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AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Military Hospital, San Pablo,
Saguna, P. I. June 15, 1902.

MR. JOHN WATSON,
EDINBURGH, SCOTLAND.

MY DEAR FATHER,—Your two letters dated Jan. 19 and Feb. 16 duly received, and regret I could not reply to them before this time. I know you will look over the matter when explained.

On March 17 I received orders to report with Generals. Bell's expedition at Liaon Layabas against General Malvar remained here until March 24, and on this date 1850 soldiers marched to Rosans Batangas, camped here all night. General Bell gave orders to all commanders that they were to search the Lobov ranges in line of skirmish by squads of eight men each, camped on the foot-hills of Lobov mountains. March 25, continued the march over fearful chains of mountains, camped near ravine with fine spring water. March 26, broke camp early, continued march, found many insurgents' houses and lookouts destroyed same. March 27, left camp early, found many pigs, ponys, chickens, etc., destroyed same. March 28, left camp 4 a. m., many high mountains to cross, found place where the ground had been newly dug up, received orders from commander to dig up same as it might be insurgents' guns hidden. On examination we found it was a grave containing a woman and child. We covered same; camped foot of mountain. March 29, continued march through range of mountains, found many tons of rice, tobacco, etc., destroyed same. Soldiers starting to complain of sickness, many falling out, had to cut our way with bolos as there was much underbush. Camped 6:30 p. m. March 30, continued march, slow travelling as the underbush was too thick, arrived on high mountain, could see the Pacific Ocean, camped in ravine. March 31, hard march, could smell the fine salt water air, camped, 400 soldiers played out. March 31, continued march, rations getting low, many monkeys and parrots overhead. April 1, broke camp 4:00 a. m., hard march, found five insurgents' houses, destroyed same, could see fires all through the mountains for miles, troops destroying insurgents' property. April 2, continued march, arrived at Pacific Ocean 3:30 p. m., all soldiers had good bath. We had an old Filipino with us who never saw the salt water in his life. He tried to drink the water. Camped on the sea shore over night. April 3, left camp 6 a. m., marched to San Juan de Boc, arrived late in evening, many soldiers admitted to hospital on our arrival. April 4, received 12 days rations with orders to return to the foothills of Lobov mountains, marched to Laysen Batangas, arrived here late. April 5, left camp 4 a. m., marched to foot-hills near fine spring water. April 6, Volley fireing on our right, native troops and insurgents engaged. April 7, received orders to remove forward into the foot-hills three miles, arrived late, small detachment of troops placed on all main trails around Lobov mountains. April 8, many prisoners brought in, women and children sent under guard to Laysen, men held to give information, and in many cases we got it, but how I cannot inform you here. Things kept up this way until April 17, when orders were received that General Malvar had surrendered at Lipon Batangas. All troops glad. April 20, orders were received to return to Laysen. At this point I took sick with dysentry and was taken that night to hospital at Ibaan Batangas on pony, arrived late. April 30, was returned to duty. May 1, took pony to San Jose-Batangas, remained over night. May 2, took pony to Batangas. Military Headquarters reported to Chief Surgeon. He informed me to return to San Pablo for duty, left Batangas. May 3, arrived Lipa, Batangas, saw General Malvar. He looks sharp man; also his wife. She had two children. I also saw Louis Banag. This man has caused us much trouble. He surrendered also, left Lipa. May 4, arrived Lanauan, remained over night. May 5, arrived Lanto Lomas, saw General Malvar's danghter, remained here over night. May 6, took wagon train to Calamba, Sanguna, could see the Island on the Saguna de Bay where the native prisoners are kept. May 7, arrived Alaminos, Saguna, remained over night at this city. May 8, arrived Giaon, Lavalbas. May 18, arrived San Pablo, Saguna. This expedition of General Bell's will be remembered by all who took part in same, and I believe that many things will come to light which I cannot inform you at present.

I cannot understand why you have to pay sixpence for my letters every time I write. I place enough postage on letters to carry same,

I believe you better pull for Chicago at earliest possible date.

I will be discharged from the army on Sept. 22, 1902. I have been offered a position as postmaster of this city on percentage, but could not make much at this basis. May enter constabulary. However, at present I do not know what I will enter.

Much sickness among the troops at present. I never expect to get married as I have seen the results.

Received letter from Aunt Maggie. Reply to same by this mail. Married to Sergt. Major Darwood, old veteran in the wars.

The British army is the finest in the world, and I may inform that all American soldiers who saw the British troops in China informs that they are up-to-date in every manner. There is only one thing the American has against the British army, and that is they don't pay enough of wages to their officers and men. Have you got a picture of myself when I was in the 71st H. L. I. at Hamilton Barracks? If so, I would like a copy of same sent me.

Remember me to Profit and his family. I would like to hear from them.

Your letter under date April 27 just received, and note that you have removed to 7 Calton Hill.

