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FOR OTHERS TOO

Here and now we want to express our gratitude to every New Bernian who goes to the time and trouble to plant a flower garden.

We owe them our thanks, and so do you, for brightening our way as we pass by their door. A world without flowers would be a dreary world indeed, but the posies that beautify this historic city just don't happen. Someone has to toil for countless hours to bring such blooms into blossoming glory.

Admittedly, flower growers not only labor for the pleasure of others, but for their own pleasure as well. Yet, agreeing that pride and a measure of vanity are to some extent the motivating factors, there is no denying that the average amateur florist does get satisfaction of the soul in the awareness that someone else is sharing the splendor of her garden.

People who put forth considerable effort to have lovely surroundings are not necessarily the nicest folks to know, or the kindest. Some of them, we're forced to concede, are crabby and cranky—and quite self-centered.

By the same token, we've known charming individuals who were blissfully content to live out their lives in the midst of unattractiveness. Shanties have been made presentable by folks who did it merely to please themselves, while mansions have been allowed to decay into hovels by mortals who were otherwise appreciative and often generous.

Even so, The Mirror has a warm spot in its heart for those who consider it important to make their yards appealing to a friend or stranger who happens by. It's a pretty good sign that the people who live inside are a credit to the community, and determined to contribute to the happiness of their fellow man.

So many things, in addition to flowers, can be shared without depriving ourselves. The smile we smile not only makes us feel better, it gives hope and encouragement to those we meet. And politeness inevitably makes us a better person, while easing someone else's load. So to you who say "Howdy" with flowers, we say "Thank you!"

ONLY A MEMORY

John Greenleaf Whittier, the beloved Quaker poet, would be astounded by many miracles if he returned to the ranks of the living he left 67 years ago.

Not the least of his surprises, we're inclined to think, would be the dismal discovery that the barefoot boy he immortalized in verse is now a vanished breed.

There are still plenty of boys around, of course, but today in almost every instance they wear shoes the long summer through. Pass a hundred kids on New Bern streets, and you're apt to search in vain for a lad with his feet unconfined.

All of which is enough to sadden the heart of old timers who recall with relish the boundless joy of unshod freedom. It was worth the stone bruises you got on your heels at the first of the season, and the excruciating pain when you stumped your big toe on a half-hidden root.

As a matter of fact, a sore toe was more of an asset than a liability. Especially if it got all inflamed and infected. The injury made you a center of attraction, and you were in show business simply by unwrapping the glorious disfigurement and displaying it to eager juvenile eyes in your neighborhood.

Well do we remember our worst looking toe. It was so grotesque that just having a series of neighborhood exhibitions wasn't enough. From morn until night the show went on the road. It won us no little fame in Ghent, Riverside and way points.

In too few days the swelling went down, and nobody cared to look any more. Besides, on upper Pollock street—where we lived—you had to go some to remain in the running for gruesomeness. Somebody else invariably got a black eye, busted nose, or split-open head, and stole your thunder.

Yes, the barefoot boy is gone, Mr. Whittier, so look the other way when you turn over in your grave.

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Account of sales of sundries remaining in the Palace at New Bern, lately the property of Josiah Martin, Esq., and by resolves of Congress held at Halifax, November, 1776, ordered to be sold at public vendue, February 6, 1777: (Continued from last week).

On dripping pan, etc., his Excellency, 0 7 0; three forks and iron skewer, William Willson, 0 0 2; nine old casks, his Excellency, 0 2 2; one bay knife, James Little, 0 0 6; fifty two bottles, his Excellency, 1 11 0; one water pot, William Willson, 0 1 6; four paint brushes and some paint, Henry Vipon, 0 5 1; fifty-two empty bottles, his Excellency, 1 12 0; one copper fish kettle, his Excellency, 1 0 0; one old brass kettle, Jacob Blount, 0 6 8; eight chairs, Alexander Gray, 1 0 0; five old locks, Joseph Leech, 0 5 4; ten jugs, Henry Vipon, 1 1 6; two stone pots, Mr. Gaspé, 0 1 4; four canisters, Henry Vipon, 0 18 6, 12 empty mottles, Henry Vipon, 0 1 2; one hat case and some gun flints, William Dennis, 0 8 0; one pair curtain tongs, James Green, 0 0 4; one dust pan and cheese toasters, his Excellency, 0 2 0; five rush bottom chairs, James Davis, 2 14 0; four volumes of "Don Quixota" Samuel B. Cunningham, 2 2 6; three volumes "Rosseau upon Education", Titus Ogden, 1 12 0; two volumes "Madam Pompadour", Edward Starkey, 1 0 0; four volumes "Gil Blas", Alexander Gray, 2 10 0; five volumes "Chinese Spy", Edward Starkey, 2 0 0; four volumes "History of France", by Rosseau, Titus Ogden, 1 9 0; five volumes "Fool Quality", Titus Ogden, 2 15 0; three volumes "Sully's Memoirs", Colonel Ingram, 1 4 0; nine volumes Shakespeare, Colonel Easton, 5 0 0; Moore's Tables and Lefiphanes, Joseph Leech, 0 15 0; two volumes complete "Cook's Voyage", his Excellency, 1 10 0; 26 volumes of "Universal History", Alexander Gaston, 13 0 0; two volumes "History of Scotland", by Robinson, John Barrie, 1 19 6; a catalogue, Titus Ogden, 0 2 0; an essay on "Faith", William Bryan, 0 0 8;

Two volumes Dean Swift's Works, Titus Ogden, 0 10 0; a magazine for the year 1763, Colonel Ingram, 0 2 9; five pamphlets, Colonel Ingram, 0 3 0; "Religion of Nature", Cornelius Harnett, 0 1 0; a pair bellows and a small trunk, James Davis, 0 7 0; one sturgeon

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As twilight draws the curtain for its play;
Before a scene of bright hued majesty
The night comes down, to softly kiss the day.
—JGMCD.

spitt, Abner Nash, 1 14 0; 43 bottles of rose and mint water, his Excellency, 1 11 0; 15 empty bottles, his Excellency, 0 7 0; one dozen soup plates (Queen's China, his Excellency, 0 14 6; one dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 14 6; seven dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 7 0; one dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 12 6; one dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 13 6; one dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 13 6; one dozen shallow plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 13 6; one dozen shallow breakfast plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 10 6; one dozen shallow breakfast plates (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 12 6; 21 shallow plates large and small (Queen's China), his Excellency, 1 3 0; seven dishes sorted (Queen's China), his Excellency; 1 10 0; six dishes sorted (Queen's China), his Excellency, 1 7 0; four dishes sorted, (Queen's China), James Arant, 0 7 6; five fish dishes (Queen's China), his Excellency, 0 12 0; one tu-

reen, William Rumsey, 0 5 0; one tureen, his Excellency, one tureen and two covers, his Excellency, 0 9 0; one can, his Excellency, 0 12 6; four mustard and two milk pots, his Excellency, 0 4 0;

Four water bottles and three butter boats, his Excellency, 0 10 6; two earthen pots and one pewter pint mug, Colonel Armstrong, 0 3 0
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