

# GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING IN LONDON.

Rev. Alex. Falconer, D.D., of Picton, N. S., the New Moderator.

## The Retiring Moderator Protests Against Purely Secular Schools.

A London cable: The Parliament of Presbyterianism opened its session in First Church this evening and elected Rev. Dr. Alexander Falconer, of Picton, Nova Scotia, its moderator. This is the thirty-second General Assembly since the union of the Presbyterian Churches in Canada in 1875. There are about four hundred commissioners present. They come from Cape Breton and from the Yukon and from all the Provinces between. They are here from India and China and the West Indies. The scope of the General Assembly is wider than that of the Parliament of Canada, but its session will be eight days rather than eight months. There will be no three-hour speeches and no talking against time. The absence of a sessional indemnity and of a Hansard may in part explain this. One other explanation is that every standing committee has its report ready for presentation. The Assembly will plunge into its work to-morrow.

Speaking about the reports suggests the significant fact that the volume of reports to be presented to this Assembly is two hundred pages larger than ever before.

London is doing itself credit in the arrangements for the accommodation and entertainment of the commissioners. Everything has been prepared for and provided. It is eleven years since the Assembly met in London. On that occasion Mackay of Formosa, the pioneer foreign missionary of the Canadian Presbyterian Church, was the retiring Moderator. He was succeeded in the chair by Robertson, the missionary Bishop of all western Canada. Both those heroes and leaders are dead.

**The Father of the Assembly.**  
The oldest commissioner must surely be the venerable Dr. Gregg, of Knox College, still alert and interested at four score and ten. Principal MacLaren, Principal Gordon, Principal Springer and Principal Patrick, are not unworthy of the men who went before. One of the most interesting is Dr. Robert Murray, of Halifax, the oldest working editor in Canada, perhaps on the continent—certainly the only man in the whole Presbyterian world who has held the editorial chair of a Presbyterian newspaper for more than half a century. Dr. Murray is not only a veteran journalist, he is also one of the best hymn writers. His hymn—  
"From ocean unto ocean  
Our land shall own the Lord"—  
is one of the best Canadian hymns in use in any Canadian Church.

**Retiring Moderator's Sermon.**  
Dr. Armstrong's sermon was a bold expression of his deep convictions on the religious character of primary education. Schools and colleges should not be pointed at as godless, nor a lop-sided culture without religion be attempted, he thought. Here are some of his axioms:  
"The conception of purely secular schools to me seems not only un-Christian, but narrow and unscientific."  
"I am not contending for a State Church, but I do contend that the absolute separation of Church and State is a mere abstract political theory impossible of realization."  
"I do contend against the separation between religion and the State and I do contend against the State assuming the power to establish a system of schools, exclude the Bible and religious instruction from them and compel us to pay for them and send our children to them."  
"We, as Christian parents should shudder at the very idea of sending our children to an irreligious school or to an irreligious university."

**Thanks and Regrets.**  
Before the assembly adjourned Rev. Dr. McMillan of Woodstock gave notice of a motion to the effect that the General Assembly records its cordial appreciation of the action of the Government and Parliament in introducing and supporting so excellent a Lord's Day act as that now before the House of Commons for its third reading; but deeply regrets the proposed exemption of any class, and respectfully but earnestly requests the elimination of such exemption as offensive to the sentiments of the vast majority of the population of Canada, and certain in its operations to defeat in a great measure the purpose of the act, which is to secure to all the people the privileges of the day of rest as a national institution.

This motion, seconded by Mr. John Charlton, is certain to secure the unanimous support of the Assembly.

**Knox College.**  
In the absence of his Honor Lieutenant-Governor Mortimer Clark, Chairman of the Board of Management, Principal MacLaren presented the report on Knox College. The two new professors had added greatly to the strength of the staff. The sixty-second annual report of the college showed sixty-four students enrolled in the theological classes during the past session, of whom fifteen received their diplomas at the close of the academic year, twelve of these holding university degrees.

