

Winter Will Not Last Forever.

Winter will not last forever:
Spring will soon come forth again,
And with flowers of every colour
Deck the hillside and the plain.
Lamb's again in fields be sporting,
Birds re-echo from each tree—
"Winter's gone! its days are ended!"
We are happy, we are free
Hedge and tree again be budding,
Again leaves will be covered o'er.
Winter will not last forever—
Brighter days are yet in store.
Sorrow will not last forever:
Brighter days will come again,
Joy our every grief succeeding,
As the sunshine after rain.
As the snow and ice in winter
Melt at the approach of spring.
So will all our cares and trials
Joy and peace and comfort bring.
When the heart is sad and drooping,
Think, though you be vexed and sore,
Sorrow will not last forever,
Brighter days are yet in store.

The Rival Glensmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END—ANAS ASCERTAINS THE DESTINATION OF CAMERON AND IAN—THE CATHERANS OF BEN-A-CHRIU PRISONERS—CAPTAIN WINTERTON JOINS HECTOR IN THE PURSUIT.

The old man, who had looked much distressed at the first sentences of the Witch of Ben-Lair, now appeared to have regained his composure, and at once replied—

"I would willingly give my aid to the punishment of the villain who smote the fair Lowlander, but I do not know that Donald Cameron of Droghdaire was the murderer; in fact, I have never to my knowledge seen Black Cameron."

"So much the stronger is the conviction in my mind that you can prove him to be the villain. You have the dagger which struck the blow. The letters 'D. C.' are on it, and when your eyes fall upon Donald Cameron—for he is though older, little changed—you will at once identify him as the man you saw strike the foul blow."

"It may be so, it may be so," muttered the old man, musingly, "and I confess I should like to gaze again in the face of the villain, and see him brought to justice; but I am old and feeble, and my limbs would not carry me to Dingwall now. The day has been when I would have made light of the journey, but alas!"

"Nor is the Witch of Ben-Lair able," exclaimed Hector. "We must have horses. If they cannot be had elsewhere, I'll return to Castle M'Leod for them myself."

"Nay," said Anas, "you cannot go back; your face must be kept towards those you follow, else success will fail you. I'll go to Castle M'Leod, or if I go not myself, I'll find those equally to be trusted. Nor is there time to be lost; this moment I'll leave. If I find that horses can be had nearer, I'll avail myself of them."

"Make use of my name," said Hector. "Tell that it is the Chief of the M'Leods who wishes to use them."

"It shall be as you say, my Chief," said the generous-hearted Highlander, turning to go.

"And if you have to go to Castle M'Leod, tell my kinsmen that their Chief was rejoiced to learn that they had defeated the Catherans of Ben-A-Chri, and that he is now in pursuit of their Chief, and will return not until he has seen an end of his villainy. And tell them further that the feud between the M'Kenzies and the M'Leods will also be at an end before he return—that Ian M'Kenzie or himself shall fall. The feud shall be now waged to the bitter end between the Chiefs themselves."

"I will gladly tell them so; but they may desire to accompany you."

"If Roderick M'Leod chooses to come, he may, but we cannot wait until the others could march thither."

The young man then left the hut, promising, in answer to his father's request, that he would delay as shortly as possible.

Palmerston Correspondence.

A Ladies' Aid Society has been organized in connection with the Wesleyan Methodist Church, with the following officers:—Mrs. McDowell, President; Mrs. R. Shields, Vice-President; Mrs. Touchburn, Secretary; Mrs. Hamilton, Treasurer.

The Lord Bishop of Huron will lay the corner stone of the Church of England, on Wednesday, April 1st, at three o'clock p.m.

A social was given in the Wesleyan Church, on Thursday evening last by the Ladies' Aid Society. After tea and refreshments, excellent in quality and abundant in quantity, had been served, Mr. John Keane was called to the chair. Speeches were given by S. Ranton, J. Best, W. Thompson, T. H. Harvey, and R. Frier; readings by J. R. Hamilton; recitations by Misses Maggie Thompson and Sarah Jane McDowell; and a dialogue by Misses Sarah Jane and Mary Ann McDowell and Annie Allan. Several selections were rendered by the choir, led by Mr. Robert Hall. The next social will be held on Friday (to-morrow) evening at Mr. Thomas McDowell's.

To Business Men.

The circulation of the Mercury and Advertiser being nearly five times that of any other paper published in the County of Wellington, business men and others would study their own interests by advertising in the Mercury and Advertiser.

FACTS FOR ADVERTISERS.

In this, as in everything else, the best papers will command the best prices. It is cheaper to pay 5s. for inserting your advertisements in a journal having a circulation of 5,000, than to pay 2s. for one that has only a circulation of 1,000. Of this you may be sure, that any journal that inserts advertisements too cheap, is, in fact, an almost worthless medium. If it were really a good one, it would have no need to lower its prices, for its sheet would be better filled without the sacrifice. You may lay it down as a rule that every journal knows its value, and that if it adopts low prices it is because it is conscious that it has a low circulation in number or respectability.—Wilson's Handbook for Advertisers.

NOTICE ABOUT ACCOUNTS.

All accounts for Printing or Advertising rendered to the 1st of January must be paid by the 1st of April, otherwise costs will be incurred. Subscribers in arrears will have to the 1st of April to pay up. After that time they will be charged the credit price.

NEW SPRING DRESS GOODS

GEORGE JEFFREY, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH,

Has just received the first of his Spring Importations per steamship Corinthian, consisting of

- 3 Cases plain Dress Goods;
- 2 " Striped Dress Goods, something new;
- 1 case Plain Silks, all new colors;
- 1 case Striped Silks, cheapest goods in town.

