

**BY TELEGRAPH.**  
**NEW MINISTER AT WASHINGTON**  
 Memoir of German Emperor.  
 PANAMA CANAL BILL.  
 Resignation of French Cabinet.

HALIFAX, Feb. 15.

It is reported that Spencer St. John, British Minister at Mexico, has been appointed Minister of the United States.

The Empress Frederick, is compiling a memoir of her husband.

Dr. Lasseps will issue new proposals to complete the Panama Canal.

It is rumored that the French Cabinet have resigned. Boulanger has issued a manifesto claiming credit for the overthrow of the Ministry.

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 Citizens' defence meeting.....see advt

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**Tomorrow (SATURDAY), at 11 o'clock, ON THE WHARF OF CLIFT, WOOD & CO. 50 QTRS. CHOICE FRESH BEEF.**  
 10 quarters Choice Fresh Venison  
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**Tomorrow (SATURDAY), at 11 o'clock, ON THE WHARF OF J. & W. PITT'S, FIFTY QUARTERS FRESH BEEF.**  
 20 carcasses Fresh Mutton  
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**I WILL OFFER FOR SALE AT PUBLIC AUCTION (if not previously disposed of by private contract) on Monday, the 4th day of April next, on the premises, at 12 o'clock, all the right title and interest of James Johnstone and to all that land together with that well built range of wooden Frame Dwelling Houses thereon, and known as Harbor View, situated in Hunt's Lane, off Water Street, East, (Hoyleston). To the Westward of and almost adjoining Archibald's Tobacco Factory. The dwellings are all newly painted and renovated throughout, and are in first-class tenable condition, water and sewerage in each house in perfect order; the outside of the buildings and roof are covered with Fire Proof Material. The front and the west end ends are covered with cement—the work of one of our best master masons. The back with galvanized iron. The roof with the best patent fire proof mat rial obtainable. The tenements are at present occupied by sober and industrious mechanics, and yielding the handsome rental of \$440.00; each dwelling has extensive yardage and garden. We invite inspection at any time. Term perpetual. Ground rent only \$48 00. For further particulars apply to T. W. SPRY, Real Est. Broker. feb14**

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

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**NOTICE.**

**A GENERAL MEETING**

Of the Nfld., Agricultural Society will be held in the British Hall on tomorrow (Saturday), 16th inst., at 12 o'clock. A full meeting requested. feb15,11

(By order) **J. B. SCLATER, Secretary.**

**B.I.S. NOTICE**

**THE ANNUAL MEETING** Of the Benevolent Irish Society will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Monday next, at 7.30 p.m. feb15,8i

(By order) **J. S. KEATING, Sec. School.**

**NOTICE.**

**A SPECIAL MEETING** of the Citizens' Defence Association will be held in their rooms, at 8 o'clock, this (Friday) Evening, A full attendance is requested. feb15

**New Advertisements**

**SPECIAL LOT!**

We offer this week—On Retail

**15 HALF - CHESTS CHOICE TEA.**

—Last Fall's importation—

**AT - COST - PRICE!**

Viz: 23, 30, 40, and 50 cents per lb.

**EST. OF R. HARVEY.**  
 (BY ORDER OF TRUSTEES.)  
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(In connection with Bazar and Fair, in aid of the Churches of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Joseph, Salmonier), will be drawn in—

**TOTAL ABSTINENCE HALL, ST. JOHN'S, ON TUESDAY, THE 16th JULY, 1889.**

**THE PRIZES ARE AS FOLLOWS, VIZ:**

1st Prize	\$200 00	5th Prize	\$15.00
2nd Prize	100.00	6th Prize	10.00
3rd Prize	50.00	7th Prize	5.00
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<b>SPECIAL PRIZE</b>	<b>\$50.00.</b>		

The complimentary free ticket—the colored one at the end of each book, for which the Special Prize is offered—is given gratis to purchasers or sellers of a book of twenty tickets. Whatever ticket wins a prize in the lottery may be estimated to become a Bank Cheque for the amount drawn. The buyer of a book of twenty tickets, besides having a good chance of winning many of the prizes in the Lottery, has also a chance of winning the special prize.  
 N.B.—Don't lose your ticket. No prize will be paid unless the ticket is presented. The tickets are only Twenty Cents (20), and may be had from the members of the committee, or from Mr. Frank St. John, Duckworth Street, St. John's. The winning numbers will be published in the newspapers, february13,fp,eol

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WE ARE NOW Booking Orders for Spring delivery of THIS FAVORITE DORY, and invite inspection of the Trade to the improvements lately effected in their construction.

TIMBERS: AMERICAN CLAMPED OR NATURAL KNEES, AS DESIRED.

**First Come! First Served!**

**HERDER & HALLAREN, Builders. M. MONROE, Agent.**  
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**To the Trade!**

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MOLASSES, TEA, SUGAR, COFFEE, SPICES, PICKLES, &c.

**ALSO, ACME AND WOODSTOCK SKATES,**

Lamps, Chimnies, Burners, &c., which they offer at lowest cash prices.

**M. & J. TOBIN,**

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At Sixty Cents per Bushel.

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**ON SALE.**

75 barrels Choice Canadian Oatmeal,

25 half-brls Choice Canadian Oatmeal. feb15

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Of every description neatly and expeditiously executed at the Colonist Job Printing Office.

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**The Annual Tea Meeting**

OF THE ABOVE SOCIETY WILL BE HELD in ST. PATRICK'S HALL, on Wednesday, 20th February. Tea on the Tables at 7 o'clock. An excellent programme is being prepared, to conclude with a farce of a most entertaining character. Tickets 45 cents each, to be had from the following members of the committee:—E. W. Bennett, sr. (C. F. B. & Co.), Ed. Chapman (Brewing Bros), Thomas Peel (Blackwood & Blair), Jao. Graham (88 Queen's Road.) J. M. STIRLING, Sec. Com. feb9,12,15,18,19

**Herring Nets.**

ON SALE BY CLIFT, WOOD & CO.

