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ACTON, ONT., THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1884.

POETRY

A LEAY-YEAR EPISODE.

Can I forget that winter night

Came tapping at the door?

For in my heart I know-

That Nellie came to woo.

Adown upon her knees,

Bo be my husband, please !"

A tender wife and true-

Ah, what delight it was to me

That Nellie came to woo!

A gorgeous diamond ring, And I shall wed my lover fair

Some time in gentle spring.

And so, forsooth, would you,

The Nellie who came to woo.

THE DIFFERENCE

There was an old lady all dressed in silk,

Who lived upon lemons and buttermilk;

Another old lady, all dressed in patches,

Lived upon nothing but lucifer matches

So the world, it made her strangle and

As soon as you rubbed her you set her off.

Another old lady, all sunny and nest,

Declared, when she heard of their troubles

Now children take your choice

Of the food your heart shall eat;

And thoughts all good and sweet;

Is precisely what this queer old world

PUR STORY.

THE CASHIER'S CONFESSIO

BY HIMSELF.

I had been Wild & Warren's cashier for

some years, and I trusted that they had

complete confidence in me, when one day I

broke a promise I had made to my mother,

and went on what they called a "spree,"

with some young men from our town.

And whatever the heart feeds on,

Dear children, trust to me,

Will seem to you to be.

There are sourish thoughts, and brimstone

forever.

. place, She carried its acid all over her face.

And, thinking this world was a sour old

If you but loved as foud as I

face my doom without a sigh-

I am engaged, and proudly wear

And then she swore she'd ever be

In eighteen eighty-four, When Nellie, charming little sprite,

Good evening, miss," I blushing said,

And, knowing, hung my pretty head-

She clasped my big, red hand, and fell

And cried: "You know I love you well

Acton Free Bress. THE FAVORITE THURSDAY MORNING MARCH. 20, 1884. Oyster Parlor

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-18 NOW RECEIVING DAILY PRESH-LOANED ON APPROVED Oysters, Finnan Haddies, Notes Discounted and Interest Cauned Fish and Fruits,

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My customers will find all my goods resh and in every way satisfactory.

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W. G. SMITH & CO. Therley's Horse and Cattle Food. Sold in any quantity to suit purchaser.

Diamond Byes, the best and cheapest in the market.

W. C. SMITH & CO., Dispensing Chemists. bill is in a large yellow envelope. I placed it there myself. My mother sent me fifty dollars, and I changed it for small notes: You will find it there."

Then Mr. Warren spoke. "My boy," said he, "do you think would leave any means untried to prove you honest? I have searched the safe well There is no envelope there and the account is fifty dollars short."

"You never thought I had taken it ?" "How could we think otherwise?" ask

ed Mr. Wild, coldly. "No, no; I feel sure of you," said Mr. Warren. But you were not in your sober mind. You have made some mistake." I had the letter my mother cent the

money in in my pocket, and I handed it to Mr. Wild. He looked at it through his eye glasses and said :

"Well, Mr. Smith, this proves only that you had fifty dollars of your own. A career "I was never dissipated before," I said I never drank too much before. I nev-

" Very well," said Mr. Wild; "Mr. Warren believes you, I see-thinks you henest. I reserve my opinion. For your mother's sake we will take no action, but naturally we feel that a dissolute young man who has lost fifty dollars is not a reliable cashier. Nor can we recommend him to others. Good morning."

He stalked away. I stood writhing in "Mr. Warren," I said, "Where is Finney

Finney was here when I locked up the safe. He may know something." Finney was an honest fellow who swept up the store, lighted the gas, ran errands,

did snything he was told to do, in fact. We called him the porter. Who lived upon sugar, and every thing "Poor Finney," said Mr. Warren, "has been run over on the steam railroad. What Le was doing there no one can guess. But For the world was so nice she could live

he is dying in the hospital." "You don't believe me a thief?" I cried "Oh, Mr. Warren, say that ! Indeed, I am

"You drank too much, and your mine did not guide you aright. You have made a terrible mistake. Had it been possible would have saved you from its conse deficit. What are you going to do, lad Can't I help you?"

"If I could only search for the envelope,"

"Perhaps," sighed Mr. Warren, "you unconsciously spent it with the rest of the money. When a man puts a thief into his mouto to steal away his brains, there never any knowing-what may happen." "Can it be so ?" I groaned. "It may. Now, my boy, let me help you.

