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EDITOR'S MAIL.

THE CAPES ROUTE.

SIR:—I left Cape Traverse on Wednesday 25th January at 8.30 standard time on the government boats. We had an excellent passage, although the day was rough, and we arrived at Cape Tormentine at 10.20 standard. There were three passengers.

There has been a great deal said about change of Captains and that the men now are only inferior, &c, but I must say that I have crossed the Gulf as a hand and as a passenger a great many times and I consider that Captain Campbell is fit for the responsible position that he occupies, and that his men are good specimens of the men who have always crossed there. They are a lot of jolly good fellows and will take the best of care of passengers. I speak from experience.

We arrived at Tuckers very wet from rain and sleet but we were soon dried and comfortable under the hospitable care of Mr. and Mrs. Tucker.

I want to give you an account of the Gulf as we found it. We left Bell's Head in a lead of water and after going about a mile we struck ice four or five inches thick that just carried the boats. It was level as could be from that to about one and a half miles from Cape Tormentine, and then we had thin ice and water. The ice would carry us some of the time, but would not carry the boats. That was very tiresome in a cold storm. There was not one field of ice in the Gulf six inches thick. The Stanley could have crossed in less than one hour—I think she could have crossed in thirty minutes, as there was nothing to stop her speed.

There is no doubt but that is the piece for the Stanley. It is much easier to fight six miles of ice than forty miles. But I hope Sir Louis Davies will never send the Stanley to this route until he has a harbor made for her at Cape Traverse. I am not an engineer, Mr Editor, but I consider that there is no trouble to make a fine harbor at Cape Traverse, and it need not cost more than \$100,000. It appears to me that nature has prepared this bay for a harbor. You will see that Bell's Head to the southward of the bay, runs out quite a distance, and then there is a reef runs out northwest for about half a mile into the bay, and on the northwest side of the bay is Amherst Head. From that there is a reef runs out about south, leaving only a narrow passage of about one mile. This passage will carry a depth of about five to six fathoms, and will carry five fathoms away into the bay inside the reefs, where no running ice could ever get to destroy the pier.

The pier could be started at what they call Lewis Muttari's Bluff and built on piles until it is clear of the sand. There is no sand outside and no better anchorage in any harbor on the Island—brick clay bottom. The sand could go up and down the shore and not interfere with the pier and piles. When clear of the sand build the pier solid.

ALEX. STRANG.

Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 27.

PARENTS AND TEACHERS.

SIR,—much thought has been given to the subject of education recently, due largely to the fact that the supplementary clause of the education law was repealed. Besides the smallness of the salary paid teachers, there is another weakness in the working out of our educational system, viz. that teachers and parents do not confer frequently enough in reference to school matters. The spirit of criticism prevails to too great an extent, and there is little sympathy existing between parent and teacher.

The following circular was sent recently by the school authorities of Elmira N. Y. to the parents and others interested in education. A meeting followed, attended by a large number of parents and others and much good resulted there from. I write this in the hope that an effort in this or some other line may be made to bring parents and teacher more into sympathy with each other; seeing they are both working for the same end, the good of the child.

J. D. SEAMAN.

CIRCULAR.

1. Do you know the teacher of your child?
2. Do you know what the teachers are trying to do for your child?
3. Do you wish to see where your child spends his school hours?
4. Have you not many questions to ask those working for the education of your child?
5. Have you any complaints against the school, the teachers, or the principal?
6. Can you suggest new subjects, or lines of thought, which should be taught your child, if so what?
7. In your judgment should some subject be omitted from the present course of study, if so, what and why?
8. Do you believe in united efforts?

9. Do you know that the teachers need and desire more of your help, cooperation and cheer?

10. Do not these questions appeal to you? If so you are earnestly invited to an informal meeting of all those parents, guardians, teachers and others interested in Number Three School of Elmira, to be held at the School Building, Saturday afternoon, October 15, at three o'clock.

GEORGE ALEXANDER McPHAIL
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(Parentes loq.)

We counted ourselves blessed among men
And women: God had trusted to our care
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The tending of their souls' expanding flame,
The thrill of childish voices in our ear,
The touch of clinging hands brought Heaven so near,
We cried: "The Lord gave, blessed be His name!"

He took first one and then another gem.
To glad His angels' eyes; Ah! how they smiled

To gaze upon the soul of human child;
And if we minded not the gain to them,
In our own pain and sorrow, who could blame?

Through the sad weary hours from day to day,
O'er breaking hearts we bowed the head to say:

"He gave, He took, twice blessed be His name!"

Our gain we realize but in part:—to know

Some of the mystery of birth and life
And death; to see that earth's unceasing strife

Leads us forever on in strength; and so
The light that from the fires of sorrow came

Brightened our path; and to the all too sad

Refrain: "He gave, He took," we boldly add:—

"He made us strong, thrice blessed be His name!"

—J.—

Boston, Jan. 1899.

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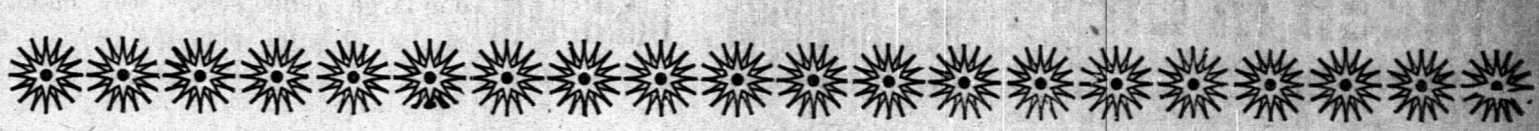
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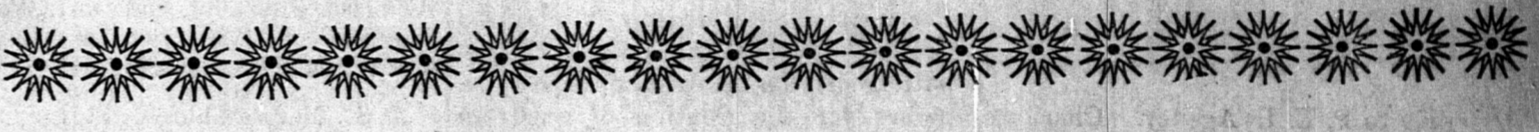
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