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BETHUEL LOVERIN,
Publisher and Proprietor

"NO!"

"No" is the title of a temperance song, respectfully dedicated to the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The words are by John Ormiston, Gnanouque, and the music by J. J. Roberts, F. C. O., of London, Eng. Several vocalists who have tried the song, pronounce the melody good, with some very pretty strains. The musical composer seems to have caught the temperance sentiment of the words, and interpreted them fully in the melody. The song will no doubt have a large sale, not only in this county, where the author is so well and favorably known, but in all parts of Canada where there are temperance workers. We understand that Mr. Ormiston has no pecuniary interest in the publication of this piece of music. It was offered to the publishers (Strang & Co., Toronto) and accepted by them as a work of merit. The following are the words:

You ask me for my heart and hand,
That I your bride should be,
That I should at the altar stand,
And give myself to thee,
Could you but read my inmost heart
And all my feelings know,
We would not now in anger part,
Although I've answered No!

Long years ago I made a vow,
(Nay, do not chide again,
Nor let dark anger cloud thy brow),
Your pleadings are in vain,
My fate with thine I ne'er can link,
Would you the reason know?
The man I wed must never drink,
And so I answer No!

Through drink my father passed away,
When I was but a child,
Can I forget that gloomy day,
Or yet his anguish wild?
Once more by that bedside I stand,
With all its bitter woe,
You drink and yet you ask my hand,
And I must answer No!

But take the pledge and with God's aid
Resolve to be a man;
Be faithful to the pledge you've made,
And do what good you can,
You then may come to me again,
And from my side ne'er go;
You then may plead and not in vain,
For I'll not answer No!

Our Industries.

In pursuance of our promise made a short time ago, that we would visit our principal business places and report on the state of trade in and around this town, we sallied out on Tuesday afternoon on a tour of inspection. Our first visit was to the cabinet shop of Stevens Bros., where we found the proprietors and five men busily engaged in their vocation. This firm not only make all sorts of

cabinet ware, but also do a large business in imported ware, such as parlor and bedroom suites in walnut, marble tops, &c. They also deal extensively in coffins, and having one of the best hearses in the county, they are prepared to make a very creditable turn out for all requiring their services. We next dropped into the old reliable harness shop, kept by Samuel Boddy. We found the neat little shop full to overflowing with a complete stock of all kinds of Harness, whips, &c. A specialty lately put in is a full assortment of Trunks, Valises, etc. Next in order came the "palace" store of J. & P. Wiltse. Here we found everything moving along smoothly and quietly. Several improvements have been made in the interior arrangement of the store, especially in the millinery department, during the winter. In this dept, the floor has been lowered and the interior arranged to meet the requirements of the largely increased business. They intend having a grand opening in a few days, notice of which will be given in the REPORTER. We learned that the manager of this department, Miss Lou Stevens, is at present in Ogdensburg, getting a thorough insight into the latest American styles and patterns. Stepping across the street to the store of A. Parish & Son, the oldest establishment of the kind in town, we learned that the junior partner had just returned from his annual spring visit to the wholesale houses of Montreal. He informed us that he had purchased a full line of spring and summer goods, which would be displayed as the season progressed. Judging from indications of trade thus far, this firm anticipate a brisk demand for staple and fancy goods, and have made provision to meet it. In the 7 cent store we found Delorma Wiltse busily engaged. To the attractive stock of fancy goods and novelties carried by the former proprietor, (Mr. Ross), he has added groceries, tinware, wooden-ware, crockery and glassware, and attending to the wants of his several customers in all these lines occupies his time fully. We paid a brief visit to the drug store and medical dispensary of J. P. Lamb. His store is a model of order and cleanliness. Brief as was our visit, we were enabled to form some idea of the magnitude of business carried on. In the store-room were piled dozens of bottles of his proprietary medicines, prepared on the premises, and in his laboratory prescriptions were being filled and receipts compounded carefully and rapidly, while a brisk trade in toilet articles, perfumery, etc., was being carried on over the counter. Mr. Lamb has just cause to feel proud of the important business he has established in our town. The appearance which Mr. Vanarnum's store presented at the time of our visit was a flat contradiction to the "hard times" cry. Conspicuous among his

