to an extensive circulation when circumstances which it is not necessary now to recount, occasioned its abrupt termination. Many of the advocates of temperance took a warm interest in minister of the gospel who is now a devoted pastor in this Province. During the past summer sume them, and use them as a vehicle of moral instruction to the youth of Canada?" The quesmake the experiment with the following explana-

In presenting such sketches to the public, it form as would give completeness to the sketch, true." and avoid wounding private feelings. To give unity to the series, the character and history of a person known to many Scottish readers was continued as far as may be deemed advisable.-The title of this sketch will be readily underscene is laid. " The Maister" is a personage as well recognised in every Scottish parish as 'the parson,' or 'the squire.' The school-master is ' the maister' by way of distinction, first with the children, and through them with every family.

In their present form we purpose using the old material revised, or adding new sketches as opportunity presents or the occasion requires.

THE MAISTER.

to congratulate me when they hear how much I grow in grace by Thy mercy; and to pray for me when they hear how much I am retarded by my own body of sin. For it is no small gain to me, O Lord God, that many should give thanks to Thee on my account, and that many should entreat Thee on my behalf. The mind of a brother may love in me what u teachest ought to be loved, and bewail in me what Thou teachest is to be lamented -that brotherly affection which when it approves me, rejoices on my account—which, when it condemns me, is grieved for my sake; but whether it approves or disapproves, loves me still."—Confessions of St. Augustine, Book 10, Chap. 4.

An congratulari mihi cupiunt, cum audierint, quantum ad te accedam munere tuo? et ovare pro me, cum audierint, quantum retardeo pondere meo? Judicabo me talibus non enim parvus est fructus Domine Deus meus, ut a multus tibi agantur de nobis, et a multis rogeris pro nobis. Amet fraternus animis, qued amandum doces; el dolent in me, good dolendum doces. _____ fraternus ille, qu

We are half tempted to ask on second thoughts of the character of our subject, the most peaceful inhabitant of the most peaceful village that ever was visited by a sauntering observer of the bye-ways of life, what can there be about such an one to maintain the interests of a weekly paper? The odds seem against it, but we will risk experiment. It is true that Blasenberry is a dull, minteresting hamlet, the hills that surround it are bleak, though not steep, the moors that isolate it are dreary and monotonous as any in Scotland, and though at first sight you would almost love the little vale in which it nestles. and the stream that entwines it, like a fold of one of the glittering snakes that may be seen basking on a bed of its black moss around some choicer flower of the desert, you will find by and by, that it is only in contrast with the bleak uninteresting moorland across which you approached it that it seemed so sweet. No, the claims of "dur village" must be given up, dearly as we love every bank and brae, and the green- slopes, where our earliest and best days were squandered away without a thought of their pregiousness .-It is true, that The Maister, if you saw him training and tending his common-place flowers -no, there are no common-place flowers-what exquisite:--if you saw him there, his reverend brow shaded by a dusky, misshapen, straw-hat, and his person attired in a square-tailed, light drab coat, which reminded you of the workhouse; or, if you saw him in his well-saved blacks, hold ing friendly converse with the rough peasants who sought his council on their weighty matters, you would scarcely fix on that simple-looking man for the hero of a Tale. But, look again look neare: - those white hairs were not blanched by a few years, and the troubles of a cottage and a garden-that eve, which almost shrinks from your mildest gaze has not gained its chastened saintly cast from vulgar cares and worldly thoughts. We give up "our village" to your indifference, but will not abandon THE MAISTER. The villagers will tell you, with an air of invstery, that he has seen much, everything about him will tell you that he has felt much - and on faith of that, we might risk him for our hero if we sough one. He has felt, and on your sympathy we tru for an interest that the far off splendor of an elevated lot, and romance of ha, oic adventure could never awaken. He has experienced much of what you are now struggling with and dreading; and, therefore, he has only to speak to be instructive to you. The office of his Biographer will be best left to himself, and in this paper justead of a regular and complete story, we shall simply string together such fragments and ex-

What matters it what year commenced a life that is wrapped up with no event which the

tracts from the " Papers," as may serve to shew

At the age of ten years, "He was not the only simple beauty of a holy parrative, a genealogy which tells more to the neart than the prondes uncestral roll that ever introduced the life of the

That memory kept of all her kindness there, Still outlived many a storm that has effaced

