

And, one of the autumn eves,  
I made for my little brother  
A bed of yellow leaves.

Sweetly his pale arms folded  
My neck in a meek embrace,  
As the light of immortal beauty  
Silently covered his face;

And when the arrows of sunset  
Lodged in the tree-tops bright,  
He fell in his saint-like beauty,  
Asleep by the gates of light;  
Therefore, of all the pictures  
That hang on Memory's wall,  
The one of the dim old forest  
Seemeth the best of all.

## 2. QUEEN VICTORIA'S CORONATION DAY.

It is twenty-seven years ago this 20th June since the Imperial Crown of Britain first pressed the maiden brow of Queen Victoria. How well and bravely she has borne the burthen of her Royal position it is needless for us to tell. Her name and fame are known all through the world, and to-day the people of two hemispheres unite to do her honour. Nor is it on account of her regal dignity that Queen Victoria is so well known and beloved, for brightly as her Imperial diadem may shine, the halo with which her virtue and purity has surrounded her, shines with a far clearer lustre, nor does the royal purple of Britain awaken in our hearts so much of love and sympathy as those sable robes of widowhood, which speak to us with such mournful eloquence of those domestic graces and affections for which our Sovereign is so renowned.

The loyalty of the British people at the present day, is, however, no mere personal matter, nor is it a dull theoretical feeling, arising more from old time custom than anything else; there is nothing superstitious or mysterious about their love for her who forms the representative embodiment of their nationality. A British subject is at all times ready to give a good reason for his loyalty to the Crown. He will tell you that it is not alone for the Sovereign *per se* that he entertains such deep feelings of love and respect, but as the representative to him of that peerless form of government which has stood the test of centuries, and which has been the creation not of an hour, but the result of the accumulated wisdom of hundreds of years. To us the sovereign is the embodiment of that wise and settled government, which, while allowing all needful and proper liberty to the subject, never lapses into licentiousness, but always presents necessary legal checks to restrain the passions of mankind and keep them within bounds; of a government which, while possessing the military strength and stability of an absolute monarchy, gives us all the freedom of a Republic without its constant anarchy and disregard of life—and property, and in which the law is not only above the people but is above the monarch also, guarding the liberties and maintaining the rights of the meanest subject as well as of the proudest noble in the land. And therefore without reference to the virtues of our present gracious Sovereign we cannot but rejoice over every occasion that reminds us of the continuance of that form of government of which we as Britons have all such good cause to be proud.

In addition, however, to the loyalty which we must all feel for the representative of our nationality, there are a hundred reasons which render anything which speaks to us of Victoria doubly welcome and doubly honored, for not only do we love her as our Sovereign and hereditary head, but for those domestic graces which have made her the guiding star of British households. We love her for her thoroughly true British heart, for the love which she bears to all classes of her subjects and for all parts of her kingdom and which renders her as much at home when on her Shetland pony, and wrapped in her tartans she passes among the rugged beauties which surround Balmoral, as in the tranquil glades of Windsor Forest or the shady lanes of the Isle of Wight. We love her because her life has been one long faithful story of that honest homely love which is the foundation of British glory, and the sacred fire coming down from Heaven which has made our hearthstones holy ground.

On this Twenty-Seventh anniversary of her coronation, we are glad to hear that many of the leading merchants of Hamilton intend to celebrate the day by hoisting the flag. We trust that their example will be followed by many others who may have forgotten the occasion until now—remembering that they cannot honor themselves and the whole British people more fully and appropriately than by thus honoring the British Queen.—*Hamilton Spectator*.

