

POETRY.

Written for the Mercury.

The Last Meeting.
And must I leave you, my dear one,
My trust friend on earth,
For childhood's days are rapidly years
Make plainer still your worth
O feeble, faint, and trembling still
Are all the words I say!
When my full heart seems bursting, then
For you, dear one, I pray.

Dear one, forgive the tears I've caused
From thy fond eyes to flow;
And with thy trembling lips now bless
Thy lover as I go.
It is a stormy sea, God knows,
And dark the clouds above,
Yet there are golden streaks that gild,
These are—forgiveness, love.
And now it comes at last, farewell
The loved ones and true of home,
Though oft within your sacred walls
Your lover still will come.
Yet not as in the days of yore,
As one of us to live,
But give a kindly welcome still,
And all the past forgive.

Life's battle must be fought, and we
The victory must be won;
Yet not with folded hands, but with
Brave hearts the strife begin.
Farewell, my dear and true one,
Another bids me come,
And with a true and loving heart
Make light within my home.
Garafaxa, 31st March. T. J. STARRET.

Jeannie Sinclair,
OR,
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

These had certainly not been rendered
more bearable by the factor's visit. He had
always striven to make himself believe that
his case was not utterly desperate; that the
evidence, clear and compact though it was,
was not so conclusive of his guilt but that a
clever and ingenious advocate might find
some means of making it discreditable, and
so throw as much doubt into the minds of the
jury as result in that convenient Scottish
verdict, "Not Proven." But M'Quirk's
words had struck a sore blow at this sanguine
hope. To his view the evidence did not admit
of any doubt, and he counted Lyneoch
as already convicted.

"Yes, but the cursed old wretch knew be-
forehand that I meant to do this deed," muttered
the prisoner. "And my guilt will appear
clearer to him than to another. Knowing
what he knows, he looks at it as if he
had got it all from the evidence. No, I'll
not despair. I'll get Crosbie of Shawhead
to bond the tower and see an advocate. If
he gets me off, Baigley will be mine, and I
need not mind the loss; if he don't—why,
then, rich or poor, it is all one to me. Oh,
this cursed chance. What would I not give
to be at this hour a free man!"

The lawyer whose name he had mentioned
in this soliloquy undertook to carry out his
wish, and an eminent member of the Edin-
burgh bar was retained for his defence.
At last the day of trial came, and in the
memory of no one had Shawhead ever been
in such commotion. At an early hour on
that bleak November day the dwellers in all
parts of the district began to pour into the
town, and long before the hour when the
judge was to take his seat the Court-house
was crammed to suffocation, while multitudes
could not obtain admission—such had been
the sensation produced in the locality by the
murder of Sir Fergus Sinclair. The baronet,
though for years he had lived secluded, was
looked upon with favor in his earlier years,
his free and jovial bearing had made him ex-
tremely popular, and though his disappoint-
ment and sorrow had withdrawn him from
social life, pity and sympathy went with him
and he always kept a kindly place in the af-
fections of the people, when the news of his
murder had appalled with horror and filled
with indignation. The magnitude of the
crime, the rank of the victim, the relation-
ship and motive of his murderer, all com-
bined to produce a consternation and com-
motion in the Strath and surrounding neigh-
borhood which eclipsed all other subjects of
interest, and dwarfed all other topics of con-
versation.

Into the streaming, crowded Court house
the Judge made his way, followed by his train
of officials, who while he took the raised seat
set apart for him, occupied the square place
in front of it. Two places in the Court-room
are yet empty—the jury-box, and the enclosed
seat at the bar which was to hold the pris-
oner and the constables who guarded him.
The former could not be filled until the pris-
oner was in his place, and his appearance was
now eagerly looked for by the densely-pack-
ed crowd.

Suddenly the hum and suppressed noise
gave way to a hush of breathless silence, for
the constables appeared at the open door
close to the bar, and it was known that the
prisoner was behind him. All eyes were,
therefore, turned with intense eagerness to
catch a sight of him, and the stillness of ex-
pectancy took for some moments possession
of the scene.

