

THE SEASON'S POETRY.

A CANADIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL.

No shepherds in the fields to-night, no flock upon the world, Thro' the shivering forest branches moans the north blast fierce and cold, But gloriously the white stars gleam as on that holy even, When the herald Angels' chorus swelled through the soft Judean heaven.

THE MESSAGE OF THE BELLS.

Do you hear the bells chime o'er the snow, In the hush of the dawn, While the east flashes red in the glow Of the fair Christmas morn?

IN THE HOLY LAND.

Tonight, as on all Christmas eves, I think the moon in Palestine Sifts the grayly-drooping leaves That on the Mount of Olives shine;

GOD WITH US.

While to Bethlehem we are going, Tell me now, to cheer our road, Tell me why this lovely Infant Quitted his divine abode?

THE CRADLE AND THE CROSS.

In a manger, on the hay, Mary's new-born infant lay; Though the child was fair and sweet, Yet its helplessness complete.

Men who saw this infant son In the streets of Nazareth run Lived to mourn his early loss When he died upon the cross; Lived till his victorious foes Drank, defeated, bitter woes;

HIS HEART WAS YOUNG,

AND HE WANTED TO BE A BOY AGAIN AT CHRISTMAS TIME.

How Old Guy Grandison Stole Away from the House of Grandison, and How Sister Seraphina Found Him - Brother Guy's Remark to Brother Gregory.

Christmas had come at Half Acre, as it had come to all the rest of the world. Wilban's tavern, the centre of life on court days, election days and holidays, was the magnet toward which every team that entered the village square was drawn.

"The Larches" never lacked for an abundance of the old and precious brands, and Guy having been educated to drink as a gentleman, was not given to excess.

Alas, for good intentions. He found a genial and hard-headed group at the tavern, and the hours slipped by like minutes.

Something caused a temporary lull in the conversation. Suddenly Guy started from his chair with a look of keen apprehension.

Hastily looking around for some means of escape, he espied a door in one corner of the smoking-room. It opened into a dark closet, in which were stored empty barrels, boxes and bottles.

She was not alone. Her brother Gregory was with her. Gregory differed from Guy in being much taller, much thinner, and much more severe in his language.

"Oh, Mr. Wilban," exclaimed Seraphina, "have you seen anything of brother Guy?" "Yes," replied the landlord evasively, "he was in here this afternoon. Not very long ago, in fact. Perhaps you will find him on his way home."

Wilban hesitated a moment to invent a plausible story. In the meantime Guy, anxious to see and hear, had mounted a barrel filled with empty bottles and was striving to look through a crack at the top of the door.

It was one of the old, original Grandison sneezes. It was like the explosion of a blast. Its violence caused Guy to lose his balance, the door flew open, and Guy, the barrel and the bottles landed with a terrific crash at the feet of sister Seraphina.

Brother Gregory sat in front to drive and sister Seraphina sat beside him. Brother Guy had the back seat to himself. Again the sound of Viper's bell was heard as the sleigh made its way over the hills to "The Larches."

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object was seen making a rapid course over the snow, several hundred feet away. Seraphina rose in the sleigh and shouted: "Brother Guy, brother Guy! Come back, brother Guy."

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