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Be Strong.

Do strong.
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We are not here to play, to dream, to
drift,
We have hard work to do and loads
to lift,
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis
God's gift.

Be strong!
Say not the days are evil—who's to
blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—Oh,
shame!

Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in
God's name.

Be strong!
It matters not how deep entrenched the
wrong,
How hard the battle goes, the day how
long,
Faith not fight on! To-morrow comes
the song.

—Mathias D. Babcock.

The cost of life is labor; men are born
To work, not live; to act, not to exist.
Our errand here is writ on ev'ry hand;
Each soul proclaims not day, but work
and strife.

The costly light is wove for labor's
sweat,
A hand that ne'er betray a base deed,
Nor penny purse more daring fraud,
Than abject shirking of the common
duty.

Which Nature lays on those who sit
around
The green-spread table of our Father—
God.

A straw for destiny! It is a stream
Whose course lies through the present
and may be
Directed as we will. Our acts forecast
A surer future than the horoscope,
Till given a fortune augurs durst not
guess.

And fate is written as our deeds dic-
tate.
What realm where Labor's credit is
not good?
What current things doth lack his sig-
nature?

What peeks his airy footsteps have not
pressed?

Select Literature.

His Father's Early Friend.

A shadow passed across Edward
Plympton's desk. He looked up. A
man was standing between him and
the window. He was a short man,
short and rather stout, with a strongly
beard and a wide-brimmed soft hat.

"Nearly time to knock off, I re-
member," the man said. "But I
must see you first. You are a busy
man, and I must be brief. I have
some news for you."

"Do you wish to see me?" Edward
asked.

"I do," the stranger replied. "But I
can't see you first rate from over here.
I must see you on my account. My
time's cheap just now."

He waved his hand as he said this,
and took the chair by the window.
"I'll finish in a moment or two,"
said Edward, and turned back to his
work. One by one he looked up and
found the stranger's eyes fixed intently
on him. And the gaze was accompanied
by a peculiar smile.

"There, I'm through and at your
service," said Edward, as he straightened
up. "Will you kindly state your busi-
ness?"

"I've been thinking of the chair
outside the desk. The stranger arose
and came forward.

"You look a great deal like your
father," he said as he slowly seated
himself. "Not quite so good looking
but a very fair copy."

"This you know my father?"

There was a little pause. The
stranger leaned forward. "Did you
ever hear your father speak of
Ezra Doan?"

Edward started and stared at the
stranger.

"Yes, many times."

"I'm Ezra Doan," he said, and
Edward put out his hand quickly.

"My father's early friend," he cried,
and gripped the stranger's fingers.

"He must be spoken of as a favor-
able way," said the stranger.

He always did. He spoke of you
very often during his last year. He
was not strong and seemed to delight
in recalling his early days. Just before
he passed away he murmured some-
thing that I could not catch. I put
my ear close to his mouth and he
smiled and whispered, "What's become
of Ezra Doan?" These were among the
very last intelligible words that he
uttered.

There was another pause.

"Your father was the best friend I
ever knew," the stranger said. "I'd
like to try to reckon up what his
friendship was worth to me. We drifted
apart when he married. I went
west; he stayed back in the old home.
I turned vagabond and he moved here
and then I lost track of him. The next
time I heard his name mentioned
he had gone—and the meeting was
promised each other never came."

He sighed and ran his hand through
his grey streaked hair.

"Well, I'm very glad to see you,"
said Edward. "And of course, I'm go-
ing to take you home with me."

He turned to the phone.

"Hold on," cried the stranger. "I'd
be well pleased to see your home, but
I don't want to bother anybody. Be-
sides, I'm a pretty tough-looking cus-
tomer for a city man to introduce any-
where."

"You're all right, and you're my
father's old friend," said Edward, as
he picked up the receiver and called
for his home number.

