

Facing the New Day.

Greetings to the year 1915. Today is a new day. The past is nothing more than a school of experience from which we have graduated. The present is the day of opportunity that can be spent as wisely or as foolishly as we may choose. In every field of human thought a better day is dawning. In every field of science theories are constantly changing with the discovery of new facts. The same is true of methods of business. If some of the successful business men of a hundred years ago were brought back to earth, they would not be able to hold their own in any particular. As a matter of fact, they would not be able to go about their work at all. Methods have so changed in the business and commercial world. And herein lies the failure of many a life. Men refuse to keep abreast of the times. They are loath to admit that each day is a new day, and that the coming of the new day means another step in the progress of the world. Nothing stands still. Even the rocks that serve as the foundation of the earth show the effect of the constant process of change. Change has made the world what it is today. Change has developed man from an inferior creature of prehistoric ages to the civilized human being of this day. In the course of this development man has learned a great many things. But he is by no means done with school days. Keeping up to date means continuing at school. The future is before us. It is up to us whether it finds us better, nobler, more intelligent, and more successful human beings or creatures of failure in thought, word or deed. Emerson said: 'of no use to the world are those who study to do exactly as was done before—who never understand that today is a new day.' The new day presents new opportunities. Many men permit their miserable misunderstanding to run on from year to year, meaning to clear them up some day. They keep their wretched quarrels alive because they cannot quite make up their minds that now is the day to sacrifice their pride and kill them. We pass men sullenly on the street, not speaking to them out of some silly spite, and yet knowing that it would fill us with shame and remorse if we heard that one of those men were dead tomorrow morning. We let our neighbor starve until we hear that he is dying of starvation; we permit our friend's heart to ache for a word of appreciation or sympathy which we mean to give some day. If we only realize how short the time really is, we would break the spell and go instantly and do the thing which we may never have another chance to do. Movement everywhere. Change succeeding change, a mighty onward sweep out into the vast of the infinite. The old year gave us friendships which we abused, gifts of love we trampled on, confidences which we betrayed, sympathies that we despised, visions that we shut our eyes to, truths that we doubted and inspirations that we cast ruthlessly down. But we can go forward into the new year as from a fair country, ragged from lost opportunities and gifts wasted, but with a hunger for one more chance in our hearts, inspired by that eternal vision of a new heaven and a new earth.

Editorial Brevities.

A happy, prosperous and helpful New Year to all our readers.

Waste no time in regretting the past—make good now and in the future.

Let us all determine to make our town and county more prosperous during 1915.

What we get out of the new year will depend on what we put into it—in effort and sacrifice.

Dominion Parliament.

It has been officially announced that Dominion Parliament will open on Thursday, Feb. 4th.

The following from the pen of Rev. W. H. Hinson was handed us for publication, as he has been mentioned in connection with a vacancy in the pastorate of one of our churches:

Abios.

When to me the ocean surge is dumb, And beclouded the star lit skies; And ye to the final rise are come, Read ye this with your tearless eyes:

Let no one praise me, let none deride, For I to my God shall have sped, Who alone will know—no one beside, What crows shall encircle my head.

If halo of joy, or thorn of woe, Boon or bane, the bloom, or the blight,

Be it yours, O friend or foe, to know, Longer on the side I should stand,

And witness the way you go; Nor ever forget the crowning strife, Nor cried to the furies 'enough!'

Not yet expired that winds in earnest Never whistled in shrieking blast, But I played my part as best I knew,

When the spirit manifested a quest, Wishing no man's hand, as mine stands,

Millions Wasted.

Appalling as is the waste of war, some figures just made public by the United States Director of Mines suggest that the waste in every day life is but little less. Carelessness, indifference and inadequate measures for the protection of life by death to thousands annually, while the economic losses through ignorance of proper methods of work and failure to adopt modern ideas in manufacturing, etc., run into figures of unbelievable size. An idea of what the world loses in this way is given in the recently made public report of Director John A. Homan, who says that in addition to the 650,000,000 tons of coal mined annually in the American anthracite field, half that amount is wasted. Of the 300,000,000 tons of coal wasted or left underground in immovable condition, the report continues, two thirds could be saved by the adoption of suggestions which the government is making to the mine owners. A different view of the situation is presented in another part of the report, where the waste is estimated at \$1,000,000 per day is getting from the earth its supplies of coal, kerosene, natural gas and minerals. Analyzed still further, the figures show that in the manufacture of coke in beehive ovens there is an annual loss of by-products worth \$75,000,000, and the waste of metals in their brass furnace amounts to \$1,500,000 yearly. How easily the situation could be met and remedied is shown by the statement that by an expenditure of \$15,000,000 in the production of natural gas has been accomplished. The activities of the department have not yet been confined to the saving of dollars and cents. Some attention has been given to the question of the safety of the men employed in mines and the Federal government, State governments and producers have agreed on a basis of co-operation which may be roughly summarized as follows:

