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'Ring Out the Old, Ring in the New.'

Fast upon the heels of Christmas comes the baby New Year, a bundle of possibilities. Few and far between are the individuals who do not snatch at least a little time for mental stock-taking from the closing day of the old year. Pessimist, indeed, is the man or woman who does not look forward with a renewal of resolutions of hope and courage to the days that are to come.

Have you failed in your purpose during the year that is quickly passing into eternity? Have resolutions been formed but to be broken again? Is your grip upon yourself less firm than it was a year ago? Have you been disappointed, bereaved? Sorrow and suffering have not opened the door upon a broader view. Only when the darkness of night has fallen do the myriad of star-jewels reveal the infinity of the universe. Have the 365 days of 1911 been paved with broken purposes and shattered hopes? Even these may be transformed into other things.

Do the chains of a degrading habit bind you more closely than a year ago? The little new year comes eagerly, a smile on its lips to greet you, tiny hands outstretched to give you a new confidence, a new hold upon yourself and upon life. Has 1910 been a happy year, a year of striving and achieving, a year of approach to the ideal, which, like the beckoning hand still eludes and still eludes, receding to a higher plane just as it seems within the grasp?

If such has been your lot, you have laid a splendid foundation upon which to build a greater success in the days that are to come. To everyone in the world, great or humble, learned or illiterate, rich or poor, old or young, wise or simple, is given this gift of 1912, a book in which each and every one must write deeds great and small. Some will scarcely reach the end of the first chapter, others will write the 'finis' at the end of twelve. Balance your accounts, take a little time from the festivities, the rush and worry of these closing days of the year to know yourself, to take leave of the old before entering on the new.

When at midnight the bells ring out the old, ring in the new, may they truly ring out the 'grief that saps the mind, the bitterness, the spirit of unlovingness, of doubt, of worry, of cherished wrongs. Carry over into the new only that which has been worthy in the old.

May the bells ring in only peace and joy in hopes renewed and the will to dare and to achieve.

If you have a task to perform, a habit to break, an enemy to forgive, or a friend to make, begin it: 'Lose this day loitering.' 'Will be the same story tomorrow, and the next more dilatory. True indecision brings its own delays. And days are lost lamenting over days.

Are you in earnest? Seize the very minute; What you can do, or think you can, begin it; Boldness has genius, power and magic in it; Only begin it, and the mind grows heated; Begin it and the work will be completed.

Injustice Retrieved.
Col. Hughes, the Minister of Militia, is evidently satisfied that some serious injustice was done to Militia officers in Quebec province growing out of the Dandonald dispute. Those officers who were retired because of sympathy with Dandonald, are being restored to their former positions and better. That former Fisher, who seemed to be in charge at that time, took the nomination of officers out of Dandonald's hands, and fired any officer who didn't agree as to his rights and policy. These old blunders are being rectified and the officers are being restored.

Ireland Under Land Purchase.

In an article in The Contemporary Review of London, Eng., and quoted by the Toronto World, a very favorable account is given of the regenerated Ireland. By the operation of the land purchase measures a new country has been created and the whole standard of living improved almost beyond recognition. Comfortable, substantial dwellings have replaced the broken down cabins and already their occupants with the responsibilities of proprietorship, have recovered their independence of speech and action. 'What has produced the change in the Irish purchaser?' asks The Contemporary Reviewer. 'Why, a terror has passed from their lives—the terror of the land agent and the bailiff of the land lord himself, if he were ever visible. Lordship has gone from these districts and its departure is like the removal of a great social and moral blight. A cloud has passed away and the people breathe again. It is the best preparation for a free nation.'

These better conditions are reflected in the government report on Irish trade in 1910, just issued. During that year the combined export and import trade totalled over \$629,000,000 and for the first time exports exceeded imports. The value of Ireland's export of live stock was more than three times greater than that of the imports into the United Kingdom from all other countries. Horses alone figured at the number of 31,874. Ireland stands second in eggs, and her poultry exports to Great Britain, valued at over \$4,000,000, were far above that of any other country. The list and potatoes the largest in quantity. All this means great and growing prosperity and fully reveals the economic value of the land-owning policy.

