

At Home

Come in & Chat Awhile
—Ruth Raeburn.

October
Ochre suits October mood,
Smoky sunsets, tinged like blood,
Burning leaves in scented piles,
Hikers tramping miles and miles.
—Blanche Kerr Usher

A Vagabond Song
There is something in the autumn that
is native to my blood—
Touch of manner, hint of mood:
And my heart is like a rhyme,
With the yellow and the purple and
the crimson keeping time.
The scarlet of the maples can shake
me like a cry
Of bugles going by.
And my lonely spirit thrills
To see the frosty asters like a smoke
upon the hills.
There is something in October sets
the gypsy blood astir:
We must rise and follow her
When from every hill of flame
She calls and calls each vagabond by
name
Bliss Carman

October Wind
The piper wind goes straying
Into the morning skies,
With fern seed in his pocket,
And laughter in his eyes
And the swift clouds break and follow
His magic melodies
The piper wind goes playing
His music, sweet and shrill
And, brave in red and yellow
The leaves dance on the hill;
And the purple plumes of aster
Nod gaily by the rill.
The piper wind goes roaming
O'er upland, glade and plain,
He whispers to the sunshine,
He whistles through the rain;
He dreams among the pine trees
And wakes and laughs again.
The piper wind goes homing
Adown the sunset skies,
With fern seed in his pocket,
And laughter in his eyes;
And hearts are fain to follow
His magic melodies.
Norah Holland.

A haze on the far horizon,
The infinite tender sky;
The rich, ripe tint of the corn flakes
And the wild geese sailing high,
And all over upland and lowland
The charm of the goldenrod,
Some of us call it autumn,
And others call it God.
—Wm. H. Carruth.

Autumn Is In Town
Autumn is in town they say,
I have not seen her, but today
I saw what might have been the flash
Of sumach, or perhaps her sash.
The sunlight in the maples there
Had caught the glory of her hair,
And every leaf of russet brown
Was just the color of her gown.
I peeped in gardens passing fair,
In hope that I might find her there,
Dahlias and asters, gentians blue,
Phlox and petunias, cosmos, too.
All curtled low as if to say:
"Yes, yes, 'tis true, she passed this way."
And then beside the avenue
I saw the imprint of her shoe.
—Helena Driscoll.

Autumn
Upon the bridge of gold, Thy royal hand
Outstretched with benedictions o'er the
land,
Blessing the farms, through all thy vast
domains,
Like flames upon an altar shine the
sheaves,
And following thee, in thy ovation
splendid,
Thine almoner, the wind, scatters the
golden leaves.
—Longfellow.

On An Evening of Delight
The autumn sky is brimmed with rose
Of a supernal hue;
My autumn life is, too.
The autumn clouds are steeped in gold
From an unearthly mint.
It is my own joy's tint.
Now the moon takes the silver sky
To realms of ecstasy,
As you have taken me.
When all things fade and fuse and
merge
At edge of death's abyss—
I shall remember this.
—Lesley Grey.

Aftermath
The aftermath of Halloween
Is seen along the street;
The sweeper man is out to clean
The dust of dancing feet.
A husk of corn, a broken mask,
A scrap of orange festoon:
To sweep becomes a lighter task
Where frolic's toys are strewn.
The sweeper man, his work was play
His merry smile is seen;
For he recalled the vanished day
When his was Halloween.
—Clara M. Bernhardt.

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News in Brief

Interesting Happenings Briefly Outlined for the Busy Readers

Lucknow merchants are continuing the weekly half-holiday during October.

The most daring daylight robbery in Walkerton in years was perpetrated on Monday morning of last week when \$24 in bills was taken from the cash drawer of Frank Donohue's Shoe Store. Including the amount of a cheque, the bills beneath it and \$10 in silver, there was \$125 in the till, but the thief, doubtless working very hurriedly, contented himself with lifting the bills that lay on top of the cheque.

Mrs. James Moorehead, Sr., of Listowel, returned home last week after a pleasant and enjoyable trip to the West. Mrs. Moorehead, who is eighty-seven years of age, took her first flight in an aeroplane recently while in the West. At Bassano, Alta., she was invited by Dr. Scott, who owns and pilots a Moth plane, to make a flight. Mrs. Moorehead was delighted with the experience and states she would welcome the chance of another trip.

A romance and quarrel with Mrs. Marie Exner, 24, may cost Charles J. Malacek, 34, of Cleveland, Ohio, the sight of both eyes. The attractive divorcee threw a vial of acid in Malacek's face as they sat parked on a lonely road near that place, when, she said, he spurred her pleas for a wedding. When arrested, she screamed hysterically: "If I can't marry him no other girl will."

Producer of the largest tomato grown in Northern Ontario is the claim made by I. Caron, of Capreol. His tomato weighs 2 1/2 pounds, measures 18 inches at its largest circumference and 16 inches at the smallest.