50 HEMP HERRING NETS, 2, 2½, 3, 4 inch mesh—from 17 to 60 rans each, 50 COTTON HERRING NETS, 2, 2½, 3 inch mesh—40 rans each feb15

**1889.**

**Athenaeum Lecture Course.**

MONDAY, February 18—Readings and Music.  
 MONDAY, February 25—Rev. W. Graham. Subject: "Under the Old Flag"  
 MONDAY, March 4—Readings and Music.  
 MONDAY, March 11—Rev. M. Ryan, D.Ph. Subject: "Is it, and as it will be."  
 MONDAY, March 18—Readings and Music.  
 MONDAY, March 25—Rev. J. Rouse. Subject: "The Influence of the Holy Spirit."  
 MONDAY, April 1—Readings and Music.  
 MONDAY, April 8—Hon'ble Mr. Justice Pines. D.C.L., subject: "Saint John's as it was, as it is, and as it will be."  
 MONDAY, April 15—Rev. George Bond, subject: "The Influence of the Holy Spirit."  
 MONDAY, April 22—Easter Monday: Concert.  
 Doors open at a quarter past 7. Chair to be taken at 8. Numbered seats twenty cts. General admission, ten cts.  
 By order, **J. J. FLANNERY,** Secretary. jan19

**Postal Notice**

**NEW ARRANGEMENTS.**

HEREAFTER THE NORTHERN Overland Mail will be despatched on the mornings of WEDNESDAYS (instead of TUESDAYS, closing at 8 o'clock, as follows: February 20th; March 6th and 20th; April 3rd and 17th). Mails per steamer *Conspect*, to Halifax, will hereafter be closed at 8 o'clock on the morning the steamer leave. J. O. FRASER, General Post Office, Postmaster Gen. Feb. 7th, 1889. 51ft

**Round Pease.**

WE HAVE IN STORE

200 Barrels Canadian Round Pease.  
 50 Half-Brls. Canadian Round Pease. feb14

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**TO LOAN -- \$25,000.**

TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS to loan on Freehold Property within the city limits, at the usual rate of interest, and in sums to suit our customers. Apply to jan25 T. W. SPRY, Broker.



**LIST of JURORS, 1889**

**Public Notice.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Annual Revision of the Lists of Grand and Petty Jurors, for the Central District, will be made by the undersigned Stipendiary Magistrate for the said district, in the Police Office, St. John's, between the hours of Eleven o'clock, a.m., and Two o'clock, p.m., on alternate days for the period of Ten Days, from the 5th February inst., and all those persons whose names shall appear on such Revised List of Jurors, and who shall have not applied to the said magistrate to have their names erased, will be liable to serve for the current year, under the provisions of chapter 19. Consolidated Statutes of Newfoundland, and 43 Victoria, chapter 10, section 7. St. John's, Newfoundland, January 28th, 1889. J. G. CONROY, Stipendiary Magistrate. feb4,fp

**DALE & STRONG**  
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**CARD.**

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 Skate Fittings, Nuts and Screws.

—ALSO—SLEIGH BELLS, RATTLERS, BODY AND NECK STRAPS, STRADDLE GONGS, SHAFT CHIMES, &c.

**Prices: Satisfactory!**

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 —ARE SENDING HOME FROM—  
**McLaughlin's Premises, Water Street West,**  
**BEST HOUSEHOLD COAL.**  
 North Sydney — \$5.20.  
 Glouce Bay — \$4.60.  
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**LECTURES!**

UNDER THE DISTINGUISHED PATRONAGE of their Excellencies the Governor and Lady O'Brien, and under auspices of Board of Governors of the Methodist College; a **COURSE OF LECTURES** will be delivered by Rev. G. J. BOND, B.A., in the COLLEGE HALL, as follows:

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 13—"The Eye of the East—Damascus and Thereabouts."  
 FEBRUARY 28—"Over the Lebanon to the Sea."  
 MARCH 14—"On the Track of St. Paul—Smyrna and Ephesus."  
 MARCH 28—CONCERT.  
 The lectures will be illustrated by means of the limelight and a selection of entirely new and beautiful views.  
 Tickets for the course, including Concert, \$1.00.  
 Tickets for course (including concert), reserved seat, \$1.50.  
 Single ticket for lecture... 20cts.; concert 80cts.  
 Sing a ticket for lecture, reserved seat, 80cts; concert 50cts.  
 Tickets sold and numbered at Mr. G. S. Milligan's bookstore, where plan of hall may be seen.  
 Doors open at 7.15; lecture commences at 8. General admission to Hall—20cts. Children under 15 years, 10cts.  
 H. J. B. WOODS, Secretary. jan28

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**75 brls. Yellow Onions,**  
 Offered at \$8.00 per barrel.

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Fifteen Shares in the St. John's Consolidated Foundry Co  
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 Also, Eight Shares in the St. John's Electric Light Co.  
 Also, Fifteen Shares in the Union Bank of Newfoundland.  
 Also, One Share in the Victoria Coal Mines.  
 T. W. SPRY, Broker. jan28

# A GRAND PONTIFF

Pope Leo's Life, as Depicted by Doctor O'Reilly, is Truly Wonderful.

The year 1887 will close amid the rejoicings of all the faithful, the exultation of all those who love the saintly and aged Pontiff who thrones on the rock of Peter; amid the hosannas of the millions of hearts about to celebrate the sacerdotal jubilee of the venerated Parent of Christendom. But who is there among Christians who does not yearn to be made acquainted, in all the phases of his noble career, with that shining personality, that heroic figure who has only lived and who still only lives for the purpose of assuaging the sufferings and sorrows of the human family by pouring forth the treasures of his heart and his mind? To know that he is the glory of Carpi-neto, his birth-place; that Perugia and Umbria experienced for a time the blessed efforts of his statesmanship; to know that London, Paris and Rome beheld in him a deep student of men and events; or that during his pontificate he became the arbitrator of the great powers in the agitating questions which divided them—all this would be to know but little about him. Nor can the disconnected notices of the daily press, which pretend to say everything, to recount and to comment upon everything, give us a full and precise notion of the grasp of this lofty intelligence, which devotes all its powers to the cause of religion and humanity. Very different is the wish of the faithful people, who are anxious to know, in all their bearing and in all their manifestations, the heart and the genius of their Supreme Pastor.

