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MISS E. E. GREEN'S LETTER.

In describing Westminster Abbey I think I could use the one word "Perfect" and close the letter feeling I had written all that needs to be said about this grand, old and historical building. In 1050 Edward the Confessor naming the Abbey, ordained that henceforth the Monarchs of England should be crowned herein. He also presented the treasury with a golden crown and sceptre to be worn at coronations. These were worn by Queen Victoria eight hundred years after and we may say the same insignia of state will be used when King Edward VII is crowned during the 20th century.

Many kings and queens sleep their last sleep here, while the leading statesmen, poets, artists, have found in it their last resting-place, and we cannot enter the sacred building without being filled with awe at the strange solemnity of things. The honored dead fill the by-paths and aisles, while corners and prominent places are given up to tombs and monuments hallowed by time and memory.

The form of the Abbey is that of a Latin cross and the length, 520 feet, its breadth of the transept is 225 feet. The choir is beyond the transept to the middle of the nave and separated by an iron screen. The wood carving here is very elaborate, while before the altar is an old Mosaic pavement laid down in 1260. The windows are superb and the pointed arches supporting the gabled roof is very fine. It is not necessary for me to repeat the names of statesmen who lie buried here suffice it to say we stood for a few minutes near the spot where Mr. and Mrs. Gladstone rests.

The organ stands on each side of the screen in the north aisle of the choir and the organist's seat is in the centre. The instrument has five manuals and is said to be the finest cathedral organ in the kingdom.

The Poet's Corner is the spot chosen as the last resting-place of the great Poets and Authors and a tablet is erected to commemorate art, so that names may be handed down to future ages. The tomb of Chaucer is beneath a stained glass window. It contains a likeness of the poet and scenes from his works. The tomb is in the shape of an altar-sarcophagus, surmounted by a canopy. Lord Tennyson lies buried at the foot of Chaucer's grave so that the first and last deceased of the English poets lie close together. A medallion bust of Jenny Lind is placed below Handel's monument. Tributes, consisting of wreaths, flowers and cards are still placed on the tombs, whether in the shape of monuments or resting upon the floor.

From 1282-1547 the House of Commons used to sit in the Chapter House (east of the Poet's Corner). It was then used as a depository for public records including Doomsday Book, until 1290 when the documents were removed to the Record offices.

The Choir is separated from the Poet's Corner by the tomb of Anne of Cleves.

In the Sanctuary—the space inside the altar rails—all the sovereigns since the Conquest have been crowned.

Entering the South Ambulatory the verger accompanies us, upon the payment of sixpence to the Royal Tombs. We notice a small altar over the graves of four children of Henry III and four of Edward I. There are also several slabs in the floor, but names are almost obliterated now so that little is known of those who lie buried here. In St. Edmund's Chapel memorials to Earls, Ladies and Knights are to be seen on every side and approaching Henry VIII's chapel we pass the tomb of Abbot Berkely, witness to Magna Charta (1215). The entrance gates are of oak, with gilt and carvings, in which the roses united by the marriage of Henry with the Princess Elizabeth of York are specially prominent. There are nearly a thousand figures on the walls and the banners of the Knights of the Bath are suspended above the stalls where the Knights sat.

The chapel of Edward the Confessor occupies the entire space between the choir and Henry VIII's chapel. This place is partitioned off by a screen in front of which are the coronation chairs of carved oak. Beneath the older one is the famous stone of Scone on which the kings of Scotland sat when crowned and it is supposed to be the pillow upon which Jacob rested his head when he had the vision of the angels and the ladder. Edward I brought this stone to England 1296. The other chair was made for the coronation of Mary, joint sovereign with William III. Between the chairs are the sword and belt of Ed. III. In the centre of the chapel is the shrine of the Confessor and the tomb of his wife. Here also rests Queen Eleanor, first wife of Ed. I, who so bravely sucked the poison from his wounded arm and to whose memory the famous memorial crosses—Charing Cross, King's Cross and other points—were erected. Service in the Abbey is beautiful

and you may drop in at the appointed hour any day and enjoy the blessing of a loving God and the words of a renowned preacher.

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Carrville.

We gladly welcome the first robin of Spring, the herald of sunny days, long hours and solid banks of nodding flowers.

Miss M. Willis of Newmarket is staying with her aunt, Mrs. Jno. Tyndall of "Pine View."

Miss Alice Lillie's friends will be pleased to hear she is recovering from her painful and serious illness.

Mr. Jos. Grainger, sr. who has been spending the past month with his daughter, Mrs. Wm. Ness of Dollar, returned home on Saturday.

Miss A. E. S. Baker, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Bradford and Newmarket returned home last week and was accompanied by her uncle, Mr. Chas. Kirby of Newmarket.

Mr. Alfred Coombs is holidaying with relatives in Whitchurch and East Gwillimbury.

Mr. E. Bowen of Teston is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bowen at "The Elms."

Mr. John Baker of "Cosy Nook" is on the sick list this week.

Miss B. Mulock was the guest of the Misses Patterson on Sunday.

Mr. Robert Tyndall of the R. C. R., C. Co., Halifax, N. S., returned to Toronto last week and at present is spending a few days with friends and relatives here. On Monday evening he was the guest of honor at a gathering of young people at Mr. Jas. Baker's.

On Friday night of last week a sleigh-load of about thirty young people from our village went to Thornhill and spent a most enjoyable evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Pearson. The time passed all too quickly with games, music and singing. Shortly after midnight the company was summoned to a supper-room where a splendid repast had been provided. The tables groaned with good cheer and after they had been to some extent relieved of their tempting burdens some who had over-estimated their capacity, groaned also. Taken altogether it proved the most pleasant evening the young folks spent together for some time. Needless to say the boys did not forget to vote Mr. Pearson a jolly good fellow and the declaration was followed closely by many hearty cheers, which must surely have seriously disturbed the dreams of the slumberers in the vicinity.

