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## THE DURHAM CHRONICLE

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### Flesherton

Mrs. A. S. VANDEUSEN:

Dear Madam.—At the regular meeting of Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 333, A. F. & A. M. held on Friday evening the 15th inst. a resolution was unanimously adopted instructing the undersigned committee to convey to you the heart-felt sympathy of the lodge in the great bereavement which you have been called to pass through by the death of your beloved husband.

Prince Arthur Lodge mourns with you because of the loss of a member and an officer so valued and so highly esteemed as was Worshipful Brother VanDusen, who had filled with much honor to himself and the Craft the highest positions in the gift of the lodge. We mourn because we shall no more at our lodge meetings see his familiar face, hear his voice in words of wise counsel and be helped by his true fraternal fellowship. But much as we feel our loss we are conscious it can be felt but in a small measure to that experienced by you as you view the vacant chair in your home and "sigh for the touch of the vanished hand and a sound of a voice that is still."

Therefore the deepest sympathy of the lodge is hereby extended to you and your family in the loss you have sustained and while earnestly praying the Most High to greatly comfort your sorrowing hearts we would remind you of the consoling thought that:—"Death is but the gateway to a higher life.

A life much broader than the one we see;  
A volume grand, rewritten and revised  
Of what we are and what we are to be."

On behalf of Prince Arthur Lodge:  
J. BLAIBURN,  
M. K. RICHARDSON, } Committee.  
T. A. BLAKELY.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Wright of "Cedar View Farm" celebrated in a very pleasant manner their wedding on Tuesday evening of last week. About forty guests were present among whom were Mrs. J. Foster, of British Columbia; Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Speer, of Corbetton; Mr. and Mrs. A. Wilson; Rev. L. F. and Mrs. Kipp, and Rev. G. C. Little, of Flesherton.

Mrs. Wright received in her wedding dress and the house decorations were very pretty. A choice wedding dinner was served after which Rev. Mr. Little in a neat speech proposed the health of the host and hostess. With parlor games and music the evening was enjoyably spent by the company. Numerous presents were given in woodenware.

At a meeting of the Presbyterian congregation on Thursday evening last a forward movement in behalf of Missions was taken by organizing a Missionary Association for the congregation in the work of which all members and adherents will be invited to take part. The following officers were elected: Pres. Rev. G. C. Little; 1st Vice Pres., J. F. Chard; 2nd Vice Pres., Mrs. J. L. McMullen; Sec., Chas. Stewart; Treas., Miss Eva Loucks; Finance Committee, Jos. E. McKee, T. R. McKenzie, Mrs. W. J. Stewart, Mrs. McMullen; Programme Committee, Mrs. F. Fluker, Mrs. W. Bentham, Miss Celia VanDusen.

Mrs. Andrew Bentham was given a pleasant birthday celebration at the home of her son Will and wife on Monday evening of last week. The esteemed lady's family and friends are pleased to see her so restored to good health since undergoing a critical operation in the hospital.

Mr. Andrew Gilchrist, whose foot was terribly mangled in the cylinder of a threshing machine two months ago, is progressing very favorably, the injured member doing so well that good hopes are entertained for good use of it again. Mr. Gilchrist, who has borne his misfortune cheerfully, is deeply grateful to the kind neighbors by whom he is surrounded who have in the most thoughtful and helpful manner lent assistance on the farm.

The Public School Board here decided last week to purchase a new library for the school.

The Presbyterian and Methodist Sunday Schools are this week commencing practice for their annual entertainments on Christmas and New Year's evenings. The Baptist School will hold theirs early in January.

The Baptist church anniversary is to be on Sunday December 8th, when Rev. P. C. Cameron, B. D. of Owen Sound will preach morning and evening. A splendid entertainment is to be given in the town hall the following evening.

The Citizens' Band has secured the Swiss Bell Ringers for an entertainment in the town hall on Dec. 5th. The musical Eckharts have had highly pleased audiences here before and we hope on this occasion to see them draw a crowded house for the Band.

