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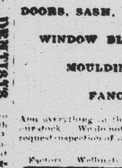

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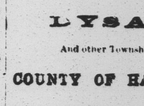

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Where are they hidden, all the vanished years?
Ah, who can say?
Where is the lumber flown to and the tears?
Perished? Ah, nay
Beauty and strength are her—d sun and showers;
Shall these not surely spring again in flowers?
—F. W. Bourdillon.

"CLAVERTH TO THE DUST."

BY CARSON HILL, A. B.

"My soul cleaveth to the dust; quicken thou me, according to thy word."

My soul fast cleaveth to the dust;
My heart within is dead and cold;
I'm blown about by every gust;
No certain anchorage I hold.
I fain would lift mine eyes on high,
But, all unprayed, thy cannot see;
I feel life's woe about to die,—
Have mercy, Jesu, quicken me!

My life is like the untilled land,
On which no flower or fruitage grows;
'Tis like a waste of arid sand,
A wintry landscape clothed with snows.
All empty are the vanished years;
Shall life's to-day past the future be?
Gain at this I plead with prayers and tears.
Have mercy, Jesu, quicken me!

My life is like to plants that creep,
Like plants that droop and touch the ground,
No seed I sow, no harvest reap,
All barren as the months go round,
Uproot me then, and plant again,
I would be fruitful unto thee,
Prune, cleanse me, Lord, I'll scorn the pain:
Have mercy, Jesus, quicken me!
—Sunday Magazine.

MOLLY BAWN.

THE FORTUNES OF ELEANOR MASSEREENE.

By the Author of "Phyllis."

"Oh! Molly Bawn, why leave me pining,
And lonely waiting here for you?"—Old Song.

Chapter IV.

"As through the land at eve we went"—TENNYSON.

"I am," replies Luttrell, slowly.

"Now you are all my own property," says Molly, three hours later, after they have bidden good-bye to Mr. and Mrs. Massereene and eaten their luncheon. "You cannot escape me. And what shall we do with ourselves this glorious afternoon? Walk! talk!—or——"

"Talk," says Luttrell, lazily.

"No, walk," says Molly, emphatically.

"If you have made up your mind to it, of course there is very little use in my suggesting anything."

"Very little. Not that you ever do suggest anything," maliciously. "Now stay there and restore yourself to your fate, while I put on my hat."

Along the grass, over the lawn, down to the water's edge, over the water, and into the green fields beyond, the young man follows his guide. Above, the blazing sun is shining with all its might upon the goodly earth: beneath, the grass is browning, withering beneath its rays; and in the man's heart has bloomed that tenderest, cruelest, sweetest of all delights, first love.

He has almost ceased to deny this fact to himself. Already he knew, by the miserable doubts that pursue him, how foolishly he lies to himself when he thinks otherwise. The sweet carelessness, the all-satisfying joy in the present that once was his, has now in his hour of need proved fause, and, flying, leaves but a dull unrest in its place. He has fallen madly, gladly, idiotically in love with beautiful Molly Massereene.

Every curve of her pliant body is to him an untold poem; every touch of her hand is a new delight; every tone of her voice is a song rising from out the gloom of the lonely night.

"Here you are to stand and admire our potatoes," standing still, and indicating with a little sweep of her hand the field in question. "Did you ever see so fine a crop? And did you notice how dry and floury they were at dinner yesterday?"

"I did," said Luttrell, lying commendably.

"Good boy. We take very great pride out of our potatoes (an Irish dish, you will remember), more especially as every year we find ours are superior to the second to none. The wheat field——" with another slight comprehensive gesture. "By the bye," pausing to examine his face, "am I fulfilling my duties a hostess? am I entertaining you?"

"Very much indeed. The more particularly that I was never so entertained before."

"I am fortunate. Well, that is the wheat. I don't know that I can expert you to go into ecstasies over it, as I confess to me it appears more or less weak about the head. Could one say that wheat is imbecile?"

"In these days," answered Luttrell, politely, "one may say anything one likes."

"Yes! You see that rain did some damage; but it might have been far worse."

"You will excuse my asking the question," says Luttrell, gravely, "but did you ever write for the *Farmer's Gazette*?"

"Never, as yet. But," with an irrepressible smile, "your words suggest to me brilliant possibilities. Perhaps were I to sit down and tell every one in syllables what they already know only too well about the crops, and the weather, and the Colorado beetle, and so forth, I might perchance wake up some morning to find myself famous."

"I haven't the slightest doubt of it," says Trelcastle, with such flattering warmth that they both break into a merry laugh. Not that there is anything at all in the joke worthy of such a joyous burst, but because they are both so young and so happy.

