

Selected Poetry.

THE EXAMPLE.

BY MARY E. BRADLEY.

Happy along life's weary ways,
Thicket with uncongenial tasks,
Some overweighted toiler stays
His hand from labor, while he asks:
"Wherefore shall I these burdens bear
That others ought at least to share?"

"I, since the day's march was begun,
Have spent my strength, nor turned
aside
From any service to be done,
Nor grudged my pleasures, self denied:
Yea, I have even counted gain,
For the work's sake, my loss and pain.

"But now my soul is vexed; for why
Should duty have no law for these
Who with averted looks pass by,
Or sit with folded hands at ease?
Why should I suffer more than they,
The heat and burden of the day?"

How many a spirit, fretted sore
With the world's cold indifference,
Has turned such questions o'er and o'er,
Still haunted with the restless sense
Of doubt, and wondering distrust:
Would these things be if God were just?

Ah! me! the ways of God with men,
No man that lives can find them out;
Who grasps at things beyond his ken,
Is tossed on shoreless seas about.
Yet in the thickest of the night,
For eyes that see there shall be light.

What time we nurse our discontent—
Rather, instead, should we recall
How once in servant's guise he went
Who was the Master of us all;
Nor any work whereby was wrought
The Father's will, too irksome thought.

Need any be disquieted
Whose hearts this memory enclose?—
Who follows where the Lord has led,
What matter is it where he goes?
For working with Him side by side,
This meanest task is glorified.

—[Baldwin's Monthly.]

Halifax Antiquities.

(From the Halifax Reporter.)

Halifax was originally laid out at Point Pleasant near Jackson's River, as the North West Arm was formerly called.

The present site was selected because the water was found to be shoal at the "Point."

The Citadel Hill was originally eighty feet higher than it is now.

A brook ran from Citadel Hill down Duke Street. It became degraded into a sewer in process of time.

There was a large Indian burial ground the west and east boundaries of which were, where now stands Northrup's corner and Duff's corner. North and South it extended over a square or two.

Where the Ordnance Yard now is was formerly a Bay. It was filled up with the stone gathered from the five acre field on the peninsula. You'd never think it, to see the piles of stones on the fields yet.

The Grenadier fort stood near where Trinity Church stands. Before it was built one of the palisades forts which protected the city from the incursions of hostile Indians who occupied the spot. Friendly Indians used to build their wigwams round the fort.

Government House stood where now stands the Province Building. There were no houses between it and the water; close to the water the Governor's battery reared its formidable front to warn all sea-ward strangers that the Governor was well protected.

The first Government House was a small, low house of one story, the frame of which was brought from Boston. It was surrounded by hogheads of gravel and sand, upon which were mounted cannon.

Millions have been spent upon cutting down and scooping out the Citadel Hill. Lately the military have been employed. Formerly civilians did it. "Danly" Flinn, was the first contractor. The first wall fell down the day after he had been paid for it.

Where Mr. Doull's splendid warehouse now stands, there formerly stood St. Matthew's Church. The cellar of the Church was used for a wine cellar. One day, some irreverent wag wrote on the porch door, the following:—

There are spirits above and spirits below,
There are spirits of love and spirits of woe.
The spirits above are spirits divine,
The spirits below are spirits of wine.

For thirty years after the founding of the city carriages, they thumped and bumped over great big stones and stumps of trees. These have been succeeded by little stones. It is hard to say whether the little stones are an improvement upon the big ones.

The first execution was performed by hanging a man for stealing Government liquor.

A visitor of the period, after describing Halifax, says the inhabitants are divided into two classes—1st, those who sell rum; 2d, those who drink it. There would be a third class now—the members of the Reform Club.

The progenitor of the Reform Club was a temperance society organized by Governor Cornwallis.

General Wolfe was entertained by the "bloody" of the day at the "Great Pontiac." They had a high old time of it.

The predecessors of the Halifax Club were the Jerusalem Coffee House—situated near the site of the present Jerusalem Warehouse—and the Crown Coffee House, situated on the opposite side of Upper Water Street, and south of the presentlover gate of the Dockyard.

Kissing Bridge used to be at the foot of Light Street. The "boys" of the olden time had a custom of exacting toll in the shape of a kiss from every fair stranger, on her first crossing the bridge.

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