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# THE FREDONIA CENSOR: WEDNESDAY

8/22/83

Large crowds and reported from a recent dry, warm and quite favorable. This week is the best to be had, Brocton being the best this Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. The following is the remainder of the

August 22.  
**EXAMINATION DAY**  
Lecture, Dr Jewell, "Serving Nerve Health."  
Joseph Cook, "God in the World."  
—Rev A A Wright, "Theology and the Revised

devotional conference.  
Round Table, "Social  
prayer-meetings.  
concert, Prof C C Case.

August 23.  
Lecture—Dr. Jewell, "Health."  
Joseph Cook, "Women in Pagan Lands."  
Dr D H Wheeler, "A Grammar

to be followed by readings, (of New York.)  
devotional conference.

Round Table; "Blun-  
Rev A A Wright, "Evangelism and the Revised

August 24.  
Rev A A Wright, "The Revised Ver-  
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BRACKET, Aug. 20, 1883.

### Shocking Accident—Mr. Justus Cross Killed—Various Personal Items.

On Wednesday last Justus Cross, for many years living half mile south of Brocton, was instantly killed in a very distressing manner. He was assisting a young man by the name of Daniel Bird to place blocking under a half finished house when some portion of the blocking gave way and the back part of the house dropped into the half finished cellar a distance of six feet. Mr. Cross was in such a position that his head was caught between the sill of the house and the blocking crushing, it instantly. The young man Bird had his arm caught under the blocking, bruising and lacerating it badly, but breaking no bones. It is expected the arm will be saved. The two men were in this position until Mr. Carlos Farnham who was present obtained assistance from neighbors and raised the building sufficient to extricate them. Mr. Cross was a poor man with a large family depending upon him. Rumor has it that a daughter of Mr. Cross was the next day to marry the young man Bird.

Funeral services were held at the M. E. Church Brocton on Friday, Rev. J. M. Bates of the Baptist church officiating. Mr. Cross was a soldier of the late war, was a member of the James A. Hall Post, G. A. R. and was an estimable man.

T. S. Moss has raised a building belonging to him and standing next his store, some four feet, under which he is placing a wall, revealing a depth within a foot or more of the surface of the Black Ash swamp on which the town was originally built.

"HONOR BRIGHT."—Peter Paul's Brother have recently given to the public a novel, "Honor Bright," the production of a Buffalo lady. The story is not without interest, but it is crude. The characters have each a strong individuality. The heroine and the old housekeeper are best delineated. The plot holds the attention to the end. The book evinces sufficient imagination and power to warrant the author in continuing her efforts, but her next work should show a marked progress. She is now at the point where she may degenerate into the sensational, or advance toward a pure and healthy style. The fact that the writer is evidently a woman of high moral purposes does not obviate the danger.

Critics refuse to accord the highest rank to the avowedly reformatory novel. If the author prefers this class let her avoid extremes. By turning aside to moralize in her own person she betrays a want of faith in the ability of the children of her brain to fight their own battles. A reform which is dragged into view at unfavorable moments is thereby made offensive. The didactic passages moreover, show an effort in language and style which makes them stilted.

Lack of experience in literary work and want of care in the less enjoyable part of an author's duties have allowed "Honor Bright" to pass through the press, marred with many faults which might easily have been eliminated. The use of italics is unpardonable. The excessive use of the phrase in place of the sentence, though sanctioned by some writers of repute, is of doubtful desirability. Webster does not recognize "unapprecious," and public taste is beginning to con-