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BURIAL REFORM

Every now and again the demand for burial reform crops out in the public press, but it has always heretofore produced little fruit. There was always something wanting to make it a success. Possibly the "lost chord" which was required to bring the question to a satisfactory climax has been discovered in the church of England Burial Society, of which branch societies have been formed in some of the larger Canadian cities, where the mortuary abuses are most in evidence. The other churches should take the matter up and assist in the good work. Speaking on this subject "Mack," in Saturday Night, makes the following pithy and truthful remarks:

"This thing, if adopted everywhere and carried out, would work a mighty reform. At present wherever death points its finger he not only leaves a victim, but he imposes a tax such as no other tyrant could levy in these days. When a person dies the head of the family, in his hour of grief, calls in an undertaker, who practically has a free hand to provide what he thinks fit and charge what he thinks fit. Whatever the theory may be, this is, in effect, the practice in the average case. A father will not haggle over the price of a coffin for his child, nor try elsewhere for a hearse that will cost less than the one offered. If prices are breached at all, the voice of the undertaker vibrates with so deep a feeling and has such a religious unction that the grief stricken parent feels that it would be sacrilege to complain. There must be such-and-such a coffin, so much crape, so many pairs of gloves, so many carriages for the pall-bearers and mourners, and so many for friends who desire to follow after. I know of a clerk who lost a child a few years ago, and the funeral cost him over one hundred dollars. Three-quarters of this sum was spent in unnecessary show, quite distasteful to the young parents, but they had in their hour of trial left the whole matter in the hands of an experienced undertaker, whose great kindness soothed them at the time but kept them in debt for months afterwards. This sort of thing probably happens every day. People seem to think—and the idea is encouraged by interested parties—that it is positively indecent to have a funeral without a row of hired carriages to follow the hearse—as many carriages as So and-so had when they had a funeral. Generally death follows an illness, sometimes a long illness—for doctors, who cannot save life, are generally fortunate in prolonging one's illness—and so the afflicted family is not in a position to indulge in the wasteful vanities of funerals. If associations are formed, and if well-to-do people join them, the fashion will soon change from lavish display to severe simplicity, and great good will be the outcome."

The Manitoba school question appears actually to have been settled at last, this having been accomplished at a cabinet meeting on Friday and Saturday at which delegates were present from the Manitoba government. The details have not been made public, but it is hinted that there is considerable of a compromise in the matter, with very less accepted than what was demanded by the minority or than was granted by the Remedial Bill. Among other things it is unauthentically stated that it provides for the employment of Catholic teachers in schools where thirty Catholic children attend, with half an hour for religious instruction at the close of the day's teaching. Provincial control of the schools is recognized.

A meeting of the Liberal Conservatives of Ontario will be held in Toronto on the 27th inst. for the purpose of discussing matters of general importance to the party. These conventions are being held in each of the provinces.

The American election contest is waxing warmer and warmer as election day draws near. McKinleyites claim that Bryan is losing ground and that McKinley is sure of election with 68 votes to spare.

Manitoba farmers ought to be happy this year. With good crops and prices sailing sky high there should be a grand Thanksgiving jubilee in the Northwest. Wheat has gone up with a bound during the past week, as high as 90 cents having been paid by the O'Gilvie and Lake of the Woods Milling Co. The Chicago market touched 79½ on Monday. Farmers in this county are not gainers by the rise, however, as very many of them have to buy their wheat. They would like very much to see a stir made in oats, but there appears to be no immediate likelihood of this.

Islam is only following out her old policy—her national policy—of sword and fire for everything that opposes Islamism. Toleration is a word without meaning to her. It may be interesting for some to learn that after the conquest of Persia in 641 by the Mohammedans the same identical scenes were enacted that we are witnessing at the present day. The Parsis of Persia, who worshiped the one true God and had one of the purest religions the world has ever seen, were after the conquest hounded like dogs, persecuted in every way even to the point of death as are the Armenians to-day, and those who did not accept compulsory conversion were forced to fly to India for safety. They were even there followed and driven farther. Perhaps no religious people were ever as a church more bitterly persecuted than these Zoroastrians of Persia and Gujerat. To-day, under the benign rule of Victoria, they number in Western India 85,500 souls. But Persia, within a space of 200 years of Mussulman rule, became totally converted to Islam. This is only one incident among many of the manner in which the murderous crescent has marched throughout the East and stalks abroad to-day apparently as vicious and victorious as ever—victorious because the nations of the north and west are too fearful and too jealous to touch her.

