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Poetry.

The Momentous Question.

They stood beside the garden gate,
Beneath the elm tree's spreading shade;
It was the solemn hour of eve,
The witching time for lovers made.

He watched the radiant orbs of night,
As one by one they gemmed the sky,
He gazed upon her comely form,
Her lovely neck and lustrous eye.

She nestled closely to his side,
No word she spoke, but only pressed,
With trustful look and gentle mien,
Her graceful head against his breast.

He gazed upon the glossy hair,
Which well adorned that shapely head;
He looked upon her dainty feet,
And then these little words he said:

"Could she be his?"—and as he asked,
He fondly stroked that glossy hair,
"Oh yes"—the farmer said he'd take
Two hundred dollars for the mare.

FOR THE YOUNG ACADIAN.

Sensationalism.

BY J. S.

Of all the curious developments attending modern civilization, not the least remarkable is the craving for startling effects and conditions that promote fever of mind. It is presumable that a love of excitement was always inherent in mankind and rather needed repression than cultivation; but at no time, we think, in the history of the world has the love of the thrilling been so much indulged in or so much catered to as at the present. This, of course, is more noticeable in thickly populated centres, where immense patronage enables caterers to this taste to reap rich harvests. But while such points, like centres of vortices, are seething masses of feverish life, like the ever widening circles, however feeble at the outer circumference, the influence is not unfelt in the remoter regions. One might naturally suppose that the contemplation of the phenomenal progress of events during the past half century, with its marvellous discoveries in science, and mighty engineering feats, should satisfy the cravings of the most

sensation loving nature. But it only seems to whet the appetite for more. There is no portion of the civilized world entirely exempt from the influence of the craze but it is in the larger cities of the neighbouring Union that this fact finds its best exposition. There the demand for startling effects is apparent in every form of popular amusement. The theatre manager knows that to meet with success he must present a succession of gorgeous and dazzling spectacles with startling situations. Seaside resorts, which were wont to be supposed quiet retreats for the wearied, now vie with each other in the magnitude of their efforts to excite their patrons. Colossal representations in fireworks of such natural phenomena as Niagara Falls, or gigantic mock battles including the bombardment and burning of clusters of houses, are the daily entertainments offered to a wonder-loving public. Performers of feats of daring and strength that involve the risk of loss of life or limb are eagerly sought for, and receive fabulous sums as remuneration for furnishing the gaping multitudes with a thrilling experience more exciting than the last. A Capt. Webb to dive from a tower, or swim Niagara, or Kit Carson to shoot an apple from the head of his wife. For it is the patronage of a sensation loving people that incites men to feats of such inutility. Even in their religion is this spirit manifest. Brass bands in the choir, and bold and unique views, and brilliant appeals to the imagination from the pulpit are in demand.

Doubtless to the telegraph and newspaper, which have done so much to intensify modern life, may be attributed much of the development of this mania. The metropolitan newspaper, wielding so powerful an influence in the moulding of public opinion and taste, is a mighty educator. And with its immense facilities for obtaining and disseminating doings of a world in each twenty-four hours, even in its legitimate line it cannot have other than an exciting effect upon life. But it does more; it aims to enhance the taste. To scandal is imparted a more thrilling interest through the glowing details of the interviewer. Boat races and other athletic meetings, which are now but large orgies, are promoted and encouraged by the prominence given them through the newspapers. But not content with the natural material for excitement, journalists vie with each other in the invention of ingenious tales of supernatural order which are related with such an air of truth as is calculated to impose upon the most knowing. It is partly through the metropolitan newspaper that the outlying districts are leavened with the mania. Through it those who cannot bodily participate in the scenes which it depicts may by the vividness of the description

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ST. JOHN'S CENTENNIAL EXHIBITION.

The history of the Industrial exhibition is a brief one, and yet during its short existence it has attained a position and power that almost warrants its being regarded as the Fifth Estate. Its design is to teach through that best of all methods the object lesson; and as a disseminator of information and an incentive to emulating it is almost universally acknowledged a success. The exhibition is now an established institution of our country and its *modus operandi* is so well known that to enlarge upon it would be superfluous. But as we are upon the eve of an Exhibition that is expected to mark an epoch in the history of the maritime Province exhibitions at least, we feel that a few remarks thereon may not be unacceptable.