staple dress goods was his large stock of spring goods for ladies' wear, including the latest novelties in ties, ribbons, gloves, hose, etc. On the other side of the store could be seen, arranged in convenient fixtures, a large and complete stock of boots, shoes, slippers, and rubbers. Mr. Vanarnum is receiving a fair share of the public patronage. Alf. C. Pye's tailoring establishment came next in order, and we were surprised at the number of hands employed, no less than six, besides the proprietor, being found busy at work. He gives his customers perfect fits and stylish cuts, and they rather seem to like it, as he has all the work he can accomplish. He cuts to latest fashion plates. The grocery of W. E. Mayhew we found to be stocked with everything that is new and fresh in general groceries, canned fish, fruits and meats, dried fruits, garden seeds, flour, feed and provision. In short, his stock is complete, and he reports his sales to be entirely satisfactory. The genial countenance of Lew Lamb lighted up with a smile as we entered his store, and we found that he is expecting to do a rushing spring trade, and has stocked accordingly. His lines for ladies' wear one of the best selections in town. His tweeds, dress goods, and fancy articles embrace all the latest patterns, colors and styles. Mr. H. H. Arnold reports the prospects for a prosperous spring and summer as being excellent. Thus early his stock of gent's furnishings have commenced to move, and he will shortly be in a position to talk business to the "sorting-up" C. T. He succeeded in clearing out the greater part of his winter goods, and consequently felt free to invest largely in spring importations. The result may be seen by visiting his store. We next called at the well-known grocery and millinery shop of J. Thompson. Of course, Mr. T. was able to report the grocery dept as being in a flourishing condition, his sales showing a gratifying increase on previous seasons. The millinery dept had not yet put on its spring glory, but we were informed that Mrs. Thomson had just returned from a visit to Ogdensburg, where she had purchased a stock of the latest, most fashionable, and best millinery to be found in the wholesale show rooms. We crossed over to the harness shop of A. E. Wiltse & Co., where we found the proprietors with three hands up to their eyes in business. We learned that orders were coming in faster than they could be filled, and that there was every prospect of a continuance of the trade, as the work they were turning out was giving good satisfaction. At the grocery store of R. D. Judson we were informed a steady, satisfactory trade was being carried on. In Mr. Judson's cabinet shop, three hands were engaged. The stock of furniture on hand is large and well assort-

ed. He makes a specialty of picture framing, and judging from the number of pictures which adorn his window, he is kept busy. His excellent hearse has frequent calls, and his burial caskets are models of fine workmanship. And now, in closing, we have only a few words to say regarding ourselves. One short year ago we commenced business in this town, and our success has been all that we could desire. We are now a month behind on some of our orders, and we expect as soon as our new office is completed (which will be in about ten days) to sort up with a lot of new and fancy job type, which will give us as good a job printing office as is to be found in any inland town in Eastern Ontario.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

Just as we go to press we learn of the death of Stephen Sheldon, in the 77th year of his age. Funeral on Friday, 17th at 1.30 P. M.

Correction.

The special sermon to the Oddfellows will be preached by Rev. W. Blair on Sunday, 26th inst., not next Sunday, as stated in our last issue.

From the Golden Gate.

Mr. Sala Blancher, who recently returned from California, has presented us with a specimen of the sea moss which grows on the Pacific coast. Nothing could be more strikingly beautiful. Each sprig is beautiful in itself, all the prismatic tints being found in a single bunch, and so delicate and transparent is the coloring, that it resembles very much the shades seen in a kaleidoscope.

Personal.

Dr. Judson leaves here shortly to take up his residence at Lyn, having bought out Dr. Horton, who goes to Kingston. We regret that Farmersville is to lose so esteemed a citizen as Dr. Judson, but since it must be so, we trust that in his new home his fondest hopes may be realized, and that the people of Lyn may speedily recognize in him the qualities which have endeared him to his many friends here, and accord to him a generous support.

Serenade.

On Saturday evening last, the Band turned out for open air practice, being the first time since last fall. They mustered in full force, consisting of fifteen, all told. The first sound of the bugle call brought out a large crowd who seemed to fully appreciate the rich treat given them. We are pleased to say that the band has lost none of its old time vigor, and the selections were rendered in first-class style, and showed that during the long, cold winter evenings the boys had not been idle. Just as the boys were playing "God Save the Queen," Captain Electricity appeared on the scene and gave an exhibition of his electric light. The exhibition was a successful one, and was enjoyed immensely by the small boy.