

# The Planet

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## A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

The Planet pauses at the threshold dividing the old year and the new—the past century and the era just dawning—to extend to all its readers and the community at large the most sincere and brightest compliments of the season.

The passing of the old century and the pressing of the new kindles the imagination and touches the heart. It is not to our credit, but to our loss, if great events do not impress us or if life's changes do not sober our thought. He has no reverence who scorns to stand with shoeless feet on life's holy ground, and reverence is a first mark of a great mind. The crossing of the Great Divide between the centuries is an awesome step, and fills all but the staid minds with new and strange and sobering thoughts.

It is quite true that all times are sacred and all seasons holy. It is quite true that every morning is a glorious birth, every day a day of judgment, and every setting sun a mark of man's mortality. It is true, too, that to the faith that looks through death, and to the philosophic mind which experience brings, the ebbs and flows of life are but surface motions, and—

Our noisy years seem moments in the being Of the eternal Silence.

And yet it is the greatest in us, not the littleness, that feels the touch of things sublime. It is to the most sensitive the mystery of life is most meaningful. It is to the most reflective the deep thoughts come that lift the mind and make it great.

The changing of the centuries is a rare experience, fitted to inspire the great thoughts that make lives great. To be capable of regret and sorrow, to feel the pulse and throbs of high ambitions, to take heart against life's barrenest failures and resolve afresh to forget the things that are behind and to press forward to the new and the untrodden—to do that is to play the part of men while we bear the form of them, even though the vexing years give the lie to every hope and turn to vanity every resolution.

## THE RACE TROUBLES OF OUR NEIGHBORS.

It used to be supposed that the race question in the United States was a purely southern affair, but the numerous conflicts with blacks and whites in different sections of the Northern States during the past year indicate that human nature is the same in the North as in the South, and there is likely to be trouble between the two races where the blacks become numerous, no matter whether the place be north or south of Dixie's line. The latest conflict has occurred at Cementville, Indiana, and if the telegraphic reports of the trouble are accurate the negroes appear to be to blame in this case. If there should in future be any considerable migration of negroes from the South to the North there may be very serious disturbances. The effect of such race troubles in the North may be to create a good deal of sympathy for the whites of the South in their efforts to disfranchise the negroes.

The most serious feature of the disfranchisement movement in the South is the growing sentiment in favor of depriving negroes of educational privileges. The first step was to make the negroes' possession of the franchise depend upon an educational qualification from which the ignorant whites are free, and the second step is to make it impossible for them to get the necessary educational qualification. If the educational qualification were applied to all alike and the two races were given equal opportunities for education it is not at all certain that it would give the whites the political supremacy they desire. The annual report of the superintendent of education of South Carolina shows that in that state the negroes are more ready to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered than the whites are. The negro schools are attended by 155,602 children, and the cost was \$202,171 during the past year, or a fraction less than \$1.30 a pupil. The white schools were attended by 125,995 children, and cost \$700,540, or \$5.54 per pupil.

In North Carolina a similar condition of affairs prevails. Even in the districts where the whites are in the majority, the attendance at the negro schools is larger. For instance, in York County, N. C., with a large white majority, 5,979 negroes and 4,066 whites attend school, while in Spartanburg with four times as many whites as negroes, 8,305 whites and 5,062 negroes were in the schools, and in Fairfield, which also has a large white majority, 1,642 whites and 4,827

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negroes attend school. Recently an educational qualification for the franchise applied impartially to the whites and blacks in North and South Carolina would lead to negro domination before many years if the two races were offered equal educational facilities.

## ALAS! POOR GHOST.

The New York Journal has a beautifully circumstantial yarn in a special cable despatch from London, stating that "the Ghost of Mary, Queen of Scots, which appears in the Tower of London, before the death of a crowned head, made itself heard on Christmas eve." The faithful correspondent goes on to relate how "the fact has been carefully concealed from the Queen," but "has caused the greatest alarm in court circles." He adds explanatorily, "Mary, Queen of Scots, was imprisoned by Queen Elizabeth in the Constable's Tower and was led from it to execution in the Tower Quadrangle." Either the court circles which have been thrown into alarm, by the appearance of Queen Mary's ghost at the Tower of London must be as ignorant of English history as well as, as the Journal's London correspondent; or the lamented Queen of Scots must have become more forgetful than ever since she lost her head, which perhaps is not surprising. During her life-time it will be remembered that Her Majesty forgot many things she ought to have remembered. But that Mary should forget that she was imprisoned and beheaded in Fotheringhay Castle, Northamptonshire, and taken to hunting the Tower of London under the erroneous impression that it was there she lost her head, is inconceivable. Had she called on Elizabeth's successor as Windsor Castle, her action would have been more intelligible. We can quite believe the Journal's correspondent when he says "the ghost of Mary in the Tower has caused more than a sensation."

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