I believe the British Government made a bad mistake in shooting two Australian officers for killing eight prisoners. The American Government would not shoot an officer no matter what he did. They would rather dismiss him from the service. No, the Americans give Water Cure and many other ways, but cannot inform you here about them. Everything is fair in war. The Chinese in the late war in China with all nations hoisted the "Black Flag" which means "No prisoners taken."

There is nothing in Edinburgh for me only I would like to visit the old city.

The cholera has broken out here. We had one soldier die this morning; or in other words 47 sick, 19 deaths for the month of May. I am not afraid of the cholera, only I believe that the U. S. should supply all whiskey necessary to the nurses who have cholera patients, but I asked for some whiskey the other day and they informed me to take some "Squibbs." I know the British army officers would supply all the whiskey necessary for such cases. Things are a fake here.

I have been informed that there is a Board of Military and Civilians to meet next month to investigate the "Water Cure" and many other cruelties. If the law in the U. S. Army was to shoot for cruelty, I believe they would have very few officers for duty.

I now conclude, trusting this will find you in the finest of health, and glad to inform you that it leaves me in fine health. Hoping to hear from you at an early date.

From your loving son,
JAS. P. WATSON, Wardmaster,
Hospital Corps, U. S. Army.

SMALL—DOWIE.

(From Toronto Saturday Night.)

The "Reverend" Sam Small is reported to have fallen from grace. Sam has stumbled in the strait and narrow path before now, but to get drunk on the eve of making a political address in behalf of a temperance candidate, and to have to admit the fact, though pleading extenuating circumstances, must surely be regarded as something more serious than an ordinary default—even for a blatant and vulgar wind-jammer of the Sam Small variety. The "Reverend" Mr. Small, it must be remembered, is one of the shrewdest self-advertisers in the evangelizing business. It is quite conceivable that the reports of Sam's dereliction are designed to whip up the flagging interest of a public to whom his performance have become rather stale. He will now be anle to add a new pose to his repertoire—that of the "horrible example." Those who know how the curiosity and cash of the people can be touched will not be surprised if this mountebank of the pulpit, this vaudeville star of the religious stage, is more sought after than ever as a result of his alleged exploit with the black bottle. Excitable women, weak-minded men, all the people who like their religion in large, thick doses, will flock to hear him as eagerly as ever, or more so. That he has been false to his professions in yielding to the demon of drink will not make the slightest difference in their estimate of his saintliness. They will be more ready than ever to accept their light and leading from this self-confessed fraud. Small is one of the most vulgar-tongued preachers that ever mounted the rostrum. He abuses his audience in language that would silence the fishwives of Billingsgate. And yet the crowds always seemed to enjoy these castigations at his hands and to want more of the same kind. They would accept not only meekly, but with evident pleasure, from him, abuse and insults that, if received in private intercourse, would cause their author to be instantly knocked down by any self-respecting fellow-mortal. He could call his hearers "skunks," "liars" and "scoundrels" not only with impunity, but with great benefit to his exchequer.

Indeed, it appears to be one of the secrets of the average revivalist's art to tell people that they are not only untruthful, dishonest and lascivious, but mean and utterly despicable, and to ram it down their throats. Small's great reputation and astounding success in pulling coin from the pockets of the multitude illustrate this point. It is further illustrated by the career of Dowie, the man who proclaims himself a reincarnation of Elijah and who as head of the "Christian Catholic Church in Zion" is the ruler of 60,000 people, the fountain head of authority in a suburban municipality of ten square miles, and a summer dweller in a $50,000 cottage on the shores of his own Galilee. Dowie, like Small, deals out denunciation to the crowds who flock to hear the voice of the Almighty speaking through his lips. As an example of one style of religious oratory that wins disciples, I think the following from one of Dowie's addresses is rich:

"If you will smoke, you stinkpots; if you will drink, you beerpots and whiskeypots and winepots, and all other kinds of disgusting alcoholic pots; if you will go to the theaters and listen to Mephistopheles, the devil, and Marguerite, the harlot, and Faust, the doctor—a nasty combination; if you will devour the oyster, which is the scavenger of the sea, and the pig, which is the scavanger of the land, with which they are talking about cleaning the streets of Chicago—(laughter)—I say, if you will do the Devil's work and eat the Devil's food, you can remain with the Methodists or the Baptists, or somewhere else. You have no place in Zion. We will not have people who live dirty lives. We propose to have clean people, and, thanks be to God! we are getting them clean. But there were some of you that needed plenty of scrubbing. You know I have scrubbed you properly, and I will keep at you still because you are not all clean."

And yet Dowie's followers are by no means recruited solely from the ranks of the ignorant, the over-credulous, the superstitious and hypochondriac, but amongst those who pay him tithes and yield him spiritual allegiance in Chicago are said to be hundreds of successful professional men, financiers, industrial leaders and university graduates. Isn't human nature a strange thing?

MAPLE PARK.

