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Whosoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, is more in love with his own opinion than with the truth.—WATSON.

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THE ANONYMOUS LETTER

THE CHRONICLE has on previous occasions referred to the anonymous letter writer, that is, the writer who pens some scurrilous article to some one he does not like and is not man enough to sign his name. Listen to what Dr. Frank Crane, writing in *The Western Standard*, has to say of this menace to decent society:

"Lift up your hand right now and swear that never, so long as you live, and so help you God, will you write an anonymous letter, except it be a kind one. After which please kiss the Bible.

"If you hate anybody, either go and whip him or else go away and let him alone.

"Don't stab him in the back, don't put poison in his tea, don't shoot him from behind a fence corner, and, what is worse, because still more cowardly, don't write him an anonymous letter.

"The anonymous letter is the triumph of the petty. It is the victory of the impotent. It is the pride of the cowardly.

"The writer of such a letter is a copperhed snake, which differs from the gentlemanly rattlesnake in that it strikes without warning.

"An open, out and out enemy who loathes you heartily and says so is a wholesome person. He keeps you humble and makes you careful. But the man that smiles on you and goes home and writes you an anonymous letter is too low to be described here on account of the postal laws.

"Of course, you do not use profane language which is naughty. But recall all the bad words you ever heard, the unrepeatable vile epithets of all the languages you know, focus them on one point—that is the anonymous letter writer.

"Don't hint. Don't insinuate. Insult if you must, but do it in plain English, and sign your name.

"Imitate the clerk who was called to the boss' office. The boss said:

"'Mr. Brown, I understand you have been making insinuations about me.'

"'Oh, no, that must be a mistake.'

"'It is no mistake, Mr. Brown. I have it upon the best authority. Don't try to wriggle out of it.'

"'But it must be a mistake. I never insinuate. To be sure, I said you were an old muttonhead and a rascal, but I never insinuated anything'."

EDITORIAL NOTES

Some Home Bank depositors will get 35 per cent, says a recent news dispatch. That's not too bad. The rest of us will still have to consume 4.4.

It must be awful trying on a girl when she is proposed to by a fellow who stutters.

Edward Bok says that no man has a right to leave the world as he found it. He must add something to it; either he must make its people better or happier, or he must make the face of the world more beautiful or fairer to look at. And the one really means the other.

Rhode Island motorists are to be made to drive a minimum of 35 miles an hour on heavily travelled highways, according to a recent State law. This minimum speed rule was devised at a conference of police executives, and it is claimed it will curtail a lot of the accidents now occurring. This may be so, but what about the maximum when some speed-fiend is at the wheel?

The Canadian National Exhibition opens a week from Saturday. Where has the summer gone?

The Toronto Globe says that everything a man wears, "from his toes to his neck" is made in Canada. What about the various brands of Canadian-made toupees?

CRISP COMMENT

Faint heart often wins fair lady—with a little artful assistance on her part.—*Chicago News.*

Middle age is when a man begins to look at the limit instead of going it.—*Boston Herald.*

Young Scopes couldn't have attracted more attention if he had got himself trapped in a cave.—*Toledo Blade.*

The green golfer learns the game from the "pro," but the language he uses—well, that's a gift.—*Ottawa Journal.*

When all is said and done, the time will never come when all is said and everything done.—*Detroit Free Press.*

It is a good idea to kiss the children good night, says a Plattsville mother, if you don't mind waiting up for them.—*Plattsville Echo.*

"U. S. consumes more gas than anywhere else," is a headline that's particularly timely, this being the "silly" season.—*Buffalo Courier.*

A woman in a London asylum becomes sane whenever she writes fiction. Sometimes sane people get mad writing the truth.—*Toronto Star.*

An enforcement agent has made the admission that "prohibition is at a critical stage." Hypocritical, yes.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Asked who were the four horsemen, a Wisconsin boy said, "Paul Revere, Theodore Roosevelt, Jesse James and Barney Google.—*Brandon Sun.*

Horicelli, the man who first made a vacuum, was the only inventor who produced absolutely nothing and got credit for it.—*Kingston Standard.*

Important court decision establishes fact that people of Centre Island are not nearly so wild as natives of Cannibal Islands.—*Toronto Telegram.*

SIR ADAM BECK DIED SATURDAY

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the first government guarantee of hydro bonds was demanded. Mr. Beck found little difficulty in getting the Whitney limit raised to hundreds of millions after he had shown him what he could do. The first provincially owned current from Niagara was turned on in the town of Berlin, now of Kitchener, in 1910. The second transmission line was built to Toronto. Beck continued to represent London in the Legisalture until 1919, when he went down with the Conservative party in the provincial general election. He was retained by the Drury U.F.O.-Labor Government, however, as Chairman of the Power Commission, in which capacity he was at that time paid a salary of $18,000 a year.

