

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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**OBSERVATIONS**

A ring is a good thing for an ox yoke, but a contemptibly mean thing is municipal politics.

The town Inspector will be on duty as usual especially on pay day—the best time!

Why such a rush with the Council business on the 21st? Were the council afraid there would be some applicants for Assessor or Inspector if they followed the usual course of adjourning till evening for the transaction of business? It seems like it.

Is it the Inspector's or any persons duty to look after those abused, starved frozen horses, called Whackoy? Or are they to be murdered like those of other winters? In the name of all that is good let some officer take the matter in hand.

How strange that every village or town is like the deep sea, sure to have their sharks? Yes, land sharks at that and 40 per cent. is the only food they live upon, no heart, but all stomach, they toil not neither do they spin, yet they wear good clothes and say, we are the people!

That was quite a religious experience of brother Doolittle on Sunday morning was it not Mr. Jones? Mr. Jones, Well—yes—it is wonderful what the Lord has done for him, those years. See the abundance he has of this world's goods and also in the very bloom of health. Happiness is depicted on every feature and his heart must overflow with thankfulness and gratitude to the Great Giver of all good for the many mercies vouchsafed to him, Oh yes! Mr. Jones it is a very easy matter for a man to get up and tell what the good Lord has done for him but let him put it the other way and tell how much he has done for God, how many souls he has put right on the way to Heaven.

How much of his goods he has given to the poor, how much he gives yearly to missions, how much for the support of his own minister, and in all ways for the advancement of Christ's cause and kingdom in the earth. Why Mr. Jones this same Brother Doolittle, was never known to give a cent to the poor in his life and never more than twenty-five cents a year to the cause of mission and one cent a Sunday for the support of his preacher, making a total of seventy-seven cents a year out of his abundance for the cause of religion; and you call him a christian. Mr. Jones, Well Mr. Observer you put things in a different light, I always thought the doing was on the Lord's side, but I see the Lord expects something from us in return if we have His love shed abroad in our hearts and from this little conversation I have learned that in order to show forth God's love to me I must shew forth my love for Him by my deeds as well as by my words, and shall tell Brother Doolittle at our next experience meeting to tell what he has done for God and not so much what God has done for him.

**ROUND ABOUT US.**

NOTES GOT BY HOOK OR BY CROOK WITH SCISSORS OR PEN IN HAND.

A. Whiterose correspondent to the Banner wants to know who skinned the newly married man's nose. If anyone should nab the villain let us have a description.

Mr. P. L. Querrie general blacksmith and carriage builder, of Aurora has assigned to Mr. C. C. Robinson.

North York Farmers' Club met in Aurora on Saturday 19th. The principal speaker was Wm. Mulock M.P., who discussed "Underdrainage."

An official account of the ballots cast in the last municipal election in Vaughan Township was held by Judge McDougall and the result was in favor of the supposed defeated candidate Mr. Malloy. The official figures are Malloy 390; McNeil 335.

A lonely bear is wandering around the 3rd and 4th concessions of Scott. Some local sports started on the trail seeking its gore but we pity poor Bruin if the bear slayer from Uxbridge gets after him.

The Rev. Mr. Freed and wife of Whitevale were the recipient of a purse of money accompanied by an appropriate address from their Baptist friends from Green River.

The Pickering News calls on Magistrate Horne and Inspector Ferguson of Ontario County to explain how the same violators of the Scott Act have been convicted two or three times of a first offense and fined accordingly, and wants to know whether it is they or the Act is worthless.

The Newmarket band is again under the leadership of Mr. Thos. MacDonald that position having been resigned by Mr. Wm. Roadhouse.

A lead of Newmarket Oddfellows visited their Aurora brethren and assisted in the installation of officers on Monday evening.

Saturday was a great day for fire. Mackey's flouring mills at Bowmanville (loss \$10000; insurance \$5000); D. Smith's wagon shop and D. O'Connor's blacksmith shop at Pickering; one of the large colleges at the Asylum, London; a barn and live stock at Blythe and two stores in Montreal were burned.

"All the way to Calgary he went for me," Dr. Montague of Haldimand has brought a voter from Calgary to make his election sure.

The best cough and expectorant for the cure of colds and coughs and all throat, lung, and bronchial troubles is, undoubtedly, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Ask your druggist for it, and, at the same time, for Ayer's Almanac, which is free to all.

**WINTER.**

The earth is clothed in robes of white  
All beautiful to behold.  
The stars are shining very bright  
And piercing is the cold.  
The wind is whistling round our door  
And keen the northern breeze.  
Is tuning a sad requiem  
Among the leafless trees.

Then keep your fires burning bright  
Till it doth warmer grow  
And wrap yourselves for Winter's plight  
To ride upon the snow.  
We'll greet our friends from far away  
With their merry jingling bells  
And when the table is cleared away  
Each one a story tells.

**SPRING.**

But Winter's going very fast  
And Spring will soon be here  
And how we always do rejoice  
When first it doth appear.  
The swelling buds and melting snow  
Convey the joyful news,  
Then to the maple groves we go  
And tab the trees we choose.

Then little birds will choose their mates  
And merrily will sing  
And pretty flowers raise their heads  
To welcome in the Spring.  
The children too, in merry glee  
Will pick the choicest flower.  
And chase the little honey bee  
Or seek some shady bower.

**SUMMER.**

And still the days will longer grow  
Until Summer's heat is here  
The farmer then will whistling go  
To meet with many a cheer.  
From friends and neighbors all around  
Whose hopes are raising high  
That soon they'll reap from off their ground  
Plentiful supply.

With joy they shout their "Harvest Home"  
And raise their minds above  
To Him, who all our wants supplies  
With gratitude and love.

**AUTUMN.**

When Summer's beauties all have fled  
And sea-fowls flown away,  
Then gather in your choicest fruit  
No longer it delay.  
For lowering clouds will soon descend  
And chilly winds will blow  
And hurl about the falling leaves  
And the first flakes of snow.

When the last pleasant lingering day  
Seems loath to yield its sway  
To let stern Winter take the rule  
With glittering frost by day,  
And the poor beasts all shivering stand  
Or run for shelter to their stall;  
Then raise your heart in gratitude  
To Him who cares for all.

For by His bounty we are fed  
His blessings we enjoy,  
Then may our trust be on Him staid  
His praise our tongues employ.

The above lines were composed by the late Mrs. Graham in the eightieth year of her age. And contributed in loving remembrance, by her daughter E. Percy.

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