



A city business man, who gets to work at nine in the morning, takes an hour for lunch and leaves for home at four or five in the afternoon, little understands the hardships of the life of the farmer, who starts to work at break of day and frequently works on into the night by lantern-light.

A man to endure the hardships of a farmer's life, must be robust physically, and have a long life, always keep a watchful eye upon his health. He should remember that it is the apparently trifling disorders that eventually make the big diseases. It does not do for a hard working man to neglect bilious attacks or spells of indigestion. If he does, he will soon find himself flat on his back with malaria or crippled with rheumatism. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is the best of all medicines for hard working men and women. It makes the appetite keen and healthy, the digestion perfect, the liver active, the blood pure and rich with the life-giving elements of the food, and the nerves strong and steady. It builds firm muscles and solid flesh. It is the great master of all blood-makers and purifiers. It cures malarial troubles and rheumatism. It is an unfailing cure for biliousness and indigestion. An honest dealer will not try to substitute some inferior preparation for the sake of a little additional profit.

"I was a sufferer for four years with malarial fever and chills," writes Robert Williams, of Kawa, Barber Co., Kan. "Four bottles of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cured me and I now weigh 160 pounds instead of 130, my complexion is clear, and I am free from nervousness, constipation and torpidity of the liver are surely, speedily and permanently cured by Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. They are tiny, sugar-coated granules. One little 'Pellet' is a gentle laxative, and two a mild cathartic. They never gripe. They stimulate and strengthen the jaded organs until a regular habit is formed and may then be discontinued without a return of the trouble. They stimulate, invigorate and regulate the stomach, liver and bowels. Medicine stores sell them, and have no other pills that are 'just as good.'"



Commencement day partakes of the character of a rite; hence the entire propriety of holding the exercises in the town's one consecrated building. The church, red, rectangular, respectable, and whisping by dark opened cedars and its windows hospitably wide on these occasions.

Feminine ingenuity always exhausts itself upon the church decorations for commencement day. Conspicuous talent is displayed in the immense wooden arch that spans the brand new plank rostrum, which has for its underpinning the pulpit and the chancel rail. The startling crudeness of this material rainbow is softened to the eye by a wrapping of gray Spanish moss, into which is stuck, with happy irrelevance, hydrangeas, sunflowers, roses and gladioluses.

From the keystone of this gorgeous arch springs always the symbol of aspiration, as interpreted by the lady decorators of Shingleton, a ladder made of cedar wisps, more or less successfully hiding from view an intrusive groundwork of white pasteboard. It is under this work of art that the pallid and quaking orators of the day take their stand, to make targets of themselves for the darting bright eyes and for the crueler darts of rival criticism.

Girls are always out in force on commencement day, not that they take any abiding interest in the educational aspect of the occasion, but the brass band which occupies the choir loft and dispenses the most depressingly solemn music during the exercises is engaged to officiate at the dance in which commencement always culminates.

Shingleton has just cause for pride on these occasions, and some orator is sure to assert from the rostrum, without fear of contradiction, that so much of beauty and talent and grace could not possibly be gathered together in any other known spot on the earth.

After the declaiming is all safer through with there will be a dinner out under the cedar trees in the old churchyard. No one objects to the somber presence of the occasional tombstones that crop above the tall weeds in the churchyard. They come rather handy, in fact, the tall and conical ones as hatracks, the flat ones as receptacles for the ice cream freezers and the lemonade buckets. The sunken and effaced inscriptions appeal to no unhealed griefs. They are at once too obscure and too familiar to flutter the faintest pulses. Shingleton's resurrection day is for the quick, not for its dead.

Every housekeeper within a radius of ten miles stands sponsor to the dinner spread that day on the long, precarious plank tables under the cedar trees, through whose breeze stirred branches the sunshine falls upon the white tablecloths in dots and checks.

Enforced attention for several hours to declamations, sometimes trite, always crude, is productive of ravening hunger. With the red apple clinched in its fixed jaws, down to the lightest salads, everything is provided on a colossal scale by the experienced housewives of Shingleton, who for weeks past have merged private interests, personal dislikes, moldy disputes and inherited feuds in the one cause for which Shingleton moves and has its being.

Commencement day of 1859 was no exception to its predecessors. It came in June, as it always did. It was hot and dusty, as it always was. Everything and everybody who shared the social responsibilities of the occasion were in a state of smiling readiness, as they always were. If now the boys would only "quit themselves like men," Shingleton's proud record would remain unbroken.

To the usual interest of this particular commencement at the eleventh hour was added an element of painful surprise. An ominous whisper was afloat. A foreshadowed disgrace threatened Shingleton. An illusive veil of mystery dropped like a pall over the familiar scene of the decorated church with its beflowered rainbow and the precarious tables with their load of comestibles.

A robbery had been committed at the college, not only at the college, but in the college. Cash and valuables belonging to the professors and students had disappeared under circumstances compelling the conviction that some one of the students was the culprit.