## XII. Educational Intelligence.

—MODEL SCHOOL FOR UPPER CANADA.—The examinations and distribution of prizes at this institution took place on Thursday, 22nd June. The occasion was rendered more than usually interesting by the fact that Mrs. Clarke, the mistress of the Girls' Model School, and Miss Sarah Clarke, the second assistant teacher, appeared for the last time in charge of their classes, these ladies having since taken their departure for California. The pupils of both the boys and girls departments acquitted

themselves creditably, and to the satisfaction of a large number of visitors, the conduct and answering of the pupils affording satisfactory evidence of the care with which they had been trained by Dr. Carlyle, Mrs. Clark, and the assistant teachers. After the gymnastic and military exercises had been concluded, the whole school, of some 350 pupils, assembled in the theatre of the Normal School building, the gallery and every available place being filled by the friends of the pupils and others interested in the establishment. The representatives of the Montreal, Quebec, Toronto, Hamilton, and other Boards of Trade were also present, being then on a visit to the city. After the singing of some patriotic airs by the pupils, the Chief Superintendent of Education addressed the assemblage, and expressed his gratification at the continued prosperity and efficiency of the Model School, as evidenced by the examinations and interest taken in them by the public. In alluding to the approaching departure of Mrs. and Miss Clarke, he expressed the heartfelt regret with which he and every one belonging to the establishment would part with them; and stated that their resignations, which were so reluctantly accepted, were entirely prompted by the desire of joining other members of their family in a distant country. Mrs. Clarke had been herself trained in the Normal School, had received the Governor General's prizes, and had the highest certificate it was in the power of the institution to award. She was selected, in 1852, as principal teacher in the Girls' Model School, and for thirteen years had remained in connection with it, performing every duty with increasing zeal and fidelity. Two of her daughters had also been most successful teachers in the same institution, and now, on leaving for their new home, they would all carry with them the respect and affection of the friends of the school, and of the hundreds who had received instruction at their hands. While expressing this regret, he was happy to state that there was every prospect of the high character and usefulness of the school being fully maintained under Mrs. Clarke's successor, Miss Adams, a lady who had obtained a first class certificate from the Normal School, in 1854, and had since gained much practical experience in her profession.—The distribution of prizes was then proceeded with\*. After the successful pupils had received their respective rewards, the senior division of the girls' school, who had been under Mrs. Clarke's especial charge, advanced and presented her with an address, expressive of their affection and gratitude, together with their hopes for her future welfare, and accompanied this with a parting gift of a very handsome electroplated tea-kettle, of which they requested her acceptance. Mrs. Clarke, who was much affected, in acknowledgment thanked her pupils for this mark of their kind feeling, and assured them of the interest she would always feel in their welfare, both here and hereafter. She also desired, on that last opportunity, to bear testimony to the kindness and assistance she had uniformly received during all these years from the Chief Superintendent, and the other members of the Council of Public Instruction, from the Deputy Superintendent, and the other officers of the Department, and from the masters of the Normal School; and that she would never forget, in the far off land to which she was journeying, to supplicate the divine blessing upon the pupils and upon the directors of an institution to which she had so long been attached. The girls of the third division presented a similar address to Miss Sarah Clarke, which was suitably acknowledged. The pupils of the second then sung a farewell song, and the proceedings terminated with the benediction.

—TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, COUNTY OF HURON.—A meeting of Teachers was held on Saturday last, in the Central School of Goderich, for the purpose of forming an Association for the County, in accordance with the plan and design of that now existing for the Province. Between twenty and thirty teachers attended, and unanimously adopted the following resolutions:—That an Association of Teachers of the County of Huron be formed. That H. D. Cameron, Esq., principal of the Goderich Central School, be President. That Mr. Dewar, of Harpurhey, be Vice-President. That Mr. J. R. Thompson be Secretary." These officers were appointed provisionally till the next meeting. That the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Messrs. Stett, Glass, McFall, Code, Scott, and McShay, form a committee to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the Association; and that it shall meet at half-past ten o'clock, on the 29th inst., in Goderich. That the next meeting of the Association be held in the Central School of Goderich, on the 29th inst., at one o'clock P.M. That the subjects of discussion at next meeting be "The advantages of having County instead of Local Superintendents," and "The propriety of a Central Board to grant Provincial Certificates."—*Com.*

\* The prize list has been published in the daily papers.