Mrs. Frank Rennie, Toronto line, had a neat monument erected in the cemetery here on Saturday, to the memory of her late husband.

Mr. Fred Tucker has increased his tailoring business by adding gents' furnishing to his stock of cloths.

Miss Willison has been re-engaged for 1907 in the school at Rock Mills.

Mr. W. H. Bunt, who went through the Caledon wreck, came home with a badly battered Christy hat in place of his own. Showing us the relic on Saturday, we observed that on a piece of a Thornbury newspaper folded under the inside band was written with pencil the name C. Cammack, who was probably the owner and a passenger on that ill-fated train. But where did he hail from?

Born—At Hannah, North Dakota, on Nov. 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Bowler, a son. We congratulate our townsman Mr. W. P. Crossley on his newly conferred title Grand-Pa.

Born—At Ceylon on Friday last, to Mr. and Mrs. Alex McRae, twins, both boys. The infants lived only a few hours and numerous friends sympathize with the parents in their loss.

Mrs. Irwin, Sr., east of the village, who has been an invalid the past year with a broken thigh bone, had the misfortune to fall again last week and sustain severe injuries.

Mr. Alex Muir Reeve, of Armesna, and wife were suddenly bereft of their infant daughter, Margaret Esther, on Monday morning. Pneumonia was the cause of death. Internment was made at Priceville, on Tuesday. The little one was one year and nine months old. We sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. Muir in their loss.

Mr. John English, is opening a house accommodation for the public at Ceylon. He is building a new stable 40x60 for the accommodation of horses.

A party of hunters from Owen Sound, spent Monday in this vicinity, chaperoned by Andy Wilson.

Thos. Davis, Robt. Brown, Alex English and a number more young men have gone from this vicinity, to Parry Sound lumber camps.

Mrs. Robt. Best was called to the city last week by the illness of her sister Mrs. Spence and niece Miss Irene Spence. The latter is not expected to recover.

Mrs. W. H. Bunt is visiting at Woodbridge.

Mrs. VanDusen is spending a couple of weeks with her daughter at Collingwood.

Miss Brigham, of Shelburne, is visiting the Misses Munshaw.

## LOCAL OPTION AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION.

(By Rev. W. Farquharson.)

"And are you going to close the hotels so that we can neither get a bite to eat nor a bed to sleep on?" was the question with which a good lady hailed me the other day. This question I wish to answer in this communication. Of one thing we may be sure that if people with money to pay for their entertainment find no one to cater for them it will be one of the wonders of the world. Everywhere people are crowding one another in order to supply that for which others are willing to part with their money. It will be strange if this clamant want be left long unsupplied.

The taking away of the shop licenses did not stop the grocery business, nor has the restriction of the drink trade to the saloons, common in many of the Western States, stopped erecting and maintaining some of the most palatial hotels in the continent, and notwithstanding the cry that the craft is in danger, we shall have hotels with rooms to warm in, tables to eat at and beds to sleep on, though not a drop of strong drink is supplied on the premises.

But will there be any guarantee that the accommodation will be satisfactory? At present if a man find the accommodation little to his liking he can comfort himself that the license commissioners have pronounced it good. Travellers tell us this is the only comfort they get in many hotels through the country. At this we are not surprised, for even in Toronto Commissioner Starr reports that many of the houses thus certified are not fit for human beings to live in. But if a man were doomed to eat indigestible food and lie on a sleepless couch, and had no assurance from the License Commissioners that it was all right, he would be in a bad plight indeed.

Evidently the present condition of many of the public houses is directly traceable to the arrangement by which the boarding department is tacked on as dead weight to the section whence comes the money. Quick returns come from the bar, and so long as that prospers the only care for the boarding accommodation is to keep clear of the claws of the License Commissioners. Thus every motive combines to keep hotel proprietors from either improving their boarding accommodations themselves or leaving the field for others to do it. All that is required to make sure of having hotels equipped and maintained to meet the public wants is to make them depend for their existence on pleasing their patrons. That is cut off their drink trade and make the other part of the business maintain itself.

