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Weddings and Wakes.

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL

What a monotonous world this would be if its people were not allowed to laugh. Of all God's great creation man is the only animal that the Divine Creator has made to laugh. Carlyle says, "Beware of the man that never laughs. He is only fit for schemes, stratagems and spoils." Man laughs in dimpled childhood, he joins in the hilarity of later years, and he chuckles when again a child over the ludicrous incidents of the long gone by, as sometimes in fantastic shapes they flit across the memory.

In these times of wonderful change for the better, these days of rapid advancement in religion, education and temperance principles, we can afford to look back upon the past and smile at the eccentricities of those who have helped to make up their share of the more humorous portion of the chronicles of our village. In this history repeats itself, for as we laugh over the primitive and somewhat uncouth doings of former years, so those of the middle of the century on which we are about to enter will smile, perhaps audibly, at what we in our wisdom call "advanced civilization," as the crude notions of a couple of generations before.

In these later years our village has been greatly improved in its religious and moral aspects. There are so many ways to which the time and attention of our people can be directed to assist in enabling us to make our existence pleasant and our lives profitable that we can dwell with some degree of amusement on the escapades of those who, in former years, had to confine themselves to narrower limits of enjoyment, to cruder and perhaps ougher methods of obtaining it. The retrospection should make us thankful for the opportunities of the present day and for the wisdom of later years.

Like other villages and towns of less and perhaps of greater aspirations, we have had our regular announcements of Births, Marriages and Deaths, or as the Editor of a rural paper once headed his obituary column, Hatches, Matches and Despatches.

Our births have not been without their incidents, our marriages not without their romances, nor our deaths without their ludicrous as well as their solemn surroundings. To pass a chatty moment with the readers of THE LIBERAL without any pretentions to literary ability or supposition of any deep archæological research the writer proposes to call up from the dim vista of the past episodes in marriages and deaths and perhaps other reminiscences that in their day have provoked a ripple of merriment and caused even solemn countenances to broaden to a smile.

About thirty years ago there lived amongst us as the minister of the Methodist Church, the late Rev. John Bredon. The rev. gentleman was a typical Irishman of the educated class. He was always ready for an intellectual encounter in the pulpit, on the platform or through the press. He was most at peace when best engaged with a foeman worthy of his steel in some combat that required great demands on his mental activities, and gratified his pugilistic proclivities for a fight. No one knew better how to appreciate a joke than Dr. Bredon, and no one could perpetrate one with a sharper point or with a greater relish than he. The writer recollects on one occasion coming down from Parry Sound on the Northern Railway. On board were the Rev. John Bredon, the then editor of the Guardian, and a number of other ministers returning from a camp meeting held at the the Sound. A lad with an armful of books for sale passing through the car stopped before the editor with a tempting smile for his patronage. The man of letters replied that he sold such, and pointing to the Rev. John Bredon said, "Go and try that gentleman, he lives in a dark and benighted part of the country." The Dr. overheard the remark and as quick as a flash retorted, "Well, if I do live in a dark and benighted part of the country I am indebted to your farthing candle for it." It was well known that the editor took a laudable and a well grounded pride in the makeup of the Guardian. The laugh caused by the keen thrust somewhat disconcerted the literary gentleman's equilibrium.

One morning while on this circuit the Rev. John Bredon in his dressing-gown was strolling on the lawn in front of the parsonage making mental calculations for his next Sunday's sermon when he was accosted from the gate by a rustic looking specimen of the genus homo with "Be you the chap that marries folks?" Mr. Bredon replied that he did jobs of that kind occasionally. "Well," said the visitor, "me and my gal want to be jined together; can you do it now?" The rev. gentleman expressed his willingness to accommodate them, and asked for the lady. "I'll bring her," was the response, and the applicant for matrimonial honors disappeared.

The minister had but just time to don his clerical robes when the parsonage door opened and the youthful aspirant for domestic felicity ushered in a fine handsome looking young woman, dressed in the height of fashion, decked with the gayest ribbons and smiling all over her face.

"Here she is ready and willin'," was the brief introduction, supplemented with the following admonition:—"Now, parson, we want this business done up short, and we don't want any of your darn long prayers in it nuther." The parson said that he would do the best he could for them. The contracting parties stood up for the ordeal. The obliging clergyman stretched the ceremony to its utmost limits, concluding with a lengthy bit of advice on the proprieties of social life. By the time he got through that couple were well tied. The ceremony over the new benedict proffered a substantial fee and with a look of gratified ambition "reckoned the job well done, and cheap."

As soon as the happy couple were at a safe distance the rev. gentleman's pent up risibilities were given vent, and he made the parsonage ring again and again.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

School Report

The following is the report of S. S. No. 6, Markham, for March:

Senior 4th—Rena Scott, Mary Wellman, Jessie Scott, Willie Hingston.