Come to me to-night and let us talk," said I said I would, but I did not. Utterly heart-broken and despairing, I shipped that day as a common sailor on a whaler. was sahamed to see any one I knew and glad to be with rough men who only jeered

at me as a green hand. I made a voyage or two and was shipwrecked at last. I tried to get something omeless and penniless, wandering alo

With that blot upon my name I would not go home to my mother. I thought she also might believe me a thief. I was sick and sorry, and when at the tu.n of the road saw the great iron rails running into a tunnel and the warning sign "Look out for the cars," and heard the train thunder ing towards the spot, though yet far away, I said to myself:

"I will end it all here. I will lie down n those rails and let the great iron monster crush the life out of me. It will only be one tramp the more out of the way, and mother thinks me dead already, I hope." I walked forward and laid myself down, and with the thunder in my ears I tried to

And now the red light glared over me: I heard a shout, and with a jerk was dragged over upon the roadside and a man was sitting upon my chest waving a wnite flag, and the train had gone past

"A pretty one you are," said a voice that seemed to me familiar, "Look at the hat of ye in the road mashed to amithereens, and let it be a warnin', to ye, for it's that way ye'd be only for me. Sure it's well caught the tails of yer coat whin I did and that I thought of sitting on ye; for couldn't hould ye wid wan arm that I have left and wave the fing, as was my duty at the same toime. Git up, ye villain, and explain yourself;" and he rose. I staggered to my feet and looked at tans.

"Why, it's Finney," said L. "That's me name. Good Lord above us, it's our cashier!" cried the man. "And What's come to ye, Mr. Smith, that you are loiks this the day? Come into me

I went in with him. There would be nomore trains for an hour, he said; and sat looking at me, and my good sarge prompted me to tell him the truth. As he listened I saw the man's eyes glitter; when I was through he jumped to his feet. "Confound the drink," said he, "and

confound that fifty-dollar bill: Only for picking up and bereating up and barowing

yellow envelope under the safe, and what should I do, being thick-headed, but cast it into the stove. And, as I did so, I saw bank bill fly out of it into the red coals, and in the flash, before it was a tinder, I read fifty on it, and saw 50 in the figures, and I went crazy. .

"I knew Mr. Wild; he's say I stole i And even if he belaved me, it would be years before I could pay it back, and I knew I'd be turned out if I wasn't sent to jail. And I said to myself, " No use living now, Finney; end it.' And away I ran to this railroad. You mind we could see the cars where they pass through the turn from the shop steps. The train was coming, and sure nobody pulled me off, and I thought I was dead. But I waked up in the hospital with but the wan arm. And I wailed and moaned that I was no good to meself any more, and wan of the Sisthers went to the pression in trade, the interest on loans has railroad men and got me this job. But now, Mr. Smith, I'll do my duty. I'll go posit branch of our business largely inwid you and clear your character. Asier it creased. will be, for Mr. Wild is doad, and Mr. Warren is a dacent gentleman."

We went together to the old place. Finney told his story. Kind old Mr. Warren believed him, and we are both there together now. I know I deserve the confidence bestowed upon me, and neither Finney nor I ever drink now. As for my dear mother, I had turned her hair gray, but she had never cessed to love me; and she forgave me from her soul.

A Temperance Cyclone.

An immense temperance meeting was held in New York a few days since, which the metropolitan journals consider remarkable for that city. Its object was to support State Senator Roosevelt's high-license bill. The meeting was not only remarkable for its size and enthusiasm, but it had s broader, deeper, more significent meaning by reason of the largely spontaneous expression of the sentiments of men of varied views as to temperance policies.

The Rev. Henry Ward Beecher made characteristic and the telling speech of the occasion. "There are," said he, "some bad consequences attending almost every business. I do not doubt the blacksmith throws some cinders in the people's eyes. Bakers do not always distribute bread that is digestible. There is a good deal of bad quences; but Mr. Wild first discovered the butter sold. The cheese is not much better. There is a good deal of so-called cider that is not good. The general drift of all kinds of business is beneficial, and only incidentally mischievous. But the sale of liquor is only incidentally beneficial, and | Dividends Nos. 14 and 15..... \$18,787.86 generally bad. If I were to speak not of liquor-dealers, but of liquor itself. I would charge it with almost every iniquity known to human experience. I would declare that liquor is a demoralizer, a monster, a thief, a murderer, a poor-house builder."

