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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor.

A Happy New Year to All.

Another year with its joys and sorrows, its pleasures and its cares, has been numbered with the past, and we, in common with others, wish to all our friends a happy new year. As the new year comes upon us, a crowd of old associations gather on the memory, connecting the present with the shadows of the past. It is a strange, weird mystery—a mystery no less than the truth—that the chief sweets of memory are drawn from the regrets of the past. During the past year many things painful and many things pleasant have fallen to the lot of every one of our readers. To some, the year has been one of pleasant memories, recalling joys felt or spoken, while to others it has been a year of bitter trials and sad, heartbreaking episodes, and others still may look with regret on the past: on neglected opportunities for doing good as well as for getting good. However, we may all look with bright hope to the future which presents a path in which we may all tread, led by proper motives to satisfying pleasures and good actions. Let each and every one of us start upon the journey of this year with a pure and honest endeavour to benefit the world by our presence.

With regard to ourselves, we would say that we feel grateful to our friends and patrons for the amount of sympathy and support accorded the Reporter since it first circulated among the homes of this section. While we have made but imperfect efforts to edify and interest our readers, still, we feel that our efforts have in a measure been appreciated, and we shall endeavor by every means in our power to merit and receive a continuance of that appreciation. During the short time the Reporter has been in existence, we have written many things that were, no doubt, not pleasant and palatable to some of our readers, but we can honestly say that throughout our short journalistic career, we have endeavored to deal justly by all men, and that no feeling of ill will or enmity has actuated us in pursuing the course we did. And while we may differ materially from some of our readers on many leading and important questions, still, we have always respected in the past and will respect in the future the opinion of those who honestly differ from us. If by fair criticism and discussion we may induce

one person to think aright, we shall feel amply repaid for all our toil and labor. And now, in closing this short article, we have a few words to say as to our hopes, aspirations, and aims. We hope to receive a fair share of the public patronage, and to this end we ask all our friends and patrons to assist us by speaking a good word for the Reporter to all their friends, and induce them to become subscribers. We aspire to the position of the best local paper in the county, and can only reach the goal of our aspirations by having the hearty co-operation of all our friends. We aim to make the Reporter a welcome visitor to every family in the district, as well as to many in distant parts of this county, and to this end shall direct all our energies.

The Unionville Fair.

As per notice in another column, the annual meeting of this agricultural society, will be held at Unionville on the 21st inst. It is hoped that, not only members of the society, but all interested in Agricultural pursuits will make it a point to be present, as several matters of importance will come up for consideration. For the information of those of our readers who have no intimate knowledge of the business of the society, we would say that during the past year a large amount of money has been expended in moving the buildings, putting up extensions, additions, and otherwise improving the accommodation, for visitors as well as exhibitors. The cost of the improvements made somewhere in the neighborhood of \$600, and we feel safe in saying that no more spacious, better arranged, or more popular fair is to be found in Eastern Ontario. Thanks to the interest taken by the farmers and mechanics of this section, the society has thus far been able to boast of a large number of members, a long and comprehensive list of entries, and the largest and best show in the East. But owing to the large amount expended in improvements this year, and also to the fact that while the expenditures were so heavy the prize list was not reduced but in some departments was actually increased, the society find that they will be unable to meet all their obligations and keep the prize list up to the same figures as last year, without receiving additional assistance from the members and visitors. They have therefore concluded to ask the members present at the annual meeting to sanction the raising of the admission fee at the gates, for next season's fair, so that they can feel secure in making arrangements to fix the list of prizes the same as former years. At a meeting of directors, held on the 15th Dec'r, the whole question of the standing of the society was discussed, and the advisability of at once getting the affairs of the society in a proper shape concurred

in. It may not be generally known that nearly half of the old main building was built by Mr. John Forth and made ready for use without one cent expense to the society. At the meeting above referred to, Mr. Forth generously donated all right, title, and interest in all buildings erected by him to the society, and the secretary was instructed to prepare a new lease of the grounds and buildings as now constituted, so as to provide for the full control which the society will in future exercise over the property. It is therefore hoped that a large turnout of the members will take place at the annual meeting, so that all may be fully aware of the position and intentions of the society.

