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To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:

Your correspondent, "Ziz," who enjoys
the privilege of carrying a green bag, has
not forgotten the scenes of his early youth
amongst us, and through THE LIBERAL
has requested information concerning
what used to be known as the Gamble
School House, and the boys belonging to
that school section in the days when we
were young.

As we get older we forget a thousand
intervening incidents between our early
days and later life, but how vivid are the
recollections of boyhood days when cir-
cumstances clear the memory and makes
the past loom up before us.

I well remember when to get our share
of elementary education (all that some of
us ever got) we used to gather within the
walls of the old Gamble School House
and pretended to study by the light of its
queer shaped windows, with one eye on
the master up in his antiquated desk that
once did duty as a pulpit, and the other
eye deep into some mischief, and how we
used to squirm around on the old-fashion-
ed benches, all day long wishing like
Wellington, not for Blucher, but that
"night would come." And neither have
we forgot the Dominies of old, stern and
unflinching administrators of corporeal
punishment, especially that vinegar-faced
old John Smith, who used to slap edu-
cation into some of us across his knees.

What a contrast he was to the fussy, yet
jolly little fellow, George Foster, who
was master in school when authority was
necessary, and a boy out when fun was
on the programme, as good as the best of
us at base or foot ball, and as lively as
a cricket. Nor that other stalwart
cat-o'-nine-tail-swinger whom we once
undertook to lock out, in accordance
with an old-time custom, who asserted his
prerogative by making an impromptu
battering ram of a cord-wood stick, and
sent down, barricade and--rebels into the
centre of our field of operations, com-
pletely demoralizing all our forces.

To a retrospect view how many have
been the changes that have swept over
the scenes of our early days in the years
that have come and gone, and how few
are the landmarks that remain to recall
the reminiscences of childhood or the as-
sociations of youth. The beautiful grove
of second growth pines with its evergreen
canopy that shielded us from the scorch-
ing sun--through whose branches the
gentle breezes always played, whose leafy
arches we made ring with our juvenile
shouts and uproarious merriment when
we swarmed at "recess," is still there--
and the hills down which we slid with
thick-soled shoes for skates, and barrel
staves for toboggans, and over which we
scampered, when, like Goldsmith's village
children, we were "just let loose from
school," still remain--but the quaint old
building that crowned the hill-top, its
elevation typical of higher education, has
given place to a more pretentious struc-
ture, on a more eligible site, and the gi-
gantic bass wood on the slope, under
whose umbrageous foliage, spreading like
a huge umbrella, we performed gymnast-
ics or sprawled at ease, has been levelled
by the axe, when no old chum was nigh
to raise the pathetic cry

"Woodman spare that tree,
For in youth it sheltered me."

The masters too, whose smiles we
courted, and at whose frowns we trembled,
are gone, all gone to join the great ma-
jority beyond. And the boys! where
are they? Scattered up and down in
this wide world, each rough hewing out
the destiny that lies before him. In
life some have been disastrous failures,
but the greater number grand successes,
graduating into useful citizens, many fill-
ing positions of responsibility and honor
in politics, education and religion. To
gratify to some extent your Toronto cor-
respondent's curiosity it might be men-
tioned that three of those boys are ex-
Reeves of the village of Richmond Hill,
others are Councilmen in other munici-
palities, several are trustees in High and
Public Schools, others are teachers in the
same. One is a minister and dispenses
the Word of Life, another is a son of
Esculapius and dispenses allopathic doses,
and another is Laird of Elgin Mills, an
energetic successor to its founder, the
genial George P. Dickson, Esq. A few
are the owners of farms, the result of
their own industry, more are successful
men in the commercial world, and others
have retired from the activities of busi-
ness life. To the question, "How many
lawyers?" I can only reply that beside
your correspondent, "Ziz," I do not know
of any who have become members of the
legal fraternity, although Chancellor
Boyd and his brother William, both
lawyers, were brought up under the
shadow of our Alma Mater, but you
know, Mr. Editor, we couldn't all be
lawyers--a lot of us had to be retained
for clients to keep up the financial re-
spectability of the profession.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Our Toronto Letter.

The Young Men's Liberal Club of this
city have had its first regular meeting,
and elected officers for the present Club
year. The attendance at the opening
was good and the hearty enthusiasm
which was exhibited augers well for a
successful session. The president elect,
Mr. J. S. Willison, is among our most
promising of our young Canadian jour-
nalists, and his many friends confidently
predict for him a bright and eminently
successful future. He has done much
for the Club in the past, and now that
he occupies the highest position in the
gift of his fellow-members, will no doubt
devote his best energies to increasing the
sphere of the Club's usefulness. There
are periods in the life of every country
when the histories of centuries is deter-
mined by the course we take in a few
short years. Through one of those peri-
ods we are evidently passing to-day.
Our future is being moulded, and we are
the moulders. We shall have to deter-
mine very soon whether we shall sever
the political tie which binds us to the
mother land, or draw it closer; if we
shall endeavor to establish an independ-
ent Canadian nationality, or enter the
great Republic as States of the Union.
These are questions well worthy of our
deepest consideration, and are no longer
out of the field of practical politics. They
are questions which the Young Liberals
would do well to discuss during the pre-
sent winter, and when dealing with them
they may always remember that it is not
for them to decide which of these courses
would be to the advantage of Great Brit-
ain, but which would promote the best
and highest interests of Canadians them-
selves.

