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### THE COUNTRY TEACHER

Who walks to school through drifts of snow, And breaks the road too, don't you know? When it is twenty-two below? The country teacher.

Who walks on a frosty winter day, Denies herself that the children Around the stove or furnace stay? The country teacher.

Who gives to untrained minds the light? Who helps to get an example of For generations not in sight? The country teacher.

Who manages thirty with perfect ease? Who teaches them to say "Thank you" and "Goodbye"? And acts of courtesy like these? The country teacher.

Who has to find our Mary's last cap? Who has to settle our Tommy's scrap? And who to blame if they get the strap? The country teacher.

Who is expected to lend a hand To the Institute or the Mission And behind each enterprise to stand? The country teacher.

—By One of Them.

### THE SURVEYOR'S TELESCOPE

How Far Can the Surveyor See With the Aid of the Telescopes?

A question commonly asked the topographical surveyor is, "How far can you see with the telescope of your transit?" The answer is, "I can see in a rather bad form, as with the naked eye, unassisted by a telescope, we can see stars in the sky which are really many miles from the earth. What is really meant, however, is, "How far is the greatest distance at which you can detect certain details with your telescope?" For it is generally known, the duty of a transit is to make objects appear closer than they are. Thus, if a tree one mile away is observed through a telescope magnifying one-hundred times, it will appear as if only one-twelfth of a mile distant. This property enables the surveyor to mark roads on his roads which would otherwise be invisible to him.

The use of a surveying instrument permits the instrument to be accurately pointed in any direction. In this way it performs the same function as the sights of a rifle with far greater precision, of course, than would ever be possible with bare sight. Indeed, before the invention of the telescope, astronomers and surveyors had to employ bars fitted with slides to make their operations.

Telescopes, like people, may be good or bad. It is not unusual for a surveyor to be provided only with wood or iron to make accurate maps.

In connection with the work of mapping our Dominion carried on by the Topographical Survey Department, the instrument is maintained at Ottawa where, among other things, the telescopes of all instruments intended to be used by the surveyors are tested before they are accepted from the instrument makers. The test is severe, and telescopes which do not meet the required specifications to pass. But the inferior instruments are at once detected and much expense and annoyance is saved that would result from sending instruments with low grade telescopes into the field.

### THE FIRST ADVERTISEMENT

In this day, when millions of dollars are spent each year for advertising various products, it is interesting to know that the art of publicity is still in a very simple manner. Indeed, it appeared in a London publication known as "The Moderate," a little advertisement which publishers tell us is the first known one recorded for which money was paid. It was the initial effort to interest others in the value of the printed word. This little advertisement was inserted by a man who lost a horse, and read as follows: "He who has a horse, and endeavored to inquire after a blacksmith, and a saddle of palford N.Y., very poor his face and flank white, and a little white tip on his tail. He was seized from grammar school, John Johnson, of Barnet in Hertfordshire. Whoever will inquire, will find out, and bring of some tidings of him, shall have what compensation you will for their pains."

This first advertisement brought results, for in a few days a hundred were located, in a person several miles from the point where the animal was found. This story soon spread, and it was not long before various business houses were being approached with advertisements inserted in the magazines of the day. However, when the public first started business men they had to make a confession of failure to have their advertisements printed. —E. W. G.

### AS AN ENGLISH DOCTOR SEES IT

Dr. Charles Potter, medical officer of health for Meriden, speaking on prohibition in America before an audience in Stock, England, declared a full month's tour of the United States investigated methods of public health administration convinced him of the rightness of the law in America.

Dr. Potter said the customs officer who met him at the docks was very strong on alcohol, but because the first individual he met in New York said his drinking did not convince him that the禁酒令 was a failure. "You might as well as the author of 'Richard III' be a failure." Bernard Shaw has written a play or two, Shakespeare was a failure.

On the medical side he found cases of chronic disease due to alcohol. He was informed at the medical schools at Harvard, and elsewhere that one could find cases of cirrhosis of the liver, tuberculosis, particularly of the lungs, Dr. Potter found to be diminished in the United States. He learned that physicians were in the distribution very largely to prohibition.

Dr. George Pash, reading the people of Great Britain are watching the United States with something more than interest, noting that if America makes good in this matter the movement will spread to all other nations.

### ECONOMY

A new maid was being engaged. "Can you be let to run the whole house?" asked the maid. "I am used to that!"

"And another thing," continued the mistress, "I want you to have me be very economical!"

"Oh, I'm very much that way, ma'am! My last mistress discharged the for the very reason, ma'am!"

"What?" asked the lady in astonishment. "Discharged you for being too economical?"

"Yes, ma'am," answered the applicant, who by the way, was not engaged. She had been used to wear her clothes to save money.



THE OLD TOWN

The old streets look familiar As I wander back to-day. The bridges over which I used to step Were once modern in their time. But now my eyes they are shabby, And the old town seems dim. Somehow a faded glory Almost holy, too, it seems. Around the little village Where I dreamt my childhood dreams!

It's good to see the old place After wandering all these years. But why the lonesome feeling? That's where I've come to stay. There swoops over me a sadness That I cannot quite explain. That's where I've come to stay. The old town seems dim.

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—Catherine Elizabeth Hansen

### SCHOOL TRUSTEES: EIGHTY YEARS AGO

Last week I gave you some of my recollections of school masters of Acetona School for the past thirty-three years. I believe you older folks will enjoy seeing a list of the School Trustees of the early days. I am for- givably old to go back for eighty years in succession, so here goes:

1826—John Allan, Chairman; Francis Sidney Smith, Secretary of the Trustees Board, kindly lent me a copy of the old book which had been in his custody. He said it wasn't worth the trouble to get it out, so I'll just give you a few details.

1827—Malcolm Kennedy, Chairman; Samuel Smith, Alex. Grant, Duncan Hall, and Robert Swan.

1828—Kenneth Cameron, Chairman; Alex Hall, Alex. Grant, and Duncan Kennedy.

1829—James Cameron, Chairman; Alex Hall, Alex. Grant, and Duncan Kennedy.

1830—John Holgate, Chairman; James Cameron, Alex. Hall and Alex. Grant.

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1832—John Holgate, Chairman; James Cameron, Alex. Hall and Alex. Grant.

1833—Charles Davidson, Chairman; Lachlan McDonald, Jacob Snyder, and Thomas Moore, Sr.

1834—John Holgate, Chairman; Alex Hall, Thomas Moore, and Jacob Snyder.

1835—Jacob Snyder, Chairman; Alex Hall, Thomas Moore, and Jacob Snyder.

1836—Rev. John McEachan, Chairman; Dr. McGavin, Abram Matthews, and Thomas Moore.

1837—John Snyder, Chairman; Thomas Moore, and Abram Matthews.

1838—Duncan Kennedy, Sr., Chairman; Dr. McGavin, and Abram Matthews.

1839—Capt. William Allan, Chairman; Thomas Moore.

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