Hence it is that nothing can be more pleasing to our hearts, nothing more eminently useful to the history of the Church, than to prepare ourselves, as did the illustrious author of the book before us, to recount the shining life of our great Leo XIII. One follows the course of this narration with heart and mind delightfully interested. The heart follows it, for one beholds spread out before the mind's eye the record of a man who always finds misfortunes to relieve, sorrows to assuage, lost souls to lead back to the paths of virtue—a man who, in one word, bestowed all his care and all his love in directing heavenward our poor humanity, ever tending of its own nature toward the downward paths of vice. The mind follows it because in this life so full of holy and fruitful activity one beholds the visible hand of Providence, who never allows for a single moment the instrument chosen for His own mysterious purposes to be turned aside from the work it had to accomplish.

In reading the beautiful pages devoted by the author in his first chapters to the describing of the home education given to the boy by his mother, and of that imparted in college by his masters to the future Pope, up to the day when, on December 31, 1837, he offers up for the first time the Victim without blemish, you are forced to exclaim: "There is the man predestined by Providence!" Certain it is that no one can write more sincerely and with more detail than Dr. O'Reilly has done about the administrative and diplomatic career of Joachim Pecci—that is, from 1839 to 1846 his appointment as delegate to Umbria to his nunciature in Belgium, that kingdom which, as is well known, was the battlefield on which religion and unbelief fought for the mastery, and till his final recall to Rome by Gregory XVI.

And what we say of this period, which is one of the most brilliant in his life, we may affirm of all the rest. For, to slur over one fact of any importance would have marred the truthfulness of a narrative destined to become an uncontradicted page in the history of the Church, as it would be an absurdity—I had almost said a sacrilege—to think that a single fact has been interpolated in this life, written with the approbation and the encouragement of the Sovereign Pontiff, and supported by an authentic memoir, furnished by order of His Holiness. This gives to the book a more than unique value.

We say, then, that these eight years of his diplomatic life form one of the most brilliant periods of his existence, because, in spite of his youth, and sustained by his sole genius, he discharged in the most praiseworthy manner such different offices as that of Governor Benevento in his twenty-eight year. These eight years, in fact, thanks to his active and many-sided talents, enabled him to acquire that perfect knowledge of statesmanship which in after years was to shed so much glory on his own reign and benefit immensely all nations.

His episcopate in Perugia is an epic poem. To instruct and educate the clergy, to guide them to saintliness of life in order to prepare them, strengthen and discipline them, for the day of battle—such was the noble mission which he set to himself. In the eight chapters devoted to this glorious episcopate in Perugia, the author proves that he had acquired a thorough knowledge of the events desolated Italy and religion by the agency of false liberty, or rather of that unbridled license of revolutionary passions, and by the overthrow of all institutions, human and divine. The noble figure of Cardinal Pecci stands forth in preter human grandeur amid this

decadence of faith and personal dignity—amid this sad shipwreck of the national conscience. He gave no peace to the enemies of religion; he tore away the mask with which they covered their abominable designs.

Finally, in the fourth part of this great book (*questa stupefatta opera*), a vast canvas is opened up before our eyes, on which is described the pontificate of Leo XIII. His powerful mind now embraces all the nations of the earth. He clearly discerns their respective needs, is acquainted with the social wounds of each of them, and points out with unerring voice the remedies required by all. And here the illustrious Dr. O'Reilly shows how deeply he has studied the history of modern times. All the various subject matters, all these historical memoirs, have found in him a clear, serene and methodical narrator. After reading his works you have an admirable synthesis of all the great questions, which, debated by the foremost diplomats and statesmen, have had from the wide-grasping intelligence of Leo XIII. alone their most equitable and admirable solution.

This book, therefore, is one that is indispensable to every one who would be a true living man; for that is not a true life which delights to shroud itself in ignorance, without having any thought of the important events which are happening on every side. It is, moreover, absolutely necessary to all who love the holy Father, for its perusal will fill their souls with a holy joy, while showing them the extraordinary gifts bestowed by Providence on the man who was one day to make such a generous use of them for the good of the entire human race.

And then, when you have read the last chapter—"The Prisoner of the Vatican"—your eyes are filled with tears, and you close the book exclaiming, with an involuntary burst of strong emotion, "Long live Leo XIII!"—Emilio Silveri, in the "Silvero Pellice," of Oct. 1.

## Beware of Pickpockets.

An incident which I remember hearing of at the time it occurred, and which has been revived of late, will serve to illustrate the cleverness with which the light-fingered gentry who frequent omnibuses can disguise themselves as well as their object. An old lady who had just left an omnibus discovered that she had been, quite unconsciously, relieved of the contents of her pocket. She made her way to the nearest police station, and on the principle of shutting the stable door after the horse is gone, she sought the inspector, and opened to him her grief with all the attendant circumstances.

"Who sat next you, ma'am?" said he.

"Oh, a very respectable elderly gentleman, sir, a feeble invalid-looking gentleman as had met with a haccident, for he carried the harm next me in a sling! It was in splints, sir, and quite stiff-like, so it couldn't be him, and on the other side was the door, so I can't make it out at all."

"Respectable elderly rascal, marm," said the inspector; "he's a good deal younger than you are, and in quite as good health as myself, and he wore a respectable cloak, too, didn't he?—a short one?"

"What he did, sir."

"Then I suppose you begin to guess now who robbed you?"

"No, sir, I don't know who it could be, because that dear old gentleman was the only passenger near me, and he had his arm in splints, and was dreadful afraid of anyone passing 'im, and a-touching of it."

"Well, then, I'll tell you, because you'll probably get robbed in the same way again. That 'arm,' as you call it, in 'splints,' wasn't his arm at all."

"Lor' bless me, sir, you don't mean to say it was at yone helse's?"