The Commission, which is composed of members of Government and citizens whose names are synonymous with success, after some hitches in its earlier existence, has now every thing running smoothly, and is pushing arrangements with great energy. Some two hundred feet has been added to the main building besides various wings. The provisions for stock will accommodate some seven hundred head horned cattle, and three hundred horses, and as entries are pouring in largely this should be a feature to charm the eyes of those interested. The expenditure for building, lighting, prizes etc. will be very large, probably over forty

thousand dollars, so that patronage will need to be liberal to prevent loss. Although space provided is great, so many have manifested their intention of being represented by their works that we would earnestly advise those of our readers who intend doing so to lose no time in entering, that they may secure good places. The Exhibition deserves well of Nova Scotia and P. E. Island, as the Commission has shown such a spirit of accommodation in altering prize lists to suit views of intending exhibitors from those provinces. To those who feel that they can excel we say, let their works testify there, for perhaps never again will they have so convenient an opportunity of placing them where they will so well advertise their community or inure to their individual profit. For this is to celebrate St. John's natal year, and the provisions made to attract and entertain visitors are such as it is expected will draw such an influx of people as never before were within her gates. For the sight seen, in addition to the wonders of industrial art, fine art, fat cattle and phenomenal pumpkins, there will be many novelties. The trades-men have signified their intention of marching in procession on one of the early days, and there are few more instructive or pleasing sights than such. A fireman's procession will also take place. On another day a review of three thousand soldiers will be held. The Exhibition and principal thoroughfares of the city will be lighted by huge electric lights, and fire-works have been provided in abundance. We have not space to detail the minor provisions, but we think the outline given should inspire the most phlegmatic to want to see. Intending exhibitors should forward entries to J. L. Inches Esq. Secretary of Commission, St. John.

We learn by late papers that the time of receiving entries for the Exhibition is limited to 15th. inst. It has also been decided to keep it open from Oct. 1st. to night of 11th, which is four days longer than original intention.

What you attempt, do it with all your strength. Determination is omnipotent. If the prospect be somewhat darkened, put the fire of resolution to your soul, and kindle a flame that nothing but death can extinguish.

Local Matters.

Now pick mushrooms.

College in full blast.

Picnics getting played out.

Teameeting people on the war-path.

Wild geese waiting to get shot.

We are informed that one of our leading grocers has gone into the boot-black business.

CRICKET.—We understand there is to be a Cricket Match next Saturday between the Wolfville C. C. and an eleven from the College.

COAL.—Spring Hill and Joggins mines coal on hand and for sale low.

Wolfville Sept. 1883. W. J. Higgins.
1 ins.

QUESTION.—Why is A. B. Rood's Shop the best place to get Carriage work done at?

ANSWER.—Because there you can get the best satisfaction.

PICNIC.—A Picnic under the auspices of Kaye St. Methodist Church of Halifax was held here yesterday. About 300 persons came by express. They all appeared to enjoy themselves.

CRICKET.—The "Wanderers" (very) "Awkward squad" came up with the Picnic to beat the College Club, but unfortunately they were not successful, the score standing at the close Acadia 107 Wanderers 75.

SCHR. GRECIAN BEND.—Capt. Layton has been waiting three days to get to the wharf, and yet its proprietor says it is good enough for all purposes. Why, the yacht *Circe* will be going aground at high water next.

Mr Mack gave a very fastidious and highly refined exhibition in Music Hall on Tuesday evening. He is the most remarkable Elocutionist ever heard here, not even excepting Prof. Tavernier. His pictures were small but pretty good.

The Spanish Students are expected to play in Wolfville at an early date. They are a very fine company in fact one of the finest in the world, and everybody ought to hear them who enjoys first class instrumental music.

Local Matters.

WOLFVILLE SCHOOL SECTION.—School Taxes due Trustees of School Section No. 66 must be paid on or before 25th. inst. as warrant will then be issued to collect.

J. B. DAVISON, Sect'y.

Sept. 11th. 1883.

SCOTT ACT.—Isaiah Wallace, proprietor of the Oakland Hotel Avonport, was up before Stipendiary J. W. Hamilton and fined \$50 and cost for violation of Scott Act. The liquor purchased by a witness was produced in evidence. A new departure in Scott Act trials.

Among the people we would like very much to see are Wm. Shakespeare Esq., Bob Burdette, Mark Twain, Queen Victoria, Dollar Bill, and perhaps more especially J. Muldoon, the Treasurer of J. H. Rennie's Comic Opera Co., By the way they made a very comic 'Op—er—a *past* Wolfville didn't they.

SURVEY.—W. Barclay Snow C. E. and Mr. J. Fleming are in Wolfville this week making a survey, for the Dominion Government, of Mud Creek. The Government have three petitions before them for consideration viz:—for Breakwater, Dredging Creek, and Wharf. The first must be the only one they can entertain as it embodies and far over-reaches in usefulness the other two.