The old-time cattle rustlers were pikers compared to the lads who were sought Thursday as thieves of W. E. Brownlee's 13 porkers. Brownlee, who lives on a farm in Biddulph township, near London, slept while robbers carried away 13 pigs from his barnyard and then helped themselves to 5,000 pounds of oats from another farm, apparently in determination the animals would not starve.

The basis for two widely spread reports of a coal find near Moosonee, was reported last week. A small load of coal buried by a cave in started the report. Workmen excavating for a T. & N. O. Railway building struck the buried coal and the word flashed forth gathering substance as it travelled.

"Western Canada is keeping its flag flying in the midst of trying conditions," said Lord Bessborough, Governor-General, on his arrival in Ottawa last week from a trip to the Pacific coast. Impressed by the spirit of determination and confidence of Western Canada, the Governor-General said his trip had been a revelation to him.

Charged with having incited Edson Boutiller and Gerald Freckleton to attempt to rob the Royal Bank at Shubenacadie, N.S., Inspector Jas. Blakeney of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police received a summons to appear before a magistrate at Halifax on October 5. The summons was issued on information sworn to by Mrs. Anne Freckleton, mother of Gerald Freckleton, who was shot to death by the police squad hidden in the bank.

No longer will the milkman jangle cheerly on his morning rounds in Forest Hill village, a Toronto suburb. The village council last week passed a bylaw requiring that all vehicles moving in the streets between midnight and seven in the morning be rubber tired and that all horses be rubber shod and that all delivery men be rubber soled.

It was announced recently that Lord Bessborough, Governor General of Canada, will visit the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph on October 22. He will dedicate the new administrative and residence building recently completed and will speak to the students, faculty and civic officials at a luncheon.

Charles Burton Simms, age 40, well-known Listowel clothing merchant, was found dead in his garage about ten o'clock Monday morning, a victim of carbon monoxide gas. The discovery was made by the dead man's son, Bert, a local high school student.

Officials of the Michigan Central Railway are investigating the placing of rocks on the line at Springfield, 15 miles east of St. Thomas, which were struck by the Wolverine flyer from Detroit to Buffalo last Thursday night, with minor damage. The express was tearing along at a 60-mile clip when

the locomotive crashed into a number of pieces of rock or boulder which had been placed on the track a short distance from the Springfield station.

Galt Hospital, founded 50 years ago, is now staffed with twenty nurses, all graduates of the institution, with Aubrey Cleacer, of Oakville, as the new superintendent. The nurse training school, in operation for 40 years, has been discontinued, the nurses who had not finished the training being sent to other centres.

John Bahnsen, general manager of the Globe Furniture Company, Kitchener, died Saturday at the home of his daughter in Manitowac, Wisconsin. He was in his 71st year. Mr. Bahnsen came to Waterloo in 1911 from Chicago to take over the management of the local concern and since that time four extensions have been made to the plant.

The sale of the Canada Furniture Factory at Walkerton, familiarly known as the American Rattan factor, has been rumored the past few days. The purchasers are said to come from Toronto, and it is their intention to raze the buildings to the rear, while the main block, especially the brick block built last, will be renovated for stores with possibly a chain store organization occupying the larger block.

Reports of a 10-per cent reduction in Ontario Government grants to public and separate schools of Ontario were confirmed last night by officials of the Department of Education. The cut has been imposed for purposes of department economy, it was stated, and will apply on grants earned by schools during the last school year.

While cleaning a partridge that he had just shot, William Augustson, of the Michigan Soo, found that the bird had recently swallowed a 14-inch garter snake.

The action of the Grape Growers' Association in calling a strike until a better price is obtainable for their product stands endorsed by more than 350 of the growers. At a meeting held in Beamsville Monday night growers from St. Catharines, Stoney Creek and Beamsville passed a resolution endorsing the strike until a minimum price of 15¢ per six quart basket shall be obtained.

William N. Artley, Meaford, was dismissed in County Criminal Court at Owen Sound last Friday afternoon of a charge of criminal negligence before Judge Morley. The charge arose as the result of an accident in which Mr. Biggar of Meaford was knocked from his bicycle by a car driven by Mr. Artley last July.

On October 1 Tokio, capital of Japan became the world's third city, officially absorbing 82 suburban towns and villages and increasing its area seven-fold. Formerly the population was 2,500,000 and the area 31 square miles. Greater Tokio has a population of 5,312,000 and 233 square miles under a single administration.

Payless or not, Chicago's school teachers refuse to quit. Proposals for a general strike unless they are paid their back salaries were voted down by the High School Teachers' Association. Earlier similar proposals were rejected by the delegates from 100 schools on the west and north sides. Nearly \$13,000,000 is due the teachers.