ALSO, A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF

Real Thread Laces and French Kid Gloves from the best makers in the World

To be sold at reasonable prices.

GEORGE JEFFREY, GUELPH

Direct Importer, Guelph.

The GOLDEN LION the

GREAT ATTRACTION!



Leading House in Ontario

GREAT ATTRACTION!

The new method of Importing. Each Steamer from Britain brings us New Goods at Prices Unprecedentedly Low,

The Best Value and Largest Assortment, and why? Because we have adopted the only genuine mode of receiving Goods from France and Britain, by appointing a resident buyer of over 40 years experience in the Home Market, in the person of Mr. D. Williamson, merchant, Glasgow, who will in our interest visit France twice a year, the English Markets monthly, and the Glasgow Houses daily, if need be, so that every weekly steamer from the East will bring us the Latest Goods, large arrivals of New Shawls, Mantles, Dress Goods, Ribbons, Flowers, and Laces.

Another addition of 1500 pieces of those Good Prints at 12c. worth 16c.;

105 pieces Best Grenadine at 12c, worth 25c; 279 pieces Fig Lustre in the newest shades for Easter dresses 25c, worth 37c. New Checks, Pompadour Robes including trimmings at 82 a robe, worth \$3. New Skirts, Printed Lawn, 75c a full dress, worth \$1.50. New Gloves, New Hose, all of which is stunning value. THE MILLINERY DEPARTMENT is rapidly filling up, and having engaged a first-class Milliner from the city, we will execute all orders entrusted to our care in the most fashionable style.

Golden Lion, Wyndham Street, Guelph.

J. D. WILLIAMSON.

Co-Operative Store.

ARRIVAL OF NEW GOODS

OUR NEW TWEEDS

Were selected from six different houses, therefore we have a 'choice' lot to choose from. We employ a Tailor.

NEW COTTONS

Horrocks Bleached Cottons, soft finish; also, Linen finished Cottons, all prices. Dundas and Lybster Cottons in stock.

NEW PRINTS

Hoyle's & Ashton's Fancy Prints will be offered at 12c cents per yard.

NEW BOOTS AND SHOES

For style, finish and durability will be found superior to former years. Ladies' Prunella Boots 75c per pair.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, March 2, 1874 dw

12lbs. of Good Bright Sugar for \$1.

CHOICE IMPERIAL

New Crop Teas 50c. per lb

J. E. McELDERRY

2 DAY'S BLOCK,

THE NOTED TEA HOUSE

JUST COME IN!

GUELPH TEA DEPOT

E. O'DONNELL & Co.

Are putting up to-day

- 320 caddies best dollar Young Hyson Tea for 80c. per lb.
- 600 caddies of the best 75 cent Tea for 50c per lb.
- 95 caddies of nice Sweet Tea at 40c per lb.
- 120 caddies of Japan Tea worth 75c, for 50c.
- A few packages of Black Tea for 35c per lb.
- 10 hogsheds of Good Bright Sugar, 12lb. for \$1.
- 50 Ingersoll Cheese, very choice.

A very large stock of Groceries of all kinds always on hand Cheap.

Terms—Strictly Cash.

E. O'DONNELL & CO

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

G. B. FRASER,

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PRINT DEPARTMENT.

JOHN MACDONALD & CO.

Are showing an immense stock of

CHOICE PRINTS

Prints from the Leading Printers.

JOHN MACDONALD & Co.

TORONTO.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

IMPORTERS.

Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

- New Table Raisins,
- New Valencia Raisins,
- New Currants,
- New Figs, Almonds, Nuts, etc.

TEAS, TEAS.

- Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb.
- Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb.
- Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb.
- Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb.
- Choice Fresh Black Teas at 50 cents per lb.
- Finest Fresh Black Teas at 75 cents per lb.
- Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.

Reduction to parties taking a box.

Also, our own importations of genuine Brambles, Wines, Scotch and Irish Whiskies wholesale and retail.

JACKSON & HALLETT,

Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

Dominion Boot and Shoe Store

NEW SPRING GOODS

- Men's American Sporting Boots,
- Men's Rubber Boots,
- Men's Shoes and Gaiters for Spring Wear

- Ladies American Fancy Shoes,
- Ladies Goat and Kid Button Boots,
- Ladies Prunella Button and Lace Boots

A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT.

Misses Wear—All styles in Goat, Kid and Prunella. Child's American Fancy Slippers and Shoes. We have also a large assortment of Boys' and Youths' Spring Wear.

In the Custom Department

We have just received the latest styles of American lasts. Repairing done as usual.

Remember the House—The Dominion Shoe Store, Day's Block, opposite the Town Hall.

WM. TAWSE & SON.

Guelph, Feb. 9, 1874

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FIRST PRIZE BISCUITS

JAMES MASSIE,

Manufacturer of

CHOICE CONFECTIONERY AND BISCUITS,

Alma Block, Guelph,

Invites the attention of the Trade to the Superior Quality of Goods now produced at a Manufacturer. Having introduced many new improvements, and employing only first-class workmen, and possessing every facility, he is prepared to supply the trade with a class of goods unsurpassed by any manufacturer in

- OZENGES, all flavors;
- DROPS, assorted flavors and shapes;
- GUM and LICORICE DROPS.
- CONVERSATION LOZENGES,
- MOULDED SWEETS, new patterns;
- SODA, SWEET and FRUIT BISCUITS,
- FRUIT BISCUITS,
- GINGER NUTS,
- CHEWING GUM,
- ROCK CANDY,
- LICORICE.

A Large Stock of Choice and Favorite Brand Cigars.

His Biscuits took the first prize over all others at the London Western. his you the only place where they were entered for competition. All Goods are fully packed and shipped with despatch