"You've got your father's pleasant
way of speaking," said the stranger
with a bright smile. "I'm going to
start for home in about ten minutes.
Wait, I'm going to bring somebody
with me. Yes, a man. He's your
early friend, Ezra Doan. You heard
the name. Yes, Ezra Doan. I know,
I know. But he won't mind that. He
just wants to take you back with us.
Yes, yes, I'll explain. Don't you wor-

ry. Anything will do. All right, we
won't hurry. Good-by."

He laughed as he hung up the re-
ceiver.

"Of course you know I've heard every
word," said the stranger. "I couldn't
help it. And I see that I'm going to
be a bother. I'm very sorry I'd better
go to a hotel. You know your good
one, of course."

"You're going home with me," said
Edward. "My wife expects you. It's
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hired girl just now, and I'm afraid you
will have to do."

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eaten a good meal. He was an enter-
taining guest, too, having warded
far and possessing a clever faculty for
relating his varied experiences.

And when the meal was over he sud-
denly removed his coat and de-
clared he meant to help clear away. In
vain the young wife protested.

"Why, I'm an expert at this sort of
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—We are having another object lesson in geography. The late Boer war familiarized Canadians with South Africa and, indeed, increased the knowledge of the whole of the Dark Continent.

—Our information regarding the apple case in St. John has been given a further increase this week by an unsolicited letter from W. A. McKinnon, Chief of the Fruit Division in the Department of Agriculture at Ottawa.

—The present Russo-Japanese war is regarded with interest as giving a practical test to many modern inventions for the improvement of warlike appliances and engines of destruction.

—There is a bill now before the Legislature at Halifax supposed to be intended for the better protection and preservation of the forests.

—A boy named James, whilst skating on Bedford Basin on Saturday, went through the ice near the Narrows and had a narrow escape from drowning.

—The social festivities of the season preceding Lent, closed with a dance given by Miss Hattie Walsh on Monday night, and what parties at the homes of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd, and Mr. and Mrs. Sanford last evening.

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Local and Special News

—To-day is Ash Wednesday. —Sweet Oranges 20c per doz. at Mrs. A. J. Weir's. —Just arrived, a new lot of confectionery at Mrs. A. J. Weir's.

—The Bankers will play the Alerts a game of Basket Ball at Lawrence town on Friday night.

—The Y. M. C. A. Basket Ball players belonging to the four teams are requested to meet Friday night after class, for the purpose of selecting the representative team to play outside teams.

—Next Sunday at 3.30 a young men's Bible Class will be organized in connection with the Y. M. C. A.

—Today being Ash Wednesday, there will be a service in St. James' school-room this evening at 7.30 and during Lent every Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and Friday evenings at 7.30.

—Mr. T. B. Flint, clerk of the House of Commons, and Mrs. Flint, who have been at Yarmouth since August, leave for Ottawa on Tuesday morning.

—A parlor concert will be given in the parlors of Mrs. John Lockett, on Thursday, Feb. 18th, for the benefit of the pipe organ fund.

—The following is the program of the Conference, which will be held at Milford, Feb. 22nd and 23rd.

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PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Emma Kinsey returned home on Saturday, after an absence of nearly two months, during which time she visited friends in Londonderry and New Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Freeman, of Shelburne, were the guests of Dr. DeBlois over Sunday.

Mrs. Arthur Muir is visiting friends in town, and is at present the guest of Mrs. O. T. Daniels.

Mr. Leonard Claxton, of Halifax, was a guest at the home of Mrs. Alfred Hoyt a few days recently.

Mrs. and Miss Chobson attended the funeral of Mrs. Charlton, in Middleton, on Sunday.

Capt. and Mrs. Samuel Boardley, of Port Louis, have been visiting friends in town for the past week.

Miss Clara Willett, one of the teachers at Port Williams, Kings Co., has been enjoying a few days' vacation with her friends at Tupperville.

Messrs. J. Herbert Hicks and J. K. Craig left on Monday for Woodstock, N. B., to push the sales of the products of the wool-dyeing factory of J. H. Hicks & Sons, in that province.

W. R. Geldert, organizer and lecturer for the Grand Division S. of T., is in town this week, coming on a visit to Greenfield Division at Upper Granville.