There is hardly likely to be any oppo-
sition to the re-election of Mayor Clark.
Should any other man be bold enough to
enter the field he would have little chance
of success. Mr. Clark has shown that he
is not controlled by the elements which
were the means of his election. He is an
honest and most capable administrator,
and will no doubt attain in time a much
higher position.

Great interest was shown during the
past week in the trial of the man Buckley
for the murder of his paramour, Bertha
Usher, some months since. The circum-
stances of the murder many will recall.
This poor girl, who had lived with Buck-
ley for many years in spite of his cruel
treatment, went out to pay a fine which
had been imposed on him in the Police
Court. She either lost the money or
spent it for liquor, and on her return to
the house was struck and kicked by
Buckley until she died. At the trial evi-
dence was given which went to show that
she had been injured before this occasion
and it was not clear that these prior in-
juries had not had something to do with
her death. Owing to this the jury
brought in a verdict of manslaughter,
and the judge imposed a sentence of five
years imprisonment in the penitentiary.
The sentence was thought by many to be
unnecessarily light and the judge, who,
it appears, was not aware of Buckley's
previous bad record, upon motion by the
Crown Counsel, ordered the prisoner to
be brought before him again, and sentenc-
ed him to fifteen years instead of five, so
that it will be some time yet before he is
liberated.

The four bye elections for the Ontario
Legislature, which have just been held,
gave rise to but little interest in Toronto.
The Liberals hardly expected to carry
East Northumberland, which the Con-
servatives gained at the last general
election, and the return of Dr. Willough-
by caused no surprise. It was not ex-
pected that Mr. Dance, the Liberal can-
didate for East Elgin, would have the
large majority that he secured, or that
the Conservative majority in Frontenac
would be so small. Altogether both
parties seem to be satisfied with the re-
sult.

An election that is creating much greater
interest is the Presidential campaign
in the United States, which is now draw-
ing to a close. The excitement seems to
be at fever heat. The general impression
is that Cleveland will be re-elected, but
that is by no means sure. The Republi-
cans are relying on the effect of the Pro-
tection cry, hoping by fighting the battle
out on this issue to rally the working
men to their side. If they succeed in
this they may carry the State of New
York with its thirty-six electoral votes,
and the Democrats will have to make
greater gains in the Western States to
offset such a loss. If the tariff reform
cry had been started some years ago they
might have succeeded, but the farmers
do not readily change their party, and
the tariff issue has not been so long before
them that they can see how much they
would gain by the adoption of the policy
recommended by President Cleveland.

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NEWS ITEMS.

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charged from the Toronto Police Force.

Fifty-seven excursionists were killed
by a collision on the Lshigh Valley Rail-
way on Wednesday night of last week.

At a public meeting held on Friday
night, Parkdale again declared against
annexation to the city.

Premier Greenway has commenc-
ed proceedings against the Winnipeg
Free Press for criminal libel.

The German police are seizing all the
copies of Dr. Mackenzie's book they can
find, 40,000 having been seized in Leipsic
alone.

The remains of the late Hon. James
Patton, collector of customs for Toronto,
were interred in St. James' Cemetery on
Monday.

At the request of the proprietor of the
establishment, all the employes of Eaton's
Dry Goods Store, Toronto, were vacci-
nated last week.

Ex-President Dewar, of the Young
Men's Liberal Club, was tendered a com-
plimentary banquet at the Reform Club
last Thursday night.

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From our own Correspondent.
Mr. Robt Thompson and Mr. James
Mair are both ill; Mr. Thompson with
malaria fever, and Mr. Mair with con-
gestion of the liver. At last accounts
Mr. Mair was improving.

In our last communication we forget to
mention that Mr. Mair had lost a valu-
able horse, the third one in nine months.
This time it was a young grey mare,
worth about \$200. The farriers pro-
nounced the cause of death to be indig-
estion.

We would warn the public to look out
for a man who canvassed this burgh last
week. He said his name was Galbraith,
and was soliciting aid for a woman whom
he called Mrs. Moors, who lost all she
had by fire. Sometimes he said the fire
was on the 10th Con. of King, and some-
times near Newmarket, and when he got
up near Newmarket he said the fire was
on the 3rd Con. of King, near Hainstock's
Corners. Some people were victimized
by him to a greater or less extent.

Miss Redding, of Carrick, and Miss
Wilcox, of Aurora, were visiting at
Mr. Gregory's last week.

The Misses Watson, of Weston, who
were visiting with their uncle, Mr. P.
Rutledge, have returned home.

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