Sir Adam Beck's plans in Hydro affairs met with setbacks under the Drury United Farmer Government, particularly with reference to Hydro-Electric Railways. A royal commission, after several months of investigation, recommended against building certain radial railways under provincial guarantees, and thereby took issue with the Hydro Commission and Sir Adam Beck. This report caused a certain division between Sir Adam and the government when the latter made it clear that they were inclined to accept the report of the Royal Commission as the one to follow.

Then there was the break over the cost of the Chippawa project and while the Drury Government did not stop the work there, it held up the latest advance of three and a half million dollars until the Legislature could vote on it. Sir Adam defended the stand of the Hydro Commission with characteristic vigor, attacked the Royal Commission's report and defended the Hydro Commission's expenditures.

It was announced Sunday night that the body of Sir Adam would be brought to Hamilton for burial beside the body of his wife. The family plot is situated in Hamilton cemetery.

The funeral on Tuesday was attended by representatives of the hydro-electric commissions from practically every municipality in Ontario, Mayor Murdock and Mr. H. W. Wilson representing Durham.

SOUTH GREY CANDIDATES ENJOY FIRST DANCE

Miss Agnes Macphail, M.P., Progressive for South Grey, and Dr. L. G. Campbell of Markdale, Liberal-Conservative candidate, who are opposing one another in the coming Federal elections, showed their fine spirit Wednesday night of last week at the Catholic Women's League garden party when they stepped out on the floor together for the first dance of the evening.

Throughout their speeches, they showed the best of feeling, and as Dr. Campbell closed his address, he said that he could still dance, and he thought the girls might play leap year and ask him to dance during the evening. Just as the first dance started, Miss Macphail walked quietly up to the Doctor and the dance was on.

BIG PICNIC AT EUGENIA WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26

Bishop Williams of Huron Diocese to Be in Attendance.—Big Crowd Expected.

Wednesday, August 26, is the date set for a big picnic of the Anglicans of Grey and surrounding districts to be held at the Eugenia park. It will be a basket affair, and it is expected a big crowd will be present.

Bishop Williams of Huron Diocese is to be present and an address will also be delivered by Mr. Hamilton of Toronto, one of the prominent layment of the province.

Wife: "Did you notice the chinchilla coat on the woman sitting in front of us as church this morning?"

Husband: "Er, no. Afraid I was dozing most of the time."

Wife: "Um- A lot of good the service did you!"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Mrs. Alex. Ferguson, of Toronto, formerly of Proton, is visiting at Mr. Charles Brown's this week.

Misses Margaret Culliton and Katy McAuliffe and Mr. J. D. McAuliffe motored to Melancthon last Friday for an extended visit.

Miss Hilda Dorse of Toronto is visiting with her friend, Miss Kathleen Firth.

Mrs. Robert Smith, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who is motoring through Canada accompanied by her son-in-law and family, spent the past week with her brother, Mr. H. Dean, here. Before returning to her home, she intends visiting in Toronto and Niagara . Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Charlotte Dean, and while here renewed acquaintances in the vicinity.

Miss Lottie Dean is visiting in Grand Rapids, Mich., having returned with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Smith, who visited here last week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Haws and family of Meaford, accompanied by Mr. B. Bengan, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Dean and family.

Mr. Robert Allen is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. Haws, at Meaford, for a couple of weeks.

Mr. C. L. Grant made a business trip to Toronto the first of the week.

Mr. A. E. Kearney of Schomberg was in town over the week-end and was accompanied home Monday by his wife, Mrs. Kearney, who has been visiting for the past ten days with Ye Editor and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Shortreed of Rochester, N.Y., spent last week in town with his sister, Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Whealen.

Mr and Mrs. James Atkinson returned to Toronto Saturday after visiting for the past couple of weeks with relatives in this vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Rowland returned last week from a vacation at her home at Embro.

Miss Rose Culliton of Toronto spent Sunday in town.

Miss Monica Culliton of Toronto is visiting for a week with her aunt, Mrs. M. McAuliffe, Upper Town.

Miss Ella Wilson, accompanied by Mrs. J. Warbrick, Misses Anna and Kathleen Holland and Messrs. Harold Warbrick and W. Hickey, motored from Toronto and spent the week-end at her home in Egremont.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Catton, and daughters, Ruby and Effie, Toronto, visited the first of the week with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Catton, here.

Mrs. J. Johnson and daughters, Isobel and Marguerite, of Toronto, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Irwin.

Mrs. Sarah McLean, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs Harry Falkingham, Jr., left last week to visit friends in Detroit, Sarnia and Petrolea.