Poor, suffering Cuba! Weyler, the murderer, is still at his bloody work, but it is said the contest cannot last but a little time longer. What with rebellion at home and in the Phillipine Islands and enormous national debts, Spain cannot maintain the warfare. It is also announced that President Cleveland is about to recognize the independence of Cuba, and when that is done farewell to Spanish rule on that fair but ravished island. Antonio Maceo is the hero of Cuba, and his name will be immortalized in future history. What a rush of assistance would be his were President Cleveland to make his threatened declaration, and what a shout of joy would go up from the throats of a hundred million people on this continent at the overthrow of Spanish rule in Cuba! It is simply heartrending to read of the terrible devotional sacrifices which the native Cubans are making in this struggle. The women have taken up arms and are fighting like tigresses for their homes, and butcher Weyler is capturing them when he can and putting all to the sword. We are told that one woman martyr died with the shout upon her lips: "Vive Cuba Libre"—Long live Cuba and liberty. Too much execration cannot be heaped upon the fiend who can enact such scenes, and the government which sanctions them. The reading of it causes one's blood to boil with indignation. There are more than the poor bleeding Cubans who are saying fervidly—Vive Cuba Libre.

We mention in our local columns the fact of a large American eagle having been found dead in the bush near this town. The bird is very rare in Canada, and it is still rarer to have one come north to die. Many causes have been assigned for this particular specimen passing away to its forefathers. It is thought probable that it had listened to Bryan's great Chicago address and finding itself outscreamed by the wild-eyed audience decided that it could live no longer, and that its bones would not rest in peace on its native soil. Others say its mysterious death portends a disruption of the American commonwealth and that sorrow killed it. It is our own opinion, however, that the United States is so poverty stricken at the present moment that even the birds find scant picking and that the poor thing came north to find food, but died before it could recuperate. Possibly the change to peace and plenty was too sudden for its nerves.

Although there were no prizes offered for implements at the Clarksburg Fair, yet the judges were so favorably taken with J. Artley's I. X. L. Pump that they awarded him a Diploma. One of the judges said it was the best thing he ever saw. There were thirteen pumps shown against him. He also got first prize at Flesherton Fair, where a dozen was shown against him.

Auction Sale!

—OF—

Valuable Farm Property

—IN THE—

Township of Artemesia

UNDER and by virtue of the power of sale in a certain mortgage from William Smith to the Vendors, which will be produced at time of sale, and on default being made in payment of the moneys thereby secured, there will be offered for sale by Public Auction, by A. S VanDusen, Auctioneer, at

MUNSHAW'S HOTEL

—IN THE—

Village of Eugenia

—ON—

Tuesday, the 3rd day of Nov., 1896

At 2 o'clock p. m.

The following property, namely: Lot number forty in the tenth concession of the said township of Artemesia, containing 100 acres more or less, about sixty said to be cleared and cultivated. On the premises are said to be a hewed log house and barn, also an orchard. The property is situated in a first class district.

TERMS: 10 per cent. at time of sale, and for the balance terms will be liberal, and will be made known at time of sale.

For further particulars apply to

Messrs. BELLAMY & HENDERSON Flesherton, or to

MOSS, BARWICK & FRANKS Vendors Solicitors, Toronto.

Dated 8th day of October, 1896.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

To Creditors

RE ESTATE OF MARY BURNS

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Chap. 110, R. S. O., that all persons having claims against the estate of Mary Burns, late of the Township of Osprey, County of Grey, widow, who died on or about the 2nd day of August, 1896, are required to deliver their claims and full particulars of such claims properly vertified to the undersigned Administrator or to his Solicitors before the

15th day of Nov., 1896

And that after said 15th day of November, 1896, the Administrator will distribute the assets of the said deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they have had notice.