A thousand other scenes lass deeply traced?" It is enough to say, now, that her heart was of wise, flutters with such winning fondness over all his mind. those objects, which ha ure teaches them to

At a time when active efforts were beginning to be made throughout Great Britain to advance the Temperance reformation, it was our lot to contribute to the enterprise a series of sketches contribute to the enterprise a series of sketches she was not alone in the struggle, She had and gaze upon me as I lay in a feigned sleep, accustomed to hear me spoken of constantly, and published weekly under the title of the Blasenberry papers. The publication was advancing profits and the labour of her needle, she was even the clothes I was to wear scrutinized and laid in learned, his recollection of what I was like had son, who might have been growing to be a help, was an idle boy, who looked on their employment with indifference and contempt. No one ing ebullition of affectionate regret and fluttering exultation, and I dare say my behaviour must have appeared mere sullen indifference, for I promoting its circulation; and amongst these, a | could accuse him of an unkind look, or word- | could give way to neither: I wished to avoid we met with this brotner, and the Blasenberry therefore they augured ill of him; they did not fully for some expression of affectionate adieu, papers were incidentally mentioned. After al- understand his character, and therefore mis- but I could not speak. On the summit of a risheding to their tendency and influence at the time | judged it. But though the grounds of their | ing ground which overlooked the village, we sat of their publication, he asked, " .. hy not re- judgment were unjust their conclusions were down to await the coming of the conveyance, tion has frequently been thought of since, and af-ter much deliberation, we have concluded to must let the son speak for himself. The follow- I three myself into her arms, choked with emo-In presenting such sketches to the public, it was necessary to withhold names of places and ten in a very youthful hand, and is inscribed in her home, drew up, and in a few moments I was persons, and to throw the narrative into such a a more mature hand- 'Ridiculous vanity, but torn from her. As we would slowly round a

"Have you never seen among the Muirland places a stripling, in whose aspect you read the traces of lofty communings-the shade of contemplation dwells upon his brow-the calm of a used as a connecting link. To open up the plan | peace that man does not give, and the purple | student-its vanities-conceits-its lying confiof the whole work, an outline of his history is light of even and unruffled youth plays upon his dence of the future-and its thousand mistakes given; a part of which is subjoined, and will be cheek. Albert of Yehvring was one of these-Such might be the boyhood of the shepherd King of Isarel when tending his father's sheep upon the plains of Bethlehem-such that of the gentle stood by natives of the country in which the Numa, ere the cares of empire had torn him away were some who wandered in the myrtle groves of early Greece. Glad satyrs skipped and "I will shew my character and history to such as desire not less fond were their pure and unwitnessed ble, and earth's proud ones passed him by as a trappings of earthly state would but have been ounted as the cast off tatters of beggary had bound him. His joys they could not reach

"The pert fairies and the dapper elves By dimpled brook and fountain brim; And wood-nymphs, decked with daisies trim Their merry wakes and pastimes keep."

more. Afar in the remotest dell he wandered | who knows it all; in the breast of that awkward his chosen," and caught world, bright as the visions of the Grecian bards. serve an Emperor to dream upon. And, O the She, She chose him, too, for her especial care, proud, agxious, fond, fluttering mother's hearts and O, the raptures of their chaste and gentle | that follow their steps ;-but must not delay our dalliance. The resources of her magic wand were story, The winter is passed, and Henry, more his and the poor despised, neglected, shepherd by a kind of happy facility, than by a course of boy, wielded a power such as gold could never | meritorious industry, quits the walls of the Colurchase, and monarch never owned. One wave, lege with one prize to gratify his doating mother, and amid the heathery wild bloomed the gardens and a consciousness of having been able to do of Hesperia. Again, and the towers of a castle, or which princely is a beggared epithet, pierced

Here the fragment breaks off abruptly, and if inderstood as an attempt to pourtray the character of the writer's boyhood, the plain English of it may be that he was a dreamer-a most unpromising entrant on the rough and thorny path of a work-a-day life. Reader, take the counsel of one, who has witnessed the failure of more than one mind of unusual capability in life's contest through this error. Check, whenever you see it, the disposition to solitary and visionary musing in boyhood. It is a morbid development. and it presages a life useless to mankind, and of unmingled sorrow to the individual. I will describe its course in a sentence-Dreams of a vain and vague ambition are followed by a distaste the finger of God has touched must ever be most with the real and the practical and by contempt of the companions of an every-day lot-a few iends are partial enough to take for granted the genius of which no fruit was ever gathered. here is inordinate estimate of it own powers; extravagant hopes; and then-then there remains but two issues, the speedier one of dissipation, infamy, and an early, but unhousured rave; or the most pitiful dragging on of a life of beggarly dependence, and a death, which all who were burthened with the worthless encum- ness of a conceited visionary forced its way in. brance of the living incubus, count a providen-

