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## Poetry.

Where is thy home?" a stranger asked

A simple village maid;
"Oh, just across the green," said she,
Down yonder grassy glade,
A pleasant place and fair to see,

Though we are of the poor; Contented with our lowly lot,

We never covet more. "Where is thy home?" he asked again Where ?" said a stripling gay. "Nay, ask me not, I cannot tell,

My home is far away: ar 'mid the battle and the strife, Where worlds are won and lost;

Some one is ready to exclaim, become fearful, and when returned nionship for life is, that it is so free Some one is ready to exclaim, become learful, and when returned nonship for life is, that it is so free 'Dependence, beggary, anything from a drunken revel, there is no-from the dross of selfsheness, so disinterested, and self-sacrificing.—

Ah yes, this is often and ensity said, and would that there were more to act in accordance with such a spirit.

Meekly she moves about, and household, if this pure ray is beam-

spirit.

Earnestly did I remonstrate, Oh, what will life, be, in constant communion with one whose conversation—even one hour's conversation—already palls? Ellen, I beseeh you not to do this thing—anow, before it is too late, break the oppressive chain that binds you to so gailing a servitude! Go back—brave the storm of the world and endure reproach and heartless raillery; it will be a pleasant and see her almost instantly assume her thousehold, if this pure ray is beam-household, if this pure

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" POOR SCHOOLS."

From the Correspondence of the Loader. A communication appears in last Wednesday's Leader, on the above subject, the writer of which seems

subject, the writer of which seems to have fallen into a very common error, with respect to the aim and objects of our public schools. He assumes that they were originally founded to educate the children of the poor alone, and finds fault with other persons for using them. The same idea is evidently entertained by a few of our prominent citizens, as appears from the presentments of successive Grand Juries, in reference to the vagrant youth of the city. Now it is quite a mistake to suppose that these schools were ever intended, for the exclusive use of any particular class. As their name intended, for the exclusive use of any particular class. As their name indicates, they were designed to be common schools, for the education of all, irrespective of class, sect, or party. This was the view held by those who, in the year 1852, took the most active part in establishing free schools in this city. Such also was the view enunciated by Dr. Ryerson, and fully recognized and endorsed by our legislature, when the present school system was first introduced into Canada. On what ground, then, can it claimed that introduced into Canada. On what ground, then, can it claimed that the indigent alone, are entitled to enjoy these advantages? 'A' says that 'one of the great evils attendant on our public schools in town is this: Parents who are in circumstances, which will enable them to afford the education of their children at private schools, tempted by the opportunity of gratuitous teaching, and totally devoid of moral honesty, which would scorn to be deing, and totally devoid of moral hon-esty, which would scorn to be de-pendent on the bounty of other agents, send their children to be edu-cated at the public schools, and by this means not only unjustly avail themselves of public bounty, but de-ter the class for which these schools originally were intended, from par-taking of their benefits.<sup>2</sup>

Now, Sir, I profess to belong to the class which is here so uncere-moniously held up to public censure. I can allord to pay for the private tuition of my children, but I prefer to send them to the public schools; and I can only regard it as insulting and imperiment on the part of any and impertinent, on the part of any man, to tell me, that on that ac-count, I am 'totally void of that moral honesty which would scorn to be dependent on the bounty of others. My city taxes amount annually to a trifle less than forty dollars, a large proportion of which is for school purposes; and am I to be told that I have no right to sena my chi'dren to the public schools, simply because I may be able to educate them clsewhere? It might cate them clsewhere? It might with equal propriety be said that I should be compelled to construct a sidewalk, or keep the street in repair in front of my own dwelling, because I may be rich enough to afford the cost; although I yearly pay taxes to the corporation to do it for me. Because I enjoy all the comforts and accommodations which the pair it functions recognition to the said function recognition recognitio comforts and accommodations which our civil functionaries provide, do I therefore 'avail myself unjustly of public bounty?' Every man pays taxes according to his property or income; and it is sheer nonsensa for 'A' to talk of 'paying for the children of his neighbor, who, so far as money goes, is on an equality with htmself.'
'A' complains that the children

appear at the public examinations much too well dressed. Now surely every man has a right to dress his children as he thinks proper, ac-cording to his means; and it is a commendable feeling on the part of parents to desire to see their childparents to desire to see their child-rien neatly clad, though they should indulge in a little finery on exami-nation days. But well dressed children, it is stated, deter poorer ones from attending. This is not correct; the reverse is often the case. Poor children seldom object to associate with their more weal-thy neighbors atthough it must be thy neighbors, although it must be admitted the feeling is not always reciprocated. If he prefers rags and dirt, however, he should not find fault with others who have not similar tastes; and he should by all means avoid public examinations. But there is another light in

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which this question ought to be viewed. There are hundreds of viewed. parents in the Province-many city, ten time wealthy than I am, who send their sons to Toronto University, an in-stitution supported by public funds and a very large amount of them too. Do these persons also unjustly avail themselves of public bounty ? Are they not 'totally void of moral honesty which would scorn to be dependent on the bounty of other agents?' Does 'A' send his children to a grammar school, or to Upper Canada College? If so he is in the same category; for these are also, in part, supported by public funds. Would it not then be unreasonable and unjust, to require me and others in similar circumstances to pay directly for the edu-cation of our children in addition to our solvool tax, while the rich man's son receives a costly University training, at the public expense?
Why this invidious distinction? it fair, that the children of thein li-