MY WORK

Let me but do my work from day to In field or forest, at desk or loom, In roaring market-place or tranqui

Let me find it in my heart to say, When vagrant wishes becken me This is my work, my blessing, not my Of all who live I am the one by whom This work can best be done in my own To suit my spirit and to prove my

Then shall I cheerfully greet the laboring hours And cheerfully turn when 'the long shadows fall eventide to play, and love and rest, decause I know for me my work is

-Henry Van Dyke.

A FATHER'S SACRIFICE

In former days it was the ambition of a Scotch peasant, poor as he might be, to see one of his sons in the pulpit. Sir Walter Scott relates a pathetic instance of the intensity of this am-

Scott, while attending lectures at the University of Edinburgh, made acquaintance with a youth who so interested him that he frequently invited the lad to stroll into the country: One day they met a venerable, "blue gown," a beggar, clean and durry, whose traditional outside garment, whence the name of the mendicant toga of a Roman senator.

Scott gave the beggar alms, but his companion exhibited restless con-"Do you know anything to the dis-

henor of the old beggar?" asked Scott, seeing the hervousness of his fellow-

ing in the wind that he may get means to pay for my education."

Scott kept the lad's secret and held on to his companionship. For several days the youth's seat was vacant, and on Scott again meeting the "blue gown," the old man said:

"God bless you! You've been kin to. Willie, 'He' has often spoken of you. Come to my roof and see him, for he has been sick. Scott went to the beggar's cottage, and found Willie stiling on the bench before the door enjoying the sunshine. The voluntary beggar welcomed him and they sat down to a dinner of mutton and potatoes. During the con

versation the old man exclaimed, with "Please God, I may live to see my bairn wag his head in a pulpit yet!" Scott told his mother about Willie and the old "blue gown," and through

TIME OUT FOR LUNCH

of Scotland.

As most people know, there are a Sometimes, indeed, they are looked in seem so good and true." Their only means of communication with the brakeman is an electric bell

confusion and alarm. -

road furnishes the lunch.".

ground down upon the wheels; the Mr. Sharp was in his 72nd year. ocomotive whistled; and the train stonged so suddenly that several people were thrown to the floor. There were member when George Stoddard kept

"Why did you do it?"

HYMNS UP TO DATE

Burroughs.

"and I like to hear it; but there's one the plate in Acton. Remember this thing -I've noticed. It may be just was fifty years ago. chance, but I've noticed it a good

straight backs, and sang with all their

fortably back in softly cushioned pews and Messrs, R: Nicholl and J. Haggart, and listen to the choir singing: I may be mistaken, but it comes home es were delivered by Rev. R. B. Cook to me every now and then that hymn- Rev. D. B. Cameron, Rev. George W.

language?" is an inquiry that fre- singers in Acton in those days, and quently turns up'in an editor's mail, were always cordially welcomed. swer would take too much space. ins fong been prominent in local Esquesing; W. D. Lyon, M. P. P.

established a motor-cab service. The John Waldle, Burlington; W. H pleasing German name for his vehicle Young, Oakville; Col. Clay, Norval; is "automobiletexameterdroschken." | W. McEnery, Bollinfad; J. Clements. It is said that despite the prepos, Milton; Dr. Buck and Henry Robinson, terous title, the new cabs are remark- Esquesing; John Ramsny and James ably handsome and graceful. But if Menzies, Nassagaweys, and Henry there is anything in a name, the motor Poster and Thomas Alton. Nelson. sheriff. carriages introduced into some parts They were a bunch of stalwarts, and of Belgium should instantly become Halton County never elected a finer away hacked and top-heavy. The lot of men to represent her. W. D. Flemish name for aniomobile is, "anel- Lyon, John R. Barber and John Waldie parrdelooszoonderspoorweg - petrool- became members of Parliament; and

INTERESTED IN HIS RIGHTS

- Some perents still-believe in the old " Esquesing Agricultural Society had adoge that sparing the rod spoils the an Acton man, for its President fifty child. An Indiana paper tells of one years ago C. S. Smith, Esq. The fair of this class who strole into the school had a successful year under Mr. C. S. and confronted the teacher after the Smith, and closed with \$108.89 in the scholars had been dismissed for the treasury. Mr. Smith's successor was

"Yes, sir, I did," the terrified teach- a century ago "qiy, friend, Sandy "Every man, said the banker, "aler responded, but I did not whip him Waldie, was a Director. William ways wants to do something outside "That's what I'm complaining the Board." about," rejoined the parent; "you did not wallop him half enough. Now, look here. I am one of the largest which will be of interest to Massage . "You wouldn't be a good one. I am Pray a little offener; taxpayers in this school district; and ways renders and former residents of a successful banker, but I always have Love a Hitle more; my boy is entitled to as good a whal- the township. Fifty eyears ago this wanted, to write a book. And now Cling a little closer



