

BETTER THAN GOLD

Better than grandeur, better than gold,
Than rank and duties, a thousand fold,
Is a healthy body and mind at ease,
And simple pleasures that always please.
A heart that can feel for another's woe,
Who sympathizes large enough to enfold
All men as brothers, is better than gold.
Better than gold is a conscience clear,
Though selling for bread in an humble sphere,
Doubly blessed with content and health,
Untried by the lusts and cares of wealth.
Love is the best gift that God has sent,
And a humble soul is a poor man's friend.
Are the genuine tests of a gentleman.
Better than gold is a sweet repose,
Of the sons of toil when the labors close,
Better than gold is the poor man's sleep,
And the calm that drops on his slumbers deep.
Brings sleep draughts on the downy bed
Where luxury pillows its aching head.
The toiler simple opiate deems
A shorter route to the land of dreams.
Better than gold is a thinking mind
That in the realm of books can find
A treasure surpassing Australian ore
And live with the great and good of yore.
The sage's lore and the poet's lay,
The glories of empires passed away
The world's great dream will thus enfold
And yield a pleasure better than gold.
Better than gold is a peaceful home
Where all the freeds characters come—
The shrine of love, the heaven of life
Hallowed by mother, or sister, or wife,
However humble the home may be,
Or tried with sorrow by heaven's decree,
The blessings that never were bought or sold,
And center there, are better than gold.

—Good Friday April 18th.
—Firemen's Ball May 28rd.
—War Savings Stamps make savings easy and profitable.
—W. E. M. Crawley, town clerk and treasurer of Oakville, has resigned his position and asked the council to relieve him speedily as he desired to return to the Old Country.
—A progressive Euchre under the auspices of the Ladies' Bowling Club will be held in the Town Hall, on Thursday evening, April 24th. Tickets on sale at Matthew's Drug Store, or may be had from members of the Club.

Gained Her Objective
The Orangeville Sun vouches for this: "On Monday evening about a dozen young ladies from this town went down to Caledon to meet the returning soldiers and one girl will remember it for some moons. After boarding the train she spied what she thought was her objective and immediately advanced. She bombarded him with kisses, and he, being used to gas and powder, made a counter attack. When she realized her mistake she retreated and nearly fainted. The soldier laughingly remarked: "Orangeville must be some grand town."

Erin
We learn that all the cottages at Stanley Park have been let for the coming season.
Pte. Kenneth McMillan, son of Colonel McMillan, returned home from overseas last week.
On Friday last, Mrs. Alex. McDonald and Mrs. John McLaren attended the funeral of their cousin, Mr. Andrew Clark at Orangeville.
L. Corp. Fred J. Gale, who recently returned home from France, spent the week-end here with his father, Mr. Jas. Gale, of The Advocate.—Advocate.

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