"No, I don't mean that; I mean to inform you that what you keep on calling an arm was a sham. His real arm was under his cloak, and his real fingers in your pocket go to make the harm of the whole story."

"Good gre-ashus me! What wickedness there his in the world, to be sure," exclaimed the naive old lady, completely flabbergasted by the horrifying revelation, "and me a-pitying on him all the time."

She glided into the office and quietly approached the editor's desk.

"I have written a poem——" she began.

"Well!" exclaimed the editor, with a look and tone intended to annihilate, but she wouldn't annihilate, and resumed:—

"I have written a poem on 'My Father's Barn,' and——"

"Oh," interrupted the editor, with extraordinary suavty, "you don't know how relieved I feel. A poem written on your father's barn, eh? I was afraid that it was written on paper, and that you wanted me to publish it. If I should ever happen to drive past your father's barn I'll stop and read the poem. Good afternoon, miss."

Good taste is the result of judgment, not of wit.

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BOOKS BY CHARLES READE, 20cts.  
 Each:  
 Griffith Gaunt, Put Yourself in His Place  
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A PERFECT TONIC.  
 FOR NERVOUSNESS, Nervous Head-ache, Tired Feelings, Indigestion, Constipation, Melancholy, and all Kidney, Liver, and Stomach troubles. A mild but certain restorative tonic, aperient and diuretic, purely vegetable, and guaranteed to contain nothing injurious whatever. For sale by Druggists in St. John's.  
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 1 Trc. Choice Hams.

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 100 Sacks  
 HEAVY BL'K OATS.  
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 Choice Canadian Cheese  
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SUPERIOR TO SCOTCH, in 1lb. and 5lb. bars, a fresh supply of which we have just received, just in time to meet the increased demand. Our stock of Boston Oil Clothes, just received, is fine and early for our Bankers to select from, as they are: The Cape Ann and Fish brands. And in stock from recent importations, splendid Flour, grand Beef, sweet Jams and Pick, and everything else in the provision and Groceries.

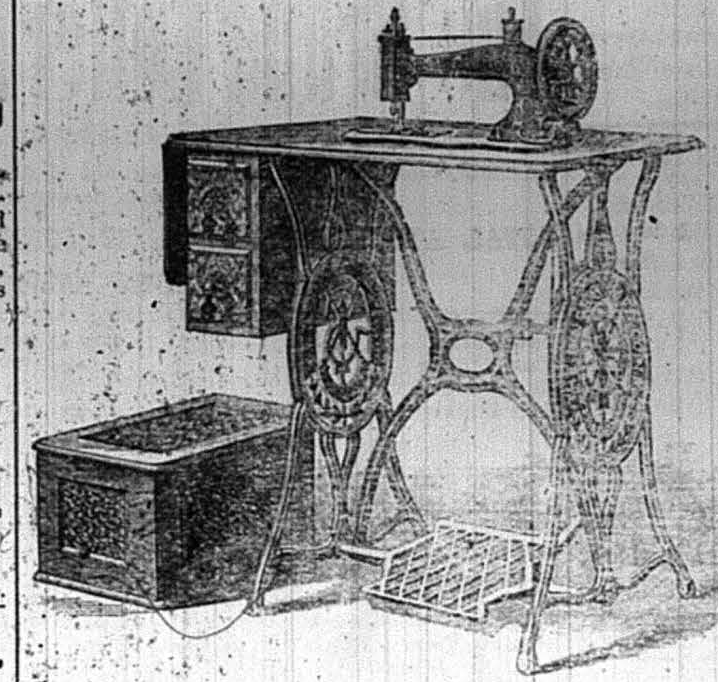
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CHAPTER XXIII.—(continued.)  
A SHREWD SCHEME.

"Quite," said Lady Cambrey. "It is really a pleasure to meet some one who understands human nature as you do, Lady Lanswell."

The countess smiled graciously at the compliment, feeling as though it were well deserved.

So it was arranged, and Lady Cambrey's part of the plot was very easy. She had but to suggest to her niece that she should spend the winter in Rome and she would at once fall in with her wish.

Lady Lanswell had settled in her own mind the plan of the whole campaign. She intended to go to Berlin, there to seek a reconciliation with her son, and persuade him to go to Rome with them. She managed it all so well, saying nothing at first of their intended journey, but making herself very agreeable to her son. She brought to him all the flattering things said of him. She studied every little whim, wish, or caprice. She put him on a pedestal and made an idol of him. She was all that was gay, amiable, pleasant and kind. She made herself not only his friend and companion, but everything else in the world to him. She was gay, amiable, gracious, witty. With her still beautiful face and fine figure, she made herself so attractive and charming that Lord Chandos was so entirely under her influence.

How many mothers might have taken a hint for the management of their sons from her. She found no fault with cigars or latch-keys. She was the essence of all that was kind, yet, at the same time, she was so animated, so bright, and so witty, that the time spent with her passed quickly as a dream.

Lord Chandos did not even like to think of parting from her; and then, when she was most kind and most attentive to him, she mentioned Rome.

"We are going to Rome, Lance, for the winter," said the countess to her son.

He looked up from the paper he was reading in blank amazement.

"To Rome, mother? Why, what is taking you there?"

"I find there will be some very nice English people there," she said. "I am tired of Paris; it is one eternal glare; I long for the mysterious quiet and dreamy silence of Rome. It will be a pleasant change. I really like a nice circle of English people out of England."

That was the beginning. She was too wise and diplomatic to ask him to go with them. She contented herself by speaking before him of the gayeties they expected, the pleasures they anticipated; then, one day, as they were discussing their plans, she turned to him and said:

"Lance, what do you intend doing this winter? Are you going back to England to think over the fog?"

"I am not quite sure," he said; and then he wondered why she said nothing about going to Rome with them. At last, when she saw the time had come, she said, carelessly:

"Lance, if you do not care about returning to England, come with us to Rome."

"I shall be delighted."

He looked up with an air of relief. After all, he could not see Leone until summer; why return to England and melancholy? He might just as well enjoy himself in Rome. He knew what select and brilliant circles his mother drew around her. Better for him to be the center of one of those than alone and solitary in England.