He entered pale, haggard, sullen and gloom-
ily dejected. To one who had been accus-
tomed to hold his head so loftily among them
all, his appearance in the character of a man
charged with the foulest crime, and about to
stand his trial for his life, was terribly in-
humiliating, but the consciousness of his guilt,
and the real danger in which he stood, re-
pressed in his bosom considerations of a
merely social kind, and he had evidently
strung himself up to endure an ordeal which
it was impossible to escape.

The sensational sound which his presence
produced in the Court might have told him
what an object of abhorrence as well as of in-
terest he was to the assembled multitude, but
he never suffered his eyes to light on one
face, or even to wander from one direction to
another. He came in with an aspect of stead-
fast immobility. Except for the paleness,
the haggardness and the defiant scorn which
characterized his countenance, that counte-
nance gave no token of emotion either of fear
or hope. His look was directed straight be-
fore him, and when he took his seat at the
bar, he directed one keen glance at the face
of the judge, then fixed his gaze
on the framework of the bench, and sat mo-
tionless as a statue, moving and showing his
consciousness of the scene only when in answer
to the question of the Judge, he rose to plead
"Not Guilty."

Not Guilty! Yes, that was the lie with
which he appeared at the bar of justice, and
the simple minds of the rural multitude re-
ceived a shock when he uttered it, for no one
among them had the least doubt that he had
committed the murder. Its discovery, and
the overwhelming evidence which implicat-
ed him, had been of such a public nature
that the whole people knew of what it con-
sisted as well as did the authorities, and in
their eyes he was as guilty as if they had
each one seen him do the deed. Horrible,
therefore, did it appear to them when he rose
up, and, with unhesitating assurance, declar-
ed his innocence.

TO BE CONTINUED.

Is health worth having? If it is pro-
tect it—it is a jewel as easily lost as vir-
tue, and in many cases as difficult to re-
cover. In this climate, and more particu-
larly at this time of the year, people are
very apt to take cold and suffer from
sore-throat, coughs, and spitting of blood
and pulmonary complaints generally,
which if not checked immediately lead to
serious consequences. The question
arises—what is the quickest and most ef-
fectual remedy? Bryan's Pulmonic
Wafers have been before the public for
twenty years, and have always given per-
fect satisfaction, and invariably effect
permanent cure when taken in season.
Sold by all medicine dealers and country
stores generally throughout the Province
at 25cts per box.

The Gull Diggins in South Af-
rica are a failure so far. There is
gold—but not in sufficient quantities
to be remunerative. A territory
higher up the streams, which has not
yet been explored, may prove more
favorable, and it is hoped that the
quartz may be found.

BREAKFAST

GEO. WILKINSON
GUELPH.

Has on hand

Epp's Homeopathic Cocoa!

Taylor's Chocolate

Taylor's Broma

Taylor's Cocoa Nibs.

GEORGE WILKINSON.
Guelph, 14th April. dw

NEW BOOKS!

12 CASES

OF NEW BOOKS

OPENED THIS WEEK

All of which will be sold at our usual
low prices.

At DAY'S BOOKSTORE

Opposite the Market, Guelph.

Guelph, April 9, 1899. dw

WRIGHT'S BAKERY.

To the Inhabitants of Guelph and many
others.

The subscriber hereby tenders his sincere
thanks for the extensive patronage he has received
during the time he has been in business, com-
mencing in July, 1892, and ending in March, 1899.
I have now sold my place, and my interest there-
in, to Mr JOHN SOLE, whom I recommend as my
successor, hoping he will receive the same
liberal patronage which has been my privilege to
experience. My sole intention is to occupy the old
stand, and carry on the BAKING and GROCERY
business, and hope with due attention to meet
the kind support of the public.

SAMUEL WRIGHT.
Guelph, 6th April, 1899.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

With reference to the above, the subscriber
begs to state that having succeeded to the above
business, as being carried on by Mr Wright, he
hopes by strict attention to it, and by consulting
the wants of the public, to continue to receive
the patronage of all Mr Wright's old customers,
and of the community generally.

JOHN SOLE.
Guelph, 6th April. dw

LUMBER YARD.

Upper Wyndham-st, Guelph.

OLD FACE IN THE OLD PLACE.

The subscriber begs to inform the public that
he has commenced the lumber business in the old
stand occupied by GOWDY & STEWART.

