

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Chiefly Concerning Ourselves and Our Friends.

We were not forgotten this Christmas by our friends. The friends in the city, who annually remember us, added very materially to our Christmas cheer, which, with the addition of the annual turkey from our good country friend, Dr. Morehouse, gave us a banquet fit for the gods.

The poem, "A Pin," from a valued contributor, though he may not see it, contains a "point" that is capable in the minds of some of our readers, of to say the least, an improper construction, and if he will excuse us, we would rather not publish it on that account. This is a very straight-laced community and we have to go very careful since a Nashwaak subscriber took offence at our mention of a neighbor's cat calling on ours, and stopped his paper.

We regret very much to have to record the death of Mr. Reuben Blackmer, the jeweller. He was, so far as we knew him, a quiet, retiring, unobtrusive, honest, hard-working and God-fearing man. The world would be quite good enough were all like him, for where there is one better there is ten worse. He will be missed in the councils of the societies of which he was a member and in the Y. M. C. A. To his afflicted relatives we tender the regrets of one who while not an intimate friend was very well disposed toward him.

We have again to thank our excellent friend Prof. W. F. P. Stockley for another bundle of valuable and instructive books. We assure our good friend that they are duly appreciated and will be read with interest and profit, and that his great kindness to us in this and other ways has made a deep impression on our heart.

We thank our esteemed contemporary The Maple Leaf of Albert, N. B., for the following kindly notice. Its editor Mr. Rhodes though born in England is more Canadian than the majority who call themselves Canadians. Query:—Wonder if he is a relative of Cecil Rhodes?

The December number of Butler's Journal is an excellent issue of 16 pages with a large advertising patronage. The new heading is handsome and neat and the original matter from the editor's pen has the usual smack of humor, native talent and blunt outspokenness for which it is so well known. We congratulate Brother

Butler and endorse his motto "Canada First."

By a mistake in the making up, our paragraph of sympathy with Mr. Bank's family in our late issue was credited to "Wolie," our Claudy correspondent.

Two of our old friends—Mrs. Thomas Hoyt and Miss Barbara Cliff of Prince William have recently joined the great majority. We remember Mrs. Hoyt as a good kind, motherly lady, who in the little time we once spent at her place when a boy, treated us like a mother, and Miss Cliff as one of our early teachers for whom we made a world of bother and annoyance, which was borne for the most part with great patience and forbearance. Well, "Peace to their ashes" we have many friends today but we never can forget the friends of old.

We enjoy now a better understanding with our subscribers and the public generally and have a larger and better paid up subscription list and advertising patronage than at any time since THE JOURNAL was started. Let us hope that this may continue, and we assure our friends that it will not be our fault if it does not. We have grown more circumspect and they more reasonable, and if we ever make a break don't lay it to malice on our part but ascertain the cause and remonstrate kindly with us and we will be glad to make ample amends.

As an example of the value of THE JOURNAL as an advertising medium we might mention the fact that Mr. J. P. McManus, the popular boot and shoe dealer authorizes us to say that he has got nine families as steady customers which he can trace directly to THE JOURNAL.

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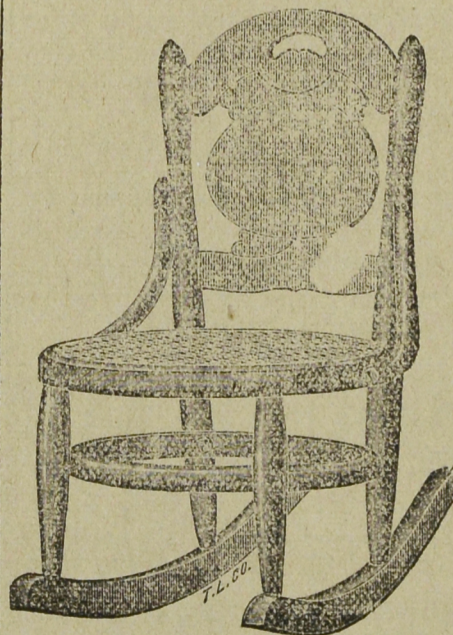
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