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Letter from Newfoundland.

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W. C. Warhall is at Liverpool and Lumber is being rushed in to the station from Morgan's mill for Schaffner & Vienot.

Schaffner & Vienot are putting more horses to work on the mill. The L. B. & C. Co., Ltd., are putting a new boiler in the creamery this week.

More ice is being harvested here this year than ever before. It is from 12 to 18 inches thick, and very clear.

Latest reports from London and Liverpool is that apples are on the move again. Our Nonpareils are bringing big figures.

Rev. J. G. Galt delivered a lecture in Division hall last Saturday evening. The audience was small, and those not present missed a treat.

The long period of cold weather has been playing havoc with the water pipes in town.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dodge, of Belleisle, were guests of Mrs. Bent, recently.

BELLEISLE.

J. D. Gouther, Esq., of Malvern Square, is visiting his daughter, Mrs. H. W. Ray.

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The youngest child of Mr. Robert Potter met with quite a painful accident last Saturday. He fell off the sofa putting out of joint the elbow of his left arm, also breaking the arm just above the elbow. Drs. Young and Ellison did the setting.

The funeral services of Mrs. Ambrose Beahy, who died last Thursday, were held in the Baptist church here on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Donkin, pastor of the Methodist church at Bear River, assisted by pastor Balem.

NICTAUX.

A new school van route was started last Wednesday, and is being run by Fitch Barteaux at \$1.45 per day.

Twelve tenders were sent in for the many friends of C. S. Rogers, miller, will be glad to know that he will soon be restored to his usual health.

Mr. Stuart Muirhead stopped at Nictaux on Saturday, on his way to St. John.

MIDDLETON NEWS.

Mrs. J. H. Charlton, a woman of rare qualities, who has been in poor health for several years, died after a week of intense suffering. She leaves a husband, a son Carroll at Acadia College, and son Willard at home.

The Teachers' Institute for Annapolis and Digby counties, meets at Middleton in May.

Dr. Willard F. Read, recently practicing in Newport, B. I., a brother of Prof. M. S. Read, of Colgate University, has opened a medical office here.

One evening last week, thirty of Dr. J. A. Spungale's friends met at his home to express their appreciation of him as a friend and an up-to-date and faithful physician. The doctor was presented with an address and a handsome Morris chair.

Last evening the members of the Board of Trade tendered a complimentary dinner to Mr. P. H. Curry, manager of the Union Bank of Halifax, who is being transferred to New Glasgow. Fifty guests sat down to a splendidly served repast in the large dining room of the Hotel Spa.

Mr. C. E. Jubien, of Halifax, is his successor. Mr. Bent, of Roundhill, is to have charge of the Manual Training school to be opened on April 1st, in connection with the McDonald Consolidated school.

BEAR RIVER.

(Telephone, Feb. 12th.)

Mrs. William Kent died on Sunday night and was buried to-day.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Banks, of Weymouth, on Sunday.

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Rural Interests in the Empire.

By JAMES RUPERT ELLIOT.

PART II.

Wherever we go, we are more and more deeply impressed with the feeling that agriculture is really the King of all the divisions of labor, and that it is amid influences of things rural, and surrounded by the beauties and grandeur of nature that mankind should be at its best. It is the same everywhere, in the old land and in the new; in the Mother Country and in the colonies. They vary in detail only, in what they afford, but the same spirit pervades the scene at home or in the lands across the seas. The bloom of flowers, the grandeur of trees, the beauties of sylvan scenery, the charm of daff and glads, and the richness of field and garden, make the same appeal to our natures wherever we find them. The lovers of rural life of the "old homestead" and of the new, have a common interest, and yet their sympathy will be broadened and more liberal as they come into the closer touch that the future holds in store for them. This must extend not only to the material, but to the mental and moral improvement, but to the material considerations which support the interests of country.