OLD TIMERS

You can tell them, the old timers Perhaps it is the hat they wear, or the way way your gaze they greet. old timers with their class,

class, was worn as though it was the They seem to know they don't belong, they quietly drop behind, They'd give and take, you'd toe the

though time has had its way,

There are no girls now would have a

can tell them, and I love them, . the girls and fellows, too, they seem so good and true. They may have had their stories, but I never heard one tell,

Then here's to the old timers all,

they guard their secrets well. can tell them, and I love them, for · we have an album full, The old timers passing on their way my heart they always pull, The old ladles look so stately, they always are so neat When I see them an the album, or meet

her influence the mendicant's son was appointed to a tutorship in the north ments in the English railway coaches the girls and fellows, too; the old day and opportunity, and he appearin which passengers are isolated timers with their manners, for they ed to have no other pleasure in life.

that must never be rung except in an you remember the day that fine old town on business. He had a horse ways stops the train, and creates great an esteemed resident of the second at the time that winter. When he line, received injuries at the Main St. was in the neighborhood of Barber's One day an old lady, very near- radiway crossing which resutted in his Paper Mills his horse became frighta boy sat. She and the boy had the ing a train came along and frightened upset, and Mr. Adams was thrown to frairs Church is burning up." compartment to themselves. The his horse. Mr. Sharp attempted to the frezen ground and rather badly train started, and the old lady looked hold his horse by the head, but the injured. He was lying unconscious feet, causing severe internal injuries. revived and proceeded to Georgetown was out." The youngster smiled mischievously. The injured man was taken to his "That bell," he explained, "is to ring home at the corner of Church and when you want something to eat. The John Streets, next to Mr. John Camoron's home. After three days' of in-The old lady nedded. Half an hour tense suffering, he died on New Year's went by; then she leaned forward, and Day. This was the first week in Janrang the bell. Instantly the brakes wary, 1876, just fifty years ago, and

Wonder how many readers can, re-

shricks. Windows were lowered, and what he called a fruit and oyster heads protruded. Guards ran from bassar in the front room of the house carriage to carriage. Finally one ap- where he lived-the house where Miss proached the old lady's compartment. Graham and Mrs. Armstrong now re-"Who rang that bell?" he shouted as side. George was a cooper, and worked for John Coats. He served oysters "I did, young man," said the old as a sideline at night. An old paper shows George's advertisement: "Geo. Stoddard has just fitted up and open-She thought a moment; and then ed a first-class fruit and oyster replied calmly: "I think you might basaar in the premises on the corner bring me some chicken sandwiches, opposite the store of Dickson & Mcand a bottle of orangeade."-Elgin Nab, Mill Street, where he will keep a good supply of fresh oysters, lobconfectionary. Oysters by the can or An 'old gentleman of eighty-two attention given to customers." George whose decasionally cynical speeches was quite a character; had been are always tinged with good humor, cook on a lake steamer at one time, was asked his opinion of modern and he cooked and served oysters himself in his front room. I think fully into Canadian life as properly leaving the foreman not convinced,

I know that some of my readers wil "When I was a boy the people went remember the entertainment in the old to two services a day, and sometimes Temperance Hall on New Year's night, three, and they sat on hard seats with half a century ago. The hall was jammed full. John Speight, who was Worthy Patriarch of the Sons of Tem-"'My God, the spring of all my joys.' perance, occupied the chair. A quar-"Now the congregation lean com- tette composed of the Misses Nicholi of Brampton, sang a number of choice "Art thou weary, art thou languid? songs in a superior manner. Address-Calvert, and Mr. Thayer, of Georgetown. Acton Brass Band also gave excellent music. The Sons of Temperance were prospering in those days, and I believe had over 200 members. "What is the longest word in the The Misses Nicholi were frequent

tion, he would dread to see it; the an- Fifty years ago Halton County Council was composed of Dr. Thus in Berlin one Herr Thein, who N. McGarvin, Acton; John Warre transportation interests, has recently ton; John R. Barber, Goorgetown;

Col. Clay and Henry Robinson were

both candidates for purliamentary.

Mr. J. B. Bessey, of Georgetown, with a Wagner concert, says the Christian "I understand you whipped my boy Mr. George Tolton, Acton, as Vice- Register. The programme did not At Prosident. And away back there half nlease them, and they began to talk.