Henry Beath (for by that name the reader will please to know "The Maister" in his earlier ears) had reached the real starting post of life lessons of early instruction all pointed. Some once again beat in its right place. I rested one remarks, that it is almost without an exa parents, in moderate circumstances, is to and pictured all that was passing beneath its educate a son for the Ministry; between Mrs. | roof: how did the slim tracery of my day-Seath and Henry's schoolmaster, it was taken dreams melt away before the glow of a mofor granted-it was a thing which was quite a natter of course, that be was destined for a earned profession. The boy himself had grown boy, is worth all the visions of a fame and up for the purpose, and never made it a question to be decided on; he never thought of anything else, though, had his views and intentions (if the reader what he was, and by what steps he doubts of any person concerned as to his fitness | mering of a bright fire through the window of to enter a University, had delayed for a year or the little parlour behind the shop, and could world thought worthy of remembering. What departure for Edinburgh. No fears of an uncatch a glance of what was going forward. matters the ancestry of one, whom, when he lived, tried scale visited his wrapped heart—scarce a There was little I dare say to interest any-on but the eldest son of his mother, and she was a onary aspiration is of the very essence of self- Everything was arranged in Sabbath-day trimdecling on the little god of its idolatry, Set a mer prosperity) stood upon the table—the hearth dreamer on the bent of his aspiration; and the was nicely whitewashed, and a rousing fire blazed tenderest ties of nature will be no obstacle to in the grate-around it sat my mother and my proudest mouarch. We shall often have occasion listerandulgence. This indulgence of airy con- sisters, the latter with shining newly-scrubbed to speak of that mother, and the features of her care ind begun to work its uniform effects in character will well out among the memories of a Tienty, although he inherited the generous and care, and all in their holiday dresses. My mother character that he displayed so little feeling at second best gown went. She was sitting in ture, it is written upon a stray leaf of paper, as could not be. They were all before me in the

ruthless time brood over their ruffled nests and had thought and speculated through a sleepless ner of the parlour, and starting at every noise omparatively rich among her humble neighbors. order, and then she gently awoke me; neither of become completely mystified, and it far exceeded The neighbours pitied her, only that her eldest us spoke much-my own feelings were a conflict- his powers to form a conception of what kind of no one could charge him even with sharing in common boyish delinquencies, but what was he good for? In a word, he was not of them, and yound the village, and I dare say watched paingood for? In a word, he was not of them, and | youd the village, and I dare say watched painnot mistaken. But the widow sought not their and I believe she thought my heart was as sullen pity, on the contrary, that son was her pride, and as my looks, for she said many things to move in all that they condemned she found something me. At last she became silent as myself, and ing fragment, which probably was meant to be tion, she pressed me convulsively to her heart, descriptive of his boyish days, we introduce chiefly and I heard her murmur an invocation to her because it is almost the only proof that remains "sainted William"-my father's name. The long sweep of road, she stood watching our de parture till an intervening height separated me from her sight, and I was launched into the world on my own footing." We not trace, minutely the course of the eventless winter of a first year' of the present. We advise the inhabitants of the seat of a Scottish University to turn their steps towards its neighbourhood on the first day of a Session, they will find it a more curious field of observation, than any other within their reach, from early converse with his divine Egeria. Such on that day at least. For ourselves, we have watched enough of such entrances, and can too well anticipate the exits to make it other than a aughed before them in the fragrant shades, and source of painful emotion. What a mass of morgentle dryads smiled upon them through the tal hope passes in review before the onlookers of copholes of their leafy retreats. Far different such a scene-to what a world of bitter disapwas the retreat of Albert, not the sunny slopes | pointment is it hurrying on-what a freight of of Parnassus, but the bracing steeps of Yehving, fond doating affections are embarked in that fleet and for the myrtle and the graceful accacia, the of fragile barks! how often to be cruelly shipgolden broom, and haply the birch, as gentle wrecked. Take for an example, the instance of and graceful as they, marked the trysting places such a youth as Henry Beath-you cannot misof his etherial families. Alike he and they were take the young entrant-a ruddy bloom of health the children of a colder and a sterner sky, but which from that day is doomed-a suit of glossy blacks, the fabrication of the little smart village communings. What, though his lot was hum- tailor in imitation of the parish minister's canonicals-a cane, which was the very first purchase dull child of the rude peasant, he had society made on his arrival in town-a bran new studwhere birth is not reckoned, and where the idle ent's note-book, to which he hopes to transfer no slight amount of professorial lore, as yet a myserious unknown; and we must not forget the What to him were the uncouth laughter of display of pure white home-made linen, which the entaught boors amongst whom his fate gives a touching hint of a mother's tenderness and pride. Such are the externals of the specimen. Now, mark the flush of eager expectation -the expression of important avocation, and the