We are sorry to chronicle this week the death of Mrs. Dugald Ferguson which took place on Friday, 21st of Aug., 1902. Mrs. Ferguson was ailing for about three weeks, and all that medical skill and care and good nursing could do was done, but the loved wife and mother was called home. The late Mrs Ferguson was born Jan. 1st, 1857, in the township of Minto, Wellington Co., was married to Mr. Ferguson, Feb. 17th, 1876, and came with him to her late home Lot 21, Con. 8, Proton. She was of a quiet and loving disposition and was loved and respected by all who knew her, and those who enjoyed her friendship and companionship will long miss her as a friend. Her loving and bereaved husband and children will for all time mourn her loss, but not as those who mourn who have no hope of a blessed reunion hereafter. In 1880 she made a public profession of her Lord and Master, and was baptised by immersion by the Rev. Mr. McDermid, of Cincinnati, U. S., who was on a visiting tour to the churches. We can truly say that she always lived a quiet consistent Christian life She was not ashamed to own His cause, maintain the glory of His cross, or honor all His laws. See leaves to mourn her death her husband, two sons and six daughters, also eight brothers and two sisters living in North Dakota. Rev. Mr. Mathieson officiated at the house and grave. At the house he preached very comforting thoughts to the bereaved ones from Peter I:6. At the grave that beautiful hymn "There's a Land that is fairer than day," was sung. Mr. Ferguson and family wish to sincerely thank their kind friends and neighbors for their assistance and sympathy in their sore trouble and bereavement.

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ASSIZES NEXT WEEK.

Cases Which Will Engage Judge, Jurors and Lawyers.

(O. S. Advertiser.)

The Fall Assizes open on Tuesday next at 2 p. m., the Hon. Mr. Justice Lount presiding. This is the first appearance of his Lordship since his elevation to the bench some eighteen months ago. The date of the Fall Assizes this year is considerably in advance of what it has been for some time, and there has been some complaints made by the local bar that it is too early and is very inconvenient for suitors and all others concerned. The following cases have been entered for trial:—

JURY CASES.

Beaton v. Ryan:—An action between timber dealers residing in the township of Artemesia, the plaintiff claiming that he had advanced the defendant moneys wherewith the latter was to purchase timber for plaintiff, but that the defendant did not supply enough timber to cover advances made. The defendant counter-claims for trouble and expense in connection with purchasing the timber and for damages for failure on the plaintiff's part to supply enough money to enable defendant to properly carry out agreement. The case has been settled. Lucas, Wright & McArdle for plaintiff; W. J. Hatton for defendant.

Boyd v. Creighton:—This is an action brought by George M. Boyd against Abraham J. Creighton for alleged slander published by defendant of the plaintiff. This case, we are informed, will not be called as witnesses are away on boats. Tucker & Cameron for plaintiff; Kilbourn & Kilbourn for defendant.

Huston v. Young & Leslie:—An action brought by William P. Huston of Owen Sound, against Young & Leslie, saw-millers for damages sustained by plaintiff in having his hand cut on a circular saw on the 14th of April last while working in the sawmill of the defendants. The plaintiff claims that the saw was not properly guarded. The defence is that the accident occurred through the plaintiff's own negligence. Lucas, Wright & McArdle for plaintiff; W. C. Middlebro' for defendants.

Littlejohn v. McNichol:—This is an action brought by Joseph Littlejohn, of the township of Artemesia against Albert McNichol of the same place for the seduction of the plaintiff's daughter All parties concerned are farmers. Lucas, Wright & McArdle for plaintiff; Tucker & Cameron for defendant.

Fenwick v. Betts:—This is an action brought by plaintiff, who claims from the defendant as Administrator of William Betts, deceased, who lived in Eugenia, for wages for services rendered to the deceased and for conversion of grain, the property of the plaintiff. McKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Lucas, Wright & McArdle for defendant.

Armstrong v. McKay:—This is an action for malicious prosecution brought by the plaintiff who was charged last winter with having defrauded the defendant out of $150.00. The parties all reside in township of Keppel. Our readers will remember the circumstances under which the defendant was defrauded out of $150.00 by some person whose identity has not been ascertained. The defendant laid information against the plaintiff, charging him with having committed the offence, but was not able to prove his case. The plaintiff brought this action for damages for such prosecution. The defendant counter-claims for damages for malicious arrest. the plaintiff having procured the defendant's arrest on an order of capias. W. J. Hatton for plaintiff; McKay & Sampson for defendant.

NON-JURY CASES.

Park vs. McKenzie:—This is an action brought by plaintiff, who resides in the township of Bentinck, against the defendant, who resides in Port Huron, to have set aside a mortgage given by the defendant, McKenzie to the defendant, Forbes, upon certain lands in the township of Glenelg. The plaintiff recovered judgment upon the 4th of October, 1901, against the defendant, McKenzie, for $500 and costs. Before the plaintiff was entitled to issue his execution, the defendant, McKenzie, mortgaged the lands to the other defendant. The plaintiff claims that this mortgage was made with the fraudulent purpose of defeating the plaintiff's execution. MacKay & Sampson for plaintiff; Cowan & Towers, (Sarnia) for defendants.

There are no criminal cases for trial.

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