I have just come across some notes always wanted to be a banker." ling as you give any other boy. Under month the people of Nassingawoya here's this man Wakner tries his hand. To the Father's love; stand that. If you slight him again tabdered a complimentary oyster sup- at music. Just listen to the stud! So life below shall liker grow

About forty of the leading residents Weekly Fashion Hint attended, and D. Henderson and J. H. Hacking, of Acton, were guests. The supper was held at Stingle's Hotel, at Brookville. S. R. Lister, Esq., of Campbellville, occupied the chair. He approunced at the opening that although the demonstration was being conducted on strictly tectotal principles-that King Alcohol was strictly prohibited from entering the room during the evening: Think of this fifty years ago. The people stood for the principles they believed in those days, as they do to-day. The chairman paid a very high compliment to the sterling integrity and excellent qualities of the guest of the evening. He had known Mr. Easterbrook for the past twenty-two years, and felt proud of the universal esteem in which he had been held. The late John Ramsay was one of the principal speakers of the evening. He contrasted the municipal institutions of that day with what they were a number of years ago, and noted the vast improvement which had taken place. Not many years before a person would require to have a large library, he said, and devote much of his time to studying the municipal law, to enable him to understand the duties of a Councillor, but now the numerous statutes were consolidated, and it was an easy matter to keep posted. Mr. James Menzies was there and commended the new ballot act which had just been introduced. He paid a high compliment to the worthy guest. Mr. George Norrish was one of the speakers. He spoke of the improvement of roads in What e'er it is, they have a way, those | Nassagaweya, and also referred to the new ballot act. For this he hadn't They will charm you by the way they much use. He was afraid it would cuitivate a bad principle. He preferred to see men vote openly and fearlessly. Mr. Robert Akins responded They were real men, they priz'd the to a toast on "Temperance." He said most, and you're poor without a it might appear strange to talk temperance in a tavern, but the temperance cause had a good bottom and a mark, but they always play'd the substantial structure was being rajsed upon it. It had got its head above The old girls, too, I can't forget, even the mire and was making great progress through the land. George Ram-"God forbid!" said the youth. "He Their eyes retain their former charm, shaw upheld the manufacturing interthough their locks be thin and ests in a few remarks. Mr. D. Henderson spoke of the commercial interests of the country. In the absence of any member of the legal fraternity to respond to the toast of that probull." was called upon, and he made all a humorous speech. Mr. Stingle, the landlord, and a German friend, favored

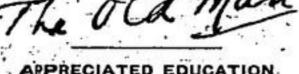
> I wonder how many of my readers barn." recall that he was in those days a up." character in the community. A son And these old timers are always of one of the founders of the place, proportion in disaster was manifested thes of all us old folks when he says: -the desire to amass wealth. He suc-But about the accident I started out to tell you of. On the first day of Speaking of old timers, I wonder if February Ransom drove to Georgestation, where he took the train for weak and exhausted condition, and on found that several of his ribs were fractured, his olbow joint injured, besides several scalp wounds. It was would not survive his injuries, but his stalwart frame withstood the shock, again; The herse he drove that day was one he had bought the day before,

and a German mouth organ. Of all

survives. John Ramsey, Ex-Warden

Perhaps next week I may be to think up another lot of fifty-yearold incidents of life and doings about

The buggy was smashed to pieces.



APPRECIATED EDUCATION

Edmonton. Magora came to the pro- of a Hogical mind. vince many years ago, and took up a homestead. He has always had keen family, and as a result to-day he has school of agriculture, Alberta. In ad- casion a memorable one. sult of the financial aid given him the proud mother, "now youby the little Ruthenian homestonder, little man!

'An . lrish widow with a quick wit no day received a call from a sheriff Be sure that your success is not the gan in formal-fashion:

"Well, I know 'tis leap year, but I big, hard, splendid achievements. The prefer to let you do the courting your- mere trying is worth more than

"Mrs. Phelan, this is no time for fooling. The justice is waiting."

OUT OF HIS PROVINCE

Gordon, Acton, was also a member of of his own work." "Yes," answered the soap-maker. manufacture good soap, and yet I've Speak to all more kindly



EVENING MODES FEATURE

SMART DETAILS In designing the frock to the left, Fashion skilfully employes allover lace, which may be run with gold or silver threads if desired. Or, the model may be reproduced in Geor-gette crepe, chiffon, etc. The dress has an oval neck front and back. At the back is also a cape of self-mate-rial, to be omitted if preferred. In medium size the dress requires 47/8 yards 36-inch material. Lace is combined with chiffon velvet in the development of the second model, the lace forming the circular, panels at the sides and the cape at the back. Developed in plain crepe de Chine, with long sleeves added, this model also makes a lovely afternoon frock. The neck may be cut in V-shaped or oval outline. Medium size requires 23% yards 36-inch velvet and 3½ yards 33-inch allover lace.