The investigations of the situation will be conducted by the Federal government, which will also suggest the remedies. The State government will then enact the necessary legislation to put these suggestions into effect and the mine owners will introduce improvements as rapidly as possible and co-operate with the miners in making and enforcing safety regulations. During the year there was a slight increase in the number of fatalities in the mines, but there was a reduction in the number of disasters. The Bureau's mine rescue air rail crew accomplished good work and were instrumental in saving many lives. At the laboratories of the Bureau chemists claim to have devised a new means of refining radium which is expected to reduce the cost of production by two thirds. It is the intention to use this discovery in the public interests and steps are being taken to prevent it from falling into the hands of speculators. The existence of this active Bureau in the United States has been amply justified by the results accomplished within the year. Should any successful means be devised of preventing the waste in the production of coal and metals, both present and future benefits would accrue. Not only will the great American mine fields be conserved for posterity, but by increased production prices to the consumer will be reduced. Its efforts along other lines are equally commendable. The steps which are being taken to minimize the risk which the miner, who at best follows an unattractive calling, are deserving of the highest praise, and the efforts, if continued unhampered, should prove of inestimable benefit not only to the United States but to people in all the countries which depend upon it for their supply of coal and in all countries where mining operations are carried on.

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TO EVERYONE GREETINGS!

May this be a Merry Christmas, fully permeated with the joy that every Canadian must feel in the sense of his duty well accomplished during the present trying times.

In presenting the season's greetings to the trade let us thank one and all for their support during the past twelve months.

R. E. HARRIS & SONS PHONE 16-11.

Sir Charles Tupper as the Mindful Politician.

The name of Sir Charles Tupper came up while a group of members of the Montreal Press and Advertising club were chatting one evening. Sir Charles at the Windsor about twenty years ago. How often think of an interview I had with Charles, a reformed reporter. Sir Charles, I received me in an alcove off the corridor, just outside his room. While he was talking and I was taking careful notes, a pretty girl, passing along the corridor, caught sight of Sir Charles, hesitated and looked at him expectantly. Sir Charles, always the gallant, arose and bowed with courtesy grace, and the girl came forward more confidently with outstretched hand.

'I was afraid you might not remember me,' she said.

'My dear young lady,' said Sir Charles, as he grasped her hand in his right and patted it paternally with his left, 'I am so glad indeed that you spoke. Of course, I remember you, remember you very well. And Lady Tupper, too. Why, it was only last week, on the steamer coming over, that Lady Tupper was speaking of you and wondering when we should see you again.'

'The girl blushed with pleasure and murmured her appreciation. After a few civilities she said good bye, and I looked at my notes.

'You were saying, Sir Charles,' I prompted, 'that the interests of the Dominion and the Empire demanded—'

'Yes, yes,' said the old statesman, 'absently, his eyes following the girl down the long corridor. It is the in who that young lady is. You don't happen to know her name do you?'

Hashed Culture at Harvard.

A prominent member of the Harvard faculty has expressed himself as heartily in favor of the University establishing a course in 'general information.' He believes that men, and especially young men, know far too little about the events of daily life. He has made tests in his course in English that have served to confirm his suspicion that the average young man is not 'well informed.' The course he suggests would deal with nothing in particular, but everything in general.

If 'general information' were considered an important integral part of culture, then this contemplated course at Harvard might be called 'hashed culture.' In any event, it could scarcely be denied that a cultured man ought to be 'well informed' even if it be contended that under the existing conditions the average college course usually consists of a hash of learning. With talk of a course in 'general information' and a course in 'common sense,' it is apparent that college life is on the verge of startling innovations.

Japan and Russia.

By the Treaty of Portsmouth, which settled the terms of peace between Russia and Japan, Russia was compelled to cede to Japan the southern half of the island of Saghalien, which Japan had given Russia in 1875. By purchase Japan has again become the owner of the whole island, which lies directly north of the Japanese group and so close as to form a natural member of that family. The price was paid not in money, but in big guns, which Japan has placed at the service of Russia and which have been transported across the Siberian railroad for use against Germany. This exchange marks the friendly relations now existing between Japan and Russia. The island, about 670 miles long with an area of about 29,000 square miles and a population of some 34,000 people, was of little value to Russia. Japan, on the other hand, always regarded the island as rightfully Japanese. De-pite the rigorous climate, it will now become the home of many thousands of that hardy race. The war Germany forced on the world is influencing the nations to settle amicably their outstanding questions.

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"Happy New Year" 1915. Keep your eye on this space for bargains this month. JANUARY. J.W. Williams JEWELER & OPTICIAN.

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ABOUT FAMILY GATHERINGS. During the Christmas holidays. In many cases the gathering will never again be made up of the same persons. A photograph of the group would become priceless in after years. That's where we get interested in the celebration. Phone 75-41. EDSON GRAHAM. It need not just anything just now, as the pictures may be finished at any future time.

A Merry Christmas AND Happy New Year TO ALL. WM. C. BLEAKNEY. HERRING, M. E. REGAN, WOLFVILLE.