air of sovereign contempt with which he threads his way through the stream of earth's moneyworshippers (could he but know how their pro cam approbet me, guadet de me; cum autem improbat me, contristatur pro me; quia sive approbet me, sive improbat,

He had an Egeria—and earth could give him no mentous day for him? Take the word of one fane hearts flout at all his tribe) -is it not a moclown there are thoughts and hopes which migh more if he had chosen, to feed his own vanity and justify his future dreams and aspirations. We annot better conclude this chapter of his history than by his own account of his return home.

I thad formed an acquaintance with several of y class-fellows, who came from the same district as myself, and four of us agreed to walk home on the day after our classes broke up. I was somebody amongst them-I carried off a prize, and somehow every one of my partial acuaintances, taking the impress of my own coneit, gave me credit for ability, far beyond my desert. I for one, set out with elastic joyfulness -a wister at College had not been all that I ancipated, and turned from it without reluctance orying over my indolence with fine promises for future, and a fixed resolution far to exceed he course of summer studies recommended by our Professors. I had one by one dropped my w-travellers at their several destinations, and travel-worn and alone, nearing my beloved asenberry. The Prize, which was to earn me uch treasure of maternal gratulation, the sweetest and only satisfying ingredient in literary success, and a few trifling presents for my sisters and my younger brother, were the whole contents of my knapsack; and what a prospect was before me. Still even there the selfish-My rapture, I fear, turned as much on the incense that would be offered to my vanity by the fond pride of my poor mother and the admiration of all, as on the simple gratification of filial affection. I sat down on the same spot where my mother had blessed me, I recalled the time to which a mother's cares and the the feelings of that hour, and my heart for for some time for I was really fatigued, and eption that the highest ambition of all Scot- sought out the smoke of my mother's cottage

ther's love. Believe me, this emotion of a lively

filial love in the mind of a simple peasant

distinction that ever swelled the heart of am-The twilight was falling before I reached the hey deserved the name) taken a tangible shape, village, but I determined to be interrupted by the Scottish kink would have been an arena, all no less affectionate greetings till I had gained a too small for their development. At the age mother's blessing. I stole round by an unfreof sixteen, -the day which a mother's fondness | quented footpath, and approached her cottage and a son's drawling indolence, rather than the by the garden behind, I saw the lightsome glim two, -came at last. Henry was to take his not resist stealing ferwards on tip-toe to pang even at quitting the fireside of a doating but myself in the picture that presented itself mother, disturbed his sanguine prospects. Visito me, but I shall never lose its impression. ove, and sugner or later it will concentrate every | the best tray with the china (a remnant of forsasceptible disposition of his mother. It was the first fill whe had ever discovered in his simple toilet, so far as a snowy white cap and a parting from her. The day came, -- but we silent, it seemed, sad expectation, and I feared shall make use of his own account of the depar- some calamity had preceded me, but no, that that east which, when spoiled, frets away in an many reminiscences of his life are, apparently bloom of perfect health. Her eye, I observed, suguish of offended (cellings; and when it is other) with a view to get their particulars fully before glanced occasionally from the little group that surrounded her, to a miniature of my father, After some expressions of tenderness and re- which was the sole decoration of the chimney

was really overawed. Ah! what bitter, bitter

I was in the midst of them-the rest will be bet ter left to the imagination of any one who may hereafter take the trouble to read these scrawls Little Willie, poor Willie, what a future then awaited him, after standing for a minute in silent consternation, exclaimed, as if he had awakened from a dream-" It's only our ain Henry!" and sprang into my arms—our cup of happiness was full to the very brim.

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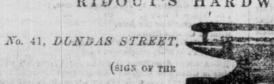
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