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WITH WHICH IS INCORPORATED THE ROYAL GRAMMAR SCHOOL.
The Classes will be Re-opened on Monday, August 19th, at 11 o'clock, in presence of the Directors, when his Honor Judge McCord will preside, and make an appropriate Address to the Pupils.—Parents and Guardians are invited to attend.
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In order to extend the advantages of this School to those who live at a distance, arrangements have been made to receive BOARDERS, to the formation of whose moral character, advancement in learning, and personal comfort, every care and attention will be given.
The Rector's Terms are £50 a Year; those of the First Master at from £35 to £45.
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OF THE
CANADA DIRECTORY.
THE Subscriber proposes to publish, by Subscription, so as to be ready for delivery in the Fall of 1851, or earlier, if possible,
A DIRECTORY OF CANADA,
CONTAINING THE
NAMES OF BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL MEN
IN THE
PRINCIPAL CITIES, TOWNS AND VILLAGES OF CANADA,
ARRANGED
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2ND, ALPHABETICALLY BY BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS IN EACH,
When the place is so large as to make the latter arrangement desirable.
A short description of each Town or Village will also be given, with its distance from the City with which it is most centrally connected, and the Steamboat or Stage fare usually charged to reach it, together with such other information relative to the place as may be useful or interesting to the Public.
The Work will be got up in ONE LARGE OCTAVO VOLUME, PRINTED WELL, UPON GOOD PAPER, and BOUND SUBSTANTIALLY, and will be delivered to Subscribers at 15s. per copy.
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As the edition of the CANADA BUSINESS DIRECTORY will be a large one, and will circulate extensively, not only in the Province, but in the Commercial Cities of Great Britain and the United States, it will be a most eligible medium of advertising.
Persons in business in the Country and the smaller Towns will find that the appearance of their names in the *Canada Business Directory* will be of great advantage to them, as in many instances Merchants doing business in the large Cities are desirous of communicating with them upon matters of importance; but from the absence of a Work such as the one projected, they are unable to do so, whilst its appearance will at once obviate that difficulty.
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ROBERT W. S. MACKAY,
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MRS. A. HAMILTON'S PRIVATE BOARDING HOUSE, No. 118, Chapel STREET, (West,) Montreal.
A few respectable Young Men comfortably accommodated at moderate terms.
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Fragment. My Dearie.

BY ROBERT BURNS,
Eldest Son of the Bard.

As I gaed up the side o' Nith,
An simmer morning early,
Wi' gowden locks on dewy leas,
The broom was wawing fairly;
Aloft, unseen in cloudless sky,
The lark was singing clearly,
When wadin' through the broom I spied
My pretty Meg, my dearie:
Like dawin' light frae stormy night,
To sailor sad and weary,
So sweet to me the gude[illegible],
O' pretty Meg, my dearie.

Her lips were like a half-seen rose,
When dew is breaking paly;
Her een, beneath her snawy brow,
Like raindrops frae a lily,—
Like twa young bluebells hill'd with dew,
They glanc'd baith bright and clearly;
Aboon them shone, o' bonnie brown,
The lockra' Meg, my dearie.
Of a' the flowers in sunny bowers,
That bloom'd that morn sae cheerie,
The fairest flower that happy hour,
Was pretty Meg, my dearie!

I took her by the sma' white hand,—
My heart sprang in my bosom,—
Upon her face sat maiden grace,
Like sunshine on a blossom.
How lovely seem'd the morning hymn,
Of ilka birdie near me;
But sweeter far the angel voice,
O' pretty Meg, my dearie.
While summer light shall bless my sight,
Or bonnie broom shall cheer me;
I'll ne'er forget the morn I met
My pretty Meg, my dearie!

Dumfries, 1850.

YOUNG MRS. ROBERTS' THREE CHRISTMAS DINNERS.

(*Concluded.*)

I instantly took my way to the Row. Maria was in the blue drawing-room; now in its gilding and draperies of all hues, soiled and tawdry, the ornaments smoked and tarnished; the chairs and tables crazy or fractured, and the purple and gold purse sadly faded from its original splendour, as I remarked on seeing it on the table.

"Alas! it has acquired a worse fault," Maria said, while she shook it to display its emptiness, smiling and sighing.

"A sieve-like quality—the faculty of running out faster than Roberts pours in—"

"Something very like that, I confess."

"Do you pardon my frankness, Mrs. Roberts, and give me leave to be sincere with you?"

"I do, I do, and thank you most sincerely. With our limited income"——(*hesitation.*)

"All your stitching and pulling cannot keep fortune in at heels and make both ends meet."

"You have guessed it, Mr. Richard. Were it not for my poor child—and poor Roberts, too, I would certainly endeavor to procure a situation as a governess—and Roberts, he might go into lodgings again, since it seems I cannot, with all my skill and economy, manage that we should live within our income—and it is worse than that with us! Oh, I assure you, it has almost broken my heart! Mr. Roberts is short of Mr. Taylor's cash. It is shocking! his probity may be doubted; and he is in fearful temper this morning. I dread his coming back." Maria could no longer restrain her tears. I was gratified by her confidence in me, pleased that Roberts had at once told her the circumstance so important to them both; but she had another motive for confiding in me. "I have a great favor to beg of you, I have a few trinkets," she said; "presents and gifts of one kind or another. It would be such a kindness in you to dispose of them for me, that I may help Roberts so far. There is the piano, too, and other useless things"—she looked round the room—"they would not bring much, but everything helps."

