THROCKTON'S GUARDIAN.

'Please, sir, lend me a quarter?'

It was a small, ragged boy that repeated the request, addressing a number of passing men one winter night by the light of the atreet lamps. Some of the men shook their heads; others passing on without noticing the appeal. Finally, two men who were walking together stopped. 'Why don't you ask me to give you a quarter?' one of the men questioned the boy.

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'Becsus I'm agoin' to give it back to you,' was the prompt answer. 'I ain't abeggin'.'

The man that bad asked the question laught h not altogether pl-asantly.

'Ho, ho, here is refinement,' he said with ironical emphasis to his friend. To the boy he continued:

'Look here, little man. I lend money only on good securi'y. What security can you give me?'

'S'curity?' repeated the boy helplessly. Then two eager eyes brightened as the meaning of the word was suggested, and he added: 'I can't give none—only my word and my willin'ness to work.'

The man laught d a great haw, haw. 'Goo!! Yhu've earned your money, little Ready Wits,' he said, as he tosted a quarter to the boy, and started up the street with h is friend.

'Plesse, sir, you ain't told me your name.

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'Please, sir, you ain't told me your name, yet, nor where you live,' pursued the boy.

'Not done with you yet?' said the man sharply, as he stopped again 'are you getting up a directory in the interest of beggars buy?"

'No, sir,' replied the little fellow serious-

ly; 'it's in the interest of you.'
Both men laughed.
'Well, my name is John Throckton, and
I live at 16 Fairview Avenue,' said the

I live at 16 Fairview Avenue,' said the giver of the quarter.

Mr. John Throckton's house was large and handsome, and full of fine furniture works of art. He was very rich, but by no means generous with his money. He had given in this instance merely out of caprice. The boy's manner of asking had amused him. Seldom did he give so much as a quarter for charity. Meanwhile little Bernard Wells invested the borrowed quarter in a loaf of bread, a little piece of meat, and a little paper of tea, and carried the provisions home. His home was a single room in a poor tenement house. His father was dead, and his mother made a living by sewing on shirts. This week,

a living by sewing on shirts. This week, however, she had been to ill to work, and her money was all spent.

'Oh, Bernard, where did you get these things?' Mrs. Wells asked when her son came in

came in.

Bernard told his story.

'We must return the money as soon as possible,' said the mother.

But Mrs. Wells was not able to go back to her work. Bernard earned a little money now relling newspapers, but this was needed to buy food and coal. Finally, Mrs. Wells died, and a bro her of Bernards rather, a noor hardworking man, came Mrs. Wells died, and a brother of Bernards father, a poor hardworking man, came forward, and offered the little boy a home. Bernard worked for his uncle, who kept a little store. But the boy was not given any money. Once Bernard asked for a quarter that he might pay Mr. Throckton, and was laughed at by his uncle.

"John Throckton has too much money already,' the man said. 'He's one of the richtst men in town and one of the meanest. I guess I don't want him to get any of my quarters."

ot my quarters.'
A year passed. Bernard did not forget his obligation to Mr. Throckton. Many were the plans that he made for redeeming his pledged word.

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One day when he was passing along a crowded street it was his good for one to find a pair of eyeglases that a lady had accidentally dropped, and the lady rewarded him with a quarter.

Bernard set off immediately for 16 Fairnian avenue. How pleased mother will

view avenue. 'How pleased mother will be! I hope she knows?' he thought to himself as he hurried along with a light, springy gait. His steps were not lighter than he heart. It was about five o'clock, and Mr gait. His steps were not lighter than his heart. It was about five o'clock, and Mr Throckton had returned from his banking house and was in his library. He was not particularly engaged, and he told the serving man to show the boy in.

'I came to pay you the quarter, Mr. Throckton,' said Bernard, advancing into the splendid room, and holding out the monsy. 'I'm much 'bliged to you fer mustin' me, I couldn't git it fer you no scoper.'

ing look. 'Have you not mide a mistake, my boy?' he asked. 'I never lent you a quarter to my knowledge, nor do I know

you.'
'It was on the street, sir,' said Bernard,

'Oh, ho, yes, I no remember you now. Well, well, well! Mr. Throckton laughed again as the recollection defined itself more clearly. 'So you are that little chap that wasn't begging!'
'Yes, sir. I'm him,' and Bernard laid the silver coin on the table, beside Mr. Throckton's hand.