OF NO CONSEQUENCE

The neighbors of two good New in fact, shoved his bags between my England maiden ladies, twin sisters, feet and stood on the steps. dialogue which float through open the woods. As we swayed and joited window or door, since the two are over the rough road, I told the drumslightly hard of hearing and the voices mer what I thought of a plan that so fession, Wm. Rood, "Mayor of Knatch need to be raised. Not long ago Miss far had only kept us from getting bull." was called upon and he made Clarissa, who had been busy in the souts in the orgalius. In the dark I leitchen all morning, but at the moment was up in the attic seeking a bunch of deled herbs, was heard callthe company with music from a flute ing down in agitated tones: "Idella! Idella! I'm sure I amell! who attended this happy historic smoke. For mercy's sake, see if anygathering, not one of the company

thing's afire!" "Don't worry, Clarissa; it 'isn't of the County, and George Ramshaw, the house!" Miss Idella shouted back from the front-door, whence she had just watched the fire-engine go tearing past, "it's Jonas Simpkin's new

can remember the accident which be- - "Is that all?" screamed Miss Chrisfel Ransom Adams fifty years ago this sa. '"I've got two ples in the oven, winter? The old timers will always and I thought they might be burning on the billiard-table."

welcome in the old home, or those yet he lived a life in great contrast to in an incident related by Dean Ramwho never left the old home are here, his progenitors. They were preachers, say in his reminiscences. The burnready to welcome the other old the useful old type of saddle-back ing of the famous Greyfrairs Church timers when they come back to visit preachers, who went about everywhere in Edinburgh occurred one Sunday the haunts of their earlier years. Mr. proclaiming the gospel. Ransom ap- morning, and the young people of a Ryan, in his poem, expresses the feel- peared to have but one object in life house which backed upon the churchnumber of small rooms or compart- "I can tell them, and I love them, all coeded very well, too, for a man of his were preparing to start for church, to

responsible for her duties. Hearing unwonted commotion and excited outemergency or crists. This bell al- pioneer, John Sharp, for many years and buggy, there being no sleighing hobbling from her basement klichen, crying anxiously at each stair:

sighted, got into a carriage in which death. As he approached the cross- ened and ran away. The buggy was the girls from the window. "Greyabout. Seeing the bell, she said to the frightened animal threw him to the when picked up shortly after by some tween gasps. "What a fright ye geed boy, "I hint used to railways. What's ground, stepping on him with his fore parties that were passing, but soon me, I thicht ye said the parlor fire

He was a sturdy, good natured-looking man, but evidently enjoyed leaning on his hod and commenting on what passed around him, much better than he did active work. The cry of

'mort-mort" usually rang out several times before he heeded it. coming upon the man at one of the work, said: moments when he was "restin' a bit." why don't you attend to your work and keep that man going?" "Shure, now," said Pat, shifting his feet, and turning a broad-smile upon the foreman, "if I was to kape him

An example of how certain types to say at all; an' if he didn't say anyof foreign settlers who come to Alberta thing, how would I know he was there are determined that their children at all? An 4f he wasn't there, for what shall obtain a complete Canadian edu- would be be wantin' of morther, sorr?" cation, in order that they may enter . And Pat marched off with his hod, "It's all very fine," he said dryly, he was the first to serve oysters by equipped settlers of many years stand- but certainly confused, by this reing in the Bon, Accord district north of markable exhibition of the workings

a son and tlaughter attending high mature age of three, and was about school in Edmonton, and another son to discard his petticoats for manly preparing to take the course in agri- raiment in the form of knickerbockers; culture this term at the Vermillion his mother determined to make the ocdition to this he financed the son of The breakfast table was laden with brought back to normal with Rheuma. an old friend of his for his school and good fare as the newly-breeched in-

college course, and this boy, as a re- fant was led into the room. "Ah," cried sleep comes to those who have been was able to complete his education and . The fledging was in ecstasies. Dis

WILEN SUCCESS IS CHEAP

who had a writ to serve on her. Ac- result of a cheap ambition. You may cording to the Pilot, the widow saved set a goal that you can reach withhe day by some rapid-fire courting out striving and without strain, but with the guarantee of money back if "My dear sir," she said, blushing, to fall because you aimed so high tha you could not do quite all you hoped. Extract Tablets Fine For "You don't understand me. - You although you but into the project al must proceed to court," said the the effort and all the energy you poss- Thin Underdeveloped Kids

Men are much better at that cheap and easy success. A RIDDLE RHYME

"The justice waiting! Well, then, My first is in happy, but not in sad. suppose I must go, but the thing is My second's in joyful but not in glad, grows up to be strong in body, keen so sudden, and, besides, I'd prefer a My third is in railway but not in train in mind and robust in health. My fourth is in pickle but not in lame - hitract from the livers of the lowly. My fifth is in riddle but not in guess, couldn't are the health, weight and the My sixth is in Ada but not in Bess, strongth producing vitamines that are My seventh's in youthful but not in old found in McCoys Cod Liver Extract A scap-maker and a banker were at My whole is a word that is dear to all over North and South Amereica.