"Of course," said the countess, diplomatically, "I will not urge you, I leave it entirely to you. If you think what the fashion of the day calls your duties demand that you should return, do not let me detain you, even for one day."

"I have no particular duties," he said, half gloomily.

He would have liked his mother to have insisted on his going, to have been more imperative, but as she left it entirely to him, he thought her indifferent over the matter.

It was a true man. If she had pressed him to go, urged him, tried to persuade him, he would have gone back to England, and the tragedy of after years would never have happened. As it occurred to him that his mo-

ther simply gave the invitation out of politeness, and did not care whether he accepted or not, he decided on going. So when the festivities of Berlin were all ended, he wrote Leone, saying that he was going to spend the winter with his parents in Rome; that if he could not spend it with her, it mattered little enough to him where it was; but that he was longing with all his heart for the thirtieth of June.

### CHAPTER XXIV.

IN THE HANDS OF A CLEVER WOMAN.

"In Rome," said Lady Marion Erskine, to her cousin; "how strange it seems to be really here! Do you know that when I was a little girl and learned Roman history I always thought it a grand fable. I never believed such a place really existed. Rome is a link between the old world and the new."

"Yes," replied Lady Cambrey, "it is quite true, my dear."

She had no notion, even ever so vague of what her beautiful young kinswoman meant.

Lady Cambrey was not given to the cultivation of ideas, but she was always most amiably disposed to please Lady Marion. It was something very delightful to be the chaperon of a beautiful young heiress like Lady Erskine, was always delighted to agree with Lady Marion's words, opinions and ideas.

Lady Marion was submissive and gentle by nature. She was one of the class of women born to be ruled and not to rule. She could never govern, but she could obey. She could not command, but she could carry out the wishes of others to the last letter.

Lady Cambrey, from motives of her own, wanted her to go to Rome. She had managed it without the least trouble.

"Marion," she said, "have you decided where to spend the winter?"

"No," was the quiet reply, "I have not thought much about it, Aunt Jane; have you?"

The words were so sweetly and placidly spoken.

"Yes I have thought a great deal about it. I hear that a great many very nice English people have gone to Rome. They say that there will be one of the nicest circles in Europe there."

"In Rome," said Lady Marion, musingly. "Do I know many of those who are going?"

"Yes, some of our set. One of the great Roman princes, Dorio, has just married a beautiful English girl, so that for this year at least the English will be all the rage in Rome. I should like to go there. I knew some of the Dorio family, but not the one just married."

"Then, if you would like it, we will go there," said Lady Marion; "I shall be pleased if you are."

So without any more difficulty the first part of the programme was carried out, and Lady Marion Erskine, with her chaperon, Lady Jane Cambrey, settled in Rome for the winter. They took a beautifully furnished villa, called the Villa Borgazi, near to some famous gardens. Lady Cambrey took care that, while she reveled in Italian luxuries, no English comfort should be wanting—the Villa Borgazi soon had in it all the comforts of an English home.

She came home one morning, after many hours of shopping, with a look of some importance on her face.

"Marion," she said, "I have heard that the Lanswells are here. I am very pleased. I thought of calling this afternoon; if you are tired, I will go alone."

And from the tone of her voice rather than her words, Lady Marion fancied that she would prefer to pay her visit alone.

"You remember the Countess of Lanswell; she was la grande dame par excellence in London last summer. She admired you very much, if you recollect."

"I remember her," said Lady Marion; then, with some interest, she added:

"It was her son, Lord Chandos, who got himself into such difficulties, was it not?"

Lady Cambrey was slightly taken by surprise; her ward had always shown such a decided distaste for gossip of all kinds that she trusted she had never even heard of this little escapade. However, Lady Marion's question must be answered.

She shook her head gravely.

"It was not his fault, poor boy!" she said; "his mother has told me all about it. I am very sorry for him."

"Why does he deserve so much pity?" she asked.

And Lady Cambrey answered:

"He was but a boy at the time, and she, this person, a dairy-maid, I believe, took advantage of his generosity, and either persuaded him to marry her, or wrung from him some promise of marriage when he should be of age."

"I thought," said straightforward Lady Marion, "that he was married, and his parents had petitioned that the marriage be considered null and void as he was under age."

"I think, my dear," said the diplomatic aunt, "that it would be as well not to mention this. Two things are certain, if Lord Chandos had been properly married, his marriage could never have been set aside; the other is that the countess can never endure the mention of her son's misfortune."

To be continued.)

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"GLADSTONE."

St. Patrick's Hall was not quite full last night, for the lecture of the Rev. Dr. Ryan, upon the above subject. No subject can be more interesting at the present moment; it would be difficult to find an Irishman who does not wish to know something of the great English statesman. It is always difficult to obtain much or reliable information in reference to the life of a living great man, but the fullness and accuracy of the knowledge of the reverend lecturer must have been apparent to everyone who heard him. The lecturer, at the outset, said that but little was known of the early years of Gladstone's life, but nevertheless he related one or two most interesting incidents. The interest of Mr. Gladstone in the affairs of Ireland was traced to the first years of his political life, and the history of his early years in politics was told as it could only be by one who was a deep student of the later period of English politics, and an accurate observer of current events. Dr. Ryan strikes one as being thorough and in no way shallow or superficial—a quality as rare in those times as it is admirable. The lecturer had been present at the introduction of the Home Rule measure, and had also witnessed, a short time previous, the funeral of "Mr. Forster, the true Friend of Ireland, though compelled by circumstances to become the instrument of her oppression." In speaking of the coincidence in time between the death of Mr. Forster and the introduction of the Home Rule measure, the lecturer was really eloquent. Dr. Ryan depended little for the success of his lecture upon rhetorical display or humorous anecdote, but for purity and conciseness of style and choice of language the lecture could not be surpassed. The reverend gentleman has shown himself to be a deep thinker, an acute observer and an earnest student of the philosophy of politics, and we hope to hear him often upon the same class of subject. Those who did not hear him last night should not miss the opportunity that will be given them in the Athenæum in a very short time. Rev. Father Scott and Rev. Father Clancy occupied seats on the platform, and Mr. Thomas Mitchell presided, in the absence of the president. A cordial vote of thanks to the rev. gentleman brought a very pleasant and instructive evening to a close.