King Township Council

King Municipal Council held a special meeting at Schonberg on Saturday, March 16.

Burns—Gallagher—That a petition signed by the reeve and clerk of this municipality and the corporate seal attached thereto be presented to the Local Legislature of Ontario, praying:

1st. That legislation be granted ratifying and confirming by-law No. 63 of the Township of King granting a bonus to the Schonberg and Aurora Railway Co. of \$12,000 and also to ratify and confirm a certain agreement made with said railway in conformity with said by-law.

2nd. Permitting the issue of debentures notwithstanding that sec. 354 of the Municipal Act has not been complied with.

3rd. To ratify and confirm levies heretofore made (save those upon W. G. Bogart) and to any further levies to be made to conform with said by-law No. 66.

4th. To authorize the delivery of the debentures to the said railway in lieu of the cash they might be entitled to as the work proceeds.

Provided that prior to the actual passing of such legislation that the said railway shall enter into an agreement with the said municipality as follows:

(a) That the said railway company shall on or before the 15th day of May next commence to construct and shall complete said railway and have same ready for freight and passenger traffic on or before the 1st day of October A. D. 1901.

(b) That all costs incidental to the procuring of such legislation shall be borne by the said Railway Co.

Moved in amendment by Jos. Rogers seconded by J. W. Crossley that the consideration of above resolution be laid over until next meeting of this council. Yeas—Rogers, Crossley; Nays—Burns, Gallagher, Lemon.—Lost.

The original motion was carried on the following division:—Yeas—Burns, Gallagher, Lemon; Nays—Crossley, Rogers.

The reeve and treasurer was authorized to borrow from the school such sums as may be requisite to meet current expenditure until taxes are collected and to pay for the same interest at 2% per annum.

CHAS. PATTERSON, SIMON LEMON,
Clerk. Reeve.

Maple

A feeling of deep sadness spread through the village last Friday afternoon when it was learned that Sara, the beloved wife of Mr. E. H. Elliott, had, after a lingering illness, passed away. By her bright and cheerful disposition and her many admirable qualities, she had endeared herself to all who knew her, therefore her death is a cause of sincere sorrow to her many friends. Deepest sympathy is felt for the husband, mother, brothers and sisters in the hour of their loneliness and sad bereavement. On Monday afternoon the remains were followed to their last resting place in the Maple cemetery by a large crowd of relatives and friends. After the interment, a memorial service was held in the Methodist Church, when addresses were given by Rev. A. Bedford of Toronto, and Rev. S. W. Dean, each of whom spoke words of comfort to the sorrowing friends. Rev. W. G. Back also took part in the service. The floral offerings were very beautiful and completely covered the casket. They consisted of a wreath with the name "Sara," from the husband; a wreath from the brothers with the words "Our Sister"; a spray from Mr. and Mrs. T. Elliott, Toronto; a wreath from Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown, Toronto; a spray from Miss Pauline Elliott; a spray from Mrs. D. Johnston and daughters, Toronto; a crescent from Mr. and Mrs. H. Ellis, Toronto; and an anchor from the Maple Epworth League. The pupils and ex-pupils of the Public School showed their respect for Mr. Elliott, their former teacher, by marching in a body at the head of the funeral procession.

The remains of Mr. Cameron, father of J. J. Cameron, Vellore, were brought from King for burial on Tuesday.

The roads here are in a bad condition, but everyone is glad at the return of spring.

A large sleigh load of young people from Richmond Hill drove out to Mr. J. McNaughton's one evening last week and had a very pleasant time.

Mrs. D. Johnston and Miss Eva Johnston of Toronto, were visiting friends in the village over Sunday.

Mrs. Jackson and Miss J. Keith of Lindsay, have been visiting during the past week with Dr. and Mrs. Sisley.

In St. Stephen's Church last Sunday afternoon the service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Rich of Weston.

Mr. James Gugin left on Tuesday evening by settlers' train for Manitoba, where he intends to take up land.

Village Council.

A special meeting of the Municipal Council of Richmond Hill was held in the Clerk's Office, Richmond Hill, on Friday, March 22nd, 1901, at 8 o'clock p. m. Members present, Councillors Innes, Hill, Trench and Furey. Councillor Innes in the chair.

On motion of Councillor Hill seconded by Councillor Furey, it was resolved: That we the members of the Municipal Council of the Village of Richmond Hill, wish to express our sincere sympathy to our reeve, P. G. Savage, Esq., in the severe loss he has lately sustained by the death of his wife, a lady who was highly esteemed for her sterling qualities; and we wish also to express to his family our sympathy in the loss of their most excellent mother.—Carried.

M. TEEFY, Clerk.

Notice to Creditors

In the estate of
FRANCES LEAF,

Late of the Township of Vaughan,
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Pursuant to the statutes in that behalf, notice is hereby given that all parties having claims against the estate of Frances Leaf, widow, who died on or about the Second day of February, 1901, are required on or before the First day of April next to send by post prepaid to the undersigned solicitor for the executors, particulars of their claims with their names and addresses and the nature of the security, if any, held by them. And notice is further given that after the First day of April next the said executors will proceed to distribute the estate of the said Frances Leaf among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall have then received notice, and the said executors will not be liable for any part of the estate so distributed to any person or persons of whose claim they shall not then have received notice.

Dated this First day of March,
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