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Tarry With Me.

Tarry with me, O my Saviour,
Ever lead me, Lord, I pray;
Tarry with me,
Guide me o'er life's rugged way.

Tarry with me, O my Saviour,
For the day is passing by;
Tarry with me,
When the shades of night draw nigh.

Deeper, darker, grow the shadows,
Paler still the glowing west;
Tarry with me,
Jesus grant me my request.

Swift the night of death advances,
Shall it be a night of rest?
Tarry with me,
Lay my head upon Thy breast.

Lay my head upon Thy bosom,
Till the morn, then me awake;
Tarry with me,
Then unto Thyself, me take.

—Velvet Snow.

Jesus Only.

Who can heal the broken hearted?
Who can wipe away the tear
Falling for the friends departed:
"Weep not," is the word of cheer,
Jesus only.

Who has said, "I'll be a father
To the fatherless below
And though all thy friends forsake thee
I will never leave thee so?"
Jesus only.

Who can guide through death's dark
valley
And the waters deep divide?
Who controls the swelling current
Till we land on Canaan's side?
Jesus only.

Who can calm the raging billows
Give rest to the sin-sick soul?
Come unto me ye heavy laden
Be ye every whit made whole,
Jesus only.

Who upon the cross did suffer
That poor sinners might be free?
Who endured such pain and anguish
On the cross of Calvary?
Jesus only.

Who ascended to the Father
There to sit at his right hand?
See! His face is all compassion
Interceding for mankind?
Jesus only.

—Velvet Snow.

Mitchell Spring Show.

Owing to the Mitchell spring fair being held at least two weeks too early, and the unpropitious weather, the show on Friday, April 3rd, was not up to that of 1890. Last year there were sixteen heavy imported horses shown, against seven this year. Considering everything, however, the fair was very good. Below is the prize list:

HORSES—Heavy Draught Imported Clydesdale (aged)—1st, Bakerfield, T. Colquhoun, Hibbert; 2nd, Gordon, John Bush & Co., Downie; 3rd, His Lordship, James Brooks, Mitchell; 4th, Knight of Lochawe, Thos. Skinner, Mitchell. Highly recommended, Prince Turnholm, Wm. Colquhoun, Mitchell; recommended, Gay Lad, John Jacobs, Fullarton.

Heavy Draught Imported Clydesdale (3 years old and under)—1st, Baronet, and 2nd, Dainty Davy, Jos. Skinner, Fullarton.

Heavy Draught Imported Clydesdale (2 years old and under)—1st, Dumfries Boy, William Colquhoun, Mitchell.

Agricultural Stallion—1st, Prince O'Neil, Ed. Henry, Elma; 2nd, Young Decidee, Christian Werner, Ellice; 3rd, Decadee, Mark Kelly, Ellice.

Cart or Shire Stallion, imported—1st, Young Britain, Thos. Bakwell, Mitchell; 2nd, Bar None, Charles Rock, Logan.

Trotting Stallion (standard bred)—1st, Thornwood, Ford & Murphy, Mitchell; 2nd, Omas, J. W. Cathcart, St. Marys.

Carriage Stallion—1st, Gold Bird, R. Barbour; 2nd, Vanderbilt, J. A. Norris, Hibbert.

Heavy Draught Canadian Bred Stallion (2 years old and under)—1st, Young McMaster, Wm. Hanson, Fullarton; 2nd, Young McMaster, Thos. Mahaffy, Hibbert; 3rd, Crown Jewel, Wm. Vipond, Hibbert.

Heavy Draught Canadian Bred Stallion (3 years old and under)—1st, Young McMaster, Chas. Coppin, Logan; 2nd, Farmers Friend, Leonard Butson, Hibbert; 3rd, All Serene, Wm. Potts, Fullarton.

Agricultural or General Purpose Stallion (2 years old and under)—1st, White Points, Reid Bros., Fullarton.

Agricultural or General Purpose Stallion (3 years old and under)—1st, Young McGregor, Henry Metherwell, Hibbert; 2nd, Young Gliaus, Roderick Kennedy, Hibbert.

BULLS—Durham Bull, calved since January 1, 1889—1st, Lord Stratford the Second, F. R. Hamilton, Hibbert; 2nd, Conningsby, Wm. Robertson, Fullarton.

