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#### Poetry.

#### The Clergyman and the Peddler.

A clergyman who longed to trace Amid his flock a work of grace, And mourned because he knew not why, Yon fleece kept wet while his kept dry; While thinking what he could do more, Heard someone rapping at the door-And opening it, there met his view A dear old brother whom he knew, Who had got down by worldly blows From wealth, to peddling cast off clothes. "Come in, my brother," said the pastor, "Perhaps my trouble you can master, For, since the summer you withdrew, My converts have been very few." "I can." the peddler said, "unroll Something, perchance, to ease your soul. And- to cut short all fulsome speeches, Bring me a pair of your old breeches." The clothes were brought, the peddler gazed, And said," no longer be amazed, The gloss upon this cloth is such, I think, perhaps, you sit too much Building air castles, bright and gay, Which Satan loves to blow away, And here behold, as I am born, The nap from neither knee is worn! He who would great revivals see, Must wear his pants out on the knee For such the lever prayer supplies, When pastors kneel, their churches rise."

#### A few Comments on "Mother Hubbard and her Dog."

Who has not heard of Mother Hubbard? what thrilling emotions arise in one's bosom at the recollection of that dear name? What a halo of glory is enthroned around her life; but of her death the poet speaks not. Poor mortal man! incompetent is he to the task. As well might he attempt to span the universe, as to give due justice to the merits of that ancient dame.

What a lesson of affection is taught by the regard shown by her for her dog! She would e'en give him the last crumb, the last bone; but, alas for poor, poverty-stricken Mother Hubbard! When she went to the cupboard, she found she had none.

Then she would fain go to the baker's to try for the staff of life. But "misfortunes never come

single." When she returned, the poor dog was dead. How must she have felt, when she found death had knocked with careless hand at her door? It would be folly for me to attempt to pourtray her feelings. Alas! the poor dog was dead. We can call Mother Hubbard before our minds, as she stood, wringing her hands, and weeping, as if her heart would break, calling on the dog by all the pet names; but the dog is stretched on the hearth, by the fire, a corpse, beautiful even in death.

We have seen death approach with noiseless footsteps br athing forth destruction upon the aged man, weak and infirm; also on the infant sleeping on its mother's breast, unconscious of its approach; and we have seen their friends, as it were shed tears of blood; but never within our recollection have we seen or heard of such unutterable woe, of an instance where death made such a perfect wreck of family happiness.

But with the same never-dying affection, she proceeds to the mournful task of making arrangements for his burial. After purchasing a coffin, we can imagine her returning home with downcast head, and tears rolling down her furrowed eheeks, with a heart broken by grief, looking neither to the right nor to the left, entirely unconscious of the busy scenes passing around her—wholly absorbed in grief.

Let us follow the poor old lady a little further. Now she has reached her home, how desolate it looks! She ascends the steps, opens the door, and what a delightful vision meets her astonished gaze! She beholds the poor, much-lamented dog laughing. As the poet says:—

"She went to the undertaker's to buy him a coffin, When she came back the dog was laughing."

She rushes forward, takes him in her arms, hugs, laughs, and cries, by turns, still holding him tightly for fear it may prove some idle vision of the mind; but when she satisfies herself that it is no delusion of an excited brain, she gives vent to her excess of joy; she hugs him, she kisses him, she dances with him, and, in fact, seems never tired of petting him.

We next find Mother Hubbard starting for the tavern to procure some wine. It is to be feared according to all accounts, the poor old lady took no great disk to the stimulating beverage, but we will make allowances for this occasion. What a night Mrs. Hubbard and the dog must have had for in the engravings we see her after her return with a nice basket of wine, with the neck of a

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#### THE "WESTERN CHRONICLE" SAYS SOME MORE THINGS.

In its issue of Sept. 12 the above journal makes a few remarks in reply to our leader concerning the W. & A. R. It has found out that in order to get along it will be better to drop some things. For instance its editor went to St. John the other day and then he found that a good fence was up all the way from Annapolis to Kentville. The cars seem to have been better than he anticipated and he found, that in these parteiulars, at least, he had been deviating from the truth. He criticises very severely the stations on the W. & A. Ry. To a certain extent he is correct, the stations are not palaces by any means. But who can show what is to pay for that sort of thing? It is all very fine to say, do this and that, but can any sane man expect any company, or would be himself be willing to lock up all, probably more than all, of his profits on improvements to their stock, when that stock cannot possibly give any return? An extra fine railway with sleeping and palace cars, and all the paraphernalia of its kind would look nice in a read having the traffic of the W. & A. R. and would speak well for the manager's prudence and good sense. As well say for a merchant in the country to carry a city stock. No. Western Chronicle use a Little, just a little, common sense. If you know anything, you

ougt to know that you can nover do any good by calling small, mean, despicable names, and using low abuse. Don't do it. It isn't a b't pretty or nice. You have no idea how many names could be made to apply to yours. If, were people to com. mones that sort of thing, do, for your own sake, drop it. One other thing, you say you aropped your job of printing with Mr Innes, and then started on a series of abuse of him, and in the same paper you say he took the printing from you on account of that abus .. Now which is correct?