Opposite the Alma Block, Guelph

Where all kinds of Lumber will be kept constantly
on hand. Bills cut to order on short notice.

Also, Water Lime and Calcine Plaster,
and Flour and Feed

of all kinds cheap for cash as usual. By strict
attention to business, he trusts to share a part of
public patronage.

FRANCIS SMALL.
Guelph, April 3, 1899. dw

LUMBER, LUMBER.

GOWDY & STEWART,

In returning their sincere thanks to their
numerous customers for past favors, beg to inform
them that to enable them to carry on their steadily
increasing business, they have found it necessary
to REMOVE to the large and long established
Premises of THOMAS McCREA, Esq., in
rear of the Alma Block.

WOOLWICH STREET
GUELPH,

When they keep constantly on hand all kinds of
LEMBER, from 1/2" Battens to Joisting 30 feet
long, and cut to order all kinds of Mill Stuff on
short notice.

DRESSED LUMBER!

Of all kinds on hand, or dressed to order.

Their Saw Mills being near Georgetown Sta-
tion, they can ship lumber to any point on the
Grand Trunk, East or West.

They invite from intending purchasers an in-
spection of their large stock.

GOWDY & STEWART.

Guelph, 2nd April, 1899. dw

22 Eglar St. Guelph and Fergus News-Record
to call for it.

DOWN WITH THE PRICES.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

To make room for their SPRING STOCK, just purchased, amount-
ing to \$15,000, have decided to offer the balance of their
Winter Stock at FIRST COST from now till

THE 15th DAY OF APRIL

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET BARGAINS.

SUGARS AND SYRUPS

BELOW WHOLESALE PRICES.

TEAS, TEAS!

E. O'DONNELL & CO'S

Well-known \$1 Tea for 90c. per lb.
Good 80c. Tea for 65c. per lb.
Fine Black Tea for 50c. per lb.
Splendid Mixed Tea for 60c.

A LARGE LOT OF CHEAP

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Good Chewing Tobacco, 25c. per lb.

CROCKERY

A Beautiful Tea Set for \$3.

PRESSED AND CUT GLASS

of all kinds, shapes and varieties, together with the finest assortment and best varied of Fine,
Fancy and General Groceries, &c. in the County of Wellington.

Leave your orders at the Cheapest Family Grocery in Guelph.
All Goods WARRANTED to give satisfaction, if not the MONEY will be returned.

E. O'DONNELL & CO.
Guelph, 2nd April, 1899. dw

Wyndham Street, Guelph

Guelph, Ontario.

We have pleasure in making known to you the
arrival of all of our IMPORTATIONS DI-
RECT FROM THE PLACES OF PRODU-
TION, for the Spring Trade, and of saying that
at no previous time have we been in the same
position to offer you such an assortment to select
from: the Varieties of Styles, Fabrics and
Yarns in the various Departments are so
varied and new that they call for an immediate
inspection, in order that the taste and care shown
in purchasing be fully appreciated.

We are safe in saying that no other House in
the business in Guelph can approach the variety
of our Stock to select from; and the prices at
which our entire Stock will be offered
must command immediate sale.

We are desirous of impressing this fact upon all
intending buyers, that it is UTTERLY IMPOSSI-
BLE for any other House in the Trade, TO COM-
PETE WITH US, for this reason: We have no
second profit to pay; we buy direct from the Manu-
facturers in Britain ourselves; and as all others
in the Dry Goods business here purchase their
Goods at second hand from wholesale houses in
Montreal, Toronto and Hamilton, paying these
importers their profit (as a profit they must have) and
then adding their own profit on before selling
you the Goods here, it certainly cannot fail to con-
vince you of the great truth that we assert, that
our Goods must be at least twenty per
cent under ordinary prices in other Stores
in Guelph.

A call is respectfully solicited, when we feel con-
fident that we will show you to your entire satis-
faction that we are working for the mutual advan-
tage of each.

Yours very respectfully,
HOGG & CHANCE.
Guelph, March 29. dw

GUELPH CLOTH HALL!

SHAW & MURTON

HAVE JUST RECEIVED A CHOICE SELECTION OF

SPRING AND SUMMER COATINGS,
VESTINGS, TROUSERINGS, SILK HATS,
DRAB HATS, FELT HATS, TWEED CAPS,

Dress Shirts, Fancy Flannel Shirts

Collars, Ties, Cloves, Cents' Hose, Braces, &c.

