

PRAYER AND POTATOES.

BY REV. J. T. PEISER.

"If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them: Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful for the body; what doth it profit?"—James 2: 15, 16.

An old lady sat in her old arm chair, With wrinkled visage and dishevelled hair, And hunger-worn features; For days and for weeks her only fare, As she sat there in her old arm chair, Had been potatoes.

But now they were gone; of bad or good, Not one was left for the old lady's food Of those potatoes; And she sighed and said, "What shall I do, Where shall I send, and to whom shall I go, For more potatoes?"

And she thought of the deacon over the way, The deacon so ready to worship and pray, Whose cellar was full of potatoes. And she said, "I will send for the deacon to come; He'll not mind much to give me some Of such a store of potatoes."

And the deacon came over as fast as he could, Thinking to do the old lady some good, But never for once, of potatoes. He asked her at once what was her chief want, And she, simple soul, expecting a grant, Immediately answered, "Potatoes."

But the deacon's religion didn't lie that way, He was more accustomed to preach and pray, Than give of his hoarded potatoes. So, not hearing, of course, what the old lady said, He arose to pray, with uncovered head, But she only thought of potatoes.

He prayed for patience, and wisdom, and grace, But when he prayed, "Lord, give her peace," She audibly sighed, "Give her potatoes." And at the end of each prayer which he said, He heard, or thought that he heard, in its stead, That same request for potatoes.

The deacon was troubled, knew not what to do; 'Twas very embarrassing to have her act so About "those carnal potatoes." So ending his prayer, he started for home, But as the door closed behind him, he heard a deep groan, "Oh, give to the hungry, potatoes!"

And that groan followed him all the way home; In the midst of the night it haunted his room—"Oh, give to the hungry, potatoes!" He could bear it no longer; arose and dressed; From his well filled cellar taking in haste A bag of his best potatoes.

Again he went to the widow's lone hut; Her sleepless eyes she had not yet shut; But there she sat in that old arm-chair, With the same wan face the same sad air; And, entering in, he poured on the floor A bushel or more from his goodly store Of choicest potatoes.

The widow's heart leaped up for joy, Her face was haggard and wan no more. "Now," said the deacon, "shall we pray?" "Yes," said the widow, "now you may." And he knelt on the sanded floor, Where he had poured his goodly store, And such a prayer the deacon prayed, As never before his lips essayed; No longer embarrassed, but free and full, He poured out the voice of a liberal soul, And the widow responded aloud, "Amen!" But said no more of potatoes.

And would you, who hear this simple tale, Pray for the poor, and praying, "prevail?" Then preface your prayers with alms and good deed; Search on the poor, their wants and their needs; Pray for peace, and grace, and spiritual food, For wisdom, and guidance, for all these are good, But don't forget the potatoes.

THE WIDOW GRANT.

Harry Fredericks, aged 19, shot in battle of Fredericksburg.

Such was a part of the inscription upon a plain marble slab in the little cemetery of Allandale.

Mrs. Grant, strolling by the grave, stopped for a moment to read the simple record.

"Aged nineteen," she murmured, "Only a boy."

And then, as if by some subtle feeling of sympathy, she sat down on the soft turf near by and let her thoughts go wandering back that mournful time when so many homes were so desolate, because their 'boys' were in the midst of danger and death.

"Harry, 'Our Harry's somebody,'" she said to herself, gathering a spray of myrtle that trailed about the grass, and laying it tenderly in her palm.

"A blue-eyed, blonde-haired Harry, broad-chested and strong-armed. A warm-hearted, big-souled Harry, brave as a lion and tender as a woman—somebody's darling, somebody's stay and consolation."

The tears stood in her eyes and dropped over her cheeks. She, too, had lost a Harry—the love of her childhood, the husband of her young womanhood.

"I wonder who this Harry's mother was?" she thought, "and if she is living still?"

And then she tried to imagine how a mother must feel when the child she has nursed and reared, who bears about in himself the very heart of her own being goes away to battle to kill or to be killed.

"It is hard," she said, "hard, hard!" And pressing her lips for a moment upon the sod that covered the brave young heart, she rose and walked away.

From the cemetery she went to the main street of the town, and going into

a dry goods store proceeded to examine satins and ribbons.

"Can I have the goods on three months' credit?" she asked, after deciding on several articles.

"No, madam," answered the clerk, curtly. "I have orders to the contrary. Very well."

