

Ye Red Tappe Crosse Knight.

YE BALLADE OF SYR BLAKEADOCIO.

A gentle knight came pricking o'er the felde,
Y'coutred wyth great penne and black bagge large,
For these ye only arms which he didde wielde,
These his huge speare and his refugious targe.
In lawe's arene to fight, and make ye dreadfulle charge.

Yet nowe on foraye legalle dydde not ride,
Nor would hys weaponne deadlye puncture through
The woefulle clyent of the otherre syde,
But bound hym to engage in warrefare new,
And tore arounde therefore, and raged in awfulle stewe.

Hee vowed hym nowe to strenuouslye fighte
For ladye of hys love and mistresse deare,
Of beautye greate, who CANADA was highte,
Of puritey and reputationne cleare;
And swore herre foes shoulde flye, and straightwaye disappeare.

For nowe, he cryed, she injurys dydde take
From herd of monsterres vile and grewlisomme,
Which underre name of Tories war dydde make,
And constautlye in armes agaynst herre come;
Whence to her ayde he marched, wyth trumpette and wyth drumme.

For manye such before, and eke behinde,
With him dydde marche, hys praises greate to sounde,
And beat ye bigge bassonne, and hornes dyd winde,
And shouted loude hys mighte and power arounde,
And how to fighte for CANADA most desperatelye bounde.

He was a comelye youth as one might see;
Of visayge broad, and mightye depthe of jawe,
And mouthe which dyd sarcastyc seem to bee,
And forward eyne, welte fitte to overawe,
As often he had donne in joust of deadlye lawe.

Before hym one hys bannerre broode did beare,
Whereof the cognizance full manye knewe;
Alle meete of bright greene baize y'glancing faire,
On whiche a burnyng crosse was pictured too,
Of redde tappe structured all, moste brillante to viewe.

And loude hys mystresse' prayse hee stille dyd synge,
And howe hee dyd for herre a warrefare goe,
And woulde some tyme to herre a jewelle bringe,
Confederationne called, of richeste glowe.
(That jewelle was of brasse; but thatte he dyd notte knowe.)

By fayte's decree, which noughte on earthe dothe spayre,
This ladye fayre, for whiche hee dyd arraye
Himselfe, and hys affectionnes loude declayre,
Was placed in dismalle woe and grievousse waye,
And in the power of foe dyd pitifullye laye.

For as she peacefullye herre pathe pursued
In herre dominiond spayce and gardenned bounde,
Upon herre sprunge a dragonne fierce and rude,
Despyng herre complaynt of doleful sounde,
Herre prysonner seized, and dothe herre stille with powerre surrounde.

Nor from his clutches maye she move nor flye,
Hee holds herre faste, and shortlye wille herre slaye,
For herre sworne Red Crosse Knight, though closelye bye
Hee bee, hathe never ventured on the fraye,
But lettes the dragonne sterne pursue his wicked waye.

DEPRESSIONNE is the fearsomme dragonne's nayme,
A monster famine-struck, and gaunte of bone,
And still hys victimnes doe become the sayme
The while he drawes their lives to feede hys owne,
Untille they dye—hys waye, for ages past well knowne.

And in deepe straitte fayre CANADA dothe lye
Environned by this demon's force to-daye,
While hee herre goodes dothe to hymselfe applye,
And all herre substance greate dothe waste awaye,
And housen eke and fieldes bee gonne intoe decaye.

But where is hee, that false and felon knighte,
Who all hys trumpettes dyd soe loudlye blowe,
Deepe vowinge for that ladye fayre to fighte,
And up and downe the lande dyd roaringe goe,
Whatte tyme no foe was seene, nor signe of presente woe?

Hee cometh rounde, and to ye dragonne great,
Submissionne makes, and drawethe salarye,
And sweepeth out ye pathe to ye fronte gayte,

And picketh uppe ye stickes, and clips ye tree,
Worke unbeseeinge knighte of anciente pedigreee.

Yette stille hys flatterers doe neare hym stayer,
And trumpettes blowe, and shoute, in disregarde
That hee hys lance in reste would never laye,
For his fayre ladye in deepe dungeon barred,
"See whatte reformes our knighte dothe make in ye fronte-yarde!"

