

**POETRY.**

FOR THE MERCURY.  
**LET ME REST.**  
Sister I am lone, unblest,  
On your bosom let me rest.  
Softly fades the evening's light;  
I am lone and sad to-night.  
Faintly on my spirit flow  
Memories of long ago,  
Visions of the vanished years  
Childhood's hopes and girlish fears,  
Dreams of joy that long have fled,  
Hopes that withered, and are dead,  
Ideals that I treasured up,  
Longings after fame's bright cup,  
Bliss I thought would last for aye,  
Pleasures that have passed away.

I am weary, lone, unblest,  
On your bosom let me rest,  
For my idols, one by one,  
Have been broken; all are gone,  
Dreams too bright for earth to claim,  
Dreams of hope, and dreams of fame,  
And in twilight's deepening gloom  
I am weeping o'er their tomb.  
Only longings now to lie  
Where the low winds gently sigh,  
Where the dewy flowers may weep  
Softly o'er my dreamless sleep,  
Longing for my native land,  
Forgotten now by all but thee.  
I am weary, lone, unblest,  
On your bosom let me rest.  
HETTIE HAZELWOOD.

**Lessons from an Old Merchant.**

Jonathan Sturges, of New York, at the dinner given in his honor on the occasion of his retirement from active business lately, gave the following golden counsel to young men:

Now, gentlemen, since there is nothing that I can talk about that you do not understand a great deal better than I do, I propose to say a few words for the benefit of the young men outside, and if you approve of what is said, let it be considered as said by this Grand Jury of Merchants now assembled.

One of the first lessons that I received was in 1818, when I was but a mere boy. My grandfather had collected a fine flock of merino sheep, which were carefully cherished during the war of 1812 '15. I was a shepherd boy, and my business was to watch the sheep in the field. A boy who was more fond of his books than of sheep was sent with me, but he left the work to me, while he lay in the shade with his books. I finally complained of this to the old gentleman. "I shall never forget his benignant smile as he replied:—'Never you mind, if you watch the sheep you will have the sheep?' I thought to myself, what does the old gentleman mean? I don't expect to have any sheep. My aspirations were quite moderate in those days, and a first-rate merino buck was worth \$100. I could not exactly make out what he meant, but I had great confidence in him, as he was a judge, and had been to Congress in Washington's time; so I concluded that it was all right, whatever he meant, and went contentedly with the sheep. After I got to the field, I could not get the idea out of my head. Finally I thought of my Sunday lesson:—'Thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things.' Then I understood it. Never you mind who neglects his duty, be you faithful, and you will have your reward! I do not think it will take many lads as long as it did me to understand this proverb. I received my second lesson soon after I came to this city, as a clerk of the late Lyman Reed. A merchant from Ohio, who knew me, came to purchase goods of Mr. Reed. He expressed his gratification at seeing me there, and said to me: 'Make yourself so useful that they can't do without you.' I took this meaning quicker than I did the proverb about the sheep. Well, I worked upon these two ideas until Mr. Reed offered me an interest in his business.

The first morning after the co-partnership was announced, Mr. James Greer, the old time merchant, called to see me, and said:—'You are all right now; I have one word of advice to give you; be careful who you walk the streets with.' That was lesson number three. In this connection I may repeat an anecdote by the late Robert Lennox. A country merchant came into the store of Mr. Morton, a highly respectable Scotch merchant, to purchase goods. He spoke about credit, reference, &c. Mr. Morton said: 'I will give you what credit, you wish.' 'But,' said the merchant, 'I am an entire stranger to you.' 'Did I not?' Mr. Morton replied, 'see you at church with Robert Lennox?' The stranger replied in the affirmative. 'Well, I will trust any man whom Robert Lennox will take to church with him.'

I hope these three lessons of watchfulness over their interests of their employers; watchfulness over their partner's interests and their own after they are joined, followed by intense watchfulness that no black sheep creep into their folds, may be impressed by these anecdotes upon the minds of those for whom they are intended.

One other lesson I feel it necessary to inculcate—that of patience. With a little patience—most young men will find a position as high as they have fitted themselves to fill. In all the changes that have taken place in my firm since 1822, no partner has been brought in who has not served in the establishment. And now I leave my house well organized, prosperous and free from complications, still in the hands of those who have served in it as clerks, for a longer or shorter period. I mention this as an encouragement to young men to persevere in the faithful performance of their duties.

