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THE WORKIN' WIDOW.
I am a lonely widow; three years ago
or more
My husband, who so bravely kept the
gaunt wolf from the door,
Was taken suddenly away; myself and
children five
Were left in cold November days
'gainst winter's storms to strive,
And our main struggle then as now—
O'er price there's no control—
Was how to raise the money for to
buy a ton of coal!
God help the nation to the South;
From day to day I scan
Their efforts to promote the brother-
hood of man,
By placing common needs of life with-
in the reach of all,
Nor letting heaviest burdens upon the
poor to fall,
So I'm glad that he's elected, tyrannic
ills he'll cure
For he'll help the workin' widow, will
Woodrow Wilson, sure.

I'm neither granted time nor space
for to explain the whole,
But the funniest thing about it is, the
railroads own the coal,—
And when they knocked off duty, as
they did, and thought it "great";
Why, these cunning Yankee barons,
they simply raised the "freight!"
I'm speaking now of anthracite, and
the old-time toll—
But I think I see their finish when
Congress will control
Those Pennsylvania measures, relieving
many cares,
'Steal of shisterin' and mergin' and
makin' millionaires,
While the poor are left to suffer and
struggle best they can,
And hypocrites to prate about the
"brotherhood of man."
So I'm glad that he's elected; tyrannic
ills he'll cure,
For he'll help the workin' widow, will
Woodrow Wilson, sure.

Our local dealers here and there, for
them we sometimes feel
For to be plain, they are, in fact, but
insects on the wheel,
Before a railroad magnate they are
not the least bit bold,
Meek-eyed and mum, they take the
cue and do as they are told.
But when alone with customers you'd
think they owned the earth!
"Our coal," "our mines," "our prices"
they—aristocrats by birth!
The poor, as well's the well-to-do, they
own the coal they buy
From the coal roads, as said before,
and that's the reason why
That prices sometimes take a lift, they
claim to've had a prod,—
But it doesn't take much prompting,
for a wink's as good's a nod!
So I'm glad that he's elected; tyrannic
ills he'll cure,
For he'll help the workin' widow, will
Woodrow Wilson, sure.
—Toronto Saturday Night.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.
The Annual Meeting of the Rich-
mond Hill Agricultural Society was
held in the Council Chamber Friday
afternoon. There was a large attend-
ance, and everybody showed a deep
interest in the work of the Society.
Good speeches were made by the re-
tiring president, G. B. Padgett; pres-
ident-elect J. S. McNair, and others.
The auditors' report showed a larger
balance than last year's. The society
starts with a paid up membership of
63.
The usual Spring Exhibition will be
held on the 24th of May; also a Seed
Fair on Wednesday, the 19th of
February. The Society also decided to
enter in the Field Crop competition,
kind of grain to be Barley.
The following officers and directors
were appointed:
President J. S. McNair; 1st Vice-
Pres. N. Breakey; 2nd Vice-Pres., J. J.
Lunau; Secy-Treas., H. A. Nicholls.
Directors—Markham, J. E. Francis,
R. Thompson, G. B. Padgett,
Vaughan—J. N. Boyle, G. Dibb, W.
H. Clubine,
King and Whitechurch—J. Wells, T.
H. Legge, W. Thompson,
Richmond Hill—W. H. Pugsley, J. H.
Sanderson, T. F. McMahon, T. H.
Trench, J. Palmer.
Auditors—L. E. Hand, W. Hall.
Hon. Directors—Capt. Wallace, M.P.,
Alex. McCowan, M.P.P., Thos. Lloyd,
Geo. Leek, A. J. H. Eckhardt, Col.
Pellett.
Mr. Wm. Pratt addressed the direc-
tors, asking for a grant, saying that the
curier's rink which was used as a stable
at the Fair had been improved by a
cement wall on the west side; also that
a cistern had been put in at a cost al-
together of \$90. The directors made
a grant of \$25.
The Executive Committee consisting
of the officers and Messrs. J. Sande-
son, R. Thompson, J. McLean, W.
Clubine and J. Boyle will meet at an
early date.