Miss Florence Le Sage of Wiarton is spending her vacation with her aunt, Mrs. William Falkingham, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Nicolls and son, Eric, of Toronto, and Miss Eunice Hoefner, of Buffalo, returned home after a two weeks' holiday at the Rocky Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sewart returned to their home at Hamilton after spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Nicolls at the Rocky Camp.

Mr. Bill Dowsett, of Toronto, who has been spending his holidays with Mr. Eric Nicolls at the Rocky Camp, left for his home on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cohoon, of Toronto, are holidaying with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred B. McClocklin at the Rocky Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Runciman, of Toronto, who have spent since last Friday with Mr. James McDonald, in Bentinck, are spending this week with relatives and friends in and around Swinton Park. Mr. and Mrs. Runciman, who were recently married, are on their honeymoon trip, and The Chronicle wishes them much happiness.

Miss Margaret McColl, of the teaching staff at Port Arthur, visited her aunt, Mrs. Charles Kennedy, Bunessan, for a few days last week.

Mrs. M. Eddington, of Toronto, spent last week with her niece, Mrs. Mel. Storrey.

Mr. Charles McGruther of Newark, N. J., passed through town Tuesday night on hs way to Owen Sound to attend the funeral of his mother. Charley, an old school chum of the writer, left Newark at 12.30 Monday noon and was in Durham at 10 o'clock Tuesday night. The total distance to Newark is in the neighborhood of 600 miles.

Mrs. Vantassel and two children of New York City, the former an old school mate of the writer, were in town last Thursday afternoon and gave us a pleasant call.

Mr. Reg. Fawcett, of London, was a caller at The Chronicle office on Monday, en route to his parental home at Thornbury. Reg. and the Editor were old school chums at Flesherton, and for an hour, we entertained each other with tales of devilish perpetrations committed many years ago while learning our three R's.

Mrs. McPherson and Mr. White and daughter, Mrs. Ross, all of Toronto, are visiting Mrs McPherson's sister, Mrs. McCannel, Lambton street.

Mrs. D. McQueen and daughter, Miss Sadie, of Stayner, visited with Mrs. N. McCannel last week.

Mrs. Donald Stewart and Miss Campbell of Priceville spent a couple of days this week with Mrs. N. McCannel.

Mr. Ernest McGirr, who has been attending Columbia University, N.Y., for the past few weeks, is visiting his mother and sisters here.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Harron of Listowel visited Durham friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John McLean of Shelburne are visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas McGirr.

Mr. and Mrs. John Knisley and family of Starksboro, Vermont, arrived in town by motor Monday night and are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Knisley, Bentinck. It is 19 years since Mr. Knisley left here, going first to Manitoba, then to Alberta and subsequently to Vermont. The party are on a motoring tour and camped out nights during their journey. They expect to spend a couple of weeks in this vicinity.

Miss Violet McClyment returned home after spending three weeks with relatives and friends in St. Marys.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Aldred visited with her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heughan, in Milverton the first of the week.

Messrs. H. Whitby and W. Ibbott of the Standard Bank staff spent over the week-end at the latter's home at Welland.

Mrs. Albert Livingstone is visiting with her sister, Mrs. Kennedy, at Shelburne.

Miss Jennie Jasper of Walkerton visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Watson, Mr. and Mrs. E. Watson, Miss Nellie Watson and Mrs. Blough, all of Paisley, visited last week with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritchie, Glenelg.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Davis and two children returned today to their home at Edmonton, Alberta, after visiting for the past month with Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Allen, here, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis in Glenelg, and with other friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Howell were in Niagara Falls and Hamilton last week on a motor trip.

Mrs. Arthur Atkinson of Manitoulin Island is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Ritchie in Glenelg.

Master Jack and Earl Pieffer of Hanover are visiting their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McComb.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. McCawley and two children, of Tillsonburg, former residents here, are visiting for a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Nicholson and other friends here.

Mrs. H. Cross was in Guelph last week-end visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Ogg.

Rev. and Mrs. Caldwell of Georgetown are visiting wtih his brother, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Caldwell, in Normanby.

Mrs. J. M. MacKenzie, daughters Marjorie and Muriel, and son, Jack, are visiting with Miss A. G. MacKenzie, in Upper Town.

Mrs. Neil MacDonald and son, Fred, accompanied by Mrs. Ina Harte and daughter, Lenora, and also Messrs. Harry Bartley and Harry Lilliston, all of Owen Sound, spent Wednesday at Mr. Dan C. MacDonald's.