The man of business appeared to be interested. Well, my little fellow,' he said I confess you have taken me by surprise.'
He leaned back in his armchair and regarded the boy narrowly while he slipped the quarter into his vest pocket. Mr.
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Throckton liked to investigate the motives of actions that seen et strange to him. Directly he resumed:

'Now, little boy, if you don't mind telling me, I should very much like to know why you return this money. Didn't you understand at the time that I never expectable see it or you seein?'

ed to see it or you again?'
I kind of thought that a-way, sir,' said
Bernard; 'but I didn't low as that made any

difference.'

'Yes, I see,' said Mr. Throckton, 'you wanted to feel that you were honest, and it isn't a bad thing to plume one's self on either. Was that it?'

'No, sir, I don't know as 'twas,' answered little Bernard thoughtfully looking his questioner in the eyes. 'It was more

this s-way: If I hadn't brought you back your money you would have thought I was deceiv'n' you. Then 'aposin' somebody else'd ask you for somethin', some one as was real honest and needin', and you, thinkin' of me and the mean trick I played on you, would say 'No' to the other fellow, then I'd be 'sponsible fer somebody sufferin' for want of food, and I'd be 'sponsible fer makin' you mean and a'picious and on-feelin'—see.

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Mr. Throckton did not smile now. His fine, self-satisfied face flushed as he looked at the earnest little speaker before him. He was perhaps more surprised now than he had ever been in his life. He was touched, too. The idea of this crude, little, common street boy considering himself responsible for the doings of John Throckton! The man felt his hardness ebbing away, and in its place there came to him a deaire to do something good and worthy with his money. And what better thing cauld he do, he reasoned, than to care for the child that had been the means of saving him from his own selfishness?

Mr. Throckton's acquaintances were considerably amazed when they learned that the bright-taced little boy that appeared often in Mr. Throckton's company was an orphan whom the rich man had adopted. A friend said to him one day:

'I wonder you were not atraid to assume so great a responsibility, Mr. Throckton, as the guardianship of a child!

'My little boy was my guardian first, answered Mr. Throckton, with a smile.—New York Observer.

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NERVOUS PROSTRATION.

A TBOUBLE THAT MAKES THE LIVES OF THOUSANDS MISERABLE.

A Prince Edward Island Farmer Tells o its Disastrous Consequences in his and how he Found Relief.

Mr. Wm. Coughlin is superintendent of the large farm owned by Hon. Peter MacNutt, at Darnly. P. E. I., and is regarded as a man of sterling qualities. A reporter while going over the farm learned that Mr. Coughlin was one of many thousands who owe renewed health and strength to the virtues of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, asked if he had any objections to giving a testimonial, Mr. Coughlin answered 'On the contrary I am glad to be able to recommend Dr. Williams' Pink Pills since they have done such incalculable good for me." It is nearly seven years since I was first attacked with nervous weakness, but it was not un'il about three years ago that I was seriously ill, and the trouble continued to develop until it resulted in a complete nervous prostration. I still endeavored to superintend the work of the farm but lacked energy, and any undue exertion or excitement was liable to result in complete physical prostration. Mr. Wm. Coughlin is superintendent of result in complete physical prostration. At night I was unable to rest and would rise so exhausted in the morning that I was unable to partake of sufficient food to afford nourishment. I was contiu-ally doctoring but got no relief. Whilst in this debilitated condition the haying sea-son came on, and as this was a busy time I son came on, and as this was a busy time I suppose I must have labore d beyond my capacity. At all events before haying was half through I was forced to abandon work entirely. The anxiety on account of my condition and the prospect of being incapacitated from work perhaps forever, only aggravated my condition, and I worried, too, on account of my family. Hon. Mr. MacNutt generously allowed me a long rest in order to recuperate my exhausted strength. I availed myself of his kindness, but even this rest did not seem to improve my conl availed myself of his kindness, but even this rest did not seem to improve my condition. About this time a friend from Malpeque, advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and sent me a sample of boxes. Before these were finished I felt somewhat better and I continued using them, until I had used six boxes, by which time I had so tar recovered that I was able to reasons work or the bex.s, by which time I had so tar recovered that I was able to resume work on the farm, and was able to do as good a day's work as any of the hands. At first I leared that the improvement might only be temporary, but as it is now nearly two years since my recovery and my health remains the best, there can be no doubt as to the permanent effect of the cure. I can only add that I believe Dr. Williams' Pink Pills will cure any case of nervous prro tration.