The net receipts for the ordinary fund amounted to \$26,900.00, and expenditure \$26,512.71, leaving a balance in hand of \$487.19. Under the head of the ordinary fund is included a gift of \$10,000 from the late Dr. Warden.

The Board recorded its appreciation of the manner in which Mr. Alex. Warden has discharged the duties of the office formerly held by his late father.

The resolution of the Board was reported respecting the removal to a more suitable site, and erecting a building at an estimated cost of \$300,000, exclusive of the price to be obtained for the present site.

Sir Thomas Taylor supported the resolution, remarking that he had been in preparing the resolution for the sale of old Knox College property on Grenville and Grosvenor street a third of a century ago.

Mr. John Charlton made a plea for the consolidation of the three colleges in Ontario on a Quebec. There was no need of these three colleges. Now was the time to consolidate. If this was not done students would continue to go to the States.

Principal MacLaren thought Mr. Charlton spoke without warrant. The English and Scotch and United States colleges had declined in exactly the same way as those of Canada and to an even greater extent.

Mr. J. K. Macdonald suggested the treatment of aged ministers as one cause of the decline of candidates for the ministry.

Principal Springer, of Montreal asked if the Knox College authorities considered the Toronto situation in the light of Church union.

Rev. J. A. Macdonald, Toronto, somewhat humorously replied that the men who have solved and settled the question of Church union have decided that the united Church will have one theological college in Toronto, and Knox College will be that one. He made a plea for a forward movement in all the colleges and a strengthening of the Church's position at all the great university centres. Great fortunes are being made in Canada, and their makers should not be unwilling to respond to these large and

aggressive projects for the Church and nation. Speaking as a Presbyterian, he said it would be suicidal for the church to withdraw from the strategic position held in Knox College through its federation with the Provincial University. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

**The Tide Has Turned.**  
Principal Falconer presented the report of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. He spoke with hopefulness and enthusiasm of the work and prospects of the college. The tide had turned and the outlook for students is good. The exodus of students to the States is far less than ten years ago.

In the judgment of the board a material addition should be made to the salaries of the professors, and the General Assembly was asked to remit the whole matter to the Synod of the Maritime Provinces, with power to issue the matter. It was also agreed, in view of the debt now on the fund and the other college funds during the present year, of which congregations are requested to contribute not less than \$8,000.

The report of the Senate was submitted by Principal R. A. Falconer.

**OIL STOVE EXPLODES.**  
THREE PERSONS DIE AS RESULT OF BURNS.  
Preparing Lunch When Accident Occurred—Two Women Rushed to Save the Children, and Their Clothes Caught Fire.

Syracuse, June 11.—The explosion of an oil stove in a second story apartment at noon today resulted in the death of Mrs. Desmond Davis, aged 26; Mrs. Homer Alexander, sister-in-law of Mrs. Davis, and Mrs. Davis' three-year-old daughter Gladys. Mrs. John Wright and Mrs. Emmett Harris were slightly injured.

Mrs. Davis and her two children, Gladys and a baby eight months old, were visiting Mrs. Alexander. While the two women were preparing lunch over the stove it exploded. They rushed across the room to an adjoining room to rescue the children and their clothes caught fire. One of the women threw the younger child out of the window and its life was saved. With Gladys they started downstairs, the clothing of all three on fire.

**PITCHED BATTLE.**  
AN ARMENIAN WAR IN BRANTFORD IRON WORKS.

A Question of a Strike Leads to a Lively Time—Several Severely Injured—Bolts, Nuts and Bars the Weapons—Six Arrested.

Brantford, Ont., June 1.—Shortly after noon today there was an exciting time at the Malleable Iron Works. A disagreement broke out among the Armenians who are employed at these works. Some of them wanted their wages increased to sixteen cents an hour, and asked the management for that amount, but were told that the foreman was away and would be back in a couple of days. This satisfied some of the Armenians, but not so with some of the others. One-half were in favor of going on strike, and the others were willing to work.

One word led to another, and finally wound up in a pitched battle, with bolts, nuts, iron bars and anything that they

could lay their hands on. In the fight which followed two or three Armenians were badly hurt by flying missiles. Word of the affair was telephoned to the police headquarters.