Durham Bull, calved in 1890—1st, King of the Realm, A. Roy, Fullarton; 2nd, Young Laird, John Rogers, Hibbert; 3rd, Grand Duke Nicholas, John Rogers, Hibbert.

Judges—George Spearin, Blanshard; Samuel Nethercott, Fullarton; Peter Campbell, Hibbert; and J. Millar, Usborne.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Too Many Irons in the Fire.

To the Editor of THE BEE.

DEAR SIR:—It is such a common occurrence, as to have become proverbial, that a person having too many irons in the fire is very apt to neglect some of them and allow themselves to get burned. Perhaps there are no class of persons who, by force of circumstances, are compelled to have more things to attend to at the same time, than rural school teachers. They have to govern and teach all the pupils of a school from the youngest to the oldest in accordance with the regulations and program of studies prescribed by the Education Department. There are five reading books allowing the fourth reader to be the highest, and at least seven or eight classes reading these books. The classes in the first three readers have each eight subjects which the teacher should teach them. Suppose there is only one class in each of these, the regulations require twenty-four subjects to be taught these classes, or in other words, the teacher is required to teach twenty-four classes. The junior third, senior third, junior fourth and senior fourth classes have each nine subjects to be taught to them, making thirty-six subjects or classes to be taught these four classes. The fifth class, which there may be in rural schools, where there are far enough advanced pupils and where there is not a High school, has no less than twenty-two subjects to be taught that class. A teacher may have fifty pupils from five to twenty-one years of age and an aggregate of eighty-two subjects to teach them. (Anyone incredulous as to there being eighty-two subjects to be taught may verify the matter by consulting pages 100 to 104 of the Regulations of the Education Department in the hands of trustees.) He must either have eighty-two classes, or he must group two or more into one, if he conforms to the prescribed regulations. He has to keep quiet and usefully employed all the scholars who are not in class, that is the *Dramatis Personae* of eighty-one classes while he teaches the eighty-second class. Surely, it is no marvel if some, yes, many irons which the pedagogic blacksmith has in the school room forge should be neglected and get burnt. I have no power and very little desire to reduce the number of irons to be heated and welded to the minds of the scholars, but would suggest the number to be attended to at the same time. In the forenoon, from 9 a. m. to 12 a. m., have only the junior pupils from the first class up to the junior third in attendance, and the teacher devoting his whole attention to these classes. Some home work should be assigned to them, such as spellings to learn, to write a part of the lesson, or commit it to memory, or some simple exercise in arithmetic, to be brought for the teachers inspection next day, and then be dismissed for the day. From 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. all the senior scholars should attend and receive the instructions and attention of the teacher. Since they would have fewer hours in school, they too, would be able, and should be required to do a greater amount of home study. The teacher would have less to distract his mind, for in the forenoon there would be no junior, and in the afternoon no senior scholars, and in the afternoon no junior, to keep quiet and usefully employed at their seats, during class recitation and instruction. In short, he would have fewer irons in the fire at one time. I am of the opinion that the junior scholars would get as much direct teaching in the three hours, as they now get in five, and the senior would get more in the four hours, than they now get in six. The teacher would not be tempted, on the one hand, to devote his chief attention to the little ones, thinking that the big ones are better able to help themselves, nor on the other hand, to devote his chief attention to the seniors, to the neglect of the juniors because he knows his reputation as a teacher, depends, to a large extent, on the number of his pupils who successfully pass the promotion and entrance examinations. The fatigue from teaching seven hours instead of six would not be greater for there would be less strain of mind and less worry. I would be pleased to see some discussion of the subject in your columns by teachers, trustees, or others interested in public school education, and especially by the parents of S. S. No. 4, if they have anything to say against the plan I have sketched. Provided all parties concerned could agree about it I would like to see the plan adopted as an experiment for the winter months. If it worked satisfactorily it could be continued, but if not a return could be made to the present plan.

Yours very respectfully,
T. SMITH.

The Nova Scotia budget shows a deficit of \$45,559.

Guelph Mercury:—"There was brought to this office yesterday a very peculiar combination in the shape of a young pig, which was dropped Thursday belonging to Arthur Williams, and lived an hour. It is almost two complete pigs joined together at the middle of the body, with one head, four ears, eight feet and two complete hind-quarters. It is a curiosity and will be stuffed by Walter Turnbull.

