

Miscellany,

A JUNE SONG.

BY FLORA L. BERT.

Upon the distant azure hills
A magic spell is falling,
And through the verdant forest bow
A silver voice is calling.

"Awake, O earth, to sweeter song,
To rarer, riper living;
Arise, O Sun, above the hills,
A richer glory giving."

And through the mists of early morn
We see a queenly comer,
Her brow enwreathed with many a bloom,
The radiant, smiling Summer.

O glad some June, thy fairy step
Sets all our pulses thrilling;
The promise whispered by the Spring
Thy beauty is fulfilling.

Thy presence stirs the latent sweets
That hide in dell and dingle,
And in the fragrance-haunted air
A thousand voices mingle.

'Tis joy, life! above, below,
Earth seems a fair Elysium,
Or of the far celestial land
A bright, I know.

O would that June did bear with her
Some blessed balm of healing,
To soothe the wounds we mortals win
In strife of thought and feeling.

And would our souls could drink the strength
Within the sunbeam shining,
And plume their sluggish wings aloft,
A larger life obtaining.

Sweet June, may these fair days of thine,
With light and song a-quiver,
Be brightsome links to draw us near
The God who is thy giver.

**RECOLLECTIONS OF THE OLD
OTTAWA CIRCUIT.**

BY AN EARLY INCUMBENT.

ITS NOTABILITIES THIRTY-EIGHT YEARS AGO.

Perhaps I had better mention these in the order in which I became acquainted with them. Capt. McCann lived in the southern part of West Hawkesbury. Mr. Poole took me to his house the first night—he had long promised a visit there, which he availed himself of the last night of his sojourn to fulfil. We found Mr. C. an intelligent and deeply devoted man, and had his wife been as much attached to Methodist preachers as he was, a sojourn at his house would have been more pleasant than we found it.

Having no home in the Circuit to go to, and no book case to set up, or books to put in it, and no preaching appointment out before Sunday (it was Thursday night when we arrived), I concluded, while Mr. Poole rode home to his family, to stop the next day (Friday), rest my horse, and visit from house to house. I have already referred to the cold blast that I met when on the brow of Van-klake Hill. The next morning, August though it was, the crops, especially the corn crop, was all sear and yellow with the frost. I found in the course of my pastoral visits the next day, a great gloom over the neighbourhood. One of the first houses called at was one which constituted one of the most inviting homes for the weary itinerant, that of Mr. Josiah Cass. His kind-hearted wife was sister to one who has served in the ministry of the Church, the Rev. J. R. Williston. Brother Cass was quite depressed by the blighting of his crops, and talked about moving away. Such complaints had sorrowful effect on the minds of preachers in those days in which they had to lodge with and literally live on, for home and boarding place of their own, the single preacher at least, had none. I tried to cheer up and pray for our friends, and had the pleasure afterwards of finding them in a more cheerful mood.

In that neighbourhood, on that day, I made the acquaintance of the class-leader, who was also a local preacher, William Johnson. He was almost a giant in stature, and had been strong in body and vehement in preaching, but fell consumption had marked him for her own; and although he still came out to meeting, could only speak in a whisper. Although very rigid in his views, he was no doubt very pious. He died happy before the next spring. He was the spiritual child of the devoted Nathaniel Reader. They have both long since met in heaven.

A short time after my arrival on the Circuit, William Johnson gave his class-book to his brother Abbot. Abbot at that time was not so noted for zeal as William, but he was sincerely pious and right intentioned; and being a man of more education and suavity than his brother, was perhaps more popular, except among the more advanced and earnest members. But Abbot, after receiving the charge of the class, felt as though he should seek those spiritual qualifications for his office which God only can bestow. He soon came to comprehend the way of believing for full salvation; and God bestowed on him the the unspeakable blessing of a clean heart. He began to commend that state of salvation to others with uncommon success. Although he was not so gifted as William, he soon began to preach, and was characterized not so much by natural emotion as a subduing influence of divine union. He went far and near, and wherever he went believers fell under the sanctifying power. Holiness was a common blessing in the

Ottawa Circuit in Abbot Johnson's day among the Methodists; and in the meetings he held, many, many members of the Baptist Church, at least, entered into the rest which he had attained.

A member of the Church, by the name of Perkins, an American in the Johnson neighbourhood, was a good man. His family was uncommonly kind to the preachers; and I have pleasing recollections of the comfort and hospitality I experienced there. Such resting places were most precious in those weary days of long horseback rides, and no home of one's own. At Mr. Perkins I met with several of the first volumes of the American Methodist Magazine. Their perusal constituted the beginning of my acquaintance with American Methodist literature. With what zest did I peruse the productions of such men as Dr. Bangs, Geo. Coles, Dr. Hines, and many others.

My first Sabbath was employed in preaching at St. Andrews and Chatham. Week-day preaching was common in those days, but three appointments on the Lord's day was not common. That was better than our present plan. We had time to meet the classes on Sunday, and to visit in every locality in week time. St. Andrew's furnished us one good stopping place at the house of a brother Bristol—quaint but kind. His wife, a sister also of brother Williston, was pre-eminently kind also. As far as I had a special home on the circuit, Mr. B's house was that home. At Chatham, where I preached at night, we had some good homes, such of those as Father Fowler's and Captain Schagel's. I put up at Fowler's, but went over to Schagel's to see an old lady in dying circumstances, with the cholera. Captain and Mrs. Schagel were both ill at another residence they had in Carleton, where he conducted the business of forwarding. No man could be induced to stay where the dying woman was, for fear of the cholera. The young ladies requested me to stay—I thought with Nehemiah, "Should such a man as I see?"—and remained. I took no infection. No less than three Methodist preachers took wives from among the fair daughters of Captain Schagel. He was not a professor, but very kind; and his wife was a mother in Israel indeed.

At the Lower Rouse we had Father and Mother Doxtater, and Father Burwash, the grand-father of all of that name we have now in the Conference. His sons and his only daughter were all pious. Hearty times we had at his house.

Father Waldron's (the first Father Waldron) was the principal home at La Chute. The old gentlemen saluted me with the welcome, when introduced to him at his door, "I'm proper glad you've come," and said to his wife, "There, mammy, I told you we should have a Methodist preacher before next Conference." He was impatient for our arrival, although it was only a few days after the rise of Conference. This old gentleman was sometimes a little out of the way by infirmity of temper, but his wife was as true as a die. Their house was pre-eminently "a lodging place for wayfarers."

But I have gossiped long enough; the time would fail to tell of the Barbers, the Hyatts, the Stones, Hughes, the Robinsons, and many more. I drop this topic, with the promise that in my next I will tell some of my adventures in that circuit of rivers and French settlements.

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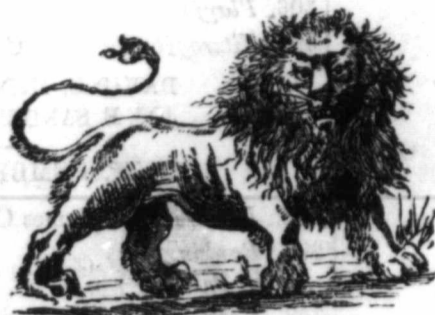
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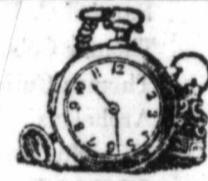
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