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POETRY

A WISH.

Oh! for a calm secluded bower,
Far from the world's obstrusive noise,
Where I might spend life's little hour,
'Mid nature's guiltless joys.

With one lov'd being, all mine own,
Who could the world for me resign—
A fond warm heart, whose every tone,
Gave a response to mine.

Oh! I were then supremely blest,
Possest of all my nature craves—
No hopes nor fears to may my rest,
The passions that obstruct my breast,
Subdued or in their graves.

And life, toilsome journey flow,
Path of gladness then would be—
Leading thro' fields of bliss below,
To realms above-where blessings grow,
And happiness unmix'd with woe,
And stream of living waters flow
On—on—eternally.

Each morn to hail the rising sun.
Our mingled orisons should rise—
And when his glorious course was run,
Our evening sacrifice.

Thus free from cares that now oppress,
From hopes that cheer and then deceive,
My home would be, a heav'n to me,
An Eden in the wilderness.
And she the sharer of my bliss!
Another lovely Eve.

MUSINGS AT SEA.

Too heavy filled with dew to swell before
So light an air—our lower sails hang o'er
The shrouds in lazy folds—they might be furled,
For small their aid to move our wooden world.
But high above—there live the breezes still,
And with their welcome breath our topsails fill;
Which, as in pride to draw so vast a thing
As floats beneath—expand their snow-white wing
To woo the breeze—and by their power alone
Our vessel o'er the deep her course holds on.

Though now we stand beneath a war-ship's wings—
How small the greatest of all human things!—
That labour huge of man appears to be
But as a leaf upon a shoreless sea—
A nothing 'mid infinity of space,
An atom added to earth's myriad race;
For God's immensity around us is—
And what his creature's works, compared with his!—

The waters scarcely curling round the bow,
Seek by our ship's dark sides, in whispers low—
In very gentleness they glide along—
Scarce heard,—as fearful lest a ruder song
Should break the quiet of the scene around,
Their murmer is a low and meaning sound—
A voice—like his who slumbers—and would seem
Loath to awaken from a fairy dream.

Oh! it is ecstacy—in early days,
When youth is ours—before the scorching rays
Of manhood's noon have swept away the dew
That glitters in the eye when life is new,
Yielding a freshness in the joyous scene
That makes the sky more blue—the earth more green—
To stand as now—upon the desert sea,
Forgetting earth and all that therein lowers:
For then the soul into eternity
Looks—and a while the better world is ours.
But it is otherwise in after years;
The dews that were in youth are changed in tears,
And though as blue the heavens—and earth as green—
Alas! we see them not as we have seen.
—*Poems by Mrs E. Thomas.*

CANADA.

HEAD QUARTERS,
Sandwich, 5th Dec., 1838.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that yesterday, at 6 A. M. an alarm was brought here that Windson (or "The Ferry," a small village about two miles above this), was in possession of Brigands and Pirates from Michigan. Being extremely ill and worn out by constant fatigue, both by day and night, I had for the first time retired to my house, half a mile distant from this post, at 2 o'clock, A. M.; and on receiving the alarm I observed a fire in the direction of Windsor. My force was small, not exceeding 130 men. I immediately prevailed on a gentleman, who was sleeping at my house, to ride off to you at Malden, with all possible despatch, for a reinforcement and a field piece. In the meantime Captain Starke, with Nos. 1 and 2 companies of the Provincial Volunteer Militia, Captain Adjutant Leslie, Captain Thebe and Captain Elliott of the Essex Militia, with their respective companies, and joined by several gentlemen volunteers from Sandwich, marched off instantly towards Windsor. About the entrance into the village they were joined by Captain Bell, of the Provincial Volunteer Company.—On advancing, information was brought that Windsor was occupied by a large body of the Brigands, and that another large party of them had left Windson and were marching upon Sandwich. Our men discovered about 150 yards distant. Capt. Sparke's company immediately wheeled up and opened a well directed fire on them, and at the same time our gallant Militia and Volunteers under Captain Leslie, Bell, Thebo and Elliott, moved repidly towards the left flank, and opened a fire upon them also On receiving these fires they hastily retreated towards the woods, our men following them up in gallant style, and keeping well in with their left flank. On approaching the forest, I ordered the men to halt; and having received information that two large bodies of Brigands were seen moving in two directions towards Sandwich (which place had been left defenceless, and where all our provision stores and munition. as well as our only cannon, were) we formed and marched back to Sandwich in double quick time. On arriving there I found the Brigands had not attacked it, but thst they had been seen in considerable numbers in the groves at the back of the town. I then received information that upwards of 300 of the scoundrels were still at Windsor—that they had burnt the house occupied by Captain Lewis's company of Essex Militia as Barracks, and also the steamboat Thames—that they were being reinforced by parties crossing from Detroit—and that they abstained from committing further outrages upon the persons or property of the inhabitants, their apparent object (collected from the conversation of their leaders) being to induce the inhabitants to rise and join them they called giving "Liberty to Canada."

With this information, and expecting every instant to be attacked, and having determined not to divide my little force, I resolved upon remaining at Sandwich until the reinforcement and gun arrived from you, and which I knew would very shortly, be the case. In about an hour Captain Broderick with a detachment of Regulars and the field-piece came to our assistance. We immediately marched upon Windsor, but on arriving there we found, much to our annoyance and disappointment, that the Brigands had evacuated the place. We all fellowed them towards Lake St. Clair, and Captain Broderick has, of course, reported to you all that occurred from the time he joined us.