Correspondence.

Notice.—We wish it distinctly understood that we do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed by our correspondents.

To Editor of The Reporter.

DEAR SIR,—As the year 1884 is now a thing of the past, I, in justice to ourselves (the police trustees) and the people of this village, wish through your paper to give a short account of our doings, finances, &c., for the said year. As I have already, through the Reporter, given an account of the number of chimneys, fire-safes, ladders, and other protections against fire which we have caused to be constructed and repaired. I will now explain, in a few words, what we have done with the money entrusted to our care. When the village was placed under police restrictions, we found it necessary to get bills printed and place them before the people, that they might know what the law required of them. It being the first year, the trustees did not know the amount of money they would require, and therefore asked for a grant of \$65, which was disposed of as follows:—B. Loverin, printing, \$6; J. H. Blackburn, for holding nomination and for writing, \$3. On complaint, a certain ditch or drain being found in a filthy and unhealthy state, \$5 was expended in getting it in a proper shape; but as I collected \$2 from a person whom it more particularly benefitted, it thus left but \$3 for the village to pay. Then last, but not least, we spent \$2 towards keeping the cattle from the streets—money well spent, say I. This in all amounts to \$14. Besides, the board granted me \$20, for my services, thus, the sum total used is \$34. This, from the \$65 granted, would leave \$31 still in the hands of the township treasurer, to be used, if required, for the present year. I am satisfied that unless something unforeseen should occur, the expenses of this year will be much less than last, and as the people of the village have been taxed on the whole amount of the grant, viz.: \$65, I consider it but right that

they should have the use of the \$31, free from tax, for the present year.

Wishing all a pleasant and prosperous year,

I remain, &c.,

H. C. PHILLIPS, Police Inspector.

From the Far West.

Elliott, San Joaquin County,
California, Dec'r 27, 1884.

Friend Reporter.—When last I wrote you at Yuma, I was writing while seated in the car, surrounded by many children who thought they knew more than their grandpa. This I write as an excuse for the disconnected remarks that I sent you. We departed from Yuma about 9 p. m., crossing the Colorado River into California, making our way through a desert-looking country, but not without interest to us, the snow-capped mountains being beautiful in the extreme. The next day about noon, we arrived at Calton, a place of much note for its growth of oranges and grapes. Riverside where Mr. Shepherd, of Brockville, has located, is also a fine place. Los Angeles, of world-wide fame for its abundance of fruit, is a very beautiful place. Upon leaving Los Angeles, we travelled for the most part through a wheat-growing country. We passed through some twenty-six tunnels, and some of the finest scenery I ever saw was that of the Coast Range and Sierra Mountains. On Sabbath last, about noon, we arrived at Lodi, where John Lillie resides, and found him and Joshua Wiltse ready to greet us with a brother's hand. We found this country in appearance much the same in regard to growth of vegetation as Farmersville would be on the 15th day of May, with lilacs just ready to burst into full leaf and the thermometer ranging 50 in the shade. Cattle and hogs are roaming over the fields seeking their own living, and mosquitoes present their little bills of fare, but I try to send them to a mosquito's grave, from which there is no resurrection. The health of my friend Wiltse and myself is O. K. The fruit grown on Mr. Joshua Wiltse's lot consists of almonds, grapes, figs, nectarines, raisin grapes, peaches, apples, apricots, prunes, plums. The olive is also grown here.

Now, I will close by wishing you the compliments of the season.

Yours as ever,

SALA BLANCHER.

Dismissed.

The suit recently entered in the High Court by Nelson Parker against Mrs. Green and G. W. Brown, for illegal distress and sale, has been dismissed with costs amounting to about \$150 which Parker had to pay.

Notice.

Look out for J. & P. Wiltse's great clearing sale announcement in next week's issue.