PATRICK BURNS, Feversham, Administrator.

By BRUCE & FAIR, Collingwood, his Solicitors herein.

Dated at Collingwood, the 10th day of Oct.

Equal Rights House

THIS STORE

Is filled up with New Dress Goods, Mantlings, Tweeds, Hats and Caps, Furs and everything that is required for man, woman or child. It would be folly on our part to commence telling you where these goods were manufactured, whether they have been imported from England, Germany or France, or that we bought them at great reduction in price. ☞ What will interest YOU THE MOST will be the astonishing low prices for these GOODS.

A few quotations in our

GROCERY : DEPARTMENT

Will Convince You

There is no one in our line of business, whether great or small, that can give better bargains. ☞ 2 lbs. Japan Tea for 25c. You may be paying 20c per lb. for the same and think you are getting a snap. 3 lbs. Black Tea for 50c. If you are using Black Tea and miss this chance of purchasing you will loose money by it. Toilet Soaps, 10c per box (only half the orginal price). 6 Scrubbing Brushes for 24c. 3 Brooms for 25c. Now is your time to buy GRAIN BAGS. We are selling them at $1.90 per dozen. Men's Braces, 2 pair for 25c. Women's Coarse Boots at 75c. Men's Long Boots, $1.50 and upwards.

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THE BEST OF

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Bran, Shorts, Rolled Oats, Standard Oat Meal.

Choice stock of Groceries, Lemons and Oranges. 2 bottles Pickles for 25c—best brand. Don't buy anything but the LEADER CHURN, it is the best. I sell it. A choice line of HARDWARE and GLASSWARE.

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On seasonable goods, and have full supplies in the following lines:

FLY NETS—Leather and Corded.

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RUBBER DASH APRONS,
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SWEAT PADS,
AXLE GREASE.

Come in and Examine

W. MOORE

Harnessmaker, Flesherton

M. RICHARDSON & CO

MANTLES

THIS WEEK!

It's chilly weather just now, and we must expect it cooler and cooler as October slips away. It's just the proper time to talk about

Mantles and Cold-Weather Clothing!

Spare us five minutes, please, we know we can interest you.

We bought a *lot* of MANTLES this season—bought them right too—but we think we have almost too many, and want to reduce our stock. Come in and see the exceptional bargains we are offering in this line, and remember, first comers get the best selections!

We are offering a Heavy Serge Mantle with newest sleeves, large lappels, inlaid velvet collar, latest style throughout, for $4 25, worth $6.00.

Mantle, same style as above, plain cellar, $3.85.

Beaver Mantles, browns, blues and blacks, from $3.50.

A few Mantles bought last season are offered regardless of cost. We want nothing but new goods in stock, so these

MUST GO

Clothing!

We have been going through our large stock very carefully and have weeded out any odd sizes and lines which we offer at sacrifice prices while they last.

Men's Serge Suits, $3.50, $3.75, $4.25, $4.75, $5.15 and $6.00.

Heavy All Wool Tweed Double Breasted Suits, $5.85. You can't afford to pass these values without buying.

Frieze Overcoats, Tweed Lined, $5.25, $5.75, $6.00 and $6 50.

Real Irish Friezes, $10.00, $11 00 and $13.00.

Pea Jackets. A splendid range in stock of this popular and useful garment.

Boy's Suits. All sizes, prices and patterns.

Our Friday Bargain Day

Is a grand success—busy from morning till night—crowds of purchasers!

Special Inducements for next Friday

Remnant Sale . . . Odd lengths—odd lines offered at rock bottom PRICES. BARGAINS in Groceries, &c., &c. Come in and see for yourself—you won't be disappointed.

Hardware Dep't

MRS. . . . . .

How is your Cooking Stove? Does it bake well, or does it leave the bread doughy? If the latter

Look Out For Rows

Your husband will have Dyspepsia. Then come the doctor's bills. We sell STOVES that are guaranteed to give satisfaction and having Steel Plate Ovens, use 50% less wood. The makes we handle are:

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Stewart's Good Cheer Stoves
McClary's Famous Stoves

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We will give some very special Shape in Tinware and Crockery.

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M. RICHARDSON & CO