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JOHNNIE HAMILTON VISITS THE OLD HOME

To the Editor of THE LIBERAL:
Dear Sir,—Nothing is more impressive on the mind, and touching to the heart than a visit to the scene of a man's boyhood. A man is not merely, in such a case, a spectator of something that he has formerly known, but he is for the time transported back to childhood and youth; he becomes imbued with the feelings, and filled with the joys of that early dawn, and he lives, if only for a brief period, the life which he has quitted for many a year, the intervening struggles and trials, fortunes and failures being obliterated from the mind and memory. What an ecstasy and illusion!
Recently I experienced this thrilling emotion in a visit to my aged mother at Elgin Mills. Fifty years have not altered the old home which is still dear to me not only on account of its awakening memories, but principally because it is still the home of dear old mother. She is scaling the lofty heights of 80 years, from which vistas of the future life grow clearer and clearer as the twilight shortens, and the evening darkens around. How contrary is this to the natural sequence of things. The darkening of the evening of life is but the dawning of a bright and eternal day.
As if it were to aid in the transporting process from manhood to boyhood, there within the home was the old Family Bible which father used in family worship, and the old arm chair where he was accustomed to sit and expound to us the ways of God, the duties and responsibilities of life, and then to point us to the divine promises of reward to those who followed those ways, and overcame the tempestuous scene. More potent even now are those lessons than when they were uttered, for time has tried and experience has verified, and confirmed them.
Without, too, is a continuance of the old scene. The Well from which the villagers and neighbors drew and drank the bright and sparkling water to which they were made as welcome as the beneficent gift of it from Heaven to us was free and generous. Still it springs bountiful and pure; and like the mercy and clemency of God the more that it is drawn upon by those deserving it, the more inexhaustible and the more sweet become its waters.
There, too, is the garden fragrant with the perfume of flowers, charming to the eye, fascinating to the whole being, and speaking in articulate language the praises of God their giver.
There, too, is the creek where I had fished in bare feet more than 50 years ago, with an enthusiasm so great that the thrill of delight seemed still to animate and inspire me when I beheld anew the running of its water, and heard once more the rippling of the stream.
There, too, is the old road leading to the church recalling the reverence with which we wended our way to a shrine where with child-like simplicity of faith we felt God personally met and communed with his people. And the fields and surrounding scenes—all are there, bespeaking the unchangeability, yea, the eternity of God, and making more complete the temporary illusionism in which I dwell.
This rural calm and quietude of life have not been invaded by the rush and din of past half century of national development, commercial expansion, and keen competition which keep the cities in continuous commotion, and their thinkers and workers ever as it were on the rack with the inexorable exigencies which it is necessary to meet in order to keep abreast with the rapid evolutions of the time in science and thought and knowledge. This thought suggested to me the prophecy that in the last days knowledge should increase, and caused me to contrast the composure within which the Shepherd, Kings and Princes of Israel heard and uttered the Oracles of God, with the turmoil amid which the leaders of nations—Kings, Emperors, Presidents—manipulate and manoeuvre in this epoch of all pervading knowledge.
But the visitation of the scene itself, with all that it recalls is elevating and ennobling; and not transitory but permanent in its influence. Who could resist the impulse to live a life which would place him more in harmony with the artificer and giver of all this so beautiful—the air we breathe; the panoramic scene; the wild flower and the tree yielding each spontaneously its sweet odour; and the earth itself laid out in splendor for the sustenance and enjoyment of man whom God created in His own image.
What a fresh inspiration I received to strive for the elevation of men who may have become overborne by the selfishness, contaminated by the sordidness, or debased with the vices with which the city is surfeited, what a new resolve to contend with the forces of evil, especially the Dragon of Strong Drink; and what a new compact I

made, as it were, with dear old mother to fight the good fight, to keep the faith, and having received the crown of victory, to join her in the Glorious Beyond.
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I shut down on lendin' it to him, and then coaxed him to try it a year.
And here's a few little items, that happened last week in our town;
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And here's a basket of pears my wife picked expressly for you.
And a small bunch of flowers from Jennie—she thought she must send somethin' too.
You're doin' the politics bully, as all of our family agree;
Just keep your old goose quill a floppin', and give 'em a good one for me;
And now you are chuck full of business, and I won't be takin' your time,—
I have things of my own I must 'tend to—good day, sir, I believe I will climb."
"God bless that old farmer! was muttered, "he's a regular jolly old trump!
And 'tis thus in our noble profession, and thus it will ever be still,
There are some who appreciate its labor, and some who perhaps never will.
But in the great time that is coming, when Gabriel's trumpet shall sound,
And they who have labored and rested, shall come from the quivering ground—
When they who have striven and suffered to teach and ennoble the race
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Mr. Comlaquoy and wife are making a visit at the home of Mr. David Cooper. The former is teller in the Bank of Commerce, Toronto.
It is expected a large contingent will go from this place to Carville next Sunday when anniversary sermons will be preached at 2.30 and 7 o'clock by Rev. T. McKay of Fred Victor Mission. Miss Clara G. Wallace of Toronto will assist the home choir.
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Bolton, Oct. 1, 2.
Markham, Oct. 3-5.
Weston, Oct. 6.
Schomberg, Oct. 11-12.
Bradford, Oct. 16, 17.
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