Federal Officials.
The bitter tale being generously circulated through the Liberal press of the headman's axe at Ottawa among employees of the Public Works Department, turns out to be a gross misrepresentation of the facts. The employees whose services were dispensed with were only employed temporarily. Almost the entire lot of them had been taken on by the late government just before the election purely for political purposes and to secure their votes. Very few of their places will be filled for the simple reason that there is nothing for them to do and never was. Not one of them was a permanent employee, and not one of them came under the Civil Service Act.

Appointees of the late government, especially in the West, and around certain localities such as Ottawa, Halifax and St. John, at once became active and offensive partisans and openly shouted that they could do as they pleased. Laurier couldn't be overthrown. In those localities a Tory was treated by these government officials with open arrogance and contempt.

In more than one town and city postmasters prevented the circulation of Conservative newspapers. Liberal newspapers had the free use of the mails for campaign purposes, while anti-Conservative newspapers were compelled to pay exorbitant postage to the extent of thousands of dollars. We challenge contradiction.

Papers like The Morning Chronicle and the St. John Telegraph know the facts, and are simply shouting a lot of malicious misstatements in order to frighten the new government and hide some of their own partisan friends. A government led by Hon. R. L. Borden will treat every official fair. They should not, and will not dismiss anyone without adequate evidence. Sir Wilfrid never failed to behold the partisan official, and he was eminently justified in so doing, and why should the present government do otherwise. Civil servants are servants, and not of any party, but of the public at large.

Apple Houses.
About 15 years ago the fruit men of the Annapolis Valley commenced to build apple warehouses on the railway line. There are now over 60 of these in the Valley with a total capacity of perhaps 800,000 barrels. Considering the large additions, equivalent to new ones, twelve of these were erected during the present year. Of the dozen, six of these were in Kings and six in Annapolis county. And of these in this county five were on the H. & S. W. line.

The new ones on the Phinney Road four miles west of Bridgetown, one at Church St., Bridgetown, one on the Messenger road four or five miles east of Bridgetown, one on the Leonard road a couple of miles east of the Messenger road and one on the Moran road three or four miles east of the Leonard road.

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Pleasant Reading.

Here is what the New York Evening Journal says of a recent visit to New York of Hon. Mr. Borden. It makes pleasant reading coming after the bombastic waddle he had served up to us by the Yankee press, during the recent election campaign. The Journal says:—

'No public man that we know of could be more welcome. For, whatever Washington or Ottawa may or may not do, this republic and the Dominion stand to each other in a unique relation. As Mr. Bryce put it last night, the fact that the big neighbors on this continent have different systems makes it profitable for the one to note the political experiments and experiences of the other.'

'The tone of Mr. Borden's speech at the Canadian Club dinner last night was admirable. Whatever foolish things were said on platforms by politicians in the recent campaign have been forgotten, not to be recalled. Trade, the practical indication of mutual needs, goes on merrily. As for play, hundreds of thousands of Americans see the lakes and rivers and woods of Canada. We don't blame the Canadians for thinking well of themselves, for we think well of ourselves. As for the peace that has prevailed for a hundred years between the two nations it is the hope of Americans that it may last indefinitely.'

A Word of Gratitude.

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Railway and Locomotive Engineer: In connection with steamship propulsion the average man is apt to speak very glibly of so many hundred or thousand horse-power. But it is extremely doubtful if one person in a hundred really has a due appreciation of what the phrase actually means. On this point some very interesting remarks were made by John Hook, the Glasgow engineer surveyor. He said that calculating the strength of twelve men to be equal to one horse-power it would require 420 men to produce as much energy by the turbine machinery of the express Cansarder 'Lusitania.' Then if the men were to work on the eight hour day system those figures would give a total of 3,360,000, that being the number of men whose strength would be necessary to drive the vessel across the Atlantic Ocean. So it would take all the men in Scotland to supply the energy produced all the day round by the wonderful turbine machinery of this great ship.

It's funny how elections go sometimes. On Friday last the general elections for the New Zealand Parliament were held with the result that both the Government and Opposition had about the same number of members. The only possible way out of a deadlock seems to be for the Ministry to take a vote of confidence or so in a Parliament meet. Many members favor another dissolution immediately.

Nerves Are Exhausted

And nervous prostration or paralysis is creeping steadily upon you. You hear of people suddenly falling victims of nervous prostration or some form of paralysis. But when you get all the facts of the case you find that they have had months or years of overwork.

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