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Searchings.

AFTER THE MANNER OF GOLDWIN SMITH.

I am not sure the world is wrong,
I know it can't be right:
At pulling down I'm very strong,
But I cannot set things a right.
It's clear that evil has no right
This lovely world to mar,
(Excuse me, I'm not quite prepared
To go so very far
As to say this world is lovely—
Reasts on each others prey;
The decay of other forces
Is the life force of to-day.)
I'll admit all things are evil,
Mankind the worst of all,
A kind of hopeless mortal
Holding himself in thrall.
I'll not admit the sunshine
For after day comes night.
I shall despise the moon-beam,
Because his not so bright
As the brilliant glare of noon-day,
Because man's sin brings pain,
The happiness of lovers
Is a phantom of the brain.
The songs of little children.
Are no better than the wail
Of the tortured slave of Cuba,
Or the convict in the jail.
The mother by her cradle,
No happiness shall know,
Because at some far distant time
Her child to death must go.
Now this is Pessimistic,
If any human brain
May understand that mystic
Night-mare—"Tis in vain—
I cannot hope to fathom
These new and grand ideas,
The Nihilism of the heart,
The negation of the spheres.

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Every cartoon in the last number of Grip, alias the Canadian Punch, is provocative of laughter. We have, in the smaller pictures, an illustration of the story told in the House the other day that on the Intercolonial R.R. an anxious mother quited a noisy passenger because she didn't want him to wake Tupper. The mother in the picture is Sir John, and a nice old dame he makes, pictorially; and the passenger is Mr. Mackenzie, who is clamoring for returns.—Kingston Whig.

—Our lively friend Grip has an admirable cartoon on the visit to the Northwest. "The fast young man of Ontario" appears arrayed in the latest stripes of fashion, with half cocked hat, cigar rampant, corkscrew pendant, etc. The Hon. Oliver gravely points to the long bill for lush and receive of a vacant stare. Judging from the excellent map of the route which adorns the background the visit may not be altogether fruitless, as the array of "old sagers" strewed along may yet bring forth a goodly crop of old rye.—St. Catharines Journal. (Conservative.)

"GRIP."—The last issue of GRIP is one of the best we have had for some time. Its leading cartoon represents the Lieut.-Governor of Ontario, as "the fast young man of Ontario." His Honor is engaged in smoking a cigar, his cocked hat is carefully worn on the side of his head in regular "b'hoj" fashion, and he seems to be listening in a sort of "don't care" way to the remonstrances of Mr. Premier MOWAT, who points out the long array of wines, cigars and corkscrews in a particularly long bill. A map hanging on the wall shows the route of His Honor and his party, across Manitoba. The idea is excellent and the manner in which it is carried out is very clever. GRIP improves regularly as it grows older. We couldn't do without the little joker now if we wanted to. It has become a kind of weekly subbeam.—Quebec Chronicle. (Reform.)

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