A despairing look fell upon the pale, sweet face, and Mary Grant walked out of the store and to her little home of three rooms over Tom Harsen's bakery.

What was she to do next? Sarsnet & Co. would trust her no longer, and they had been her main dependence. She sat down in the middle of her tiny shop and looked with a sort of stolid grief at the specimen bonnets and hats that should have been finished long ago, and at the old ladies' caps that seemed, in their grim imperturbability, to be giving her a silent lesson upon the fallacy of human hopes.

How she hated them at that minute, this little milliner, who six months before had set contentedly making these caps, with her black dotted lace and purple bows of illusion ruchings! But, then she was sustained by hope, and that makes all the difference.

Mary Grant, a soldier's widow, came to Allandale with less than \$50 capital in her shabby little wallet. She had a few pieces of furniture, and a letter of introduction to Sarsnet & Co., from a city merchant who had done the firm many a good turn first and last. With these assets and sundry liabilities, the young widow had hoped to strike a favorable balance, and get up a business by which she could support a humble home.

But she had not been fortunate. In the first place, Mehitab Pillsbury, an old maid, with bank bills as numerous as her wrinkles, had set up business a block or two away. Her show window was gorgeous with pattern hats, rich ribbons and laces, and she kept a standing advertisement in the Allandale Enterprise.

It made little difference that Mary Grant's millinery was artistic, while Miss Pillsbury's was only showy and 'stylish.' The Allandale fair ones were not artistic themselves, and aimed at nothing higher than keeping up with their neighbors. So it happened that the widow's hats and caps stood upon their standards, till, as I have said, they seemed to leer at her with ridiculous and accusing aspect.

She could not make her first payment to Sarsnet & Co., on time. They gave her an extension, but she failed again to pay the whole amount, and at last, as we have seen, the firm refused to trust her for any more goods

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MORTGAGE SALE.

To be sold, by Public Auction, at the Court House in Summerside, in Prince County, on **Tuesday, the Eighteenth day of February next**, at the hour of one o'clock, in the afternoon, under a Power of Sale in an Indenture of Mortgage, dated the fifth day of October, 1878, made between William Thomas Mill, of the one part, and John Eeckeen, Frederick De St. Croix Brecken, and Robert Robinson Hodgson, trustees, of the other part,—

1. All that tract, piece or parcel of land, situated on Lot Eighteen, and bounded and described as follows: Commencing at a stake fixed on the shore of Indian River; thence by a line running south twenty degrees west until it meets the boundary line dividing Lots or Townships Numbers eighteen and nineteen; thence running due east on said division line for the distance of thirty-two chains; thence by a line running north twenty degrees east until it reaches Indian River, aforesaid; thence following the course of the River to the place of commencement, making and including fifty-six (56) acres of land be the same, a little more or less, in Prince County, aforesaid.

2. Also, all that other tract, piece or parcel of land, situated on Lot or Township Twenty-five, in Prince County, aforesaid, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake fixed on William McMurdy's eastern boundary line at the southeast corner of Joshua Harding's Lot; from thence running south for the distance of forty-four chains; thence east eleven chains and fifty links; thence north forty-four chains; thence west eleven chains and fifty links, to the aforesaid stake or place of commencement, making and including fifty (50) acres of land, a little more or less, being the southern moiety of one hundred acres of land; and being bounded on the north by the northern moiety thereof, known as Joshua Harding's lot; on the east by Gay's land, on the south by Kefe's land, and on the west by the said William MacMurdy's land.

3. Also, all that other tract, piece or parcel of land, situated on Lot or Township Number Nineteen, bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake set on the shore of Richmond Bay in the centre of a road on the line of Lots Eighteen or Nineteen; thence northwardly along said shore such a distance as shall make fifty chains and sixty-five links (15 chains and 65 links) at a right angle from said division line; thence north eighty-nine degrees east or parallel with the said division line forty-eight chains and fifteen links (48 chains, 15 links) or to lands the property of the said William Thomas Mill, thence south twenty degrees west to said division line to the stake at the place of commencement, containing seventy-eight acres of land, a little more or less.

4. All that tract, piece or parcel of land situated on Lot or Township Number Eighteen, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say: Commencing at a stake set on the shore of Richmond Bay in the centre of a road on the line of Lots Eighteen or Nineteen; thence northwardly along said shore such a distance as shall make fifty chains and sixty-five links (15 chains and 65 links) at a right angle from said division line; thence north eighty-nine degrees east or parallel with the said division line forty-eight chains and fifteen links (48 chains, 15 links) or to lands the property of the said William Thomas Mill, thence south twenty degrees west to said division line to the stake at the place of commencement, containing seventy-eight acres of land, a little more or less.