"Do you think that I have done duty enough for one day?" asks Molly. "Have I been prosy enough to allow of my leaving off now? Because I don't think I have got one single thing more to say about the coming harvest, and I would not care to say it if I had."

"Do you expect me to say that I found you prosy?"

"If you will be so very kind. And you are quite sure no one would accuse me of taking advantage of John's and Letty's absence to be frivolous in my conversation?" Luttrell.

"Utterly positive."

"And you will tell John what a gentle companion I was?"

"I will tell him—and more."

"On the contrary, not a word more—if you do you will spoil all. And now," says Molly, with a little soft, lingering smile, "as a reward for your promises, with me to the top of yonder hill, and I will show you a lovely view."

"Is it not delicious here?" suggests Mr. Luttrell, who can scarcely be called energetic, and who finds it a difficult matter to grow enthusiastic over landscapes when oppressed by a broiling sun.

"What! tired already?" says Molly, with fine disregard of subterfuge.

"Oh, no," weakly.

"But you are," reproachfully. "You are quite done up. Why, what would you do if you were ordered on a long day's march?"

"I dare say I should survive it," says Tedcastle, shortly, who is rather offended at his putting it in this light.

"Well, perhaps you might; but you certainly would have nothing to boast of. Now look at me: I am as fresh as when we started." And in truth as she stands before him, in her sky-blue gown, he sees she is as cool and bright and unruffled as when they left the house three-quarters of an hour ago, but almost. This brings him back to thoughts of Molly. How long she is! Women never do know what time means. He will walk around to the yard and amuse himself with the dogs until she has finished her tiresome business.

Now, the kitchen window looks out upon the path he means to tread—not only the kitchen window, but Molly. And as Luttrell comes by with his head bent and a general air of moodiness about him, she is so flattered by his evident dullness that she cannot refrain from tapping at the glass to call his attention.

"Have you been enjoying yourself?" asks she, innocently. "You look as if you had."

He starts as her voice so unexpectedly meets his ear, and turns upon her a face from which all gaunt has fled.

"Do I?" says he. "Then my looks lie. 'Enjoying myself' with a pack of young demons! For what do you take me? No, I have been wretched. What a scurvy trick are you doing down there! You have been hours about it already. Surely, whatever it is, it must be done now. If you don't come up soon you will have murder on your soul, as I feel suicidal."

"I can't come yet."

"Then would you let me—might I——"

"Oh, come here if you like," Molly says, "I don't care, if you don't."

Without waiting further invitation Luttrell goes rapidly round, descends the kitchen steps, and presently finds himself in Molly's presence.

It is a pretty old-fashioned low-ceilinged kitchen, full of quaint corners and impossible cupboards so high up in the wall as at first sight to be pronounced useless.

A magnificent fire burns redly, yet tarely causes discomfort. Why is it that a fire in the kitchen fails to affect one as it would, if lit in summer, in the drawing-room or parlor? Long, low benches, white as snow, run by the walls. The dresser—is there anything prettier than a well-kept dresser?—shines out conceitedly from its own place, full of its choicest bravery. In the middle of the gleaming tiles stands the table and beside it stands Molly.

Such a lovely Molly!—a very goddess of a Molly!

Her white arms, bare to the elbow, are covered with flour; a little patch of it has found a resting place on the right side of her hair, where undoubtedly one hand must have gone to punish some amorous lock that would wander near her lips. Her eyes are full of light; her lips are smiling. Jane, the cook, at a respectful distance, is half ashamed at the situation of her young lady; but the young lady is not at all ashamed.

"Do you like me?" cries she, holding her floury arms aloft. "Are you lost in admiration? Ah! you have yet to learn how universal are my gifts. I can cook."

"Can you?" says Luttrell, with a grimace. "What are you making now? I am anxious to know."

"Positively," bending a little forward the better to see him, "you look it. Why?"

"That I may avoid it by and by." Here, with a last faint glimmer of prudence, he retires to the other end of the table.

"Have you come here to insult me in my own domain?" cries Molly, wrathfully. "Rash youth, you rush upon your fate: or, to speak more truthfully, your fate intends to rush on you. Now take the consequence."

With both her hands extended she advances on him, fell determination in her eye. Alas for his coat when those snowy fingers shall have marked it for their own!

"Mercy," cries Luttrell, falling on his knees at her feet. "Anything but that. I apologize, I retract; I will do penance: I will even eat it, every bit: I will do——"

"Will you go away?"

"No," heroically, rising to his full height. "I will not. I would rather be white from head to heel than leave this adorable kitchen."