DIPHTHERIA IN TORBAY.

Diphtheria has broken out in Torbay, and two children have already died from it. They were two little girls, daughters of a resident; one was aged seven, the other three, and a half. Yesterday symptoms of the disease appeared in another house in the settlement. The origin of the contagion is not known, but it is thought that it was carried from town in the clothing of some friends of Mr. Goss, who visited the house in which it is not long since, either that or people coming to market must have brought it home in their clothing. Day after day, men with splits, hay, and other commodities from Torbay, and other neighboring villages come to town to sell their goods. In many cases they go through the town from door to door, looking for customers, and in the event of selling a few bundles of splits for instance, they take them into the house in which they are sold. If there happens to be diphtheria in the house, in nine cases out of ten the man will take it home in his clothing. The man being a stranger in town, does not know where there is or is not disease, and he can not be on his guard everywhere he goes. This being the case, something in the shape of a flag, of a color, to be decided on by the board of health, should be hung out from each house where there is a contagious disease of any kind.

THE LIGHT AT KING'S BRIDGE.

"King's Bridge."—On enquiry we have been informed that there is some understanding between the Council and the Government, that the latter are to erect three lights on the borders of the boundary lines between the city and country. The location of these lights are at the Cross-roads, Riverhead; at the Penitentiary, Forest-road; and near the King's Bridge. As these lights will be of considerable advantage to parties living beyond the town proper it is only fair that the general Government should at least contribute a part of the cost and maintenance. Your light at the King's bridge will, no doubt, be put in position in a few days. It is thought that the foot of the hill, near Mr. Leary's corner, will be the site chosen, and as the area of light from this will extend beyond the King's bridge to where the circle of light from the top of the hill extends, a better locality could not be chosen.

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Death of John A. Edens Esq.,

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It is with sincere regret that we chronicle today the death of John A. Edens, Esq., which melancholy event occurred at his home on Forest-road, yesterday afternoon, almost suddenly. Mr. Edens was a man who always enjoyed good health, hence his sudden taking off has created a great shock in the community. Add to this that the night previous he attended his son's wedding, and it will be scarcely necessary to say what a profound feeling of sorrow goes through the entire community. On Wednesday evening the deceased attended the wedding at Mr. W. P. Walsh's. He was always a quiet, and rather unobtrusive man, but on Wednesday evening he seemed to be lifted out of himself in honor of the occasion. However he went home early, about 10.30. On yesterday morning Mr. Walsh called down to Mr. Edens's residence, he found the latter in bed and saying that he was not feeling well. Mr. Walsh suggested a doctor, and accordingly Dr. Holey was sent for. The doctor thought Mr. Edens just slightly excited, and advised him to stay indoors for a few days and take light foods. At 4.15 p.m. Mr. Edens passed away. He was a heavily built man, and of a stature that would be an easy victim from over excitement of heart disease and apoplexy. It was probably from one of these causes that he died. The deceased was a well known business man, and was highly respected all over country. He leaves two sons, one in the United States, and one in St. John's to mourn him. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon.

BRIGUS FIRE BRIGADE

Their Fourth Annual Meeting.

The fourth annual meeting of the Brigus V. V. Fire Brigade was held on Saturday evening, the 9th inst. The captain for the past year, Mr. N. Rabbitts, having been called to the chair, the secretary read the minutes of last meeting, and a detailed statement of the receipts and expenditure for the past year, showing that the affairs of the brigade were in a satisfactory condition. The usual motion having been made and seconded, the report was unanimously adopted.

The chairman then requested the company to elect their officers for the ensuing year, when the secretary, P. J. Power, said that before proceeding to the election of officers, he felt it his sorrowful duty to propose a resolution and to say a few words in reference to the very great loss the brigade had recently sustained by the early and lamented death of its late energetic and zealous superintendent, John F. Hunt. In a few words he described how ably and enthusiastically the late superintendent had worked for the good of the brigade, giving his time, labor and talents freely and unsparingly for its advancement, and he therefore begged to propose the following resolution:—

- Resolved—That that the Brigus V. V. Fire Brigade deeply regrets the loss it has recently sustained by the lamented death of its late superintendent, Mr. John F. Hunt, and hereby tender its warmest sympathy to the friends of the deceased in their great affliction.
Resolved—That a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to the friends of the deceased, and also to the public press, and that a record of the same shall be entered on the books of the company.
The chairman, Mr. Rabbitts, before putting the resolution to the brigade, corroborated the statement of the secretary, as to the very able manner in which the late superintendent had discharged his duties, and the very effective services which he had rendered to the company since its formation. He spoke in feeling and eloquent terms of the personal friendship between himself and the deceased, and requested the meeting to show their appreciation of his worth by giving the resolution before the chair a rising vote; which was unanimously accorded.

The brigade then proceeded to the election of officers with the following result:— N. Rabbitts, Captain, re-elected. C. J. Jurett, Vice-Captain, elected. J. Brine, Superintendent, elected. Wm. Hunt, Foreman of Branch, re-elected. P. J. Power, Secretaries-Treasurer, re-elected. J. Jaynes, Foreman Lever, re-elected. T. Foley, Foreman Hoie, re-elected. G. Butland, Foreman Hatcher, elected.

Proposed by Mr. John Lambe, seconded by Mr. James P. Hearst:—"That all the necessary appliances necessary to render the brigade thoroughly effective, be purchased as soon as possible, and that the Captain, Vice-Captain, Branch Foreman, and Secretary-Treasurer shall be a committee authorized to make the necessary purchases, and to transact all business in connection with the brigade." (Carried) It was also proposed, seconded and Resolved—"That the brigade shall have its regular practice meeting on the first Monday in May. The meeting was then adjourned till that date. P. J. POWER, Secty-Treas. Brigus, Feb. 13th, 1889.