We understand that the Governors of Acadia College have decided to establish a Chair of Education, or didos or didactics, we are not sure which. Any way they have decided to establish it, and T. H. Rand, D. C. L. has been offered the chair. We also understand that the *Hfx. Herald* is slightly in error as to the amount of salary proposed, but are not in position to give the correct amount. Whether this is a good move or not we are not just sure the *Herald* to the contrary notwithstanding. In fact we are somewhat of opinion that the Provincial Normal School is a more suitable place than Acadia College. The Normal School is kept up for the express purpose of training teachers, while from Acadia very few if any Professional Teachers are sent out. We fail to see how the thing can be successfully carried out without making a clash between the two institutions. Is there not a better adapted branch which could be established and be of more service to the College and the country at large? We pause for a reply.

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revel in all the delightful horrors and scandals of the world supplemented by the imaginary ones from the teeming brain of the ingenious journalists. And it is a notable fact that the columns containing such news are first sought and eagerly read. Old people are heard marvelling at the wickedness of the present times, when perhaps it is not so much the progress in that way as the publicity given the misdeeds of the world that is so remarkable.

Another factor of no mean proportions in the propagation of sensationalism is the sensational novel. Its influence is intensely felt in both town and country. The brilliant but unreal picture of life and the sophistry advanced are calculated to induce in the weak minded a craving and dissatisfied condition of mind that utterly unfits them for the real duties of life. If such are the effects of this mental dissipation what must be the effect on those who constantly reside in an atmosphere of sensational effect? It cannot have other than a disastrous tendency on the future generations of a people already fast developing a nervousness and excitability productive of much misery.

Wounded in the corners.

Brother Gardner was yesterday whitewashing the back end of an old house on Catharine St., when the staging gave way, and he had a fall of about fifteen feet. He was senseless when picked up, but a man poured about a gallon of water down his back and brought him too. Mr. Gardner thus explained matters to the reporters:

"Wall, I was up dar an' dar was de house, an' dar was de scaffold, an' dar we all was. I was jess drawing that brush roun' to kill when I felt a goneness. Seemed I was prancin' aroun' in the air, wid no chance to dig in my toes."

"Why didn't you fall at once, and have the matter of your mind?" asked a policeman.

"Why didn't I fall? Why, sah, I was falling all de time. I went down about fifty feet head first, an' den I changed and went sideways, an' den I stuck on one foot an' boaf ears. All dis time I was doin' some powerful thinkin' I was."

"Didn't you think of oysters fried w th crumbs?" asked a reporter.

"Doan' be talkin' dat way boy. I membered all my bad deeds while I was gwine down, an' I called out I would live a better life if de shock didn't kill me."

In the group was a coloured man whose face brightened at these words, and he softly asked:

"Brudder Gardner, doan' you member the two dollars you borrowed of me?"

"I do."

"Den pay it—han' it over. De shock didn't kill you, an' now begin on dat better life."

"Brudder Jones," solemnly began Gardner, "de

shock didn't kill dead, but befo' I pay out any money, Ize gwine to wait de result on my nervous system. I'pears to be all right, but possumly I may be fatally injured in some of de corners and not know it in a month. G'lang Brudder Jones, an' doan' rob de cradle an' de grave!"

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A Few Nevers.

BY HARL HARLEE.

Never set a hen on thirteen eggs, if you can keep her laying.

Never take your four year old child with you to a tea-party unless you take your own table-cloth.

Never mistake hen-feathers for goose-feathers and sell them according to the mistake.

Never marry until you need a wife, and can keep her comfortably without putting her out visiting in summer.

Never boast of a man's honesty until you have bought a horse from him, or given him hay to cut on the shares.

Never keep your twelve year old boy home from school to work the farm. If you cannot manage without him, sell the farm.

Never speak at meetings unless you have something to say. Any one can talk; but to say something is what puzzles so many.

Never mind what people say about you. Keep your conscience and your collar clean, and let them talk. No matter if many do speak ill of you, there will always be some one to say something good.

Never sleep at church; it is wicked and unmannerly, and does not make you appear any prettier than you are. Let the boys sleep if they want to—it is better for them to sleep than to talk—but let not the men put themselves on a level with the boys, but keep awake and have no more sleepiness about them than if they were trading a few onions for a lot of groceries.

Never think you know everything, for you will never find any one to think just like you. Daily, in spite of your wiseness, you will meet people who think they know as much as you, and similarly, people who know something of which you are wholly ignorant. Despise no one, therefore, but try to learn something new from every one you meet.

Never think you have many friends. Many will stick to you closer than "bought gum" while your money lasts or while you can serve them, then leave you quicker than a servant girl when you stop her from going out nights. A few will aid you in trouble, cheer you in sorrow, and overlook your faults, and love you "still with your faults;" but they are few.

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