Listowel.

T. Gibson, of Wroxeter, spent Sunday in town.

B. Rothwell is at present suffering from an attack of la grippe.

J. A. Hacking, town agent for G.T.R., reports a number of passengers for the west.

Wm. Cooper, of Owen Sound, spent a few days under the parental roof last week.

T. McDowell, of Mount Forest, is at home owing to a severe attack of la grippe.

Rev. Chas. Duff, of Parkdale, preached Sunday morning and evening in the Congregational church.

The assembly which was to have been held on Friday, April 10, has been postponed for two weeks.

The ladies of Christ church who intended holding a merchant's carnival on the 25th of May have postponed it indefinitely.

J. Stewart has rented the vacant store of Dr. Nichol and is now running the billiard parlor there in connection with his barber shop.

A meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute, on Tuesday evening to organize an Athletic Association. Owing to the small attendance, however, it was postponed.

A Listowel public meeting has resolved to form a joint stock company with \$50,000 capital to build and operate a furniture factory. The meeting meant business, and there was a most unanimous expression of opinion to stand by the town.

A meeting was held in the Mechanics' Institute on the evening of April 7th, when a lacrosse team was organized and the following officers appointed:—Hon. Pres., O. S. Clark; Pres., A. McIntosh; 1st Vice-Pres., H. B. Morphy; 2nd Vice-Pres., W. Climie; Capt., C. Vallance; committee, R. A. Climie, J. R. Martin, S. Large, R. A. Farquharson, and W. H. Climie.

Additional Local Items.

The retiring publisher of the Stratford Beacon, Alex. Matheson, was presented with a handsome and valuable silver tea service last week by a number of leading Reformers.

THE BAND.—A public meeting to take steps to put the Band on a better footing, will be held in the rooms over J. Irwin's store, on Monday evening next. We trust that our citizens, generally, will attend and be prepared to help to give the boys a start again. Nothing enlivens the village more on summer evenings than music. Our Band, though not large, has always been a credit to the village. We understand the difficulty now is the lack of funds. The instruments are fairly good, and we believe the players are all willing to do their part to help the thing along. It is not fair, however, to expect them to give their time to practice, and to play when called on, and pay their own expenses as well. Let those who enjoy the music do their share in the matter of expense and we have no doubt the Band will once more do their part. Let there be a good turn out on Monday night and we believe there will be no difficulty in raising the small sum necessary to keep the Band going.

OBITUARY.—It is our sad duty this week to chronicle the death of Mrs. Robert Hamilton, which occurred on Monday, 13th inst. For some years past deceased had not enjoyed perfect health, but not until three months ago was any danger apprehended when it was learned that she was afflicted with a peculiar internal trouble which revealed itself in the form of a cancer in the stomach, which ultimately caused her death. The subject of this notice was born in Ayrshire, Scotland, in 1836, and was married to Robert Hamilton Dec. 31st, 1858, and as a result of this union ten children were born, eight of whom are living—three boys and five girls. Mr. Hamilton died with heart disease some seven years ago leaving the young family to the care and responsibility of the mother, who, we are grateful to know, taught them in the fear of God, and mother and children together have grown up within the pales of the Christian church. Although coming through deep waters of earthly affliction and sorely tried by heavy domestic responsibilities, together with years of ill health, deceased displayed that heroic Christian fortitude and peaceful resignation which so commends our religion to the world and makes it a thing of beauty and power. Nor did her faith waver in the hour of death. Well she knew that that Saviour who had been her refuge and support in former years would comfort and sustain her in the hour and article of death and when her senses failed to respond to the voice of earthly loved ones she could hear the sympathetic voice of her Saviour, and with much assurance say, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." Thus peacefully her spirit passed home to its God. The funeral service, Tuesday afternoon, was conducted by Revs. Berry (Midway) and Rogers, and as the solemn cortege slowly wended its way from the old home to the cemetery many were the expressions of sympathy for the sorrow-stricken family, who alone can fully understand the painful significance of the lines of the poet:

"A precious one from us has gone,
A voice we loved is stilled,
A place is vacant in our home,
Which never can be filled."

Donegal.

Mud. Farmers are getting down to work again.