Yette dyd laste weeke a knighte in warrefare knowne,
Y'bearinge blayde of temperre tested welte,
Hym challenge unto combatte all alone,
Contemptuous; but that fighte hath not befelle,
Nor is it likelye to, for reasonnes GRYPPE could telle.

Grete GRYPPE, who is ye learned chroniclere
Of this romaunt of moderne claye and tyme,
Who alle which happeneth dothe recorde here.
In pyctures gay, and jollie prose and rhyme,
Two dollares yerelye, saye, wille buy hys worke sublyme.

Kindly Hints to Pastors.

One of the most popular and gifted of our city pastors preached a sermon last Sunday evening, in which he rebuked those who are in the habit of carping in an ill natured or captious way against the preachers they listen to; and at the same time he stated that pastors would be very glad to receive useful and helpful hints given in a kindly spirit. Since then, GRIP has received for publication quite a number of suggestions, some of which he prints below for the benefit of ministerial subscribers:

Rev. Sir:—If I might make so bold, I would call your attention to the fact that your white cravat was not as neatly tied as it might have been last Sabbath.

Respectfully,

SARAH FEMIMA.

Rev. and Dear Sir:—Might I take the liberty of suggesting that you do not pull your gown in that absurd manner when you are preaching. It makes me nervous.

Yours truly,

AUNTY.

Dear Pastor:—I lost all the effect of your last sermon on account of the way you had your hair combed—or rather not combed. It stuck out behind in a very ungraceful manner.

Yours kindly,

A PARISHIONER.

Reverend Friend:—I must really quit attending on your ministrations if you persist in letting your beard grow. You look ever so much better with it off. Me and my cousin JANE couldn't talk about anything else during the service.

Very earnestly,

MINNIE.

Rev. Sir:—As a kind suggestion would be acceptable to you, I would state that your subject last Sunday seemed badly arranged and jumbled up. I found myself several times thinking of Monday's business. Please pay more attention in future.

Yours truly,

MERCHANT PRINCE.

Dear Sir:—I have attended your church for a considerable time and the greatest fault I discover in your elocution is a tendency to put too much emphasis on little words such as lie, cheat, sin, etc. Also, I would say you get too much worked up. Keep more calm and dignified, in future.

Yours &c.,

WORLDLEY WISEMAN.

Questions very likely to be set at the Next Intermediate.

1. In guessing at questions likely to be set on a paper, whether is it better to be previously acquainted with the examiners or with the papers? Give seasons and dates and figs., without looking at the prepared answers in your packet.

2. Define a ring. Compare it with a serpent biting its own tail. (1st) as being cunning; (2nd) scaly; (3rd) *bellicose* or belligerent; (4th) as needing a rattling retail interest.

3. Are you aware that there are two kinds of J. A. M? Which variety did Taffy purloin? Why is it desirable to bottle up this material after inspection. Work this out fully by the *Unitary Method*.

4. What is your experience as a European tourist? What is the revised method of charging such expenses? Would you like a nice present of books from England?

5. Has similarity of mental development any relation to double obliquity of moral vision? Has either any *normal* or textual relation to the *gag* of a firm monopoly?

6. Compare the following terms: 1. Collusion and the North of Ireland; 2. Authorize and scissors; 3. Genius and mutilage. N.B.—No Sangsterian bosh taken.

7. If you are experienced in Collusion, answer the following: (a) How best to get at an invisible marked man; (b) Who shall decide when doctors disagree; (c) How best to give a *ROLAND* for an *OLIVER* as rebuttal?

8. Did *jauntily* ever keep company with *monopoly* or had he his own *policy*?

9. Did you ever for yourself on any other body directly or indirectly for \$50, or any other sum, a few weeks before examination, or at any time, from any body, or with any body's assistance?

N.B.—This is a stiff question in *stat(e)ics* and requires careful *coach-ing* but the answer is *no* anyway.

10. What did your certificate cost you in round numbers, excluding ordinary expenses of board, tuition fees and time? Work this out on the Hughson blank-form method.

GRIP has had these and many more for future examinations worked out by *experts*, and is prepared to supply answers and questions for a small trifle.