The Poet's Corner

The Forsaken Farm-House.

BY J. G. WHITTIER.

Against the wood-crowned hills it stands,
Ghost of a dead home, staring through
Its broken lights on wasted lands
Where old-time harvests grew.

Unplowed, unsown, by scythe unshorn,
The poor forsaken farm-fields lie,
Once rich and ripe with golden corn,
And pale green breadths of rye.

Of healthful herb and flower bereft,
The garden plot no housewife keeps;
Through weeds and tangle only left
The snake, its tenant, creeps.

A lilac spray, once blossom clad,
Sways bare before the empty rooms;
Beside the roofless perch a sad,
Pathetic red rose blooms.

His track, in mold of dust and drouth,
On door and hearth the squirrel leaves,
And in the fireless chimney's mouth
His web the spider weaves.

The leaning barn about to fall
Resounds no more on husking eves;
No cattle low in yard or stall,
No thresher beats his sheaves.

So sad, so drear! It seems almost
Some haunting Presence makes its sign;
That down yon shadowy lane some ghost
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—[Atlantic.

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Crocodile Tears.

The St. Mary's *Argus*, which knows the editor of the Mitchell *Advocate*, thus rallies him on the "Irish question:—

Mr. M. C. Cameron, in his speech at St. Thomas the other day, said to his audience "You will find acres of the public lands divided among Pat Kelly, a Huron Tory bummer, and a few other." At these remarks the Mitchell *Advocate* man takes off his coat—metaphorically speaking, of course; he generally uses the blackthorn and keeps on the coat—and wades right in in defence of the great Irish nation. He assumes that Mr Cameron "insulted the Irish" whom he delights to "slap in the face." Most people will wonder where in the above remark of Mr. Cameron, which is the quotation from which the *Advocate* finds material enough for its onslaught, the great Irish nation was so grossly insulted. There was no reference whatever to Kelly's nationality, but to the fact that he had secured a good many acres of public lands because of his political adherence to Sir John A. Macdonald. The *Advocate* man does not care a straw for Mr. Kelly or the Irish nation outside of himself and his own family, only so far as he may be able to use them for his own ends. He is forever misconstruing the remarks of public men when they happen to mention Ireland or the Irish, or even when they do not mention them, as in the present case. His object is very apparent to every person in the county of Perth. He seeks to curry favor with the Irish people on every occasion possible, but if he deceives himself into believing that he deceives the Irish he is very sadly deceived indeed. They have measured the *Advocate* man years ago, and the more he plays the sycophant the more utterly they despise him, and the less political support—which he is always playing for—will he receive at their hands. If the *Advocate* man is burning to defend nationalities, why did he not defend the Scotch against the sneers of Mr Thomas Cowan in the St. Marys town hall the other evening? Instead of that he seemingly enjoyed the yarns told by that worthy at the expense of the Scotch. But the Irish are evidently his peculiar care. If the Scotch were numerous in Logan instead of the Irish, perhaps he might have seen fit to defend them, but he has no hopes of getting political support from the Scotch, and therefore does not see any use in troubling about them. The Irish do not thank the *Advocate* for trying to make people believe that they are forever being insulted. They may be sensitive enough to insults, but they do not generally pick up the gauntlet before it is thrown down. The *Advocate* too frequently kicks at the wind.

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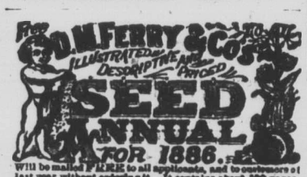

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