CUSTOM WORK.

ALL ORDERS executed in the LATEST STYLES, with the BEST OF
TRIMMINGS AND WORKMANSHIP.

SHAW & MURTON,
West-3rd Street Guelph, 7th April 1899. dw

MERCHANT TAILORS

MASON & HAMLIN

A NEW SUPPLY OF THE
CABINET AND

METROPOLITAN ORGANS!

HAS JUST BEEN RECEIVED:

THEY are acknowledged the best Instruments of their class in the world. More than three hun-
dred prominent American Artists, and a great many European Musicians have given written
testimony to their great superiority. They have been awarded SEVENTY-FIVE GOLD OR SILVER
MEDALS at the principal Industrial Fairs in the United States. But their remaining glory was in
winning the First Prize Medal at the Paris Exposition of 1867. These organs
are provided with all the Latest Improvements, including the

Mason & Hamlin Improved Vox Humana, or Fan Tremolo
which produces a variety of very brilliant orchestral effect, including a remarkable imitation of stringed
instruments; also the rarest approach to the peculiarly sympathetic, rich and attractive quality of a
cultivated human voice yet attained in any instrument. The facilities and resources of the Mason
& Hamlin Company are now so great that they can afford and undertake to furnish not only the best,
but also the Lowest Priced Organs made. Every instrument is fully warranted for five
years, and furnished at prices ranging from \$20 to \$1000 and upwards.

ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUES with full description and prices of the various styles
of Instruments sent free to any applicant. **Canvassing Agents Wanted.**

W. WARNER CLARK, Guelph.
Guelph, 13th April, 1899. dw

NO BLOWING
AT J. & D. MARTIN'S

FOR GOOD AND CHEAP

Groceries, China, Crockery & Glassware

GO TO J. & D. MARTIN'S.

POTATOES, SPLIT PEAS,

GRANULATED WHEAT AND BARLEY

ALWAYS ON HAND AT
J. & D. MARTIN'S,
Wyndham Street, Guelph 3rd April. dw

SUCCESS,
SUCCESS, SUCCESS,

OF THE

ALMA BLOCK

RETAIL GROCERY!

SOME of his friends may think it a trifle too soon for JOHN A. WOOD to cry Success at so early
season; but this he can assure them, that

His STORES have been Filled with CUSTOMERS

from the 1st till the 1st of March. They came from Egmont, Normelby, Maryboro, Carleton Place,
Nicol, Fergus, Elora, Selkirk, Woodville, Conestoga, Waterloo, Berlin, Leitch,
Galt, Heseler, Puslinch, Morrison, Aberfoyle, Puslinch Plains, Eden Mills, Rock-
wood, Erin, Caledon, and Eramosa, in fact the fame of JOHN A. WOOD as

BEING A SUCCESSFUL BUYER AND SELLER OF

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS, LIQUORS,

Seeds, Crockery, Glassware, Salt, Plaster, &c.

has gone abroad, and from the whole length and breadth of Wellington and adjoining Counties they
come to

John A. Wood's
POPULAR STORES

To lay out their hard-earned cash.

All are grumbling about hard times but JOHN A. WOOD, and why? Because he is satisfied with
smaller Profits and Quicker Returns than the other Grocers of Guelph, and
and the public know it. He sells

SUGAR OF ALL KINDS

CHEAPER THAN ANY OTHER MAN.

He sells cheaper and better TEA AND COFFEE than any
other man. In fact, he sells all his Fresh and Good
GROCERIES, SALT, SEEDS, &c., at less
prices than any one else can do.

JOHN A. WOOD'S.

Guelph, April 1, 1899. dw

Commercial Union Assurance Company,

CHIEF OFFICES—19 & 20 CORNHILL, LONDON, ENGLAND.

CAPITAL, £2,500,000.

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THE success which has attended the Company's operations has been such as fully to realize the
most sanguine expectations of the Directors, who have resolved to extend the business more
widely, and now offer to the Canadian Public PERFECT SECURITY guaranteed by large subscribed
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Guelph, Feb. 6 1899. dw