

DURHAM CHRONICLE

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Brain or Brawn?

The school is deservedly regarded to-day as one of the best institutions in the land, and as the writer has had a wide experience in school work it may not be out of place to devote a little space to the matter in this issue.

SOUTH AFRICA AGAIN

Extracts from a private letter from G. W. Ledingham, of Strathcona's Horse, written to his sister, Mrs. J. Clark, of Bentinck.

The following extracts are taken from a letter dated at Standerton, Transvaal, bearing date of June 28th last, and from their general tone as well as the happy remarks of a more private character in writing to his sister, we believe Mr. Ledingham is enjoying himself immensely.

"We are here yet," he says, "and I don't know when we will be moving. One of our sergeants has just told us to have everything in readiness in case of a night alarm."

"We were out the day before yesterday scenting for Boers, and had lots of fun. The country we are in now is pretty much prairie. There are some kopjes and valleys, but the plain is not very densely settled."

"Of course we had to go through every house we came to and search for ammunition, rifles, Boers or snipers. Some of them got a few rounds of shells."

"When we go out in this way we start in squadron, but on reaching the open we form sections of fours and extend four hundred yards from each section, the men being ten yards apart in the sections, but we keep in touch, or sight, with each section in case of danger."

"The first house we came to my mate and I went in to see what was what. The old woman was standing at the door, a door just like your stable doors, with the top half open. There she stood, a great big fat hag. I was ahead and walked up. She looked at me pretty severely of course. We were armed to the teeth, rifle and six shooter, but she stood there with the door shut. I told her to open the door but she didn't seem to know what I meant, so I did it myself and walked in. It looks hard but we have to do it."

"There were other occupants in the house, but they didn't interfere more than to watch us closely. We searched beds, boxes and every conceivable hiding place but found nothing of any use to us. This home had quite a bit of the English style about it in the shape of bric-a-brac and an organ on the ground floor. In the deserted houses the boys take anything they find that may be of use to them but I didn't run across any luck of that kind yet. I heard of one fellow getting three watches, which was pretty good fishing. I expect we will be going out for another hunt to-morrow, or soon any how. We must have ridden about forty miles that day. I like the saddle very well, and my horse is standing it about the best of the troop, at least I think so."

"There is a lot of soldiers and artillery around here just now. We are with Lord Dundonald's and General Buller's forces. Buller has promised a good show for the Strathcona Horse in the next scrap if any."

The letter closes with a private paragraph or so, and after the name there are a lot of little crosses. Wonder what they mean.

Examination Results.

The report of the Junior Leaving examinations, contrary to the expectations of most teachers and even Inspectors, appeared in the leading Toronto dailies on Thursday last. Durham has again done nobly and the citizens have just reason to rejoice over the efficiency of Principal Allan, by whom the training of the candidates was chiefly given. Thirty from our school wrote on the examination in question. Of these there were five Mr. Allan had no expectation of passing, but being determined to try he allowed them to enter the contest. Twenty three of the whole number were successful, and two of those recommended as amongst the missing ones. Twenty three out of thirty trained in a public school is a magnificent showing and we tender our congratulations to teacher and pupils over the result. The following passed from Durham School:—John Bachus, L. S. Byers, Grace Everett, Maude Irwin, Jessie Laidlaw, A. Leeson, Marion Morten, S. G. McClocklin, Jessie Robertson, J. I. Byers, Dora Davidson, Roy Gordon, Frank Harris, M. S. Hunter, L. G. Ireland, Brad. Jamieson, Annie Lawrence, Ethel Limin, Nellie Moran, A. S. McComb, J. McComb, Peter Ramsgate. The others who were successful in writing at Durham were:—E. Campbell, C. Lawrence, G. R. Reid, I. Campbell, Edge, R. J. Reid, Reynolds, Scott, Smith.

HANOVER

Garner, Ball, Cain, Craigie, Knechtel, Taylor, Trode, Tyerman, Walkey.

FLESHERTON

Barnhouse, Bellamy, Morrison, McFairmid, Norris, Ranton, Tryon, Ward, Watson, Ross, Small, Rutledge.

MARKDALE

Gregory, Meagher, Shute, Treadgold, Treford, Coleman, Hunter, Irwin Lucas, McIntyre.

DUNDALE

McCauley, K. X. Rae, Yourex, Arnott, Campbell, Johnston, McCauley, S. McRae.

Virtual Writing.

EDITOR CHRONICLE, DEAR SIR,—The Flesherton Advance of August 2nd, published a letter over the signature of "Beta," which contains some superficial and irresponsible criticism on the subject of vertical writing. This is the latest and most improved system of writing introduced into nearly all the city schools in this country and United States. It is endorsed by the great majority of the most progressive inspectors and is adopted by nineteen-twentieths of the principals of school throughout the Province of Ontario. Its working has been found most effectual. Under this pupils have been making astonishing progress. In accuracy, in clearness, in legibility and neatness it is the united testimony of Inspectors and teachers that scholars make a more decided and thorough progress than under the more antiquated system.

Beta says, "I read an article in your last issue of the Advance with great pleasure because it fully represented my own views on the subject." Now, if that were really as he says and his views were fully represented, why does he take such elaborate pains to elucidate views already fully represented? Beta is the second letter of the Greek alphabet and this signature is evidently but a symbolical illustration of the fact that the writer of those antiquated notions has merely begun the alphabet of pedagogic lore and this pretentious signature, even if written in Greek, fails to sustain his weak and illogical contention.