The Bait Protection Service.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR.—In conversation, the other day, with Mr. T. J. Murphy, the talented young member for St. John's East, he informed me that the bait protection service for the past year has cost a sum of about \$50,000, and asked if any commensurate benefit had accrued to the trade and commerce of the country in consequence, as, for instance, in the shape of increased exports of fish to the continental and other markets, where the French and Americans are supposed to be our active competitors, in short, whether "the game is worth the candle?"

This question I prefer to answer publicly and through the columns of your paper, so that if any inaccurate statements are made by me, they may be refuted and contradicted.

In the first place, I must premise that the question is a very difficult one to answer, here and now. It is only reasonable to suppose that the benefit to our Newfoundland trade from the bait protection service, if any, would take more than one season in which to show themselves. We can scarcely expect to be furnished in a single year with any data that could be safely relied on; to draw a general conclusion from, upon a subject, or on any subject that appertains to the domain of commerce, and depends almost entirely upon commercial statistics.

As an illustration of this I would merely refer to the annual report of the Boston Fish Bureau, which now lies before me. From this we learn that the catch of mackerel on the New England coast has dwindled during the past five years to ONE-TENTH of its former productiveness, as the following figures will show:—

Table with 2 columns: Year and Quantity of Mackerel Caught in barrels. 1884...478,076; 1885...132,943; 1886...79,998; 1887...88,382; 1888...48,205.

Now, if our bait protection service had any connection with the catch of mackerel, we might justly draw the conclusion from these figures that we had pretty well ruined our American neighbors' chief shore fishery since 1884. But we know that such is not the case. Our bait protecting has no connection with the New England mackerel fisheries, good or bad. We might just as well say—and with just as much reason—that the bait protection service had had the effect of causing the shipment to Boston and New York of over 10,000 barrels of mackerel from the Old Country—a most unprecedented circumstance in the history of the North American fisheries. Or we might attribute to the same influence the importation of a lot of 69 casks of mackerel from the far east, from Constantinople in Turkey; not to speak of another lot of 330 barrels, sent direct from the Magdalen Islands, to help fill up "the aching void" for Boston's favorite fish. And speaking of the Magdalen Islands reminds me that for the first time for many years, two American vessels went, in 1888, to these same Magdalen Islands for herrings, whence they brought full cargoes to the land of the stripes and stars.

The catch of codfish brought into New England has also dwindled during these five years to nearly one-half, but the gradual process of this shrinkage as revealed by the comparative figures for each year, shows that the bait protection service has had nothing to do with that, at all events. Thus the catch of codfish on the coasts of Maine and Massachusetts was combinedly as follows, during the undermentioned years:— 1884...1,001,303 quintals; 1885...902,455 quintals; 1886...828,572 quintals; 1887...676,723 quintals; 1888...585,581 quintals.

Or reduced down to nearly one-half. Again, take the importations of foreign fish into the United States for the year 1888, and we find that the value of said importation for only eleven months of last year, reached the enormous total of \$4,539,275, of which two-thirds was dutiable fish, an amount, in value of foreign fish, equal to that of the whole catch of this island for a year.

I shall conclude this enquiry in my next. Yours truly, J. M. St. John's, Feb. 14, 1889.

Entertainment at Holyrood.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR.—The people of Holyrood and some of the neighboring settlements, assembled in the Agricultural hall on Monday night last, to witness an entertainment given by the children of the different schools. The hall was crowded to such an extent that numbers could not obtain sitting room, while many could not gain admission. The entertainment was opened by the teacher, (Mr. R. O'Dwyer,) with a short but appropriate speech, in which he combatted the false notions held by some people, of the loss of time devoted to the preparation of public entertainments. No doubt, some of the children suffer a slight loss, because all cannot appear at these performances. But if the general work of the school cannot be

carried on as zealously and as earnestly as usual, the slight relaxation from the general routine of the business of the school is more than counterbalanced by the confidence and self-reliance gained by children taking part in dialogues and recitations before a public audience. He also showed that, in the earliest ages, public entertainments were often made for the purpose of diffusing religious and educational instruction.

The applause which greeted the children during the performance was ample testimony of the high appreciation and attention of the audience. Amongst the large audience were: Rev. P. Brown, and Messrs. Strapp, Joy, Murphy, &c., of Harbor Main; Capt. P. St. John, Messrs. W. Aspell, J. Gibbs, &c., of Conception Harbor.

The following programme, being efficiently rendered, which lasted over two hours and reflected the highest credit on the children and teachers:—

- PROGRAMME: Song and chorus—"Hand Me Down Dem Golden Shoes." Dialogue—"Don't Believe What You Hear," by Misses M. O'Brien, E. Veitch, M. Walsh, M. Mollowney. Song—"Dear Little Shamrock," by Misses C. Walsh, C. Joy. Recitation—"When I'm a Man," by J. Austin. Dialogue—"Carabasset and Father Rasles," by Masters T. Dunphy, W. Rourke. Song and chorus—"I'll Get Rid of My Mother-in-Law," by Masters S. Walsh, T. Kennedy. Dialogue—"Hamilton Family," by Master T. Kennedy, Misses C. Joy, E. Veitch. Recitation—"The Charge," by Miss B. Butler. Song (solo)—"Strangers Yet," C. Mollowney. Dialogue—"Teatime Her Friends," by Masters J. Woodford, P. Veitch, J. Hicks, Misses M. B. Lewis, C. Mollowney, A. Maher. Recitation—"Miriam's Song," Miss E. Quinlan. Song (chorus)—"Better Luck To-Morrow," by Misses M. Walsh, Miss O'Brien. Dialogue—"Cat Without an Owner," Miss S. Walsh, Masters A. Hicks, A. Byrne and M. Veitch. Song—"The Bridge," Misses C. Mollowney, E. Veitch. Dialogue—"The Wind Fall," by Masters M. Veitch, P. Byrne, J. Joy, W. Maher, S. Walsh, Misses C. Mollowney, M. Lewis. Song (chorus)—"Up Went the Price," Masters S. Walsh, P. Veitch. Dialogue—"Personating Olders," by Misses A. Brien, A. Brophy. Song (solo)—"No, Sir," Miss M. B. Lewis. Song (chorus)—"The Tar's Farewell," Misses M. Bolan, E. Duggan. Yours truly, CYRUS GOODIN. Holyrood, Feb. 13th, 1889.