Some of the New York journals are so jubilant over this monster meeting that in their enthusiasm they are serving notices on "the twin products and producers of modern berberism," that they believe the temperance people might easily rouse such a cyclone of long pent up indignation as would sweep the rum-sellers and their infernal traffic to wreck and ruin.

Indeed, the Mail and Express fairly boils over with fervor as it watches the ominously promising signs of the times, and exclaims: "We are daily getting more and more certain that the temperance issues are sure soon to swamp all others, as a great Ohio valley flood covers the usual river courses with a blending sea of whirling waters." It adds that "the tempest that is getting ready to take by the throat the traffic that is evil from beginning to end, and that is infinitely a direr curse to the 50,000,000 or more whites of this country than ever slavery was to the negroes, can only on compared to the anti-slavery agitation, and that was to it nothing but "a wild, intermittent, and scattered epidemic of human excitement."

Gems of Thought.

To be proud of learning is the greatest Good, the more communicated, more abundant grows. What is defeat? Nothing but education,

othing but the first step to something If you hit the mark, you must aim a little above it; every arrow that flies feels the attraction of the earth.

Philanthropy, like charity, must begin at home. From this centre our sympathics may extend in an ever-extending circle. A loving act does more good than a flery exhortation. What mankind needs is not more good talkers, but more good Samari-

.There collection of a deep and true affection is rather a divine nourishment for soul to grow strong upon than a poison destroy it.

The man whose soul is in his work find his best reward in the work itself. The joy of reward. He that does not know those

may know besides.

Generosity.

that I wouldn't be here at all myself, Mr. that you ever did, even if it was betrayed. Smith; nor you wouldn't be there seithen. Bever be surry that you were magnanimdollars have disappeared from the safe, had my glass, and I was stupid. When Never he sorry that you gave; it was right sended very moch to the safe and good, I was stupid. When Never he sorry that you were impend on that boundaries. Attached up the safe and good, I was the you were impend on that boundaries.

Guelph and Onterio Investment and Savings Boolsty.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders was held at the office of the Bociety, on Wednesday, the 20th February, at \$0'clock p.m., the President, Mr. D. Sairton, in the chair. Among those present were Mesers. A. B. Petrie, B. Melvin, John M. Bond, B. Forbes, J. B. Armstrong, James P. Phin, John Phin, James Phin, A. J. Brewster, Hespeler; Andrew Burns, Bookwood; T. A. Keating, M.D., Geo. Hadden, R. Burrows, J. A. Davidson, T. J. Day, G. A. Somerville, Wm. Hunter, H. Murton, S. Myers, Jas. Forrest, Geo. Hirst, Jas. Kilgour, J. W. Kilgour, M. C. Schofield, Chas. McMillan, Erin; etc., etc.

The following report and financial statements were read by the Secretary, Mr. G. L. Somerville :-

The Directors beg to submit their eighth annual report to the Sharehold sis, for the

year ending 81st December, 18 3. The profits for the year, after deducting all costs of management, interest on deposite and debeutures, &c., are \$25,865.18, which have been disposed of as follows :-Dividend No. 14, paid July, 1883. . \$9,525.64 Dividend No. 15, payable 2nd January, 1884..... 9,413.22 Carried to Reserve Fund...... 7,127.82

\$25,865.18 This result must be highly satisfactory to the Shareholders.

The Rest now amounts to the very handsome sum of \$25,353.57, and the Company have no property on their hands.

Notwithstanding the partial failure of the crope last year, and the consequent debeen well met, and the debenture and de-In consequence of the increase in busi-

ness, it was found necessary to remove to more commodious premises, which have been fitted up in such a manner as will meet all the requirements of the company

The Manager and his Assistants continue to perform their duties to the entire satisfaction of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted. D. Symron, President.

Financial Statement. CASH ACCOUNT.