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IN MEMORIAM.

Mr. David Gray, a former and much
respected resident of Richmond Hill
died at the home of Prof. Kirkpatrick,
175 Grace St. Toronto, January 16th,
1913, in his 85th year. Mr. Gray em-
igrated from Scotland about fifty-two
years ago and commenced business for
himself at the blacksmith trade on the
farm of the late John Kaiser, con. 5,
West York. A year or two later he
moved his business up to Edgeley,
then appropriately called 'Mudville.'
About this time his fiancée, Miss Flora
MacClellan, arrived from Scotland,
and they began the happy married
life that death has lately broken. This
brings the writer to where and when he
first met Mr. Gray. My stepfather,
also a blacksmith, on our arrival from
England, engaged with him and re-
mained over two years. This was in
1862. As a little boy of ten years or
so, I spent many hours in the old shop
blowing bellows, tapping bolts and
nuts etc. The kindness of this wor-
thy man and of his jolly young wife
endeared them to my heart and be-
gan a friendship that only death has
broken. Some years later Mr. Gray
moved to Newton Brook from which
stand after a period of years he re-
moved to Lyburner's sideroad, near
Carrville from which he retired to
Richmond Hill. Mr. Gray was a mas-
ter workman at his trade and a fa-
mous horseshoer. When he moved
away from one place his customers
followed him to the next and I have
known him to request some to patro-
nize their local man, and give him a
chance to get proper rest. In those
days, at Edgeley, it was a common
thing to make a number of iron plows
each year and put in every spare hour
in their construction, as all but the
mouldboard was made by hand and
I am not quite sure about even that.
One thing I am sure of is that no
poorly executed job ever left Mr.
Gray's shop with his knowledge or
consent. He was a man of sterling
integrity and when he gave his word
no one ever questioned it. Modest,
unassuming, a faithful friend, a good
neighbor, Mr. Gray was loved and re-
spected by all who knew him. Mr.
Gray was a liberal in politics and for
the last fifty years the "Globe" has
held an honored place in his reading
matter. Above all he loved the Bible.
He belonged to a generation of
Scotchmen who were taught to rever-
ence God's Word and keep holy the
Sabbath Day, and a "Thus saith the
Lord" to him was the final Court of
Appeal. A staunch Presbyterian all
his life, I never heard him say a bit-
ter word about those of other faiths,
even in those bygone days of narrow
sectarianism. The writer feels sure
that the numerous friends of the de-
ceased in the various places he has
lived will bear him out in the truth of
this imperfect outline of his life and
character. They will also join with
him in expressing their heartfelt sym-
pathy for the now lonely partner of
his joys and sorrows and pray God to
sustain her in this time of sadness
and trial. In conclusion let the writ-
er use regarding Mr. Gray the words
he once quoted to me, referring to
the death of an aged mutual friend,
"Mark the perfect man and behold
the upright, for the end of that man
is Peace."
FRED ELLIOTT.

Victoria Square.

The Victoria Square branch of the
W. I. will hold their Supplementary
meeting at the home of Mrs. G. Boynton,
Victoria Square, on Tuesday, Jan.
28th, at 2 p.m. Programme for the
afternoon is as follows:—Addresses by
Mrs. F. Watts, Toronto; Miss L. Rey-
nolds, Scarborough; Reading by Mrs. C.
Brunwell; Solos by Miss Hood; In-
strumental duet, violin and organ by
Misses Vera and Leta Connell; also
gramophone selections. There will be
a joint meeting in the evening at 8
p.m., held in the Temperance Hall.
Addresses by Mr. Gavin Barbour, Cross-
hill, Mrs. Watts and others; also selec-
tions from the Gramophone. Everybody
invited, lunch served at the close of
the afternoon session in the Temper-
ance Hall. Ladies please bring baskets.
Farmer's meeting in the Temperance
Hall at 2 p.m.

Unionville.

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business man of this village, and for a
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identified with the Lutheran Church
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intendent, was waited upon, a few
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