Canada holds magnificent possessions in grandeur of nature and all that pertains to successful agriculture and the making of the perfectly developed home; but she is subject to the same enemies as with other countries, and may eventually face the same. On my first visit to England I was both charmed with the loveliness of its rural parts and also pained to hear that the same things were mainly responsible for maintaining its present richness, its abundance of production, and much of its beauties, were really poor withal. Unable to see many instances to command the comforts and necessities of civilized life. I was struck with its loneliness, so little was to be seen of the cheerful and bright country life that I have been familiar with in our own beautiful valley in Nova Scotia. The once merry, merrie, spirited rural England, is fleeing to the cities and to other lands.

Rider Haggard, who is familiar with English rural life, writes: "Some parts of England are becoming almost as lonesome as the veldt of Africa. There the highways lie waste, the wayfarer scarce to be seen. Land under tillage, less by 3,000,000 of acres in Great Britain than it was 30 years ago."

Many attribute the decay of British agriculture to the Kingdome's landholding system. Undoubtedly this has much to do with the trouble, but how are matters going in America? It appears in a little different way from which the aristocracy became possessed of the lands of Great Britain. A land lord class is being formed in America. In 1870 about 20 per cent of the farms of the United States were worked by tenants; in 1890, 25 per cent; in 1900, when "American Farms" was published, I claimed that the percentage so held had increased. A year later it was found to be really 28 per cent, and in 1900 the census returns disclosed the startling fact that the percentage had gone up to 35 per cent. At the end of the present decade the showing will probably not be short of 50 per cent.

It is a good time now when national economic matters are under discussion, and particularly to see that under the fiscal policy which brings the empire together, not only the land, but the power that they once enjoyed, not only that the farmers of the colonies have their rights in the markets of the empire; but also that whatever is liable to favor capital on a mass to the detriment of small proprietors, and especially of the individual farmer, which is the characteristic of true life, shall not be suffered.

One may be concerned for the greater prosperity of many of the prime industries of the mother land, but the best good of rural England appeals to him for various reasons that are irrefragable. It should retain its vigor because of its natural or inherent value as a means to the best of production in an abundance unequalled by any other land. It holds in perpetuity, in vital living substance as nothing else does, the marks of the nation building. It preserves in greater lamination and force the charm of British history. This is a precious preserve to every Anglo-Saxon, and especially now to those of the colonies which have maintained their allegiance to the Crown, and are drawing towards a real and substantial partnership with the Empire. Every highway, every lane, every bridge and ford, furnishes its own contribution to the tale of the struggles by which the nation grew. As the eye sweeps over the landscape of fields and paddocks, the most conspicuous figures are the hedgerows, and venerable and lofty trees which have done so much to mark the centuries in guarding England's famous thoroughfares from innovation and have preserved in living reality these rural landmarks of history.

I would that in Evangelical's valley there were a greater reverence for the old giants of the primeval forests which stood sentry over her first settlement, the only thing that represents, except the eternal hills; these monarchs whose births, perhaps, antedated the landing of Columbus in America. Whenever I pass through the valley I miss some old tree from field or pasture that I was familiar with in my boyhood days, or one shady nook by the roadside, changing the scene altogether. How often in real bitterness these lines of Imogen Gwilym are forced upon my mind: "A word of grief awhile; We have cut the oak down in our aisle."

Ab, imperial who paid Sweet fatherhood, and made For the heave oak a centry fair, A wound in earth, an ache in air."

Some names are every day; This blow at grandeur's head; Some breathed reproach overhead, Then, for his too plain, heaviness, our Socrates ye slew."

It has been the yeoman, reared amid the scenes of rural England, who have supplied the muscle and energy by which a nation fought its way into a splendid reality. It has been rural England which has given forth the vigour, the healthy brains for the re-education of the worst-out city, and it is ever supplying the British Empire with its best material.

But, from rural England and its varied and enticing claims, my thoughts ever revert to our own beautiful valley. Of all my travels (and they are many) in city or country, in manufacturing towns, none approaches my conception of the ideal country life as does the vale of Annapolis. In none do I see such universal indica-

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