Balance 1st January, 1883.. \$ 25,827.59 Repayments on Loans..... Savings Bank Deposits 11.850.00 Permanent Stock 5.962.97 Accumulating & Special Stock 1.310.18 General Interest Debentures..... \$717,891.86 \$151.298.86 Loans on Mortgages Savings Bank Withdrawals .. 429,588.57 Interest on Savings Bank De-1.022.05 posits..... 18.530.33 Dividends Nos. 13 and 14.... 4,695.16

Expense Account..... ccumulating & Special Stock 11.850.00 capitalized Valuators' Fees & Commission 519.55 48.01 General Interest 66.684.88 Debentures..... 8.396.91 nterest on Debentures.....

15,778.10 Cash Balance..... \$717,891.86 PROFIT AND LOSS. Interest on Deposits..... Interest on Debentures..... Valuation Fees & Commission . . Cost of Management and fitting up and furnishing New Office .. 7,127.32 Added to Beserve Fund......

\$50,498.85 nterest on Loans..... Interest on Arrears..... Jeneral Interest ... ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

The assets are as follows :--Loans... \$722,297.35 Cash..... 15,773.10 The liabilities are as follows: Savings Bank De-Debentures..... 186,607.79

Surplus Assets..... The surplus Assets are composed of :-Permanent Stock ... \$261,450.00 Paid on Accumula ting & Sp'l Stock

with interest.... Permanent Stock. Dividend payable 9.135.97 2nd Jan., 1884... 25,853,57 Reserve Fund.... G. A. SOMERVILLE, Sec.

We have audited the books and accounts of the Guelph and Ontario Investment and Savings Society, examined and valued each mortgage represented in the foregoing balance sheet and certify to their correct-A. J. BREWSTER, Auditors,

J. W. KILGOUR, Guelph, 1st Feb., 1884. In moving the adoption of the Report the President said, I will take the liberty of making a few remarks in regard to the operations of the Society for the past year, and also in regard to our project position

and future prospects. In the first place, I claim that the Report affords matter of congratulation to the shareholders, inasmuch as it shows that the net earnings of the company have que seeded those of any previous year in our history. Then, the increase in the Deposit and Debenture accounts fully proves that the Society and its management continue to hold a first-class position in the estimation of the public. The business of the Company has now assumed a very different shape from that which existed in our .early history; then it was in a greet meas. are carefully to invest the funds paid in on. stock. Now the business consists in the first place in obtaining funds from the public. and in the second place in investing

those funds when obtained. Under ston holding a high position in the confidence of the public is of paramount in posterio. Never he sorry for any generous thing I am very glad to describe have every reason to belle the to both borrowers and disp

was my very first, and I came home with a burning head and parched tongue, and was sick all day, though I was at my place in the office. My mother had sent me fifty

dollars as a present in one large bill. had had a little legacy, and wanted to share it with me. I was going out with to do and failed. I found myself at last, my friends the next night, and I wanted small money, and as I had a good deal of money in the safe in small bills, I changed my fifty, putting it into a large envelope, so that it might be kept apart from the small bills. I marked it fifty dollars, too. I was half tipsy yet, but I thought I very careful. When I went away, it was take supper with the boys, and go off glorious night indeed. I awoke in a stationhouse, without money enough in my pocket to pay the fine required, for I had been charged with being drunk and disorderly I was sent to prison for ten days, in conse-

By this time my friends-who had got off better than I-were gone home. Some of them had tried to help me; and the money I had lost or squandered in one night was all I should have until next payday. When they let me out I felt as though had been in purgetory, but not, indeed, as though I was "prepared for a better life." I was degraded and ashamed, and my only hope was that Wild & Warner did not know of the affair.

I saw they did, however, as soon as I got into the store. The clerks looked at me i a way to show how the wind blew, and there was a strange face at my deak. From beside the register, where he was

warming himself, and keeping a bright lookout on everything, as usual, stepped Mr. Wild, his eye looking as hard as some blue stone. " Mr. Smith," he said, "will you step into our office? We'd like a little talk with

I followed him. I saw Mr. Warren, who

always seemed to like-me, and who had known my mother when she was a girl, sitting there very disconsolately, with his shanty." head on his hand. "Mr. Warren," I began, "I have been wrong, I know; but I was unaccustomed

to liquor, and-"It is not exactly about your having been intoxicated that we wish to speak," answered Mr. Wild, though I had not spoken to him.

Mr. Warren made no reply at all. "It is," continued Mr. Wild, more cold-