

HOME CIRCLE.

Georgetown Branch, No. 61, meets in the Oldspout Hall, first Friday in each month at 8 P.M. The next meeting of the Society will be furnished by the following:

D. McCormick, M. Marrett,
W. D. Watson, H. Jasper.

FORESTERS.

Court Case—The Mr. O. H. Peacock in the Oldspout Hall, first Friday in each month. President George W. Watson, Vice-President, with care off the following: J. Hammond, C. H. S. Clark, W. C. E. A. Adams, F. G. Scudder, R. G.

The Georgetown Herald.

THURSDAY, APRIL 15, 1892.

A QUESTION OF COSTS.

The Act of York Park, after reviewing the case of Halton v. the O.T.L., comes as follows:

"There now comes up a matter for serious consideration. No doubt the County has received the portions of the costs which granted the locus will fight to have given out of their share returned to them. It is but right that this judgment of the court should be carried out. County Councils are probably weaker than the towns that have sections of the county for whom they are now fighting and must continue to fight to the end shall whatever the ultimate result of the case may be provided for the payment of all costs in the trial with costs. There have been nearly \$2,000. We are informed of County funds already expended in connection with the interest of the case. What an understanding should be arrived at to who will pay the bill. Though we, in common with other municipalities not interested, seek no favors we do think that the cost of the trial should be underwritten. We hope our present Mayor, in consultation with others who occupy a similar position, will meet this matter at the next meeting of the County Council."

Assuming that the County Council would have power to assess the costs upon a section of the County, (which is exceedingly doubtful), we are not quite clear to the equity of our contemporary's suggestion under the circumstances. It is believed that, on account of certain concessions suggested by a certain (then) chief officer in a carlisle corporation, in Halton, the suit has been unnecessarily prolonged and costs proportionately increased. Under these circumstances the said corporation, which is outside the group, should, we submit, pay at least a third of the cost. It is, we agree, in this case, "high time" that an understanding should be arrived at. But the legal independence again comes up and the equity consideration as here suggested will be lost sight of. The proper way to act in the case, would be to deduct the costs from the amount, to be paid to the group. This will, no doubt require an act of parliament. This may suggest to our contemporary, the terms of whose remarks above, is slightly preposterous, the desirability of keeping perfectly calm on the matter until the case comes in to the County treasury.

THE BIBLE IN MODERN TIMES.

It is claimed by many persons that the foundations of the Christian faith are being removed and that orthodox opinions are vanishing like the morning dew before the rising sun. This is attributed to the work of the modern critics or as it is technically termed the "higher criticism." But there are just two points that have advanced our minds and though we do not profess to be able to follow the windings of sophistry and modern theology we believe that those thoughts are worthy of some consideration amongst common mortals, before we allow our ideas of things to be changed by those so called critics. The first is the character of the men who are posing as advanced theologians. In the majority of cases they are men who have no world-wide reputation as scholars or prelates. They are known only in their own families' denominations and are known there principally by their religious and ecclesiastical attainments. It is true that some are occasional scholars such as Dr. Phillips or Dr. Clarke and perhaps we ought to include Dr. Workman, who give their questions publicly. But the great bulk of the scholarship of the day, while they are interesting every foundation stone of the Christian faith, are making no noise about it, and we may add that so far as they have made public the result of their researches, their united efforts have gone to confirm the orthodoxy standards. The second point is to our mind still more important. The majority of the so-called critics profess to make their criticisms and assumptions—orthodox strictly along Biblical lines. They do not profess to adduce the authority of scripture but rather to show the absurdity of the orthodox interpretation of the scripture, and yet manage to say, their criticisms are neither criticisms of the text of scripture nor even of orthodoxy based upon scripture, but are rather a free statement of their own reasoning altogether apart from and independent of scripture. We could not but notice this fact in the published statements of Rev. A. M. Phillips' sermons on the statement. He professed to give an exposition of a doctrine which he found in scripture, and yet from first to last he aduced not a single scripture reference in support of his opinions. We believe these two thoughts should be kept in mind in our following of modern thought, and if the Bible is to be the standard, let us test every new theory by the Bible and not be driven hither and thither by every wind of doctrine.

THE HOUSE HAS ADJOURNED.

The House has adjourned until next Tuesday for the Easter Holiday.

CANADA AND HER TREATIES.

On the motion to go into Committee of Supply, Mr. Mills moved an amendment to the effect that Canada should make her own treaties. He spoke up to 6 o'clock and for an hour after recess.

Mr. Foster replied at some length, taking up the motion. He said it was in a better and stronger position as we are than we would be if we tried to negotiate our own treaties. He laid down the doctrine—that all the colonies were allowed to make treaties as they pleased it would inevitably lead to a dismemberment of the Empire. Mr. Mills' amendment was lost—of 100, 100 against.

SUPERIOR COURTS OF JUSTICE.

Mr. Inner asked "whether the government is aware that a number of United States papers, such as the *Bureau Express*, *U.S. News*, *Toronto Star*, and some like papers are sending copies of their Saturday and Sunday editions to different subscribers throughout Canada, by express without paying duty. In contravention of the customs laws of Canada and to the serious loss of newspaper publishers in the country, who are thereby subjected to unfair competition with American publishers, and again evades the payment of the postage due on newspapers imported into the country by express?"

Mr. Dowell replied—Newspapers, and any other mode of conveyance. There is, therefore, no contravention of the customs law by reason of such imports. No tariff item 702.

THE WHITE ROB WILLARD.

OTTAWA, April 11.—The writ for Willard was issued to-day and went forward to-night. Mr. John Patterson, a prominent merchant of Stephenville, is appointed returning officer. Nomination takes place on the 20th. This will be one of the hottest contests of the legislative session.

Mr. J. G. Patterson has received a part of the sum of the late Right Hon. Sir John A. McDonald from the hands of Mr. Dickson, Patterson. The licensee is a most striking one, perhaps equal to any extent, and so pleased is the Secretary of State with it that he had it hung on the wall of his office in the eastern block, where it will be admired by his hundreds of callers.

Now, Mr. Patterson presented to the House to-day copies of the judgment given

ITEMS FROM OTTAWA.

The Conservatives Hold A Caucus.—The Provincial Policies.

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