Whether Local Option become law or not the bar must be separated from the hotel. Yet there are some difficulties that claim immediate attention.

The present possessors of the hotels may on the first of May close their doors and wire up their sheds. As in a state of war, armies welcome a loss to themselves if it brings a greater loss to their enemies. So the hotel proprietors may seek at their own loss to harm others in order to secure voters at the next election. Their possession of the buildings gives them special advantage in this struggle, since if another hotel were put up they could at once open their houses and freeze out their rivals. It is to be hoped no such war, hurtful to both parties, will arise. It is the part of temperance people to be fair and considerate in their conducting of the campaign. We are not at war with our hotel proprietors, but we must stand in such phalanx that the attempt to break our ranks will be seen to be hopeless. Temperance people will consult their own and the town's interests if arrangements are early made, by which temporary accommodation can be given to the public in case the war should be forced upon us. The sure way to prevent the shutting of the hotels is to be ready to do without them.

Under the new order hotel-keepers may keep out those they think undesirable, or may refuse to open their doors by night no matter how impetunate the knocking. To guard against this, many people and some newspapers of repute have been advocating the issuing of licenses to temperance houses. The advocates of this scheme, however, do not seem to observe that all the value of a license is its prohibiting others from taking part in the business. If all giving of meals or lodging for pay were restricted to a small number of license holders the licenses would be eagerly sought after—even though the condition was that the house be public. Any service, however, that was thus secured would be dearly paid for in the increase in the rates charged. Better meet the difficulty of securing public service directly than by creating a monopoly in a line of business that should be unrestricted.

The real issue as to hotel accommodation is, whether temperance people are willing, not only to vote for local option and enforce the law, but also to pay handsomely for services that are now supplied gratuitously as feed-

ers of the bar. Why should any man sponge on the public by getting water or shelter for his horse or a room for his wife or himself to warm and rest in, without honestly and generously paying for it? If we are not sufficiently in earnest to bear our share of maintaining public conveniences it is safe to say that the whole Local Option movement, sooner or later, will end in failure.

If then the temperance people will stand together, pay together, and bear together, we shall not only see drinking lessened but hotel accommodation in every way better than it is at present.

## COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

The Commencement Exercises in connection with Durham School were held in the hall here on Friday evening last. The building was uncomfortably full, and the large audience enjoyed a very pleasant program provided for the occasion. Principal Allan acted as Chairman, and it is needless to say that he discharged his duties very becomingly.

The chief feature of the evening, so far as the pupils were concerned, was the presentation of medals to the different prize winners in the recent examinations. Dr. Jamieson's medal was to the pupil who stood highest in the recent Entrance Examination and the presentation was made by the Doctor himself in his own happy style. In his introductory remarks he stated that it was through the "seductive smiles" of Trustees Ramage and Johnston that he was led to contribute one of the medals. He did not know for what subject it was to be given, nor did he yet know to whom. The winner, however, was James Farquharson, whom he supposed was the best boy in the County.

The next medal, awarded by the School Board, was presented to Miss Mary Wright for her standing in Durham School. This prize was really won by James Farquharson, but as no pupil should receive more than one medal the next in the school came in for the award. This medal was presented by Mr. C. L. Grant in behalf of the Board.

Miss Ruby Mills stood highest in Form I and was awarded Principal Allan's medal, which he gracefully presented with a promise to make a similar presentation next year.

The School Board also gave a scholarship to the pupil standing highest in Form III. The winner was Miss Bessie Weir and the presentation was made by Mr. Ramage, the Secretary of the Board.

The different certificates obtained at the last Entrance and Leaving and Junior Matriculation Examinations were presented by Revs. Newton and Farquharson and Mr. N. W. Campbell.

