Our contemporary, the Dundalk *Herald*, gets off some good things every week under the heading, "among our Exchanges." Last week it contained the following pungent and sensible paragraph:—

"The Markdale Standard of last week contains a letter from "A Granger" in answer to the Flesherton paper's insinuation regarding "the buyers in a neighboring village." He gives the Advance man no opportunity for disclaiming the insinuation, but positively takes to heart that Markdale is the intended show ground and circus where these hopping clowns and jumping jacks referred to by the Advance are to be seen. Well, we have no wish to dispute their claim, though we did dispute the insinuation and whilst we congratulate the Markdale buyers on their acrobatic performances, we desire to take a back seat for the future merely looking on at the remainder of the "shin-dig." An item in regard to a Granger's letter worthy of notice is that he attempts to speak with authority under a *nomme de plume*, he says: "If an editor or town considers they are raising themselves by speaking evil of or ridiculing others, I consider their judgement exceedingly faulty." Who is I? A Granger. Who is a Granger? Nobody. Then what weight does he suppose his judgement and consideration can have? Verily none. The Advance man is known and respected; his utterances have weight in proportion to the circulation of his paper. But a Granger, who is he? It may be the editor in disguise, it may be Tom Tootle or Bill Tinker. No one knows and no one cares. But let us here inform a Granger that if he desires to speak with authority he must disclose his name so that people may at least know whose ideas they are following, otherwise his articles can have no weight, and the Advance man may turn the tables and say that your "article in itself is not worthy of attention."

Dundalk has a District Grand Council of "Ancient Order of Redmen." Some people may imagine, when they read this, that Dundalk is located somewhere on one of the late "Big Bear's" plantations, away out in the "great lone land, beyond the setting sun." As a matter of fact it is situated within ten or eleven miles of civilization!! [N.B.—That last word is a delicate allusion to Flesherton.

Dominion Councillor Buchanan, of Hamilton, strongly advocates the union of the Good Templars, Sons of Temperance, and Royal Templars, on the principle that "union is strength." We like the idea very much, and hope the scheme will be put into practical shape at an early date. It seems the chief objections come from the Good Templars. We have heard objections from other sources, but they can readily be met. If the more important obstacles can be as successfully dealt with, the union will only be a question of time. But, in this age of innovation, what guarantee have we that other temperance organizations would not spring into existence in case of the contemplated amalgamation taking place?

The Dundalk *Herald* has a sensible editorial, in its last week's issue, anent "Religious Instruction in Schools." We quite agree with the *Herald* that politicians indulged in a senseless warefare, when they introduced the question at the last provinciale lections. Whether the Ross Bible, or the one more particularly identified with the reign of that illustrious monarch, good King James I of England and VIth of Scotland, be used in our schools, the Teacher will be obliged—if he consults his owns safety—to avoid comment for fear of giving a coloring to his interpretation which might be at variance with that of some of the pupil's parents. And to avoid explaining the Scripture would defeat the very object of their introduction into our common school curriculum. It would soon become a mere matter of form. Unless taught in a more practical manner than at present, we cannot see what good it will do.

The following item has appeared in the Collingwood *Bulletin* for over two months in succession—never missing a week—

"Flesherton's new Roller Mill is expected to be in operation about New Years."

Of course we have no very strong objections to seeing it in the familiar old "Select paragraphs" column, sandwiched among patent medicine locals; but really a news item two months old is rather stale reading. If our friend of the *Bulletin* wishes to use it any longer to separate the "soothing syrup" item from the "Asthma" one, will he kindly change the wording somewhat. It would brighten those "select paragraphs," and would also help to boom us in better style.

Maxwell School Matters.

To the Editor of The Advance.

Dear Sir,—I noticed in the ADVANCE of last week, an epistle over the signature of James Buckingham regarding school matters in this place, and, only that people unacquainted with the circumstances of the matter might be led to think there was some foundation for his attack, I would treat his effusion with silent contempt which is the only merit it deserves. But in the first place he says he never did nor does not wish to say anything disrespectful of any of the Trustees. But what was his language one year ago? Why, that the Trustees were only a nest of rotten eggs, and other equally as bad names, and when called to task through THE ADVANCE he was not manly enough to even attempt a defence. I would like to know if there is any one who will say that his statements and actions are not disrespectful.

He only wished to know why the Trustees did not keep the late Teacher who gave such good satisfaction. Well in the first place Mr. B. never asked such a question either of the Trustees, nor at the annual school meeting. Neither did he ask any other question nor find fault in any way with the actions of the Trustees. But when he gets away privately with some of his kind there is nothing done to suit him. The question referred to was asked by another person at the annual meeting and answered to the satisfaction of all present, or at least such appeared to be the case as there was not a dissenting voice. He also says we had a ring formed. Well this is only another of his false insinuations got up to suit his evil mind. But if there was a ring formed I would like to know who was more anxious to join it than James Buckingham as he got himself set up as a candidate for Trustee and done his own canvassing and got beaten about 3 to 1, and even some of those who voted for him are ashamed of it. He does not want the school closed nor a cheap teacher employed, and so on; well, I am pleased to hear that he has become partially converted, as it is only two years ago since he took me to task as being guilty of giving a teacher too much salary when a much cheaper one would do just as well. But further comment is unnecessary although much more might be said. But in conclusion I would say to James Buckingham that if in the future he has any grievance in school matters to go to the trustees like a man, and I am satisfied that the gentlemen now composing the school board will give him justice every time, and if he has anything to say or write, to at least try and be truthful. Unless something of more importance comes up I shall in future treat his sayings by being silent.

W. LONG,
Ex-Trustee.

Maxwell.

From our own Correspondent.

Our mails from the east did not arrive between Wednesday of last week until Monday of this week owing to the bad roads which were never in a worse condition.

The mails between here and Flesherton were delayed two days, but this should be enquired into as the roads between Feversham and Flesherton were passable every day.

The Gospel Temperance Workers have been holding meetings here but owing to the stormy weather the attendance was small until Saturday night when it began to improve. The proceedings were much appreciated but talking to a scanty audience seemed discouraging.

A letter by Jas. Buckingham appeared in your paper criticising some remarks made by your correspondent a few weeks ago, but as your correspondent only gave what appeared at the time to be public sentiment it was not injustice to any one.

It is reported that our Township Clerk has resigned his position on account of too low salary.

Miss Ella Kerr, who has been attending the Collegiate Institute at Collingwood, is home, being ill, it is said, from overstudy.

Mr. Smith, one of the Gospel Temperance Workers gave one of his feet a severe cut on Monday last, having gone to the bush to enjoy a little exercise. He will likely be laid up for a few days.

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