Six of the fighters were arrested and lodged in the cells. A police guard will be on duty through the night.

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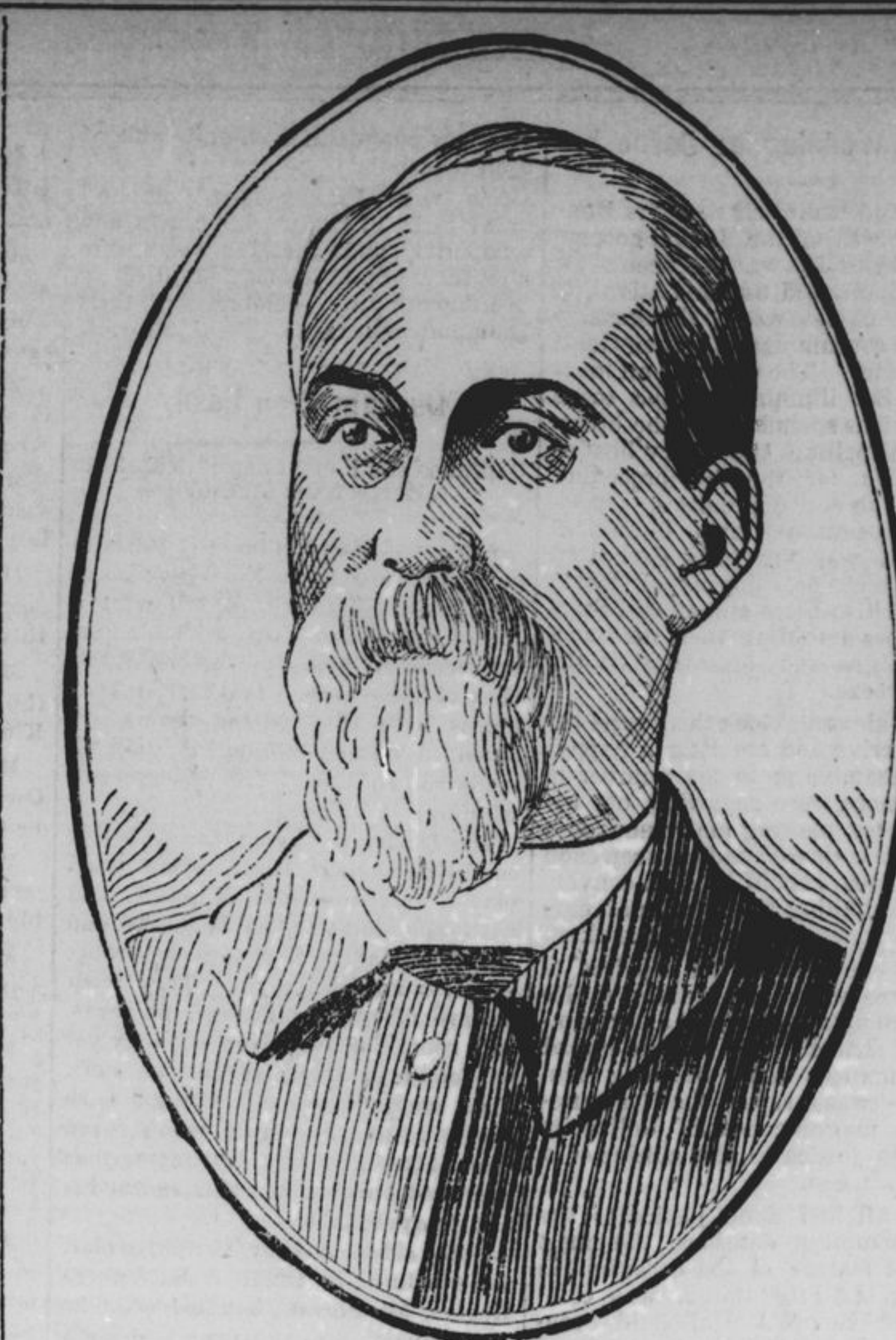
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REV. ALEXANDER FALCONER.

