

OUR MONTHLY CHAT

With and About Our Patrons and Friends.

During the past month nothing out of the ordinary has happened. I have worked hard each day striving to do my duty and met with nothing but kindness and good will from all whom I came in contact. The fight against fate with both pen and shovel is available only to secure us a decent living and it is impossible to save anything by for the winter season, when I shall have nothing but the pen to fall back on, now that my printing establishment is broken up. So those who are urging for the payment of a few paltry dollars that I fell behind during last year who can count their dollars by the thousand should not be so clamorous of taking away each month all I save against a hard winter, not that they need it, but simply to make their pile a little higher.

The remittances for the month just passed are:—John Adams, Wiseley, 70cts.; Harry R. Turnbull, Stanley, \$4. (This contribution calls for special comment as it is the largest paid by any one person at one time on account of subscription. True, Dr. Inch, supt. of education, did pay me \$10 at one time last summer, but he subscribes for two others besides himself. The editor's everlasting gratitude will ever go out to a man with such a large heart. If there were many like him I could make a good living out of my paper alone.) Willis Macpherson, St. Marys, 35cts.; George Estey, Durham, Bridge, \$1; Alex. Mott, Rusiagornis Station, \$1; J. A. Pearson, Peel, Car. Co., \$1; Walter Smith, Upper Maugerville, \$1; Miss Mary Corbet, Victoria Hospital, \$1.00, for Marty; Wm. Walker, Penniac, 35 cts.

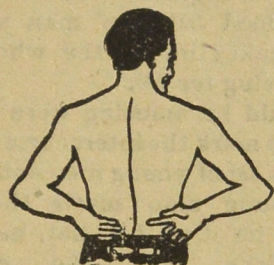
My heartiest thanks go out to all for their kindness and thoughtfulness. They will see, I think, that I am putting forth my best efforts, if not to please them, at least not to displease them, and I am sure they appreciate those efforts. I thank my good subscriber Gordon Grant of Shogomoc for an order for several extra copies and a very complimentary letter.

Crawling into bed with me the other night, little Martie put his arms around my neck, kissed me and said: "Papa, I love you for working so hard for me with only one arm. I wouldn't take anything for you—no, not the whole of Saunders street. When I get big I will work in the mill and keep you."

Just think of it! WOULDN'T TAKE THE WHOLE OF SAUNDERS STREET FOR ME. I know of some boys who would sell their fathers for 25 cents and then think they were well paid.

Would work for me when he grows up—Ah, that is to be seen. Lord knows where I'll be by the time he is 18 or 20 years of age—perhaps in the grave-yard, or ending my days as a tramp, or in the almshouse. But it is encouraging and comforting at least to have these assurances, and two arms around my neck and a little cheek close to mine more than repays me for the loss of my one arm.

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