A deer that appears quite tame has lately taken up its quarters in a small swamp in this locality. Fortunately for its life deer are now out of season.

Last Friday evening Wm. Noble, of the 12th con., noticed a wildcat prowling around his barn. Loading his gun with buckshot he soon had pussy lying dead at his feet a trophy of his prowess as a marksman. As it proved to be a magnificent specimen of its kind Mr. Noble at once had it handed over to John Struthers to be mounted and stuffed.

SPRING POETRY.

Soon will he sit beside the brook
With bated breath and baited hook.

A pound or two of rice,
Some ancient shoes beside,
And a parent's satisfaction,
Are going out with the tide.

When April flowers greet the sight
And apple trees give blossoms birth,
The poet pale begins to write
And works the spring for all its might.

By the twinges in my bones,
And assorted pains and groans;
By aching throat and ailing lung,
I know that gentle spring has sprung.

Man wants but little here below,
But he wants that little bad;
If you want to get your wants supplied,
Why try a BEE ad.

The winter girl for months has reigned,
But now her beauty waxes dim;
Her power is waning, soon she'll find
That she must either sink—or swim.

The vernal sunshine warms the pool
And noxious vapors taint the air,
The balmy breeze of gripe is full
And germs are walking everywhere.

Where'er we travel dangers lurk,
The bacilli killed microbes reappears,
The bacilli get in their work,
And spring, delicious spring, is here.

For his sweetheart's dainty room
He bore a sweet perfume:
New mown hay,
But he left his flannels off,
And he caught an awful cough,
Pneu-mo-ni-a.

Breathes there a man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
I will my local paper take,
Both for my own and family's sake?
If such there be, let him repent
And have the paper to him sent.

'Tis now the honest farmer man goes
tap, tap, tap,
And gathers from the juicy trees sap,
sap, sap,

He boils it down to syrup till it's brown,
brown, brown,
Then adds McKimley's sweetness by
the pound, pound, pound.

Perth County Notes.

Hugh Jack, of Carthage, has engaged C. Lauder as cheesemaker.

The new 2,000,000 gallon pumping engine has just been erected at the water-works pumping house, Stratford.

James Huston, formerly a business man in Mitchell, has received the Conservative nomination in Manitow for the Manitoba Legislature.

A Mitchell young lady, who has been in London for the last six weeks undergoing the Koch lymph treatment for tuberculosis, returns home cured.

Messrs. T. H. Race, editor of the Mitchell Recorder; J. S. McIntyre, Fullarton, and James Prinderville, Logan, are the License Commissioners for South Perth.

At the examination of the Ontario Veterinary College, Andrew Machan, late of Hibbert, passed with honors in two subjects. He is now practising in New York with his two brothers.

Messrs. Stiefelmeier Bros., livery and salesmen, New Hamburg, have sold their handsome golden chestnut promising young Clear Grit gelding, "Key-stone," to Dr. W. N. Robertson, Stratford, for \$225.

Rev. Thos. Macpherson, who for so many years was pastor of Knox church, Stratford, died at his residence, Norman street, Stratford, Sunday afternoon, 12th inst., aged 81 years. Eight months only has elapsed since the death of his beloved wife, which occurred in September last.

W. R. Meredith headed the list of 30 benchers elected by the Law Society of Upper Canada. He received 939 votes, against 682 for Hon. Mr. Hardy, 663 for Hon. Mr. Fraser, 657 for Dalton McCarthy, and 381 for Mr. Idington, Stratford, who was the last on the list of successful candidates.

At the request of the board of Foreign and Domestic Missions, the Bishop of Algoma has consented to address several meetings in the Diocese of Huron, in the interest of mission work in Algoma and the Northwest. He will shortly visit Mitchell for that purpose and deliver an address.

The annual meeting of the Ontario Furniture Manufacturing Association was held at Woodstock. The officers elected were:—President, R. Dowling, Hamilton; vice-president, F. C. Burr, Guelph; secretary, George McLagan, Stratford; treasurer, D. Knechtel, Hanover. The next meeting will be held in Stratford.

Huron County Notes.

Ignatz Keiffer, of Carrick, has bought the McKenzie farm on the gravel road, Howick, 109 acres, for \$4,000.

The Rogerville Cheese Company have secured the services of G. E. McTaggart, of Seaforth, to manage their factory this season.

