

Correspondence.

The Editor desires it to be distinctly understood that, while inserting the communication of his constituents, he is in no way to be held responsible for the views expressed therein.

THE PEN WAITING AT THE GATE.

—Sir—Considering the earnestness which the citizens of the Metropolis show not only during the winter months, but at all times, to make a visit to the Capital, I would suggest that those who have control of the Capital and Environs surrounding, might act more liberally, and should do so, as regards admission. The erection of a toll-gate, I think, would be preferable to the dumb prohibition of a locked gate. Should such an impediment be made it will not only add to the attractiveness of the capital, from which many at present go away with a feeling of disappointment, a view of the capital and scenery being denied them, but also be a tributary to the civic treasury, which may be easily—nay, to a loss!

I make the suggestion with a humility which Uriah Heep could not outdo.

Yours very truly,
ONE WHO LIVES A RAMBLE.

THE LATEST PERVERSION.

To the Editor of THE TIMES.
Dear Sir.—The following item of news is taken from a late issue of the Kingston Daily News, a journal I believe which professedly is the official organ of the Bishop of Ontario:

“Departed.—It is said that the Rev. D. Merritt, of Flirtor Harbour, following up to their legitimate conclusion his High Church principles has joined the Roman Catholic Church. As early as 1866 the members and persons not even to those who had been baptised in me; and were guilty of sins which would feel wretched indeed, while the foul stain should remain on my conscience. How could I be maliciously disposed towards the Brothers, who to my knowledge belong to the same church? To injure or damage, such would be a sin against nature, my general training, and early cultivation of head and heart, which has grown with my growth and strengthened with my strength. I have always respected their sublime vocation, and watched with admiration the conduct of their meritorious lives. Under these circumstances, I feel extremely sorry to find a spirit of bitterness and sourness, without just cause, disfiguring the written sentiments of Brother Andre and mocking his ecclesiastical polities.”

Protestant parents should open their eyes to the danger of allowing their children to remain for a year under the teaching and guidance of men, who to morrow or six months hence, which is even worse, you may find, where they should long ago have been had they acted honestly—in the Church of Rome.

Yours truly,
EPISCOPALIAN.

OTTAWA, 32nd May, 1876.
(In giving insertion to the above we call special attention to the standing notice as to correspondence which appears above it.)

DRUGS vs. HEALTH.

To the Editor of THE TIMES.
Sir.—Your correspondent “Chaudier” has evidently a fair comprehension of the merits of the discussion, but he assumes much on the part of the patients. Is it when you are the worst of your back that you can continue the “arduous” task of getting the best of your attendants? No! When the Doctor leaves you a prescription and tells those who are waiting for you that you must go to such, or such a shop, you are powerless to do any good for him by his literary talents. Whenever he finds himself unable to solve a difficult problem, he should keep silent and not become angry with a successful antagonist.

Anger is indicative of weakness in an opposing rival; it betokens failure in argument, exalts laughter in ill-natured persons, and draws forth pity from those of refined and moral cultivation. It has the baneful effect of disgracing the most distinguished “high-minded people” in public estimation, and the world would yield a very poor remuneration to a physician, but away with glibly thought, arithmetic and metaphysics. Let us be more cheerful! “Old Tom” will feel well pleased to take a trial in “collar and tie” and to run a foot race with young, light-footed Brother Andre, immediately if not sooner.

Yours etc.,
A. D. OTTELL.

Ottawa, May 25, 1876.

The Prince Edward Island Legislature voted \$1,000 for the relief of sufferers on the Island. It is distributed in small sums, by resolution, to certain persons, to be given to those for whose relief it is intended. These responsible parties have the disbursement of the money open to grave suspicion. I believe the Sussex street man to be perfectly sound, because his record is one which defies a close criticism. But my friends and I, with your serving machine, are in a position to indicate the Doctor’s name, and to give him as well as give the public a reasonable guarantee that they are not participants in the profits of physicking their patients. Until they do this, neither the “innocent” Sparks street, nor confesses that he never openly gave suspicion. I believe him to also.

You will be interested to know that the part of the “Candians” who is since too wise in his generation will satisfy the doubts of one who desires to be emancipated from the impositions of a percentage receiving medicis.

Yours faithfully,
AN INVALID.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

To the Editor of THE TIMES.
Sir—I hardly think it possible that you desire either to misrepresent the Board of Public School Trustees or to be a party to the action of the Board, which, unhappily, have become somewhat disaffected.

With regard to the Rev. Mr. Borthwick’s appearance before the Procurator of the Crown, I only wish to say that he frankly admitted the commission of some offence at Ottawa of the Board of Examiners. He is not very much regretted, but that he certainly has abashed no evil intentions. The Court then passed a resolution accepting of his statements, and nothing more was done.

I now come to the allegation that “Dr. Borthwick” has obtained a Supreme Court of Education by giving the Board to discuss Mr. Borthwick, but that the reverend gentleman’s friends at the Board had an idea it would appear that they were better judges of what ought to be done. Now, the truth is that Dr. Ryerson never gave such an order, and, in fact, did not do so. That Board without being ordered or having any pressure save that of conviction exerted upon it, did withdraw with Mr. Borthwick’s services. It is next alleged that with unexampled disregard of public welfare, he has sold his soul to the Devil. The School Board determined from the outset to pursue a certain course, the nature of which, however, is left to be inferred; but, from the sequel, it would seem that the re-apPOINTMENT of Mr. Borthwick was his own. Well, Mr. Editor, from the first, and throughout, the Board have been determined not to re-appoint that gentleman. Finally you are to say that “not one of us has had the trouble of ‘barbedos’ or the disturbances in the model—if there are any.”

In conclusion, I beg to assure you that from the first, and throughout, with most of the teachers they neither ask nor desire protection against the “lording” pretensions of the Board, and for the good reason that no such attempts have ever been made. The failures have all been in the direction of over indulgence. As far as the fact goes, members of the Board are in point of education inferior to the Teachers, that may be easily conceded, indeed it may be conceded that many members of Parliament and possibly even Cabinet Ministers are equally unfortunate, but then you see the Ministers and the members of Parlia-

ment are the chosen of the people, so what can you do?

It may be indeed that the Minister of Education will address himself to the task of putting up the trustees, and finding a suitable person to fill the place. It is never too late to learn, and I apprehend that as Mr. Crooks is a gentleman he will express himself in courteous terms. But it is also possible that, as he has been a few weeks Minister of Education, he may be a bit deaf, and consider that some of the Board, and that he may, therefore, hardly feel so autoctonous as you seem to anticipate.

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THE CHRISTIAN BROTHERS.

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