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The first of these, made May 10th, 1897, is as follows: "When I commenced taking Doan's Kidney Pills I was sick and miserable with severe pains in my back and kidneys. I was also very weak and nervous. Since using these pills the pains have been removed, my nerves have been strengthened and good health has been restored to me. They are a splendid medicine for kidney trouble of any kind."

The second statement which we give below is of recent date, and shows what splendid health Mrs. Tramp has had since Doan's Kidney Pills cured her over two and a half years ago.

"Over two years ago I wrote telling of the cure made in my case by Doan's Kidney Pills. At the present time I am enjoying the very best of health, sleep well, eat well and my old enemies, backache and kidney trouble have never returned. Instead of misery and a broken down constitution, I have for the past two years enjoyed a fresh sense of the value and beauty of life."

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U.S.S. No. 1, Artemesia & Euphrasia.

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Clara Hurd, teacher.

Cheeseville school for February.

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S. J. Hall, teacher.

No. 6, Glenelg, for February.

3rd sr., Walter Arrowsmith, Martha Loxe, Mary Wiggins, Jno. Baird.
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2nd, Gertie Walker, Willie Love, Garfield Arrowsmith, Bella Leitch.
2nd (a) Mable McKennit, Walter Tebbutt, Violet Walker.
2nd (b) Edgar Wiggins.
1st, Enid Walker, Irene Leitch.

E. J. WILSON, Teacher.

S. S. No. 6, Holland, for January and February, 1900.

5th, Ernest Ritchie, Maggie Reid.
4th, Willie Clarridge, Lily Anderson.
3rd sr., Ida Bradley, Lizzie Sharpe, Mable Reid, Nelly Boyd.
3rd jr., Amy Gillespie, Willie Purves, Sadie Jackson, John Ritchie.
2nd, Charlie Gibson, Jennie Walker, Minnie Purves, Wesley Walker.
2nd pt. Bertie Ritchie, Lima Jackson, Will Coleman, Stephen Ransom.
1st, Roy Rowe, Alfred Gibson, May Stafford. K. B. McCormack, teacher.

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5th, Willie Walter, Lizzie Mower.
4th, John Walter, Laura Olmstead, Pearl Wickham, Grace Deleree.
3rd, George Bonnell, Myrtle King, Arnold Dayman, Minnie Deleree.
2nd, Eva Deleree, Edna King, Rob Ptolemy, Nettie Speck.
2nd pt., Johnnie King, Howard Dayman, Lizzie McQuaker, Willie Teeft, equal.
1st pt., Russel Speck.

Jos. J. Bailey, teacher.

The National Prayer

The following was originally printed in Rev. Hugh Pentecost's Twentieth Century. It is well worth preserving.

Oh, Almighty Dollar! our acknowledged governor, preserver and benefactor, we desire to approach thee, on this and on every other occasion, with the reverence which is due superior excellence, and that regard which should always be cherished for exalted greatness. Almighty Dollar! without thee in the world we can do nothing, but with thee we can do all things. When sickness lays its palsying hand upon us, thou canst provide for us the tenderest of nurses, and the most skilful physicians, and when the last struggle of mortality is over, and we are being borne to the resting place of the dead thou canst provide a band of music and an escort to accompany us thither, and last but not least, erect a magnificent monument over our graves, with a lying epitaph to perpetuate our memory.

And while here in the midst of misfortunes and temptations of this life, we perhaps are accused of crime, and brought before magistrates; thou, Almighty Dollar, canst secure to us a feed lawyer, a bribed judge, a packed jury, and we go out scot free.

Be with us, we pray thee, in all thy decimal parts, for we feel that thou art the one "altogether lovely, and the chiefest among ten thousand."

We feel there is no true condition of life where thy potent and all powerful charms are not felt. In thy absence how gloomy is the household, and how deselate the hearthstone; but when thou, Oh, Almighty Dollar, art with us, how gleeful the beefsteak sings on the girdiron; how genial the warmth that anthracite coal or hickory wood diffuses throughout the apartments, and what joy continues to swell in every bosom.

Thou art the joy of our youth and the solace of old age. Thou art the favorite of the philosopher, and the idol of the bankhead. Where an election is to be carried, Oh, Almighty Dollar, thou art the most potent argument of the politicians and demagogues and the umpire that decides the contest.