> unitold loye. Answer-Holidays. HOW TO GROW

LAST AND FIRST

"Never marry if there's a way to avoid it," said a man to his scatmato in the car. "I had the habit, but I was cured by a fellow of more experlence. When I was younger L had to make periodical visits to a small town, now as city, that had already more business than it could properly take care of. On one of these visits I sat down in the train beside a stout, very comfortable-looking man whose large travelling bags proclaimed the commercial traveller. We got into conversation, and presently I found that I had told him pretty nearly all I knew about

our destination. "'Sackville,' as we will call it, was two miles from the railway-station, and a single omnibus served as the connecting link between the trains and the hotel. It wasn't much of a hotel. Such appit. was, however, there was considerable choice between its best and its worst, and it was well worth while for a traveller to get to the desk before many others had preceded

"As the train pulled into the station it was quite evident that most of us who were going to get out there were familiar with conditions. Every body except my friend, the drummer, was nervous and in a hurry. Men stood in the alsles wrestling with their overcoats, and a few blocked the door of the car even before the whistle announced our approach to the station. "'We're almost in,' I whispered to my new acquaintance, and started to get up and put on my overcoat. "'Never you mind, spin,' he replied, cheerfully. 'Let 'em hustle. You just follow your uncle, and he calmly fold-

"The train stopped, and the passengers made a rush for the door. The drummer got up slowly, settled his cont, and picked up his bag. Together we followed the crowd out on the platform, where it made a mad rush and scrambled poll-mell into the omnibus. When my friend and I reached the carriage there was only standing-room at the very end of it. The drummer,

ed his newspaper, and put it away in

seats in the omnibus. In the dark I could see only the vague outline of his bulky figure, but his voice sounded

choerful. "'Don't you worry,' he returned, in mysterious voice. Everything is all right and working lovely. Here we'are now, and the landlord waiting. "As he spoke, the omnibus drew up in front of the hotel. The drummer, who had been last to stop on the omnibus, was naturally the first to step off, and he was polite enough to step aside and give me first place at th

"As for the man who had hustled for first place on the omnibus, he slept

ELECTRICITY CHEAPER THAN CANDLES

At first glance we might be inclined think that our well-lighted homes of to-day would demand a greater outlay for illumination than the candle era. This is not the case, however. Sperm oil and candle light averaged twenty-five candle hours a night, or 9,000 a year, at a yearly cost of about wenty-two dollars.

age home ard 460 candles or eighteen times that of a century ago. The cost ! is only two-thirds of that which it was then, or less than three per cont.

DIPLOMATIC

sald the young mother. "I shall call her - Euphrosyne. Her husband did not care for the "Splendid!" he said cheerfully. "The first girl I ever loved was called

There was a brief silence. Then: "We will call her Elizabeth, after my mother," said the young wife, very

ALL IN THE DAY'S WORK

A story of a plumber and a painter is told in Everybody's Magazine. The painter arrived late one morning, and "Pat," said the foreman, severely, the plumber, looking up from his

"You're late this morning." "Yes." said the painter, "I had to stop and have my hair cut." "You didn't to do it on your employer's time; did you?" asked the "Why not?" said the painter.

Rheumatic Pains Go Swollen Joints Vanish

Lame people walk without aid; tism are now able to do their share for the support of the family. Rheuma is a wonderful remedy for

whispered, "Mummie, can I call pa Bill and neuraglia neys and bladder all at once and

McCoy's Cod Liver

Children Love Them Because They

It's your duty, Mother, to see that

ones a good appelite and put pounds of good healthy flosh on their bones. But be sure to get McCoy's. They are not expensive 50 Tablets-80 cents, and if you are not pleased with the improvement after 30 days-

A very sickly child, aged-9; gained 12

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Residence Service		. , ,	6.00	
Individual Line		\$2.05	\$2.05	.00
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It will be seen that in order to bring local telephone rates into line with our proposed new schedule, no change is necessary in the charges for residence service. The tendency is thus to encourage the development of residence service.

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> G. H. LANTZ: Manager The Bell Telephone Company



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