The new Moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada is a Pieton man, of pure Scottish descent, born and educated in Nova Scotia, with post-graduate opportunities in Edinburgh, and four pastoral charges in the West Indies and in Canada. He is well under three score and ten. His ministerial career covers forty-four years. He has held many important official positions in the Synod of the Maritime Provinces. He was a missionary in Trinidad, and is a leader in foreign missions. His present charge in Picton he has held for over twenty years. His two sons are foremost among the younger men in the Presbyterian ministry. One is the Principal of the Theological College of the Maritime Provinces. The other is pastor of one of Nova Scotia's leading and most aggressive churches, and both are scholars of the finest quality. The new Moderator is worthy of the office, and will worthily represent the Church he serves.

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**A NEW STAMP.**  
Will Denote Deficit on Letters Not Fully Prepaid.

Ottawa, June 11.—A new stamp has been issued by the Post-office Department in connection with letters not fully prepaid. The stamp will be for the use of postmasters only. In the past it has been the custom to mark letters not fully prepaid with a figure, specifying how much the receiver would have to pay. The stamp will now be used instead. The new stamp is bluish in color, and is in several denominations.

**BUY IN THE COLONIES.**  
The Suggestion Made by the Secretary of State for War.

London, June 11.—Upon the War Office vote in the House of Commons the meat scandal was brought to attention. Mr. Haldane, Secretary of War, replying said he would be sorry for more than one reason to say that they should only buy tinned meat in the kingdom. There was such a place as the colonies, and he thought they ought to buy where they got the best and purest. He was sending out an expert to inspect tins carefully before being used.

**BROKE VOW AT 85.**  
Aged Duke of Grafton Momentarily Shocks a Crowd of Admirers.

London, June 11.—The aged Duke of Grafton momentarily shocked a luncheon crowd at the agricultural show at Kettering by gravely announcing that at the age of 85 years he had broken a vow. His hearers were relieved to learn that the vow was no more serious than a promise to himself never to enter an automobile. The difficulty in making connection with local trains to reach Kettering had raised the temptation to hire an automobile.

The temptation won and the Duke fell. The sin proved so sweet that he now declares the automobile is the greatest invention known, and he is quite impatient.

**VANCOUVER SCANDAL.**  
Suspension of Chief of Police North Brings Ugly Charges.

Vancouver, B.C., June 11.—The suspension of Police Chief North because of "inefficiency" of the force under his command, has led to the publication of ugly charges of alleged graft in the restricted district, it being claimed that women have paid what is called "protection money." There is nothing in these allegations personally implicating North, who is an Ontario man, whose personal honesty has never been doubted.

A suggestion that the new chief will come from Toronto has led to letters being published in the local press protesting against "so many positions being filled by importations from the city of the churches."

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## HANGED TO A TREE.

SUICIDE OF ALEX. McMILLAN, OF FINCH TOWNSHIP.

Well-to-do Farmer Ends His Life in a Sensational Manner—Had been Suffering From Mental Troubles, and Put an End to Them.

Cornwall despatch: Alex. McMillan, a well-to-do farmer of Finch township, not far from Avonmore, committed suicide on Wednesday morning by hanging. Mr. McMillan had been suffering from mental trouble for the past couple of weeks, and it is supposed that, rising early in the morning, he went to the woods with a rope, climbed a tree, tied one end of the rope to the branch and put the other end around his neck. He apparently jumped and was strangled to death.

Dr. Hamilton, of Cornwall, coroner, was notified. He visited the scene of the tragical last night and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. The deceased was about 65 years of age and is survived by his wife and a large family.

## "BUSY" SAID BURGLAR

HUNG UP RECEIVER AND "BLEW" THE SAFE.

Conductor of Central New England Freight Train Was Trying to Ring Up Canaan Station—Met by Posses of Villagers.

