

OUR MONTHLY CHAT.

With and About Our Patrons and Friends

Thanks to the very generous support of my subscribers and the continued patronage of my advertisers I have so far this winter been enabled to live without running in debt. Although I gathered a big pile of shingle-blocks against the winter, they are more than half gone, and the wood I have been compelled to buy to go with them has cost me over \$15, which is as much, if not more, than it cost me for the whole of last winter.

The kind letters received from many friends at home and abroad, many of them containing small sums, have greatly encouraged me; but there have been other experiences calculated to discourage and depress me, which I will not mention. Indeed, I say altogether too much about myself—my precarious position—hanging on as it were by the eyelids, making me morbid on the subject. At any rate I am glad to be able to think that hard, hypocritical and selfish as this world is there is still Christian sympathy and kind remembrance for me in it.

Among the sad things outside of my immediate circle, is the severe loss occasioned by my good friend Allan McFarlane of Waasis in the loss of his home by fire together with all the contents a short time ago. Mr. McFarlane and family have since our acquaintance been among my best friends. I was always welcome at their house when I went their way, was treated as one of the family; they always patronized me and they never charged me for board or lodging.

The deaths of Mr. John Taylor of Harvey Station and Mr. Philip Pheaney of Marysville remove two good friends of former days.

At the house of the former as at the latter, I was always sure of a warm welcome, and their friendship, unlike a good many that I have made, was sincere and unchanging.

Mr. Taylor had arrived at the age when it was reasonable to suppose that the Reaper would reach out his sickle and pluck the ripened grain, but Mr. Pheaney was little past the prime of life. To all their relatives and friends I extend my sincerest sympathy.

As an offset to what appeared a great difficulty and the ranging of some friends against me, I have experienced some special favors which have cheered and encouraged me even more than the supposed unfriendly actions had depressed and disheartened me. The executors of the Father McDevitt estate have made it possible for me to get a room in which to open up my office if I can secure one at a reasonable rate, and a life-long friend on Regent Street without whom I would have missed many favors, during all the years I have been in town has supplemented it with a contribution of \$5.00 just when it was most needed. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel to these good, kind friends and no one realizes more than I my unworthiness. I have never had the chance to do anything for anyone,

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but I suppose they rightly guess that I have done very well to do as good as we have for ourselves.

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They comprise the following:— Arthur Green, Hayesville, 50 cts.; Norman Scott, Hayesville, 50 cts.; J. P. McGowan, Station Agent Y. & C. R. R., Stanley, 50 cts.; W. A. McNulty, Gibson, \$1.10; Jeremiah Barry, City, \$1.00; Chas. A. Miles, City, \$1.00; Fred Ferguson, City, 50 cts.; Benj. F. Leggett, Ward, Delaware Co., Pa., \$1.00; F. W. Wallace, Ed. Funeral Director, Sussex, N. R., 35 cts.; H. H. Veysey, York Co., 50 cts.; J. A. Pearson, Peel, Car. Co., Mr. A. R. Miles, 50 cts.; Wm. McQuestion, Fredericton Junction, 35 cts. Mrs. Wm. Rutledge, Oromocto, 70 cts., Alex. Mott, Ruisiagornish Stations, 35 cents; Henry Burt, Upper Keswick, 35 cts.; John McCloskey, Fredericton Junction, \$1; C. B. Morgan, St. Marys, \$1.50; Mrs. T. Clowes, Manguerville, \$1; Mr. Timothy Connors, Cork Station, \$1; Patrick Murphy, Rumford Falls, Me., \$2; A. E. Logan, Gibson, \$1.

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