The steamer Bright Fan of London Eng., which cleared from Churchill, on September 25 with a cargo of grain, struck an iceberg in the middle of Hudson Straits on Saturday and sank in three hours. The crew of thirty took to the boats and were picked up five hours later by the departmental patrol steamer, N. B. McLean.

MAY ASCEND TEN MILES WITHOUT DEATH DANGER
Airplane pilots could rise to altitudes of fifty thousand feet nearly ten miles with out danger of death from the rigorous experience if the nitrogen gas in their bodies is expelled before they leave earth by breathing oxygen for one hour before the ascent.

Sir Leonard Hill, the eminent British physiologist, so concludes in a communication to the British scientific journal, Nature, as the result of experiments on animals under low pressure conditions.

Previous experiments in France had led to the conclusion that about 45,000 feet was the limit of altitude that can be reached by man with safety, even when oxygen equipped, unless his whole body is enclosed in a pressure chamber that shields him from facts of the great height. Death from the high altitude might sometimes come the day after the experience, experiments on animals showed

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SPOKE LAST NIGHT ON INDIA MISSIONS

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of the political life of the country, thought Russia and Germany to blame for much of it and gave it as her opinion that it would be many years before, if any, to break away from her British connection. On being questioned as to her opinion of the course of India supposing she should sever Empire ties, Miss Priest said she thought the Indian statesmen thought British, and would do business along British lines, owing to their long association with British institutions.

Miss Priest cited the case of a native girl who was into some legal tangle about her property. She begged that influence be used that her case would come before a British magistrate rather than one of her countrymen. She trusted the British magistrate more than her own people, and had faith that he would give her justice. Things like this, said Miss Priest, make one proud to be British.

Tuni, where Miss Priest spent the most of her time, is on the East Coast north of Madras, in southern central India. It is a different country today than 39 years ago when this missionary woman of the Ontario and Quebec Foreign Mission Board first went there. As reported in last Friday's Toronto Globe:

"Looking back over the early years spent in India Miss Priest recalls with a sigh the passage across the Godavery River, before the present railway bridge was constructed. Wearily the missionaries plodded their way through the sand of the shore to the paddle-wheel boat that crossed the river, laden down with their burden of luggage—missionaries must needs carry bedding as well as clothing—then again waded through the deep sand of the opposite shore.

"The bullock carts in which the missionaries travelled to the hills holiday time, during the first years of Miss Priest's residence in India, are vivid memories. Today the train journey up the Hills is a joy. Missionaries explains Miss Priest, were too poor to afford transportation by tongas—spritted horses that galloped up the hills with the mail or passenger carriages and had to depend upon the creaking springless bullock carts with a layer of hay providing a degree of comfort.

"It is a vastly different India today than that which this missionary woman first became acquainted with thirty nine years ago. She has watched the development of Christian communities as she has devoted herself to service to women and children. Throughout the years she has remained at the mission station located at Tuni in the God-

avery district.
Home Life an Example
"Without doubt the influence of the home life of missionaries as well as the schools have been an important factor in the development of social reforms that are today marking the life of India, Miss Priest believes. Remembering those days when the women in India simply were not heard of in public life, it is amazing today in the mission work to follow the programs of the Christian Indian women conducting a service program that could not be excelled by any women's missionary society in Canada. The feminist movement has no finer example than the part the women took in the passing of the Sardi Bill, which raised the marriageable age of the girls of India, remarks Miss Priest. In battling for the success of this bill, the women of India staged processions and demonstrations in which they paraded child widows as a feature of their agitation.

The women of India, including the wives of Viceroy, Governors and high officials are enlisted widely in child welfare work. Following with a glad heart the progress of social reforms in India she so dearly loves, Miss Priest has been intensely interested in the gradual breaking down of caste and the effort to eliminate enforced widowhood. Until recent years the young man who married a girl widow was ostracized from the society of his friends."

WANTED A MAN

What we lack and sorely need,
For wait of which we bleed, and bleed,
Is men of a more Godly breed—
Honest men in highest places;
Men with single aims and faces;
Men whose nobler thoughts outpace
Thoughts of self or power or pelf;
Men whose axes need no grinding;
Men who are not always minding
First their own concerns, and blinding
Their souls' eyes to larger things.
Men of wide and Godly vision;
Men of quick and wise decision;
Men who shrink not at derision;
Men whose souls have wings.
Oh, for such a man among us—
One among the mob that throng us!
Him we would acclaim—
Hold in highest estimation,
Reverence with consecration,
As the savior of the nation,
Dower him with fame.
Lord, now raise us such a man—
Patriot, not partisan—
And complete Thy mighty plan!
—John Oxenham

Where I spent last Christmas the
thermometer dropped to zero.
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What's nothing?
Why, zero.



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