There is a slight pause. Mercy and vengeance are in the balance, and Molly holds the scales. After a brief struggle mercy triumphs.

"I forgive you," said Molly, withdrawing; "but as punishment you really must help me. As I am rather late this evening. Here, stone these," pushing towards him a plateful of raisins.

"Law, miss, I'll do 'em," says Jane, who feels matters are going too far. "To have a strange gentleman, one of the "high-up" gentry, a "real millingtary swell," stoning raisins in her kitchen is more than she can reconcile herself to in silence, she therefore opens the flood-gates of speech. "He'll soil himself," she says, in a deep reproachful whisper, fixing an imploring eye on Molly.

"I hope so," murmurs that delinquent, cheerfully. "He heartily deserves it. You may go and occupy yourself elsewhere, Miss Jane. Luttrell and I will make this pudding. Now go on, Mr. Luttrell; don't be shirking your duty. It is either do or die."

"I think it is odds on the dying," says he.

Silence for at least three minutes—in this case, a long time.

"I can't find anything in them," ventures he, at last, in a slightly dejected tone; "and they are horribly sticky."

"Nothing in them! Nonsense! you don't know how to go about it. Look: I'll show you. Open them with your finger and thumb—how do you open them?" triumphantly producing a round brown article on the tip of her finger.

"Where?" asks Luttrell, bending forward.

"There," says Molly, bending too. Their heads are very close together. The discreet Jane has retired into the pantry. "It is the real thing. Can't you see it?"

"Scarcely. It is very small, isn't it?"

"Well, it is small," Miss Massereene confesses, with reluctance. "It is certainly the smallest I ever saw. But still——"

By this time they are looking, not at the seed of the raisin, but into each other's eyes, and again there is an eloquent pause.

"May I examine it a little closer?" Luttrell asks, as though athirst for information, possessing himself quietly of the hand, raisin and flour, and all, and bringing it suspiciously close to his lips. "Does it—would it—I mean does flour come off things easily?"

"I don't know," replies Molly, with an innocent gravity that puts his to shame. "Oft some things it washes readily enough; but, mind you, I can't say for certain, as I have had no experience but I don't think——"

"Yes!" seeing her hesitate.

"Well, I don't think," emphasizing each word with a most solemn nod, "it would come off your moustache in a hurry."

"I'll risk it, anyhow," says Luttrell, stooping suddenly to impress a fervent kiss upon the little powdered fingers he is holding.

"Oh! how wrong, how extremely wrong of you!" exclaims Miss Massereene, as successfully shocked as though it had not been thought that he might be tempted to such a deed has never occurred to her. Yet, true to her nature, she makes no faintest pretence at withdrawing from him her hand until a full minute has elapsed. Then, unable longer to restrain herself, she bursts into a merry laugh—a laugh all sweetest, clearest music.

"If you could only see how funny you look," cries she. "You are fair with a vengeance now. Ah! do go and see for yourself." Giving him a gentle push towards an ancient glass that hangs disconsolately near the clock, and thereby leaving another betraying mark upon the shoulder of his coat.

Luttrell, having admired himself and given it as his opinion that dough flower on the arms may be effective flour on the face is not, has barely time to wipe his moustache free of it when Mrs. Massereene enters.

"You here," exclaims she staring at Tedcastle, "of all places in the world. I owe I am amazed. Oh, if your brother officers could only see you now, and your coat all over flour! I need hardly inquire if this is Molly's doing. Poor boy!" with a laugh. "You are never happy, Molly, unless you are tormenting some one."

"But I always make it up to them afterwards, don't I now, Letty?" murmurs Molly, sweetly, speaking to Letitia, but directing a side-glance at Luttrell from under her long dark lashes; this side-glance is almost a promise.

"Well, so you have come at last, Letty. And how did you enjoy your 'nice, long, happy day in the country,' as the children say?"

"Very much—far more than I expected. The Mitchells were there, which added a little more to our liveliness."

"And my poor old mummy, was he there? Is he still holding together?"

"Lord Rossmere! He is indeed, and was asking most tenderly for you. I never saw him look so well."

"Oh! it grows absurd," says Molly, in disgust. "How much longer does he intend keeping up the farce? He must fall to pieces soon."

"He hasn't a notion of it," says Letitia, warming to her description; "he has taken a new lease of life. He looked only too well—positively ten years younger. I think myself he was done up. I could see his coat was padded; and he has adorned his head with a very sleek brown wig."

"Yes," says Molly, weakly, "he so good as to stand close benind me. I feel as if I were going to faint directly."

"Law, miss!" says Jane, giving way to her usual expletive. She is a clean and worthy soul where pots and pans are concerned, but apart from them somewhat prone to be termed eloquent.