5. Also all that other tract, piece or parcel of land situated on Lot or Township Number Twenty-five (25), in Prince county, and bounded and described as follows, that is to say, commencing at a stake set in the north boundary line of land in possession of the widow Keiff or Lawrence Malone, being the southeast angle of fifty acres of land the property of William T. Mill, from thence by a line running north twelve chains and fifty links, thence east nine chains and fifty-five links or to the east boundary line of land in possession of William Gay, thence south to the first mentioned land, thence westwardly along said land to the stake at the place of commencement, containing eleven and nine-tenths acres, a little more or less.

6. Also all that other tract, piece or parcel of land situated on Lot or Township Number Nineteen, in Prince County, bounded as follows, that is to say, commencing at the southeast angle of land in the possession of Neil McDonald, from thence running west along said land twelve chains and twenty links (12 chains, 20 links) or to the southwest angle of said land, and from thence two points running two parallel lines south thirty-one (31) chains or to the south boundary line of plot G containing thirty-seven and one-half (37½) acres of land, be the same a little more or less, together with all buildings and improvements thereon and appurtenances to the same belonging.

For further particulars apply at the office of Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated the 13th day of January, A. D. 18 79. JOHN BRECKEN, FREDERICK DE ST. C. BRECKEN, R. R. HODGSON, By E. J. HODGSON, their attorney. Jan. 13—law's prog

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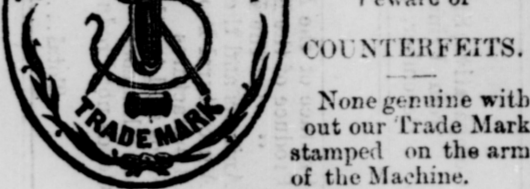
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AUCTION!

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ALL that tract of land and premises situate lying and being as follows, that is to say: Commencing on the north side of the Fort Augustus Road, at the south-east angle of a farm of land in the possession of Thomas Ceerley; from thence north fifty chains, or to the northern boundary of the said John Henesy's land; thence east five chains; thence south to the said road, and from thence west to place of commencement, containing by estimation Twenty-five acres, a little more or less, and being part of Lot or Township Number Thirty-six, in Queen's County, together with all rights, members and appurtenances thereto belonging.

For further particulars apply to Messrs. HODGSON & McLEOD, Solicitors, Charlottetown.

Dated this Twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. 1878. FRANCIS KELLY, Mortgagee.

Dec. 2, 1878—law t sale

THE above Sale is hereby postponed till TUESDAY, the Twenty-fifth day of February 1879, then to take place at the hour and place above mentioned. FRANCIS KELLY, Mortgagee.

Prince Edward Island. IN CHANCERY.

SILAS BARNARD, Executor of the last Will and Testament of James Coles, deceased, Complainant.

—AND— THOMAS REILLY, CATHERINE REILLY and MARY G. REILLY, by her Guardian, Hannah Reilly, Defendants.

In pursuance of a decree made in this suit by His Honor the Vice Chancellor, bearing date the nineteenth day of November, instant, A. D. 1878, there will be sold by PUBLIC AUCTION, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of February next, A. D. 1879, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the Supreme Court House in Charlottetown, in Queen's County—

ALL that Tract, Piece or Parcel of Land being part of Town Lot Number Eighty-nine the third hundred of Town Lots in Charlottetown, commencing at the northeast angle of said Town Lot, on the southeast angle of Kent Street; thence, following the course of the same, westwardly for the distance of eighty-six feet and eight inches; thence, by a right-angle line with said Kent Street, south-eastwardly for the distance of forty-eight feet and six inches; thence, by a line parallel with said Kent Street, eastwardly for the distance of thirty feet; thence, by a right angle therewith, northwardly for the distance of six feet; thence by a line running north-eastwardly to the southwest angle of the dwelling house; thence, by a line at right angles with the course of Prince Street, eastwardly thirty-one feet to the westward edge of said Prince Street; thence, following the course of the same, northwardly thirty-one feet to the place of commencement; together with the buildings and improvements thereon and the appurtenances thereto belonging. Dated this Twentieth day of November, A. D. 1878.

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