I knew, for I had seen it, that Maria had at least the full value for her suit of pearls and other ornaments; but principle and generous affection were far more powerful than vanity. Roberts had peremptorily refused to dispose of her trinkets; he was even affronted by the proposal, and she depended on me, and urged me; and with the case in my pocket I left her and encountered her husband at the corner of the street.

"You have been calling on your favorite, Mrs. Greene?" said Roberts.

"No; I have spent the last hour with my more interesting favorite, Mrs. Roberts."

Mr. Roberts looked confused and uneasy. He remembered in what humor he had left his wife in the morning. "Then, sir, you have spent your time with a very silly, incorrigible woman; but this, I suppose, is no news to you; you see how all reason and advice are thrown away upon her."

These were high airs, indeed, for Mr. George to give himself! he who deserved at least a full half share of the common blame.

"Pardon me if I see no such thing; but quite the reverse. To me, Mrs. Roberts appears an uncommonly clever young woman—generous, candid, and well-principled—and most anxious to do her duty, so far as she understands it.—All she requires is, forbearance, kindness, and gentle guidance, till her rapidly increasing knowledge is matured into experience."

The honeymoon was long past, and Roberts, as I have said, in the crisis when young husbands are the most susceptible of jealousy for their many privileges and powers; yet was Roberts much better pleased with my opinion of his wife, than if it had coincided with that which he had expressed. I took his arm, and we walked back towards his house. One of the peculiar blessings of an old bachelor and slender annuitant like myself, is the power of saying, when the salvation of a friend demands frankness, things that it would frighten a sensible man with a wife and six small children, to dream of uttering. Some of these startling things I now whispered in the ear of George Roberts and his wife. They were young, healthy, virtuous, sincerely attached to each other; better endowed with world's goods than on the average are four-fifths of their fellow-citizens—why should they not be happy? "How great a blessing were it," said George, sensibly, "if young women were trained to the *usefulness and comfort*, and *solidities*, like Rachel Greene, and less to the *refinements of life*, like Maria."

Now, though Maria was more my favorite at present, from compassionate interest, and though curious had stamped many of her little pretty ways and affectations with the name of refinement, was she in reality more truly refined, further removed from the vulgarities and the assumptions of affectation, than Rachel Greene, the amiable Quakeress, with whom she was contrasted?

"If Maria had been taught a little plain household wifery, instead of so much music," continued sensible George, "how much better for us all now?"

Yet Maria had not been taught so very much music. She had not, at least, acquired more than any girl might easily learn between seven and seventeen, and practice while it was desirable, without intuitions, in the least, with her domestic duties, where music is kept as an elegant recreation, not held as a means of coquetry and display.

"If we could be carded through each other," said Maria, half laughing.

"Ay, Rachel's substance, with Maria's glaze and color, would be a first-rate fabric. I think I see it in my fancy-loom. I shall never despair of women, in the general, nor of Maria in particular."

I took my leave, inviting myself to tea at which time, a regular family engagement, I insisted the party should be complete in her husband's absence. (He was half-jealous, half-proud.) I have ever noted that men have much less true magnanimity and simple greatness, on such occasions, than women. He was at first ashamed and angry at being obliged to his own wife; but better feelings prevailed. We had a long, frank, and therefore a most satisfactory explanation.—The *limited income* was the first head of discourse. I heard George expatiate on that with some impatience. "Your income is, at least, more by three times, than the richest Curate of England affords to his family. Twice—twice or near three times more than the income of two-thirds of half-pay officers, with considerable pensions in addition."

"These have undone me," said Roberts, "with my wife as I could forbear to be so explicit to contingencies. I did not choose to seem churlish and sordid by perpetual interference with her arrangements, for I read all her anxiety to do right."

"Fluctuating income and sanguine calculation have ruined thousands," was my *sensible*, though rather common-place rejoinder.

George Roberts needed not my directions, now that his good sense was roused. His wife's generous sacrifice, for so he was pleased to call it, though neither Maria nor myself would allow the phrase, and the sale of nearly all the moveables of the *blue-room*, enabled him next day to clear scores with my kind brother, Mr. James Taylor, who now said there was no such pressing haste, as Mr. Roberts, *with his first year's outlay*, might need a little indulgence.

On the same day Maria could say she, at last, had a house of her own to *live in*, almost as comfortable as Rachel Greene's.

Jane and she had indeed worked hard to have all right before Roberts came home, to dine in *comfort*; bringing myself along with him, after the completion of our *blue sale*, to share the very small but sufficient juicy stew of meat with vegetables and apple-pastry, which formed the dinner. After dinner, while she filled my tall Tenniers-looking glass with amber-colored creaming Scottish ale, Maria said, with a more elevated spirit than I had ever seen her assume—with an air of noble simplicity, "Drink to the happy woman, my excellent friend, whose husband owes no man a shilling—and to her who resolves that, so far as depends upon her economy and management, he never shall."