The Brigands, I lament to say, murdered in cold blood Mr. Hume, Assistant Staff Surgeon, stationed at Sandwich, who, unfortunately, mistook them for our people, and had walked up to Windsor to assist professionally.

He neither molested them nor offered to them *ang* resistance. Not content with firing several balls through him, the savages stabbed him in many places with their Bowie Knives, and mangled his body with an axe. They also murdered a coloured man who refused to join them. They burned the premises of Mr. Morin which was occupied as barracks, and also two houses adjoining, and two of out men were burned to death within them. They also burned the steam-boat Thames belonging to Duncan M'Gregor, Esq., of Chatham, which happened to lie at anchor there. In the action behind Windsor, before I marched back to Sandwich, we lost but one man, (a brave French Canadian of Captain Elliott's Company) and two were slightly wounded.

Of the Brigands and Pirates 21 were killed besides 4 who were brought in just at the close and immediately after the engagement, all of whom I ordered to be shot upon the spot, and which was done accordingly.

Our people have since taken 26 prisoners, a list of whom, with their countryf I have the honour to inclose; and among whom you will see the notorious Joshua G. Doan for whom I believe a reward was offered. You will also perceive that the majority of them are citizens of the United States. Some of them are wounded but not severely. The Brigands were armed with abundance of Muskets and Bayonets, Pistols, and tremendous Bowie-Knives. A more murderous crew was never seen. From the best information I can collect they were about 450 in number and they crossed from Detroit in the steamer Champlain, before day-light, and they landed two miles above Windsor.—This boat belongs to a merchant in Detroit named Julius Eldred, as I am informed. During the burning and the proceedings the wharves at Detroit were crowed with persons who rent the air with cheers in support of the Brigands and Pirates. Their standard-bearer was shot by Mr. Pierre Marantette, and Ensign in Captain Thebo's Company, and the colour itself was captured by Lieut. Ronkin of Captain Sparke's Company.—It is a tricoloured flag with a crescent and two stars in the lower corner near the staff.

I have much gratification in stating that the whole of the Volunteers and militia behaved with the greatest gallantry. Among the former were Charles Baby, Joseph Woods, C. Askin, W. R. Wood, Esq., Mr. Grant, Editor of the Sandwitch Herald, and Messrs, Gatfield, Laughton, and Paxton of Sandwich. I am about to order the prisoners to be removed either to London or Amerstburgh (if you approve of it) because the Gaol here is not sufficiently large to hold them, and the many more that I have no doubt the Indians and Scouring Parties will soon bring in.

I learn from unquestionable authority that the Brigands and Pirates swarm in the city of Detroit, that they set the Civil and Military at defiance, and that we expect another attack hourly. We are quite prepared for them and shall no doubt give a good account of the inhuman miscreants come when they will. A man named William Putman, from the London district, is their second in command. Their "General" is a Yankee

I also have the honour to inclose for your perusal and information a number of papers taken from the Brigands, which you will perceive disclose their plans and machinations, and among which are the names of several apparently respectable persons of Detroit, parties to their unholy cause. These papers you will be pleased to take the greatest care of.

I have the honour to remain. Sir,
Your most obedient Servant,
JOHN PRINCE,
Col. Com. at Sandwich, W. F.

To Colonel AIREY, &c. &c.
Commanding at Amherstburgh & W. F.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have learned that the Putman mentioned above has been killed.

The Mayor of Limerick has received the following communication from the India House, London, conveying a sample of tea, grown in the newly-acquired territory of Assam, where large forests of this precious plant are found, and possessing a degree of strength and flavour fully equal, if not superior, to the tea imported from China,:—"Mr. Gordon presents his compliments to the mayor of Limerick. By direction of Sir John Hobhouse, he has the honour of sending to him a sample of tea, grown in British India, with a memorandum explanatory of the measures, taken to improve the cultivation and manufacture. Mr. Gordon will be happy to receive any communication on the subject from thr mayor of Limerick, or from any persons connected with the tea trade.—India Board, 4th Dec. 1838"

EXCISE LICENSES.—The following licenses were granted by the excise during last year:—Auctioneerrs, 3004; tea and coffee dealers, 81, 259; glass manufacturers 131; maltsters, 10,039, paper-makes, 403; soap-makers, 199; manufacturers of tobacco and snuff, 252; dealers in tobacco and snuff, 156,271; dealers in foreign wine, 22,019; brewers of strong beer, 46,980; retail brewers, 18; sellers of strong beer, not being brewers. 979: beer retailers, whose premises are rated under £20 a-year, 39,226; ditto, £20 or upwards, 15, 824; retailers of beer, ciders, or perry, 45,193; of cider and perry only, 1585; distillers and rectifiers, 116: dealers in spirits, not being retailers, 2968; retailers of spirits, 21,994; ditto of sweets, 16[illegible] persons licensed to let post horses, 93[illegible].

INTENDED TORCH-LIGHT MEETING AT WAKEFIELD.—The members of the "Wakefield Working Men's Association" having issued placards, announcing that a torch-light [illegible] would be held on the night of [illegible] week, the magistrates of [illegible] town issued placards con[illegible] of the government circ[illegible] ing that such meetings [illegible] and cautioning [illegible] ing present. At their request, a