#### WHAT A RAILROAD MAN SAYS, ABOUT HIS SITUATION.

We called upon an employee of the W. & A. R. one day last week and asked him to tell us if the reports about the road were tru .

"Well" he replied "The Western Chronicle is hurting its if very much by it's talk about the road and Mr. Innes. It is not doing us a particle of good or the road either, neither does it do any harm that I can sac."

"What about the cars?"

"The passenger cars have all had new trucks put under them this summer, and they are as good the trucks) as any on any road in the Dominion. The cars are fitted up, well, and any way they are a vast lot too good for the editor of the Chronicle to ride in. Then there are a lot of new 30,000 ib. box ears on now."

"Do you 'ke out a miserable existance' and are you 'a poor deluded wr. teh'?

"Well (laughing) do I look like a fellow that didn't get enough to eat, and was very much wor-

We had to confess that he did look in rather good health and spirits for an employee of the W. & A. R., according to W. C. theory.

"What about pay?"

"Our pay is not very large, but is fair. Some time ago a crowd of the men put in a petition for a ra'se, and every one who signed that pet tion got what they asked for without any further talk.'

We then talked a while longer about the road, and the man spoke of Mr. Innes as a splendid man to work for; of course he has his peculiarities, but for all that he is a thorough man, and, what he says he will do, is as good as cone.

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#### Local Matters.

Potato digging next week.

"When the Leaves begin to fade" a-n-d the nights are g-g-g-rowing c-c-c-old-ugh!

TELEGRAPHY.—A Private Telegraph Line has been started in Wolfville, and is now in full operation.

Brick.—Mr. Jacob Walton is burning a Brick Kiln at Avenport this week containing some 50, 000 bricks. This is the second kiln burned by him this season.

OBITUARY.—We learn with regret of the death of Mrs. Walton, beloved wife of Jacob Walton Esq. of Cornwallis. General sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family.

School Meeting.—The Wolfville School Section held their annual meeting last Monday evening. Johnson H. Bishop was elected a trustee vice J. W. Caldwell, whose term has expired. The sum of \$900 was voted for school purposes and the usual routine of basiness was gone through. There was also the same little racket gone through with, and, as usual, some much abused persons got sat on, but squaled loud during the operation.

Lecture.—We have been informed that Miss Frances E. Willard, President of the National Women's Temperance Union of the United States, intends lecturing in the Baptist Church, Wolfville on Oct. 9th. '83: Miss Willard has, we understand, been engaged by the Ladies of Fredericton to lecture through the provinces on the Temperance question. Miss Willard holds a high place among American lecturers, being ranked among such people as Mrs. Livermore, Henry Ward Beecher, Wendell Philips, and others. She assisted Mr. Meody in his evangelistic work in Boston.

Ox KILLED.—A valuable ox was killed by a special engine on Tuesday night. The gate was left open between the pasture and the railroad, letting the ox out upon the track. The engine was running tender first and it is hard to understand what kept her on the rail; she passed clear over the ox breaking it all up. It was dead. Such culpable carelessness deserves censure. Nine men were on that engine, and had she gone over that dump, ten feet high, some, perhaps all, would have been killed. There would have been no broken down fences this time to blame, and Mr. Innes would have been lonesome for some one to call him names.

#### Local Matters.

TEA MEETING.—Don't forget the Tea Meeting at White Rock Mills on Tuesday, Oct. 2nd. under the auspices of White Rock Division S. of T. The object is the erection of a Temperance Hall.

The "Edith R," sailed from Cape Breton some weeks ago for Yarmouth with a load of coal, and has not been heard from since; she is supposed to have foundered during the gale of the 29th. of Aug. and all on board lost. The Captain and crew were from Cornwallis.

S. R. Sleep has a very fine assortment of Coal and Wood Stoves, comprising some twenty different kinds among which may be found the celebrated Soft Coal Base Burner "DENMARK", which is no doubt destined to altogether superseed the hard coal base burners. The prices are very low.

