Choice Miscellany.

The Funeral.

I was walking in Savannah, past a church
decayed and dim,
When there slowly through the window
came a plaintive funeral hymn ;
And a sympathy awakened, and a wonder quickly grew,
Till I found myself environed in a little negro pew.

Out at front a colored couple sat in sorrow, nearly wild ;
On the altar was a coffin, in the coffin was a child.
I could picture him when living—curly hair, protruding lip—
And had seen perhaps a thousand in my hurried Suthern trip.

But no baby ever rested in the soothing arms of Death
That had fanned more flames of sorrow with his little fluttering breath ;
And no funeral ever glistened with more sympathy profound
Than was in the chain of tear-dro p that enclasped those mourners round.

Rose a sad old colored preacher at the little wooden desk—
With a manner grandly awkward, with a countenance grotesque ;
With simplicity and shrewdness on his Ethiopian face ;
With the ignorance and wisdom of a crushed, undying race.

And he said : "Now don' be weepin' for dis pretty bit o' clay—
For de little boy who lived dere, he done gone an run away !
He was doin' very finely, an' he 'preciate your love ;
But his sure 'nuff Father want him in de large house up above.

"Now He didn't give you dat baby, by a hundred thousan' mile !
He just think you need some sunshine, an' He lend it for a while !
An' He let you keep an' love it, till your hearts was bigger grown ;
An' dese silver tears you're sheddin's just de interest on de loan.

"Here yer oder pretty chilrun !—don't be makin' it appear
Dat your love got sort o' 'nop'lized by dis little fellow here ;
Don' pile up too much your sorrow on deir little mental shelves,
So's to kind o' set 'em wonderin' if dey're no account demselves !

"Just you think, you poor deah mounahs, creepin' 'long o'er Sorrow's way,
What a blessed little picnic disyere baby's got to-day !
Your good faders and good muders crowd de little fellow round
In de angel-tended garden of de Big Plantation Ground.

"An' dey ask him 'Was your feet sore ?' an' take off his little shoes,
An' dey wash him, an dey kiss him, an dey say, 'Now what's de news ?'
An' de Lawd done cut his tongue loose ; den de little fellow say,
'All our folks down in de valley tries to keep de hebbenly way.'

"An his eyes dey brightly sparkle at de pretty things he view ;
Den a tear come, an' he whisper, 'But I want my paryents, too !'
But de Angel Chief Musician teach dat boy a little song
Says, 'If only dey be fait'ful dey will soon be comin' 'long.'

"An' he'll get an education dat will probably be worth
Seberal times as much as any you could buy for him on earth ;
He'll be in de Lawd's big schoolhouse, widout no contempt or fear ;
While dere's no end to de bad tings might have happened to him here

"So, my pooah dejected mouna s, let your hearts wid Jesus rest,
An' don' go to critercizin' dat ar One w'at knows de best !
He have sent us many comforts—He have right to take away—
To de Lawd be praise an' glory now and ever—Let us pray."

By Will Carleton.

As Others See Us.

A correspondent to the Lawrence, Mass., *Daily American*, says :—If you could suddenly have been transported from the elegant carriage in which you made your recent trip across the continent, to the side of the writer as he crawled along the W. A. R. R. on a mixed accommodation and freight train, you could appreciate the difference between railroading in the United States and in Nova Scotia. These people never hurry. They have an express (?) train which travels between stations at the lightening speed of twenty miles an hour. But that is unusual. The real genius of the place is illustrated by the "accommodation." I took such a train at Middleton and in something less than five hours had covered the 38 miles between that station and Wolfville. Instead of having the freight loaded, as with us, it is gathered on the platform and put on board after the train arrives. How long this may take depends on circumstances. If there should happen to be a stubborn ox, as was the case with us, everything must wait until he can be induced to enter the car. But no delay ruffles the imperturbable calm of the train hands. It is a day's work from Annapolis to Halifax, and vice versa, and a few minutes extra, here or there, make no particular difference.

In due time, our conductor announced Wolfville, and we gladly left the dingy conveyance and sought a hotel for some dinner. After satisfying the claims of the inner man, we sallied forth to see the place. It is charmingly situated on the shores of Minas Basin, from which the cool breezes blow inland, tempering the heat and making the town a delightful spot for a summer vacation. The modest, but well kept houses, the thrifty stores, the church buildings, and the streets lined with shade trees, all remind one of the better class of New England villages. We climbed the hill on which are the buildings of the Academy, the Female Seminary, the Acadia College. The presence of these schools gives life to the town and its society is greatly benefitted by contact with the cultured men and women who form their faculties.

We made ourselves known to the urbane principal of the Academy and Seminary, Prof. J. F. Tufts, who very kindly conducted us over the premises. The sight of the schools is upon a high hill and the view from the college windows is unsurpassed by that from any other literary institution we ever visited. The work done here is of first quality and many of the Alumni are holding positions of trust and honor. Lawrence is indebted to this college for the well furnished and highly cultured mind of the pastor of her First Baptist church, Rev. O. C. S Wallace. The buildings themselves, while substantial and well adapted for their purposes, are not remarkable for their architectural beauty. We were told that the total expense of a boy or a girl in the preparatory course was about one half what it is in our schools of a similar character.