"You are busy, Jane," says Mr. Luttrell, obligingly, "and I am not. If see you are winding up that long-suffering pudding. Let me take a little trouble off your hands. I will stand close behind Miss Massereene."

"He had quite a color, too," goes on Letitia, mysteriously, a very extraordinary color. Not that of an old man, nor yet of a young one, and I am utterly certain it was paint. It was a vivid, uncompromising red; so that I think somebody must have been at the old rouge pot, and thereby have overdone his work for fun. Wasn't it awful?"

"Are you ready, Jane?" asks Molly, with a wicked smile.

"Quite ready, Miss," returns Luttrell, with hopeful promptitude.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

VICTORIA COUNTY COUNCIL.

January Session.

[Concluded from last week.]

THURSDAY.

The Council met at 3:30 p. m. The Warden in the chair. Members all present. The minutes of Tuesday were read and approved.

GULL RIVER BRIDGES.

The WARDEN laid before the Council the report of Mr. John Bailey, Reeve of Laxton, respecting the bridge over the Gull River on the boundary between Somerville and Laxton.—The report was referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.

GRANT TO MECHANICS' INSTITUTE.

Mr. DICKSON presented a petition from the President and Secretary of the Fenelon Falls Mechanics' Institute, praying for a grant in its aid.—Referred to the Committee on Finance.

AUDITORS OF ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE ACCOUNTS.

Mr. BICK moved, seconded by Mr. BAILEY (Laxton), that Messrs. James McKibbin and Joseph Cooper be appointed auditors of accounts for administration of justice, and that this motion be referred to the Committee on Appointments to Office.—Carried.

ROAD AND BRIDGE GRANTS.

Mr. HEASLIP moved, seconded by Mr. CARMICHAEL, that the sum of $3,000 be granted to be expended on the leading roads and bridges in the county and that this motion be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

Mr. SMITH moved, seconded by Mr. BROWN, that as the county of Simcoe has consented to grant the sum of $50 on the boundary between Monck and Bracebridge, which is also the boundary between the county of Simcoe and this county, that this Council grant an equal amount, and that this motion be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

Mr. MCMURRAY moved, seconded by Mr. TOOKEY, that this Council grant the sum of $75, to meet $75 granted by the county of Simcoe last June, to be spent on the boundary line between Draper and Muskoka, and that this motion be referred to the Committee on Roads and Bridges.—Carried.

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL DEBENTURES.

Mr. DANIEL moved, seconded by Mr. DOWNER, that this Council authorize the Treasurer to purchase the debentures of the township of Fenelon, issued for School Section No. 4, amounting to $400, and that the motion be referred to the Committee on Finance.—Carried.

A PETITION.

Mr. FELL brought in the draft of a petition to the Governor General in Council, relative to the Credit Valley Railway, and certain desired amendments in the law respecting the rights of railways.

The petition was laid on the table.

APPOINTING COUNTY AUDITORS.

Mr. DANIEL moved, seconded by Mr. CARMICHAEL, the first reading of a by-law to repeal by-law No. 228, entitled a by-law to appoint auditors of county accounts, and to confirm the appointment of one recommended by the Warden. The by-law was received, and the Council went into committee thereon, Mr. Daniel in the chair.

The by-law was brought in for the purpose of substituting Mr. Samuel Shaw for Mr. Maguire.

In a discussion which took place in committee, Mr. JOHN FELL strongly opposed repeal, and deprecated that such a movement had been made. He somewhat severely criticized the action Muskoka members had taken in the matter.

Mr. SMITH. Reeve of Bracebridge, responded on behalf of the Muskoka members, saying that both candidates for the office were unknown to them, and as Mr. Sanderson had been highly recommended for the position, they had given him their support and intended to stick by him. He considered that a man whose card bore the names of Hon. S. C. Wood and Sher.ff Kempt as references, ought to be one capable of filling the position of auditor.

Mr. BROWN said he was a Muskoka member, but not a member of the "ring." He supported Col. Deacon because he had known him, and he believed he was a good man for the position. When the by-law was brought in he supported Mr. Maguire because that gentleman was recommended to him as being particularly suited for the position. He saw no reason now that the appointment should be changed.

Mr. DICKSON thought it should not be required of members to give reasons why they supported one man over another. He supported Mr. Maguire because he thought he was more competent for the position, and altogether a more desirable official.

