

The Poet's Corner.

The Little Comforter.

I have a little comforter That climbs upon my knee, And makes the world seem passible...

WINNIPEG BEGGARS.

"I'm from the County of Huron, Lend me a Quarter."

The Experience of a Haricome in the Empire City—Mendicants with Extended Palms Haunting the Streets.

From the Correspondent.

Port Albert, June 1, 1883.

We were in our last week in stating that Mr. T. H. Hawkins intended returning to Manitoba...

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had their "boom" there, sir, and now they are reaping the benefit."

Reporter—"Could you infer from the short visit which you made, anything from the appearance of those mendicants to lead you to think that they have been engaged long in this manner?"

Mr. H.—"Many of them appeared to have but recently 'taken to the road,' to use a highwayman's expression, and as yet showed little symptoms of want; but there were others, sir, who completely overshadowed anything that I ever saw, read, or heard tell of in the line of mendicancy."

"Sad is my fate, said the heart broken stranger. The wild deer and wolf to a cover, can flee, but I have no refuge from famine or anger."

Struck with the applicability of the lines to many of those I had seen around me, and striving to conjecture as to how long a time must intervene before they would be as applicable to myself, I was aroused from my reverie by a voice at my elbow saying, 'Mister, I'm from the county of Huron, 'n yet let me have a quarter.'"

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will explain my meaning. 'You had better then,' said I, 'and quickly too, if you don't wish to become a candidate for sepulchral honors.'"

'You are, I think, but recently arrived from Ontario,' 'Yes,' said I, 'grinly, from the county of Huron. Proceed.' 'Then, sir, said he, 'there is but little explanation necessary. Distance, sir, lends enchantment to the view. You have no doubt, being gazing upon this country with an enchanted vision, have come here with golden anticipations, but sir, should you remain, and are not possessed of the wealth of a Croesus, you will soon have the wool pulled from your eyes, and objects which are now to you undiscriminate, will soon become plain and apparent. I, sir, am a living proof of the truth of my words. At one time occupying one of the highest positions of trust in an Ontario bank, I was, in an evil moment, induced to leave home and comfort, thinking to better my condition, and, sir, for three long months here I frained these streets, having not where to lay my head, until through the influence of a friend, I was at last elevated to the high position of a laborer on these streets, and now, sir, said he, drawing his emaciated and shrunken form to its fullest height, and gazing majestically around him, 'I am now receiving from one, to one dollar and half per day, board being but \$5 per week, from which you can infer, sir, that I am now becoming comparatively wealthy, and thank heaven, in a position to give to the poor.'"

'Yes,' said I, 'you are indeed already far on the road to opulence, the wealth of the Rothschilds will shortly be nothing to your But have a care my friend your fate be not like that of Midas, whose very touch transformed even his food into gold, and who was only saved from starvation by a wash in the river Pactolus. You, sir, might be benighted by a plunge in the River Assiniboine. It would at least have the effect of purifying your breath, which in addition to the exhalation which now arises from your person, can not truthfully be termed odoriferous. As for myself, I have no desire to acquire either fame or fortune so rapidly. Sir, I am already beginning to see. But if I see myself in this unfortunate country longer than the going out of the next train, then my initials are not T. H. H. Fare you well, sir. I accordingly got on board the train that night, happy to escape from such a scene of misery and wretchedness, but far into the night, long after the lights of the distant city had faded into the darkness, high above the roar, and din, and clanging of the train machine, some unfortunate spirit seemed to whisper in my ear, 'Mister, for the love of heaven, sir, let me have a quarter, I'm from the county of Huron.'"

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Make Time for Reading.

That man, be he lawyer, merchant, farmer or mechanic, is dwarfing and maiming himself who does not broaden his experience and widen his life by the reading of books. Books are both flame and fuel to an aspiring nature; they furnish the impulse and the material for growth, and the expansion that goes on without them is generally unimpaired, materialistic, or self-h.

There are a few people, a very few, whose work touches at each end of the limits of time and strength; but the great majority of people who have no time are mistaken. It is a common saying that if you want a thing done you must take it to a busy man; which simply means that the man who has capacity for getting things done has discovered how to use his time. His day is no longer than that of his less efficient neighbor; but he has found that an hour made up of an odd fifteen minutes before breakfast, an unoccupied fifteen minutes in the middle of the day and a spare thirty minutes in the evening, is as long and as valuable as any undisturbed sixty minutes which the scholar gets in his study or the editor in the sanctum. He has also discovered that one of these hours saved every day is seven hours of invaluable time accumulated every week, and three hundred and sixty-five hours, or four hundred days, snatched every year out of the empire of waste and oblivion. An hour a day may seem a very short time but into that hour may be dropped seeds that will ripen through the whole twenty-four, and give them all an added wealth and dignity. The man who prefaces his day's work with thirty minutes of good reading and closes it with as much more will lift the hours that lie between into a higher atmosphere, and is storing his future with he knows not what of possible acquisition. The business man who takes account of his minutes will find some waste; economize the minutes and the busiest life will yield some hours for reading.

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