Mrs. John M. MacKenzie and three chidren of Milton have been visiting her sisters, Miss Annie G. MacKenzie and Mrs. Dan. C. MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. St. Thomas, who have been visiting her brother, Mr. Dan C. MacDonald, for the past month, left Saturday for their home in Detroit, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Moorhead, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. A. Green, Detroit, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Noble, motored to Lion's Head over the week-end, where they were joined by Mr. and Mrs. L. Bruin, when the party journeyed to Lake George in an enjoyable camping outing.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Richardson of Windsor are visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Richardson, here.

They were having their usual argument in regard to money. "Yes," snorted the husband, "I'm absolutely sick of it. You're always asking me for something. You seem to think I'm made of money. I wonder what you'd do if I were to die. You would have to beg for it then."

"Well," responded the wife bitterly, "I should be a great deal better off than the women who have never had any practice."

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ACCOUNTS SENT OUT

During the past week, a big batch of accounts owing on subscriptions have been sent out from THE CHRONICLE *office, and quite naturally, we are expecting a liberal response to our request for funds in order that we may better carry on our work.*

In a good many instances, the amounts are not large, and some of our readers may wonder that they have been rendered a statement. These small accounts are all right, but when it is considered that we have two or three hundred such, we think our readers will see the reasonableness of our request, as in the aggregate, they amount to quite a considerable sum.

It is our intention to turn out the best paper it is in our power to do, but like everything else commercially, we cannot carry on successfully without monetary remuneration for our efforts. From time to time, as conditions warrant, THE CHRONICLE *will, as in the past, continue to keep up with the times, but this cannot be done without full co-operation between our readers and ourselves.*

We would, therefore, ask all who have received these statements to remit as soon as possible, and in meeting their obligations with us, we, in turn, shall be able to meet the many demands upon us by wholesalers and others.

We thank you.

BIG GARDEN PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT

Red Cross Gathering in Rink Should Pull Big Crowd—Excellent Program Being Provided, Varied in Character and With Many Interesting Features.

Final preparations for the monster garden party in Durham Rink tomorrow, Friday, evening, have been completed, and the stage is now set for the big event of the season, the total proceeds of which will go for the benefit of the Red Cross Memorial Hospital.

Besides a Midway, a first-class dancing platform and other attractions, an excellent program of superior talent has been secured by the committee. Harry Bennett, Toronto's leading comedian, will furnish a hilariously funny part of the entertainment. "Scotty" Robertson, the Palmerston Male Quartette and McArthur and Ellis, in novelty songs and sketches should also prove strong drawing cards, to say nothing of the music to be supplied by Durham Citizens' Band and the Haw Bros.' Orchestra.

As the entire proceeds are in aid of Durham Red Cross Hospital, it is expected that Durham and the whole countryside will be on hand to enjoy themselves, and at the same time, swell the funds for this deserving institution.

A Quick Retort

A cockney woman fishseller, with a basket on her arm, got into an omnibus and sat down beside an elegant young man.

"I suppose you'd rather have a real gentleman sitting next to you?" asked the fishseller, seeing the young man's disgust at her odorous basket.

The elegant young man replied that he would very much prefer it.

"So would I!" came the quick retort.

DURHAM MARKET

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Live Hogs	$13.00
Wheat	1.35 @ 1.40
Oats	.40 @ .45
Barley	.65 @ .70
Buckwheat	.65 @ .70
Peas	1.00 @ 1.10
Mixed Grain, per cwt.	1.40 @ 1.45
Hay	10.00 @ 12.00
Eggs	.23 @ .30
Butter	.30
Potatoes, per bag	.50
Cattle	.04 @ .08
Hides	.06
Sheepskins	50 @ .75

WILDER'S LAKE RESIDENTS GAVE OLD-TIME PARTY

Macaroon "Toast" Held on Beach at Durham's Coney Island Last Friday Evening.

The summer residents at Wilder's Lake held an old-time social gathering and dance on the beach last Friday night, and while the editor of this paper was not present, we have it on the best of authority that a real good time was enjoyed by all. The gathering commenced with a round at toasting macaroons, followed by an old-time dance at which some of the heavyweights are said to have disported themselves exceedingly, inventing a new dance that will go down in terpsichorean history as the "elephant's hop."

Last night a similar party was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Watson.

FOUR TRAGEDIES

A man struck a match to see if the gasoline tank was empty. It wasn't ! Another man touched a trolley wire to see if it was alive. It was! A man jumped out of a boat to see if he could swim. He couldn't! A man cut out his advertising to see if he could make more money. He didn't!

Disappointed

"Was the play shocking?"

"Naw! I came home before it was half over."

This Week's SPECIALS

Two packages of Kid Finish Envelopes and a 100-sheet Kid Finish Correspondence Foldover Tablet, all for

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