Mr. CONNOLLY regretted that this matter had again been brought up, and if some hard things were said against Mr. Sanderson, that gentleman would only have his friends to blame. As Mr. Maguire and Mr. Sanderson were personally unknown to many members of the Council, he believed it was his duty, knowing them both, to give his opinion of each. It was said that he (Mr. Connolly) opposed Mr. Sanderson on political grounds, but that was not the case. He had known Mr. Maguire for over twenty years, and he had, like Mr. Sanderson, always been a Conservative; but the difference between the two men was that Mr. Maguire was a gentleman and a man of character, whilst Mr. Sanderson was not. He concluded by saying that he thought it was not creditable to Mr. Daniel to bring this matter up again.

Mr. STEPHENSON said he had supported Mr. Sanderson because he knew nothing wrong in him, and he would support him again.

Mr. BAILEY (Emily) regretted such a discussion had arisen in the Council. He had voted for Mr. Sanderson because he was first named. He regretted that Mr. Dundas could not be reappointed, because he was a most capable official. He considered now that Mr. Sanderson had been announced in a local paper as having been appointed auditor, it would be a great disgrace upon him (Mr. Sanderson) to be ousted from the position.

Mr. HEASLIP replied to the charge of some members that the proceedings were irregular in appointing Mr. Maguire when in committee on the by-law. He argued that the action was regular.

After some further discussion the vote was taken and stood 12 for and 15 against. The committee then rose and reported the by-law lost.

REPLY TO THE WARDEN'S ADDRESS.

Mr. BICK submitted the report of the committee appointed to consider the Warden's address, as follows:—

To the Municipal Council of the County of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN,—Your committee are pleased to learn that the business of 1878 was conducted so economically as to leave the Council for 1879 in a position to proceed with their duties without being required to provide for a deficiency.

Respecting the proposal with regard to the necessary provision to be made for the payment of the debenture debt as it matures, your committee would recommend the suggestion of the Treasurer to the favorable consideration of the Committee on Finance and Assessment.

It is certainly matter for regret that the county of Haliburton has not fulfilled its engagements with regard to its share of the expenses of administration of justice, but we trust some satisfactory arrangement will be made whereby the liability will be discharged.

Your committee are in accord with the Warden's recommendation that some action should be taken at this session for carrying out the suggestion of the Inspector of Prisons relating to changes in the Gaol Building.

Your committee feel assured that the manner in which the Warden will discharge his important duties during the year will justify the choice of the Council in making the Reeve of Verulam its pro-tempore officer for the year 1879.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. BICK, Chairman.

The report was read in the usual form and adopted.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY GRANT.

On motion, Mr. THOS. RAY, President of the South Victoria Agricultural Society, was heard respecting a special grant to the society. He returned thanks for aid given by the county in past years, and asked, as the society had heavy liabilities to meet, that the same grant ($400) that was made last year be made again this year.

NOTICE OF BY-LAWS.

Mr. DICKSON gave notice of a by-law to be introduced at next session to appoint High School trustees.

Mr. ADAMS gave similar notice of a by-law to raise money for county purposes.

SCHOOL EXAMINERS.

Mr. DICKSON enquired if any steps had been taken to arrange for an interchange of school examiners between this and adjoining counties, as suggested last session.

The CLERK said nothing had been done in the matter.

The Council then adjourned until Friday at 2 p. m.

FRIDAY.

The Council met at 4 o'clock. All the members present.

A GRANT TO THE HOUSEKEEPER.

After routine, Mr. DICKSON moved, seconded by Mr. HEASLIP, that Mrs. McHugh be paid the sum of $10 per annum for taking care of the court room whilst being used for Division Courts, out of the $40 paid by the town of Lindsay for the use of said court room. In making the motion the mover pointed out the extra duties the holding of Division Courts involved on the housekeeper, for which it was nothing more than right she should receive remuneration. The motion carried.

PRINTING.

Mr. FELL submitted the report of the Committee on Printing, which was read in the usual form and passed.

FINANCE REPORT.

On motion of Mr. ADAM, seconded by Mr. HEASLIP, the report of the standing Committee on Finance was received.

To the Municipal Council of the County of Victoria:

GENTLEMEN,—Your Treasurer's statements have been submitted to your committee and they show that all the financial interests of the county are in a sound condition.

Your committee recommend that in accordance with the motion of the representative of Fenelon, the Treasurer be authorized to purchase the debentures of that municipality to the amount of half of School Section No. 4, as amounting to $400, and bearing interest at eight per cent.

The suggestion of your Treasurer contained in the Warden's address, that in view of the fact that all the instalments of the principal of the debt of the county will mature between the 1st December, 1881, and the 25th March, 1883, a special deposit account be opened with the Bank of Montreal, for all moneys coming into the hands of the Treasurer from time to time, and applicable to the credit of said debt, has been duly