Shingleton accepted the possibility of crime in connection with its college slowly and incredulously. In view of the fact that nearly all of the boys came from well known families of high social position, it was almost beyond conception that any one of them should stoop to the plebeian offense of stealing.

To a man they belonged to the slaveholding aristocracy. They were the sons of planters, doctors, lawyers. The offspring of senators and congressmen had drunk at the Shingleton fountain of learning, and, crowning boast, the grandson of a bishop was among the

declaimers booked for that identical mystery shadowed commencement day.

There was nothing commonplace about Shingleton. Nothing shocking had ever happened there, and the possibility of disgrace overtaking it through the medium of any one of its young aristocrats shook the congregated housewives to the very center of their nervous systems.

Mrs. Fitzwilliams, absently dipping a long handled gourd in and out of the lemonade barrel, conveyed to Mrs. Maginnis, who was slicing cold tongue into newspapers spread on a neighboring tombstone, her conviction that "the thing was impossible. There was not a plebeian in the whole college, from President Hopkins down."

Mrs. Maginnis poised her carving knife reflectively. "Yes, one."

"You mean that young Martin?"

"Yes."

"Why, he is the valedictorian. They say he is dreadfully smart, studious and ambitious beyond everything; midnight oil sort of boy, you know."

"His father is old Colonel Strong's overseer," said Mrs. Maginnis, stabbing the cold tongue severely.

"Yes, that's true. But the boy came here with Adrien Strong. That ought to be indorsement enough. In fact, as I understand it, Colonel Strong sent him with his grandson because the boys had grown up together on the plantation and the overseer had named this boy for him, which inclined him to give him a better chance for an education than overseers' sons usually get."

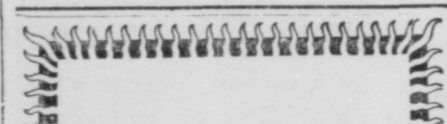
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DOMINION OF CANADA, PROVINCE OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND, In Chancery

In the matter of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company and the Distribution of its Assets among the Shareholders.

To Reverend Ralph Brecken, of Sackville, New Brunswick, Executor of the late Ralph Brecken; Edgar Hubert Beer, of Charlottetown, Executor of George R. Beer; Frank D. Beer, of Charlottetown Medical Doctor; Edward Bayfield, of Charlottetown Executor and Trustee of Henry W. Bayfield; Andrew A. McDonald, of Charlottetown, Executor of Owen Connolly; Francis L. Hazard, of Charlottetown, Representative of the Estate of the late Charles Hensley; Henry R. Lordly, of Charlottetown; Hugh Monaghan, of Charlottetown; Thomas Handrahan, of Charlottetown, Trustee for Fanny Leigh; and William A. Weeks, the younger, of Charlottetown, Executor of the late William Weeks, AND OTHER Shareholders in the said Company, AND TO ALL REPRESENTATIVES, AGENTS of and TRUSTEES for deceased or absent Shareholders:

These are to require you and each of you and all and every other person or persons interested, or claiming to be interested in the said Company, as Shareholder or Representative, Agent, Trustee or Agent or Shareholders, to appear before me, Rowen Robert Fitzgerald, Vice Chancellor, in Charlottetown, at the Court of the Vice Chancellor, on Thursday, the Twenty-eight day of July next, at the hour of eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause why an account should not be taken of the affairs of the Company, and of its debts, property and assets, and why a sum of money now in the hands of the directors, the proceeds of the sale of property of the said Company, and all other the assets of the said Company hereafter to be realized, should not be divided among the shareholders and others interested therein, or having claims thereto, as soon as can be made, and why a decree should not be made declaring the rights of shareholders between themselves and their respective rights, and directing the mode of dividing and paying out such assets among shareholders and creditors of the company, and the payment of costs incident to the said proceedings. All persons interested are hereby notified that a decree to be made in the premises shall be final, and that all persons not making claim at the time and place aforesaid shall be barred from any right or claim not allowed by such decree. You are further notified that a petition has been filed by the directors of the said Company with the Registrar of the Court of Chancery in Charlottetown setting forth the names of shareholders and their respective shares as far as known, and other facts in connection with the affairs of the Company pursuant to the Act of the Legislature, intitled "An Act to Facilitate the Liquidation of the Affairs of the Charlottetown Gas Light Company." You and each of you are further notified that in default of your appearance at the time and place aforesaid, the hearing of the matter of said petition will proceed, and a decision will be made by which you will be as effectually bound as if you had appeared.

Dated at Charlottetown this Eighteenth day of June, A. D. 1898.

(Sg'd) R. R. FITZGERALD, Vice Chancellor.

H. JAMES PALMER, Charlottetown, P. E. Island, Solicitor for said Company.



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By order of the board,  
J. M. DAVISON  
Cashier,  
May 30th, 1898

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