Junior 4th—Walter Frisby, Anson Nichols.

Senior 3rd—Leta Wellman, Nellie Jennings.

Junior 3rd—Myrtle Klinck, Walter Scott.

Junior Part 2nd—Percy Hagerman, Jean Scott.

Part 1st—Herbie Sanderson.

The following attended regularly:—Mary Wellman, Willie Hingston, Leta Wellman, Herbie Sanderson.

King Township Council

King Council met at Bond's Lake on March 31st. Members all present. Reeve Lemon in the chair.

The following bills were paid:

J. Murray, drawing sewer pipe	$ 2 50
A. Hambleton, drawing pipe	5 00
F. A. Davis, drawing sewer pipe	5 00
R. Gellatly, gravel	15 12
W. Ough, shovel	85
H. Thompson, grant 10th con.	39 15
Brown & Sullivan, grant 5th con	93 43
Wm. Paxton, grant 2nd con.	5 90
H. Kitchen, blacksmith bill	1 30
T. Ferguson, taking Carter to Industrial Home	1 25
J. Bovair, 2 toise of stone	9 00
W. Bovair. 2 toise of stone	9 00
J. Billings, 1 month's salary	29 00
J. Sheardown, repairs to Humber bridge	6 00
John Glancy, sheep claim	14 75

Burns—Gallagher—that the clerk be instructed to advise the council of Whitchurch to send a deputation with their assessor to meet a deputation from King with their assessors at Aurora on Saturday, April 7th, at 2 o'clock p. m., to arrange values re assessment of Metropolitan Railway.—Carried.

Burns — Rogers — that the whole council be a committee to appear before the Legislative Assembly of Ontario in the interest of the ratepayers of King when the Metropolitan Railway bill again comes up.—Carried.

Major Stephenson was appointed to operate road machine in the north division of King, he to furnish besides himself one man and team, and to be paid the sum of $4 per day of 10 hours actual service.

W. H. Proctor's tender for cedar plank was accepted. The price to be paid was $12 per M, at mill, and $14 when delivered.

By-Law No. 98 was passed appointing Dr. Lockhart of King City, Medical Health Officer in place of Dr. Norman, resigned.

Ny-Law No. 99 was passed to enable the council of King to borrow the sum of $3,500 to meet the current expenses until taxes are collected.

Next meeting of the council will be held at Nobleton on April 28th next.

C. PATTERSON, Clerk. S. LEMON, Reeve.

Vaughan Council

The Municipal Council of the township of Vaughan met at the Township Hall on Tuesday, April 10. Members all present, Reeve Bryson in the chair.

Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Kirby—Boyle—that the treasurer be and is hereby authorized to pay the following road accounts:—

J. E. Clubiie, 25 cedar posts	$ 2 50
W. Bone, levelling gravel	75
L. Page 52 yds. gravel	3 64
J. Robson hauling 21 yds. gravel	4 20
Yonge St. acct., half to be paid by Markham.	
J. McKenzie 4 dys. work in Feb.	$ 4 00
" 16 " in March	16 00
J. Lackey half day with team	1 50
P. Phillips 1½ toise stone deliv'd	7 50
J. Gorman 1½ " "	7 50
Wm. Chatterley 15 days', March	15 00
" 6 " April	6 00
Walter Chatterley 2 days, March	2 00
" 1 day, April	1 00
M. Horn breaking 1 toise stone	5 00
M. Conley " 3 "	15 00
J. Simpkins " 1 "	5 00

—Carried.

Malloy—Watson—that the treas. be and is hereby authorized to pay the following accounts:—

R. Rumble, taking Bogardis to the General Hospital	$4 85
T. F. McMahon, printing account	36 75

—Carried.

Watson—Boyle—that the treas. be and is hereby authorized to pay to T. F. McMahon the sum of $10 for Richmond Hill & Yonge St. Agricultural Society.

—Carried.

By-Laws were passed apportioning the interest accruing from the Clergy Reserve Fund, and the Municipal Loan Fund among the various schools of the township; also authorizing a loan of $1500 to S. S. No. 7, for the erection of a new school house.

The Council adjourned to meet on Saturday, the 26th of May, as a Court of Revision.

List of Path-masters will be given next week.

Notice to Creditors

In the estate of

ANNE KEFFER

Late of the Township of Vaughan in the County of York, widow, deceased.

Pursuant to Statute R. S. O, Chapter 129, Section 38.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against the estate of the said Anne Keffer, who died on or about the 20th day of February last, are required on or before the

25th day of April, 1900,

To send a statement of such claim together with their names and addresses by post prepaid to Arthur Quantz, Langstaff P. O., or to Jesse Keffer, Concord P. O., administrators of the said estate.

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