**Parliament of Canada.**

**HOUSE OF COMMONS.**  
OTTAWA, May 15.

Hon. Mr. Langevin moved the third reading of the bill for the organization of the Department of Agriculture.

Mr. Mackenzie moved in amendment:—'That the bill be not now read a third time, but that it be resolved that in the opinion of this House it is inexpedient to establish a Department of Agriculture, as it is the evident intention of the British North American Act to place matters relating to agriculture under the control of the Local Governments, and that the duties relating to Agriculture which fairly belong to such department can be less expensively performed by being assigned to some other department of the Government.'

After some discussion the amendment was lost. Yeas, 45; Nays, 91.

Hon. Mr. Howland moved the third reading of the bill to increase the duty on spirits, to impose excise duty on refined petroleum, and to provide for the inspection thereof.—Carried.

The House went into committee of ways and means and reported resolutions granting a supply of \$7,502,920 for the year ending June 30th, 1898, and \$7,901,855 for the year ending June 30th, 1899.

Sir J. A. Macdonald announced that he hoped the state of the public business would allow the house to be prorogued on Wednesday.

A message was brought down from his Excellency transmitting a despatch from the Duke of Buckingham, Secretary of State for the Colonies, in reply to the address of both houses, asking the annexation to Canada of Rupert's Land and the Northwest Territory. The despatch, which was of some length, stated that legislation by the Imperial Parliament would be necessary before the territory in question could be transferred to Canada, and that the Imperial Government were prepared to introduce a Bill for that purpose, regard being had to the rights of the Hudson's Bay Company.

Hon. Mr. Holt asked if Government would bring this matter before the house before the session closed.

Sir J. A. Macdonald said the honorable gentleman's question might stand as a notice.

Considerable objection was taken to the policy of the Government on this subject,

Bay Company in a very different way from what we had been led to believe. The matter then dropped.

Mr. Chauveau presented the report of the Committee on English honours. They recommended that a humble address be presented to Her Majesty, setting forth that the notification in the London *Gazette* of the 17th December was liable to serious misconception in regard to Mr. Galt and praying her Majesty to cause such remedy to be applied as may remove the grievance justly complained of by him.

Sir G. E. Cartier moved the third reading of the fortification bill.

Mr. Mackenzie moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Holt. 'That the bill be not now read a third time, but be referred back with instructions to amend the whole house, with instructions to amend the same by providing that no sum shall be expended in such works until a separate estimate for each to be constructed shall be submitted to Parliament; and that the amount to be spent each year shall be voted from time to time.—Lost, yeas 40; nays 90.' The Bill was read a third time on a division and passed.

The Militia Bill was brought up for consideration. Mr. Pope moved in amendment, seconded by Mr. Galt; 1st. That it is expedient and unjust for the militia staff officers to receive large sums in payment, while the battalion and Co. officers, on whom the expense and labour of keeping up the volunteers devolved, are most inadequately paid for their labour and expense. 2nd. That no money be paid the staff officers for their services until provision be made for the payment of all the officers of the force, on a just and equitable basis, according to their respective duties and rank. After some discussion the amendment was laid over, the debate being adjourned.

**BASE BALL.**—A match will be played on the 25th inst., between the Dundas 'Independents,' and the 'Maple Leaf Club' of Guelph. The former sent the challenge, and will in consequence, play here.

**CONCERNING CRICKET.**—A special committee meeting of the Maple Leaf and Guelph Cricket Clubs was held last evening at the Court House Hotel, at which an amalgamation of the two Clubs was successfully effected. The union of the two Clubs will be a decided advantage to the cricketing powers of Guelph, as the best skill, and the most contentious perseverance of both can be brought front to front with all comers. The following were elected office-bearers for the present season:—President, F. J. Chadwick, Esq.; Vice-President, Mr. William Sunley; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. A. Sharpe. On account of the unfavorable state of the weather to-day, the game which was announced has been postponed until Monday at 2 p. m.

The Marquis of Huntly has had a narrow escape while boar-hunting near Moorsheadbad. A tremendous wild boar was spared, and the infuriated animal cut one of the horses and seized the Marquis of Huntly by the foot, but without doing him any injury.

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