THE WHARF.—The workmen have at last got to work on the old wharf. We understand that the delay was caused by not being able to obtain a suitable pile driver. We hope it will be finished by next spring, for by this time next year it won't be needed. If the Creek keeps on filling there will be a grand building lot there next fall,

Was It a joke?—A man walked into our office to-day and merely remarking that he wanted to make us a present handed us a bar of soap and a circular. We did not know whether to take it as a hint or a bona fide gift, but finally concluded after observing the innocent look of the man, that we would take the cake. Soon after we found our devil in the corner eagerly munching it, so feel safe in recommending it as good soap. The last part is a lie but we had to say it was good some how.

#### NOTICE!

William Carty of Avonport, Trader, has by deed of assignment consigned to me all his property for the benefit of such of his creditors as shall execute the same within thirty days from the date thereof.

The said assignment is now at my office for inspection and signature.

J. B. DAVISON,

Assignee.

Wolfville, Sep. 15th. 1883

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bottle peeping out here and there.

Alas, poor old lady! how she must have suffered from the headache in the morning! but the poet wisely refrains from speaking of the effects.

The morning repast being over, the old dame, ever thoughtful of her dog, starts out to buy him some fruit; it would be useless for me to attempt to enumerate the manifold blessings she showered upon her dog. It is needless for me to speak of her going to hatters, and barbers, and the many different things she did for him. Lucky dog: to have so kind and affectionate a mistress. Fortunate Mrs. Hubbard; to have so accomplished a dog.

He was a musical dog! he could play upon the flute so well, that the cat would even stop purring,

in astonishment and delight.

It is needless to quote further; time and space both forbid. Mother Hubbard and her dog have long since been numbered among the dead.

No slab of marble has been erected to their memory—no monument with towering top marks their resting-place; and the stranger walks over their graves with eareless footsteps, little thinking whose bones are mouldering beneath him.

Side by side they were laid in the old village church-yard; a willow with its drooping branches stands at the head of the grave, swaying mournfully in the wind, sighing their requiem: and though, at this late date, we know not where their burial-place is, still they are ever fresh in our memories.

#### "Home Life a Hundred Years ago.

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SAR EDITOR:

#### CORRESPODENCE.

Mr. Editor:

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I noticed an article in your paper a few weeks ago entitled "Newspapers, Large and Small" and supposed it to be written by some person projudiced against large papers, and perhaps interested in the Young Acadian, did not altogether indorse its sentiments but I must confess that my opinion has considerably changed since. I have read very attentively the editorial articles in our paper and must confess that they have contained as much matter a we generally find in very much longer articles in our ordinary pewspapers particularly the editorial in your paper of august 29th "The Western Chronicle and the W & A 2," which stated briefly a few facts and asked a few uestons which, in order to contradict, the "Western hronicle" devoted nearly two rolu ns of its abundant pace and then failed entirely. The article in question ertainly must have injured the feelings of the W. C.'s ditorial staff very much when it would admit that a heet of only two juches square" in devoting less than ne twelfth of its space, should require so much writand beating about the bush to neutralize its effects, nd then not satisfied with its effusion, had to write other article to try to make the Public believe that s stack upon the W & A. R was not spiteful and ndictive. The truth of the matter is, Mr. Editor, at any one who dares to withdraw any of his patronfrom the W. C. is liable to be attacked in its lumns, and that, in at least not a very gentlemanly anner. Ask our Post Master at Wolfville what atment he received for during to withdraw his sub-iption, also Edward Paine, J. I. Brown, Dr. Clay, and s of others; and because the Proprietor of the Vindsor Mail. had the hardihood to do some printing the W. & A. R. he has also shared in the comon abuse, and probably the "Young Acadian" if it buld dare to grow larger than it is at present will be acked in a similar manner, but don't be alarmed. Editor, a snarling cur is seldom abue to bite.

SAR EDITOR: Having floticed, with much pleasure interest you have always taken in our local affairs the very appropriate remarks you have made reting any matter of improvement in connection the village, and its institutions, I was somewhat rised that in your last issue you made no mention e fact that the governors of the College have thed to the College Staff a wind mill. For what ose no one appears to know, unless it be for the ose of teaching the students to observe the air nts, and get up Cyclones of which it is said this is most productive. It is also said that it will two thousand dollars a year to keep this mill ing, but that in some mysterious way it is to blow nd pay over to the College in Acolian produce as ern for the outlay, the magnificent sum of four

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