

LITERARY NOTES.

When and Where to Write. I saw in the Writer for this month, a quotation from some author of renown, advising all others who would occupy the same proud position "never to write until they felt ready to burst."

How about the birds of old? Did not many of them write, not purely from an impelling sense of something noble to be said, but because of a keen and bitter consciousness that the wolf was at the door and must be kept at bay by the point of the pen?

Who through long days of labor And nights devoid of ease Produced the songs that linger in our hearts, and he must have known whereof he spoke.

It these are the greater lights, what are we to say of the lesser? How can we spare those fugitive lines in newspaper and magazine, so often full of strength and beauty, though, perhaps, destined to be soon forgotten.

Our dogmatic authority should remember that no rule can have a universal application. So far from feeling "ready to burst," many toilers of the pen are dependent on an absurd degree upon some trilling outward circumstance for inspiration.

Yes, let those who can, rise superior to their surroundings, but give me my accustomed spot, far from the madding crowd—and my tree.

But let us return to our sheep and advise those timid young spirits who would write the message they feel in their hearts to strike boldly out into the sea of literature, not waiting for a very uncomfortable moment that may never come.

I turn over the leaves of an old note-book, the pages of which I filled half a score of years ago. On one page I find this note:

"My books are all wrinkled and filled with crumbs of maple and sumac leaves, with here and there a forgotten forest leaf clinging to the printed one. Ah, well, sometime I may kiss the wrinkled pages of my choicest book while I think of the dear, white hands that laid the maple leaves in history or lexicon, and thank God that the page is wrinkled and the engraving discolored."

And now, whenever I turn to that page in the note-book, do you know, my boy, how glad I am that I wrote about the leaves as I did? There was no shadow of fear or dread over my little home then.

Indeed there was! Because love is better than books, my boy. Because your books, my son, though you crowd the literary treasure of the world upon your shelves, can never creep into your heart as your wife will some day, when you find the girl whom the gods have created shall crown your home.

Because we should always hold the hearts that love us nearer to us than the petty annoyances and little ills of this life. Because the quick, hasty word you speak in ill temper or ungentleness today, my boy, leaves a sting in your heart to rattle half a century away. Because today, if I could, I would burn up every book there is in all this world just to feel the little hands that laid those leaves in the pages, where I said they must not go, and clasp themselves about my neck for one hour. Hold your tongue and your pen, my boy. Every time you are tempted to say an ungentle word, or write an unkind word, or say a mean, ungracious thing about anybody, just stop. Look ahead twenty-five years, and think how it may come back to you then!

Sensational Preachers. The Rev. Dr. Howard Crosby entertains a poor opinion of sensational preachers. He says: "There are some who in their efforts to spread the Gospel use every device and every trick to further their work."

That may be true, but that does not place the so-called sensational preachers above blame. God may choose to do good through them, but that does not justify their methods. The Lord may speak by means of Balaam's ass. Then look at the bad effect such men have on those outside the fold of the church. Christ's whole cause is brought into disrepute in the eyes of the non-religious.

Go and do likewise. If your whiskers are grizzled and becoming white, Buckingham's Dye and they will look as when you were younger.—Adt.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

MONCTON.

[Progress is for sale in Moncton at the bookstores of W. W. Black and W. H. Murray, Main street.] Dec. 10.—Social matters are undeniably heating up! Many of our wandering lambs have returned from the distant pastures which looked so temptingly when seen through the fence of the home paddock, but which, perchance contained no sweeter herbage, or more hospitable springs than that same paddock spread forth to the appreciative eyes of wanderers from other fields.

Miss Harris will be with us again in a few days, and she will be more than welcome. Mr. H. C. Hamilton, who has spent the last six weeks at the Royal military school at Fredericton, returned to Moncton last week, prepared to serve his country as a lieutenant of militia, and instruct the youth of Moncton as to the best methods of doing likewise.

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ST. STEPHEN.

Dec. 11.—There is really nothing of interest to write, St. Stephen seems to grow duller every day. If it were not for the whist club, the younger portion of our society people would pine for amusement.

The whist club met last evening at Hathorne hall, the residence of Judge Stevens, with Miss Kate Stevens as hostess. The prizes were hotly contested, and will long be remembered, for at the previous meeting the guests enjoyed themselves so much. The prizes were hotly contested, but at the last, two ladies, Mrs. Cameron and Miss Cora Alzar, were declared the fortunate winners.

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Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. EVERY MAN WHO finds his mental faculties dull or failing, or his physical powers flagging, should take these PILLS. They will restore his lost energies, both physical and mental.

EVERY WOMAN should take them. They cure all suppressions and irregularities, which inevitably entail sickness when neglected.

EVERY YOUNG MAN should take them. They will cure the results of youthful bad habits, and strengthen the system.

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Reynolds has a variety to choose from, and can make any special article wanted in the Furniture line.

Ask for them. Ask for what? Granby Rubbers. Why? Because they are the best. They fit well. They wear like iron. Everybody wears them.

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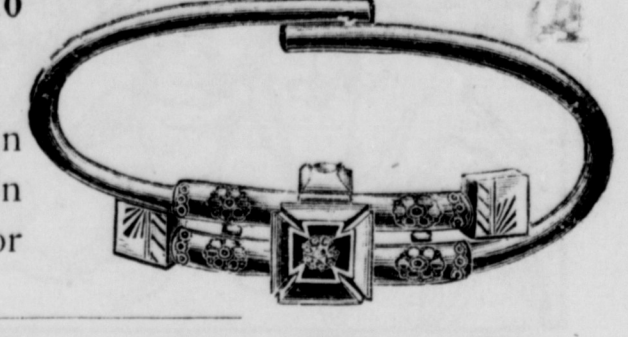
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