We next turned our steps toward a spot from which we were promised a view of the scenery which has made the place famous. After climbing a hill of moderate height we turned and looked back. How shall we describe the indescribable ? How can cold type convey to the reader any adequate idea of the scene which now opened to our delighted gaze ? Before us lay the waters of Minas, clasped in the embrace of Point Cheverie and Blomiden. As the fresh breeze caressed them they smiled in the sunlight with the brightness of the morning, or, as a stray cloud crossed the sky, frowned as in petty anger at even this momentary obscuration of their beauty. At our feet were the green acres of Cornwallis and Grand Pre. A little to the right was the mouth of the Gaspereau, where, tradition says, the unfortunate Acadians were compelled to embark for their dreaded exile. In the dim background the blue hills of Cumberland completed one of the finest marine views which the continent affords A few rods further on, we pass the crest of the hill and reach a point where we can see the Gaspereau valley. Imagine, if you can, a narrow dale, suddenly sunk between ranges of hills which for some miles run parallel with each other. Farms, with their fields of golden grain, verdant pastures, and dark green wood lots, lie upon their sides, which round with a graceful slope to the river. This beautiful stream winds its way along through meadow and field, gleaming in the sun like a thread of silver in a cloth of emerald. The houses, out buildings, orchards and even the sheep and cattle grazing in undisturbed quiet, all have an air of thrift and prosperity attendant only upon freedom from the vices which are only too prevalent in the world. Upon inquiry we were informed that these people are, so far as morals go, fit successors of those with whom Longfellow has taught us to sympathize.

After dwelling upon these scenes until something of its peacefulness was breathed into our own breast, we turned to retrace our steps. As we decended the hill we caught a view, which will long remain fresh in our memory. Upon the dykes of Grand Pre, the sun was shining brightly, bringing out in great richness the peculiar green of the grass, just beyond where the turbid waters brought down from the rivers by the outgoing tide, and yet further out was the basin itself, now dark and sullen under an overcast sky, thus forming a rich contrast of color not often seen, while, now hardly visible through a rain cloud, Blomiden lifted his head as if revelling in his power to defy the rush and fury of the storm, I doubt if it be possible to find elsewhere, within so short a distance of each other, two so widly contrasted q u yet, so perfect views, each of its kind, as are afforded by Minas Basin and Gaspereau Valley.

We reached the station in season for our train, this time the express, and were soon on our way again to Halifax. We became acquainted with a gentleman, a native of the Province, who bore the scars of a wound received in our "late unpleasantness," and found him to be a very genial companion. We relieved the tediousness of the trip by conversation respecting the different modes of life followed by the Nova Scotians and the Yankees, but while I contended that a little more push and enterprise would be an advantage in developing the resources of the country, he seemed well satisfied at the slower, and as he thought, surer methods of his own people,—and perhaps, he was right.

We passed through Hantsport, noted for its shipbuilding, and saw two or three good sized craft nearly completed. Windsor upon the Avon delayed us a few moments, and we had time to see that it is quite a flourishing town. Just outside its limits is Ellershouse, where a gentleman of that name, spent a fortune upon an estate which has since passed out of his hands. Night now settled down, dark and rainy, shutting out the view of the surrounding country. The lamps were lighted, our chat resumed, only to be interrupted at last by the cheerful news from the conductor that "the next facts is Halifax." We forgave the wretched pun, in our joy at having reached our destination. A drenching rain storm was in progress, through which we wade our way to the hotel where we stop.

C. M. Melden.

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	GOING EAST.	Accm. Daily.	accm. TF.S	exp. Daily.
		A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
	Annapolis Le've		5 30	1 30
14	Bridgetown "		6 25	2 08
28	Middleton "		7 25	2 45
42	Aylesford "		8 32	3 18
47	Berwick "		8 55	3 32
50	Waterville "		9 10	3 40
59	Kentville "	5 40	10 40	4 15
64	Port Williams"	6 00	11 00	4 28
66	Wolfville "	6 10	11 10	4 34
69	Grand Pre "	6 25	11 22	4 43
72	Avonport "	6 40	11 35	4 52
77	Hantsport "	6 58	11 55	5 05
84	Windsor "	7 50	12 45	5 30
116	Windsor Junc"	10 00	3 15	6 50
130	Halifax arrive	10 45	3 55	7 25

	GOING WEST.	Exp. Daily.	Accm. M W.F	Accm. daily.
		A. M	A. M.	P. M.
	Halifax— leave	7 00	6 00	2 30
14	Windsor Jun—"	7 38	7 05	3 30
46	Windsor "	8 55	10 00	5 35
53	Hantsport "	9 17	10 32	6 03
58	Avonport "	9 30	10 50	6 20
61	Grand Pre "	9 39	11 05	6 33
64	Wolfville "	9 49	11 20	6 46
66	Port Williams"	9 55	11 30	6 55
71	Kentville "	10 25	12 20	7 10
80	Waterville "	10 45	12 57	
83	Berwick "	10 52	1 12	
88	Aylesford "	11 05	1 35	
102	Middleton "	11 37	2 45	
116	Bridgetown "	12 13	3 42	
130	Annapolis Ar've	12 50	4 35	

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