Almighty Dollar, thou art worshipped the world over. Thou hast no hypocrites in thy temples or false hearts at thy altars. Kings and courtiers bow before thee and all nations adore thee. Thou art loved by the civilized and by the savage alike with unfeigned and unfaltering devotion.

Oh, Almighty Dollar, in the acquirement and defence of human liberty thou has placed armies in the field and navies on the ocean. At the uplifting of thy powerful hand their thunders would break and their lightnings flash. Thou hast bound continents together by the telegraphic cables and made the varied products of our country available to all by a perfect net-work of railroads. The forest has been prostrated and the desert made to bloom as a rose.

We continue to regard thee as the handmaid of religion and the twin sister of charity.

Oh, Almighty Dollar, be with us, we beseech thee, attended by an inexpressible number of thy ministering angels, made in thine own image, even if they be but silver quarters, whose gladdening light shall illume the vale of penury and want with heavenly radiance, which shall cause the awakening soul to break forth in acclamations of joy.

Almighty Dollar, thou art the awakener of our energies, the guide of our footsteps, and the goal of our being.

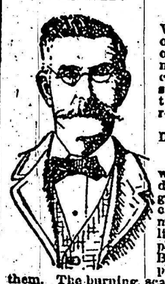
And now, Almighty Dollar, in closing this invocation we realize and acknowledge that thou wert the God of our grandfathers, the two-fold God of their children, and the three-fold of their grand-children. Permit us to possess thee in abundance, and in all thy varied excellences, is our constant and unwavering prayer. Amen.

Almighty Dollar, thy shining face
Bespeaks thy wonderous power;
My pocket make thy resting place,
I need thee every hour.

Sworn Testimony

Dominion of Canada, Province of Ontario, County of Wentworth, TO WIT:

In the matter of cure by ELECTINE KIDNEY BEANS of Patrick J. Williams, of Dundas, Ont.



I, PATRICK JAMES WILLIAMS, of the Town of Dundas, in the County of Wentworth, shoemaker, do solemnly declare and swear that the statement I have made this day is true and correct.

P. J. WILLIAMS.

Boot and Shoe Manufacturer. Age 63 years.

I have been troubled with kidney and bladder disease for five years, growing worse, medicines failing to relieve me, giving up hope of relief. August 15th a sample of Electine Kidney Beans was left at my place of business. I took them. The burning, scalding sensation which was so painful when I made water began to be relieved, although I had suffered in that way for a year, and the pain in my back that I could at times scarcely turn over in bed. I bought four boxes of the Kidney Beans from the Dundas Drug Company, and now feel that I am cured—no backache, no pains when I urinate. I cheerfully recommend Electine Kidney Beans to all sufferers of kidney and bladder disease which prevails among men of my age. Your remedy is a sure, a quick and great cure.

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OF THE
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OF THE
MARKDALE Public School Board

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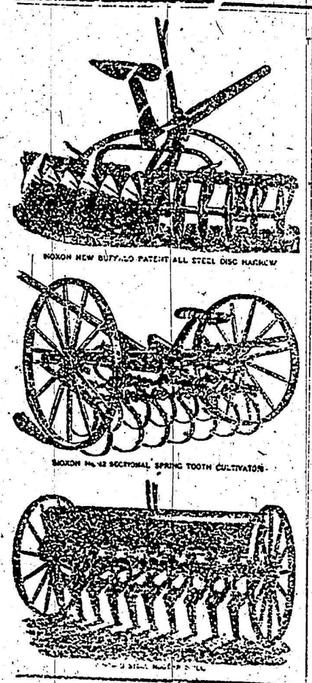
RECEIPTS

Balance from 1898	$756 43
County Grant, continuation classes	25 00
Government Grant, ordinary	121 52
" " continuation classes	49 85
Taxes in part	847 75
S. S. No. 14, Artemesia, award of arbitrators	63 00
Non resident fees, including S. S. 14, Artemesia	53 80
Money borrowed of Lucas & Co	275 00
	$2292 35

EXPENDITURE

Teachers' Salaries	$1285 00
Paid back money borrowed of Lucas & Co	275 00
Interest on same	4 96
Caretaker	85 00
Fuel	77 00
Paid S. S. No. 14, Artemesia, per award	70 00
Blackboard, furnace repairs, supplies, etc	41 80
Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1899	453 59
	$2292 35



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