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Haines, a daughter.

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rtmouth, Jan. 21, by Rev. F. Wilkinson, Rebert Craig to Henrietta Hawkins. St. Stephen, Jan. 19. by Rev. W. C. Goucher, David N. Murpay to Edua r. Greenaw. New Glasgow, Jan. 14, 'by Rev. W. I. Croft. John J. Martin, to Minnie McKenzie.

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Darthmouth, Jan. 14, by Rev. S. B. Kempton,
Ralph Haverstock to Alice Byan.

Dartmouth, Jan. 7, by Rev. F. C. Uaderwood,
Wilham Millard to Agnes McKean.

Alms, N. B., Jan. 17, by Rev. A. E. Chapman,
John I. Simmons to Laura Dickson.

Milltown, N. B., Dac. 28, b. 19. Milltown, N. B., Dec. 23, by Rev. Mr. Hanley. Andrew Nixon to Esther D. Savage.

Portland, Jan. 2, by Rev. C. J. Perkins, Benjamin B. Murray to Mrs. Maria W. Harris. Newport, N. S. Jan. 29, by Rev. T. W. Johnstone, Cnas. A. Shaw, to Laura B. Davis. Scotch Village, Jan. 11, by Rev. W. W. Rees, Monson Masters to Agnes Sandford. Loch Lomond, Dec. 31, by Rev. M. MacLeod Angus W. Bethune to Effic McAskill.

DIED.

DeBert, Jan. 14, James McCully. Chegoggin, Jan. 16 Moses Bain, 90 St. John, Jan. 24, Harry Rogers, 18. St. John, Jan. 24, Harry Rogers, 15.
Digby, Jan 18, James W. Dillon, 30.
Digby, Jan. 17, Wm. H. Martell, 19.
Red Head Jan. 22, James Osburn, 46.
Cow Bay, Jan. 17, Isabella Fraser, 82.
Bear River, Jan. 2, David Crosby, 79. Bear River, Jan. 2, David Group, 19.
Seal Cove, Jan 1, Anson Ingerzoii, 82.
Campbellton, Jan 18, John Mowatt, 75.
Calais, Jan. 1, Franklin Pettigrove, 64.
Baddeck, Jan. 19, Mrs. Jane Watson, 74.
Pipers Cove, Jan. 5, Rory H. McNeil, 51. Fincekton,' said Bernard, advancing into the splendid room, and holding out the nonsy. 'I'm much 'bliged to you fernustin' ms. I couldn't git it fer you no coner.'

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Halifax, Jan. 20, Hattle S. daughter of E. M. and S. Clay. Boston, Jan. 9, Tina R. McLean, of Boularder C. B. 24. New York, Jan. 15, A. B. Sheraton, formerly of & John, 52. Nugent 53.
Grand Harbor, Jan. 1, Jennie wife of Sanford
Brown, 33.
McDougall Settlement, Jan. 19, Mrs. Silvane
Veneau, 60. th Maitland, Jan 21, Catherine widow of John Thomson, 77. Grand Mira. C. B. Jan. 12, Flora daughter of St. Andrews, Jan. 5, Gretchen M. child of Harry J.

St. John, Jan. 20, Matilda widow of the late Thom as Hilyard 75. mony, Jan. 14, Isabella, widow of Henry Holensworth, 86. Mt. Pleasant, Jan. 21, Millen P. son of Frank and Annie Stetson, 18. Berwick, Jan. 16, Georgiana daughter of the late Gorden Calkin. 29.

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