New York, June 11.—A special to the Tribune from Winsted says: Cracksmen working in the postoffice at North Canaan at 2 o'clock this morning heard Mr. Champlin, the conductor of a Central New England freight train, ringing on the telephone at Salisbury for the Canaan station. In a rough voice one of the robbers asked: "What do you want?" When Champlin replied, "Canaan," the burglars hung up the receiver, saying, "Busy."

When the train reached Canaan at 2:45 o'clock Champlin and the crew met a posse of villagers, headed by Postmaster J. H. Roraback, looking for the burglars, who had blown the door from the postoffice safe and escaped. The steel box inside the safe remained intact and the burglars secured nothing of value. The authorities have no clues.

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**THE MOST WONDERFUL ANIMAL IN THE WORLD**

There is an animal in Australia which has the head and feet of a bird, the body and four legs of a quadruped, and the habits of a fish. It lives under water, yet breathes air. It lays eggs, yet it suckles its young. Scientists call it the duck-billed platypus.

It was in the wonderful country which claims this strange paradox, that bileans for biliousness were first produced. Up to the discovery of bileans, practically all liver and stomach disorders contained mercury, bismuth and other mineral poisons. These harmful ingredients, if taken for long, have such serious effects as loosening the teeth, causing the hair to fall out or become prematurely grey, etc. Bileans, on the contrary, are purely vegetable. They contain no trace of any mineral poison, and are thus not only more powerful as a cure, but are more safe in their use. They cure stomach and liver disorders without introducing other evils. So powerful are they in operation that they eradicate the cause of the ailments they are compounded to combat, and yet they are so mild that they are suitable to the most delicate constitution.

Not only are bileans superior by virtue of their vegetable nature, but being the product of modern scientific research, bileans are thoroughly up-to-date. They do not merely purgative temporary relief only, and leaving the patient weakened like the out-of-date so-called remedies of forty or fifty years ago, which, as already stated, contain aloe, mercury, and other harmful drugs. Bileans, without the slightest discomfort, prompt the liver and digestive organs to act in nature's normal way, leaving those organs strengthened and stimulated to continue the performance of their duties without further assistance. They produce a gentle action of the bowels, curing or preventing constipation, cleansing the stomach and ridding the system of all impurities.

Reports from all parts of Canada show how effective are bileans when applied to all symptoms arising out of liver and stomach disorders.

Mr. A. Monahan, of Berlin, says:—"I have taken bileans and found they did me a great deal of good. I suffered from piles and constipation, and bileans proved so highly beneficial that I shall be pleased to recommend them to any sufferer in answer any question about them."

Mr. Stanley Richardson, of Main St., Galt, says:—"Having used bileans both here and in England I can speak with perfect confidence of them as a splendid remedy for all stomach troubles, etc. I shall be pleased to recommend them at all times."

Miss Marie Brewer, a certified nurse, writing from Spennymoor, says:—"I have for a long time now recommended bileans, having proved them most valuable. I am a trained certified nurse, and have suffered a great deal with headache and biliousness. I could not get relief from doctors' medicine and was advised to try bileans. I did so, and with most beneficial result. I always keep bileans in the house, and am continually recommending them in cases of stomach disorders, headache, indigestion, constipation and various other complaints."

In all quarters where they have been tried bileans are spoken of in similar high terms. They are a certain cure for headache, constipation, piles, liver trouble, indigestion and all digestive disorders, dizziness, skin eruptions, biliousness, sick headache, bad taste in the mouth, foul breath, dizziness, fainting, buzzing noises in the head, feelings of uncomfortable fullness even after a light meal, wind pains, anemia, debility, etc. They improve the general circulation, and are a boon to pale-faced girls and weak women. For all purposes to which a household remedy is put Bileans will be found of excellent service."

Bileans are obtainable from all druggists and stores, at fifty cents per box, or direct from the Bilean Co., Colborne St., Toronto, upon receipt of price. To obtain a free sample box cut off this article and write across it the name and date of the paper, then post it to the Bilean Co. as above address with one cent stamp to pay return postage, and your name and address written clearly. Your request will receive immediate attention.