The farmers in the vicinity of Blyth are complaining that the wheat has been considerably injured by the recent frosts and cold winds.

P. Nugent has sold his property of fifty acres on the third concession of West Wawanosh to Thos. McKenzie of the same concession, for the sum of \$2,800.

W. J. Dickson, Leadbury, had his hand run into the gearing of his grain crusher a few days ago, and it was hurt so severely that one finger had to be amputated at the second joint.

The farm of the late James Houlden was recently sold by auction at Henshall. It was purchased by W. T. Farquhar, of Hullett, for \$5,525. It is a splendid farm contains 100 acres, is well situated and has on it fair buildings.

At a meeting held in Goderich a base ball club, called the Diamonds, was organized and the following officers were elected: Capt., Chas. Sharnan; Sec., Treas., Geo. Cressman. The club is open for challenges from all junior clubs.

Rev. Thomas Davidson, wife and family, left Wroxeter Monday April 6th, for New York, whence they sail on Thursday for Glasgow by the steamer State of Nevada. The weather will probably bloom on the highland hills before they start on the return journey. Rev. Mr. Davidson's brother, a student from Knox College, will have charge of the congregation in his absence.

About forty or fifty members of T. McGillicuddy's Bible class, College-st. Baptist church, Toronto, met at his residence recently and presented him with a handsomely carved oak chair upholstered in olive plush. Mrs. McGillicuddy also received a pretty antique vase. Mr. McGillicuddy was recently editor of the Goderich Signal and a brother of the present editor.

An interesting case was tried in the Division Court Goderich, the other day. It seems that last fall a valuable dog belonging to Will Rutson was shot by C. Naftel, of Goderich township, as he supposed it had been killing sheep. Mr. Rutson asked for some remuneration, and on Mr. Naftel declining the case was taken to Division Court, but the jury failed to agree and the case will come up again.

The community was startled Monday morning April 6th, by the news that Robert Montgomery had that morning been found dead in bed. Mr. Montgomery occupied a farm on the outskirts of Wroxeter, of which he had been a resident for many years. Mr. Montgomery was a native of Ireland, aged 67 years, a good industrious citizen, and a consistent member of the Methodist church.

James Watson, postmaster of Sunshine, has secured the contract for carrying the mail from Sunshine to Belgrave and return. The old mail route was from Bushfield by way of Sunshine to Belgrave. But as Bushfield post office has been closed, the mail will be carried between Sunshine and Belgrave for some time, when an effort will probably be made to amalgamate Sunshine and Bushfield and locate the post office half way between the two places.

Quite a number of the stock breeders of Seaforth attended the auction sale of thoroughbred Durhams made by J. S. Smith, of Maple Lodge, McGillivray, and as a result several valuable animals have been added to Huron's fine collection. David Milne, of Ethel, bought a cow and a calf for \$120, also a two-year old heifer for \$60, Wm. Chapman, of Truetersmith, near Brucefield, bought a ten months old red bull, for \$119, and a two year old heifer for \$67. Duncan McLaren, of Glenquach farm, Hibbert, bought a two year old heifer for \$75. David Hill, another well-known Hibbert stock breeder, bought a yearling heifer for \$46, this is a full sister of the two year old bought by Mr. Milne.

We are pleased to observe that the young men of Huron have taken good rank, in many instances taking a foremost position, at the spring examinations of the various institutions of learning which they are attending. In the first place we notice that J. D. Edgar, son of James Edgar, of Howick, and D. M. Buchanan, a native of Usborne, Toronto, with honors, each taking a scholarship. J. W. McMillan, although strictly speaking, is not a Huron boy, many Huron people will be pleased to learn that he has graduated at the same institution, and has taken a scholarship. In the department of medicine "our boys" have been as successful as in Divinity. At Trinity University for the degree of M. D. C. M., Charles McKay, of Seaforth, and R. Knechtel, of Brussels, passed with first class honors, while J. W. Shaw, of Brussels, and J. J. Danby, formerly of Seaforth, passed with second class honors. At the Fellowship examination at Trinity Medical College, Mr. McKay passed his final examination, winning the gold medal; Messrs. Knechtel and Shaw had a standing of over 75 per cent, taking first class and certificate of honor, while Mr. Danby had a standing of over 70 per cent, in the first class.