I never accepted pledge with more sincere pleasure in all my life.

"But what will Mrs. Pantague say?" said Roberts, laughing.

"Exquisite Constantia!" mimicked Maria, archly, as she sipped the cream of her ale; and the merriest young natural laugh rang out that I had ever heard her indulge. My fears for the peace of the Robertsian family—for their prosperity and happiness—were laid forever. The spell of fashion was broken—the demon, Mrs. Pantague, exorcised; and Maria was one more proof that a well principled character, an intelligent and active mind, when its energy is roused, will be found in every circumstance equal to the common duties of life. She became an excellent housewife.

There were few of the many houses at which "I dropt in," where the fireside now looked so snug and sunny as that of Mrs. Roberts. Even "baby," my old antipathy, now well managed and healthy, had grown a fat good-humored, smiling, *conversable* fellow. Maria once again ventured to *take in* the newspapers at the usual expense, and never grudged to pay for as much reading as Roberts or myself chose to give her at what she called the mother's hours of work—from seven to ten in the evening.

Towards the end of the year, I was again consulted by my sagacious brother James.

"What do you think, Dick; that old fox, Martin, of Chancery Lane, is trying to steal George Roberts from me—the man who knows all my affairs better than myself—the boy I brought up, whom I trusted as my right hand. Don't you think, Dick, I might do worse, now that I am growing lazy and fond of the farm, than give so steady a fellow as Roberts some sort of share?"

"There was an obstacle about his arrears," was my sly reply. "Was there not? He either overdrew, or was *behind in his cash.*"

Mr. James Taylor could remember nothing of it; and there was no affectation, much less insincerity in his oblivion on those points—which inclines me to think that when statesmen sometimes totally forget their early professions, they may not be so hypocritical as people imagine.

"Is there anything you think, Mrs. Roberts would like at this Christmas season? You are a great friend of hers, I find—and she has considerable influence with Roberts."

"My brother wished to show you some substantial mark of his good-will," and I to Maria, when, two hours afterwards, I went to her house. "I have counselled him to assist Roberts in purchasing the lease of the house next to your friend Rachel Greene's new abode. He has money to lend at a very low rate of interest; and as you often truly tell me, rent in such an out-em, (forth,) as the Scots say, is a fixed income. Oh! your own personal account, instead of fault or lay, I accepted only of this." And I called in the boy who bore the guitar I had chosen and purchased for her as my brother's gift. Maria was not too proud to feel warmly, to seem highly gratified; and in six weeks afterwards, I partook of her Third Christmas Dinner in her new house.

"I am afraid to venture," said she beforehand, "strong as is still the recollection of all my mortifications, and disgraces, and miserable failure of last year; but with the treasure you have given me in poor Sally Owen, who is the most great, industrious, and excellent servant-of-all-work I have ever seen, I think I must venture, since Roberts insists we can now, by better economy and order, afford to see our real friends, and a pleasant acquaintance too. But I grieve to place Sally with a party, who still pines, as about her little girl, and that strange of a husband of hers."

"The sooner she is roused from those recollections the better."

"I could think with no patience of Mr. Hardy, the marvellous boot-closer, who, because he could earn very great wages, contented himself with half; wasted that pittance in riot; starved, beat, broke the heart of his uncomplaining wife, whom I could sometimes have beaten also in spite of her foolish forbearance, had really tender but useless attachment to this worthless fellow, who had, I was assured by her, if so good and kind a heart when he kept sober."

I cannot comprehend the infatuation of women. After the boot-closer had behaved as ill as man, drunk or sober, could do, plundered all their little furniture, and the profits of Sally's early savings, he ran off in a drunken frolic to Liverpool. She was compelled, to avoid starvation, to take advice, and let her child go to the work-house. I thought myself fortunate, for both their sakes, in recommending her to Mrs. Roberts. For two months the boot-closer was not once heard of, and Sally looked a forlorn Penelope. I had gone to Dublin, and thence to Belfast, where we lost traces of him in the hospital, ill of typhus. He should have had my leave to take time to recover. But what an unnatural monster did my fair friends, Mrs. Roberts, Rachel Greene, and Mamie Wilks, imagine me, when I suggested the propriety of letting Mr. Hardy quietly lay his restless bones in Ireland, without disturbing his wife.

"Blessings upon their kind, simple hearts!

"Sickness to them who never had a sorrow!

"Would I keep Sally from her duty to her child?

Poor men's wives have often very hard conjugal duties compared with those of the ladies of the ton. Sally tied up her few remaining clothes, with my recommendatory letter to a very particular old favorite of mine, who had settled in Ireland (where I may yet introduce to my readers by her maiden name of Mary Anne,) kissed her child, and trudged away to Cork—a distance of 300 miles, on the road to Liverpool, and, for aught I know, to Belfast, Dublin, Cork, Limerick, Galway, Sligo, Ballyshannon, Donegal, Londonderry, Coleraine, Ballycastle, Ballycastle, Ballycastle