Short pithy and appreciative addresses were made by the resident Clergymen and Inspector Campbell, all of whom gave much praise to the efficiency of the teachers, who had succeeded so well in preparing their candidates. Mr. Campbell had a volume of praise for Miss McKenzie, and Mr. Farquharson in his address showed that Durham School, which did only Continuation work, was quite equal to many of High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of the Province.

Mr. Ramage expressed his gratitude to the assistants in the High School Department who had contributed so largely to the great success of the recent examinations.

The program, furnished by the pupils, was quite interesting. The Wand Drill was well rendered, the dialogue was lively and laughable, and the recitals and songs were all good.

This was the first Commencement Exercises of the kind held in town, but we feel quite safe in saying that it will now be a yearly event.

## AT THE BUTTS.

A number of members of the Rifle Association met on Saturday afternoon for a little practice. The following is the score at the different distances, and should the weather be fine on Saturday there will be another trial of skill:—

E. Wolfe	40	R. McCorquodale	22
J. P. Telford	32	J. C. Telford	15
Dr. MacLaurin	26	John McGirr	13
Capt. Snider	22	R. Torry (5 shots)	14

At 300 yds., 10 shots each, possible 50:			
R. Torry	40	McDonald	32
McCorquodale	40	Buchanan	30
J. P. Telford	37	Capt. Snider	28
Sinclair	33	Dr. MacLaurin	16
Johnson	32		

Same range, 5 shots each, possible 25:			
W. Ramage	17	J. C. Telford	10
W. Irwin	15		

The scores are of those who take 25 per cent. or over at all ranges.

It would never do to stop here. Mr. Wm. Ramage thinks the pen is mightier than the gun in our hands, but on Saturday last we trimmed him to a peak at 500 yards. Just think of an ordinary quill pusher beating a born soldier at his own game. We had five shots each. Mr. Ramage's score stood 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, total 0. Ours was 0, 0, 0, 0, 2, total 2. Majority for us, 2.

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Editor Ramage throws out a sort of challenge to shoot against us next Saturday. We accept.

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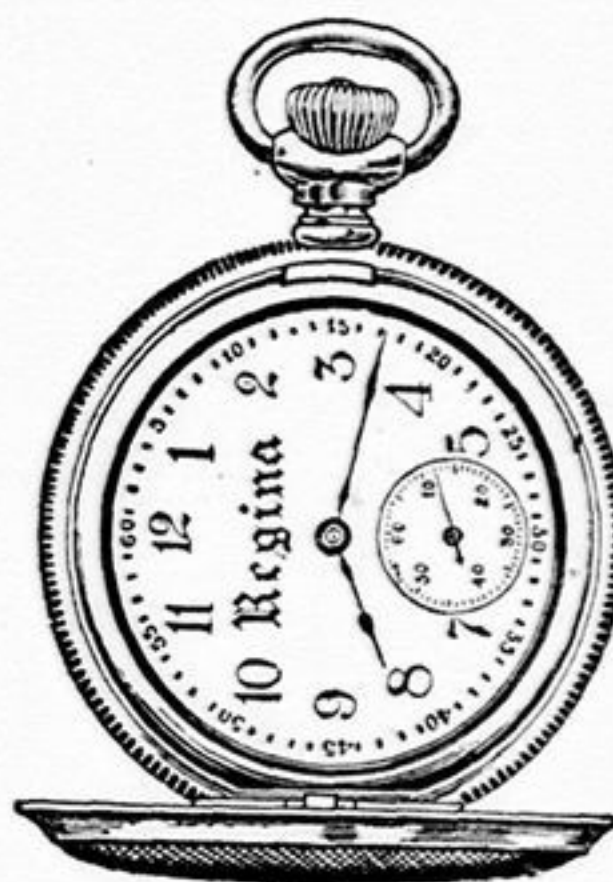
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