CLAIMS OF THE ATHENÆUM.

A WELL SUPPLIED READING-ROOM AND EXTENSIVE LIBRARY.

(To the Editor of the Colonist.)

DEAR SIR,—Your correspondent "Gurth" has disarmed the force of his former criticism of the Athenæum, by the silly paragraph at the close of his last communication. He would not compare the Athenæum "dead and almost fossilized, for a moment with the younger associations, full of strong intellectual life, varied in their attractions, wise in their management, and unequalled in their educational influences." It is not often we see so much that is ridiculous and erroneous in a single sentence.

The life and usefulness of the Athenæum is evident. 1. By the arrangement of the public telegram from Halifax, which gives general satisfaction, and which the public have the benefit of through the daily newspapers, at a very slight individual expense. 2. By the well-assorted supply of magazines and principal newspapers from all parts of the world. For a small sum any person desirous of improving himself can do so. The variety and number of leading periodicals are greater than all the "younger associations possess," in the aggregate. I do not say this from any feeling of hostility to any of them, but as a reply to the ill-founded sneer of your amiable correspondent.

3. The Athenæum shows signs of life and vigor by its well-filled library of over 5,000 volumes embracing every branch of science, and literature. Herein there is opportunity for improvement by those who are desirous of cultivating their minds. 4. The large, delighted audience on Monday evening is surely another evidence that the Athenæum is alive and flourishing. Except to a snarling cynic, such an audience, composed of all classes, was something which the people of St. John's might be proud of.

I would be pleased to hear in what way the clubs are full of intellectual life, unless, indeed, it be an intellectual effort to shove a billiard ball with a cue. "Wise management," in what way? Where are the scientific lectures Mr. "Gurth" thinks so necessary? "Unequalled as educational influences!" Hide your heads ye dimin-

ished schools and colleges, for the billiard room is unequalled as an educational influence! With that "adjunct of civilization," the Athenæum would become a lively institution in the mind of Mr. "Gurth," and such "wise (?) management." Yours truly, BE WATCHFUL AND BEWARE. Feb. 13, 1889.

Local Telegraphic News

- CHANNEL, today. Wind west, blowing a fresh gale, with snow squalls; no ice. BAY OF ISLANDS, today. Weather stormy; a heavy N.W. gale is blowing, and the Bay is full of drift ice. TWILLINGATE, today. A strong breeze blowing from W. S. W.; snowing. The bay and harbor are clear. FOGO, today. Wind W.S.W., blowing half a gale; no ice or slob in the harbor. CATALINA, today. Wind W.S.W., a strong breeze blowing; weather mild, with a light snow falling.

Special to the Colonist.

THE SHR. "CLARA JANE" LOST AT ODERIN

ODERIN, today. The schooner "Clara Jane" was wrecked here this morning. She lost her sails in the heavy gale of Tuesday, and ran for Oderin, in a leaky condition. She anchored at the entrance of the harbor, in a southerly gale, this morning. In trying to get in she went on shore. Her cargo was saved in a damaged state, under hard circumstances; crew all well.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

- The winter comes with St. Valentine. The House will not meet again until next Tuesday afternoon. The thermometer went down to 20 last night, the lowest for a month. The Mohawk Minstrels, will please attend practice this evening in St. Patrick's Hall at 8 p.m. The Mohawk Minstrels have postponed their concert in St. Patrick's Hall until Friday evening next. Herrings are still plentiful in Placentia Bay, and within the last few days are being frozen in large quantities. If you want to enjoy a good night's skating, come to the Parade Rink, this Friday evening. Ice, the best yet; music that will charm every one; all the beauty of the city will attend; also tomorrow afternoon and evening.

Mr. Bond gave notice, in the House of Assembly, yesterday, that he would move that all correspondence between Canada and Newfoundland, since the 14th of April last, be laid on the table of the House as soon as possible.

TO CORRESPONDENTS.—"Unis et Idem," crowded out it will appear on tomorrow. "One Who Knows," received. Whilst we do the best we can to find space for correspondents, we would thank them to be as brief as possible. Let the motto be "Brevi et Bene."

We beg to acknowledge a specimen of fine printing from the office of Messrs. Bowden & Sons, which show they are still making improvements. The letter-press is unexceptionable; but the engraving in the left hand corner is not in accordance with the generally received canon that his satanic majesty has no shadow. Perhaps representations of the "printer's devil" may be an exception to the rule. In any case the hint conveyed in the illustration is a good one, for it conveys an unmistakable hint to those who do not "pay the printer, of the coming event that casts its shadow before."

BIRTHS.

CONDON—Yesterday, the wife of R. Condon, of a son.

MARRIAGES.

DUGGAN—HUMPHRIES.—At Catalina, on the 27th of January, by the Rev. Father, Caralon, Mr. Timothy Duggan, of Ragged Harbor, to Miss Mary Humphries, of Catalina.

DEATHS.

- MCDONALD.—At Ragged Harbor, on the 28th Jan., Maggie, aged 12½ years; also, on the 4th Feb., Mary, aged 8 years—both children of Wm. and the late Ann McDonald. KENNEDY.—Yesterday, Ellen, the beloved wife of J. Kennedy, aged 85 years; funeral on Saturday, at 2½ o'clock, from her late residence, Limekiln Lane. GARLAND.—This morning, of brain fever, Wm. Wall, second son of Levi Garland, aged 15 years. Funeral on Sunday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, 94, Barnes' Road; relatives and friends, are respectfully invited to attend. EDENS.—Yesterday, John A. Edens, aged 71 years. Funeral on Saturday, at 2.30 p.m., from his late residence, Forest-road; friends will please attend without further notice.