—OMEGA.

No Serious Sickness.

Though we referred elsewhere to dangerous reports of sickness in town recent reports force us to make a straight contradiction. There are, as we said, a few cases of a mild form of typhoid fever, but there's not a case in town at the present time causing apprehension. Nor has there been a new case during the past week. The patients, twelve in all, are doing well. There is no conceivable hiding place but found nothing of any use to us.

DORNOCH.

Dr. Smith was the choice of Court Bannockburn, I. O. P., as a delegate to the High Court of Central Ontario to be held in Owen Sound next week.

Mrs. Henry of Toronto (nee Miss Loughead) is at present spending a few days in the village.

Barrister J. B. Jackson, of Ingersoll, is on a short visit to the old home—stead this week. His son, Harold, who has been visiting his grandparents for some weeks will return with him.

Rev. Mr. Little, of Chatsworth, accompanied by Mrs. Little, Mary and Myrtle spent a few days lately visiting some of his former parishioners while en route to Guelph.

Mrs. McCracken accompanied by her lately bereaved daughter, Mrs. H. Ferns, of Maine, New Hampshire, arrived in the village last week. "Was a sad home-coming to the latter, as in the early part of June she left here a loved and happy bride. We extend sympathy in this sudden and sad bereavement.

Mrs. W. Potter and little daughter, Annie, who have been spending a few weeks pleasant visiting here left on Tuesday for Newmarket, where they intend to spend the summer.

The many friends of Mr. John Stewart, who was terribly injured last week, will be glad to learn that he is improving rapidly.

Miss Lizzie Maw leaves to-day for Winnipeg, where she intends to make her home for some time.

T. O. Stewart, Esq., of Toronto, was a caller in the village for a few hours last week.

Mr. T. Mills, late of Oregon was a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Mills last week. Mr. Mills intends to make his home in Canada, and has purchased a residence in Melancthon.

A new roof on the hotel gives it a more comfortable and waterproof appearance. Carpenter Heft had the contract and made an A 1 job.

Rev. Mr. Graham leaves to-day for a trip up the lakes, intending to spend a month holidaying in Muskoka.

During the last week bush fires have been raging very fiercely to the west of the village. Large quantities of lumber and a lot of fencing has been destroyed.

Miss Kathleen Grant, of Durham, spent a couple of weeks of pleasant visiting with friends in the village.

Mr. John Ledingham, who has been raticating around here most of the summer leaves this week for the far west. His sister, Miss Ellen, goes with him as far as Toronto, and intends to spend a few weeks visiting relatives there.

HITS AND MISSES.

When a fellow takes home his girl's caperine, by mistake, he should hide it in the bottom of his band box till he gets a chance to return it. Perhaps its only a caper on his part to get an excuse to go back.

The undertakers are the most serious looking fellows in town, since the sickness isn't likely to prove fatal in any case.

The Smith who rented the cop to put him on track of the burglar never snelt a rat till near the scene of operations.

We suggest that the stuff merchants call butter be sold by the quart. Surloin steak can be got any place between the horns and the tail.

If pork isn't fit to eat it would hardly be profitable to keep pigs for the musical charms. As singing birds they were never considered a success.

The fellows that took Tom Brown's fish were mean enough to take the pond too if they could only manage the job.

Damaging to Durham

The Hanover Post says: "The town of Durham is suffering from an epidemic of disease just now and the citizens are up in arms in consequence. Waterworks and a sewerage system is their only hope of permanently stamping it out. Hanover is badly in need of a sewerage too. The place cannot hope to escape much longer a scourge similar to that which has broken out in Durham. The Knechtel Furniture Co. must have thought it necessary or they would not have expended thousands of dollars in putting in a system of their own, and there must be many places in the town in as bad a sanitary condition as the company's premises were."

A stranger unacquainted with the fact would imagine that the whole town was down sick, but such is not so. There are at the present time a few cases of typhoid fever, but none are pronounced dangerous. As to the cause of the present sickness we are not prepared to say, but the Post places us in a very unsanitary condition. We believe that improvements in the sewerage arrangement would be beneficial to the health of the town, but the place is so exceedingly healthful that the few cases recorded are giving no cause for alarm within the town limits.

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The happy couple left on the morning train for Welland, Buffalo and Niagara Falls on a short honeymoon trip. Her numerous Glenelg friends join in congratulations.—Com.

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Fish Ponds Robbed

For over four years Mr. Thomas Brown has been taking an interest in fish-rearing and many a visitor has been delighted with the large number of fine speckled trout to be seen in his three or four artificial ponds. Four years ago he put in twenty thousand and never fished out a single one even for his own use. It has just now come to light that about three weeks ago the two best ponds were robbed, having been so well dragged with a net as to clean them out completely. Mr. Brown has some evidence in the matter and the case may yet develop into something of considerable interest. We hope the miserably thieves, whoever they may be, will get the full benefit of the law. Shooting on sight wouldn't be a bit too severe a punishment for fellows caught in such thievery. The loss may easily be estimated at four or five hundred dollars and be within the mark. Many of the fish would weigh from one and a half to two pounds each.

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