

During the last twenty-five years, the great events in the family history, have brought joy and gladness, only, to the household. The first of these has been already referred to. There was a wedding at the home in Onslow on the 11th of January, 1855, when Mary, the eldest daughter was united in marriage with Lewis S. Payzant, then of Falmouth, but now residing at Dartmouth. This union well merits its prominent place in the family history. It has given us the *eldest* and the *youngest* of the twenty-eight grandchildren, whose names have a place on our records and the *only* son-in-law. May their shadow never grow less.

Nathaniel, the eldest son was the next to establish a new home; and was married to Angeline W., only daughter of John Marsters, Esq., of Cornwallis, in 1856. This wedded pair enjoy the distinguished honor of having presented the family with its first grandson, now a handsome young man of twenty-one years, and principal of the Grammar School at Antigonish. James became a benedict in 1863, when he was married to Rachel K., eldest daughter of the late Stephen Upham, of Truro. Four little olive branches surround their board, and give light and joy to their home near Truro. Thomas was married to Susan W., daughter of the late Rev. John Whidden of Antigonish in 1859. Their home at Antigonish has ever been a model of kindhearted hospitality and good cheer. Of Edw., what shall I say? If I were at liberty to speak of the best and happiest of wives, and the most blissful home in all Nova Scotia, I would invite your attention to No. 60 South Park St., Halifax, and refer *all* to an event, singularly fortunate for me, which occurred on the 3rd day of February 1869, at Wolfville, when Minnie S., eldest daughter of John W. Barss, Esq., took unto herself a husband!

In matrimony, as in mischief, I was the leader of the "Four Little Boys." Wilbert, promptly followed the good example, thus set, in October of the same year, when, he was united in wedlock to Emily S., youngest daughter of John Kent, Esq., of Truro. In February of the following year Charles was married to Maggie, daughter of William McDaniels of Sherbrooke, Guysboro Co., and Richard, not to be outstripped joined the benedictine ranks, June 15th of the same year, when he was united to Mary E., eldest daughter of the late David Wilson, Esq., of Truro.

Others of the family are "only waiting" to follow these good examples. Ere long, the last marriage bell will have sounded and the joy of the "Old house at home" will be complete.

There are some other changes which need not be noted, but the *richest* blessing which has descended upon the household must be referred to. Within the last twenty-five years, every one of the eleven children, now living has been hopefully converted to God, and all are, to-day, consistent and active members of Baptist Churches in the different parts of the Province where they reside,—a communion with which the parents have been long connected. Their partners