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Since our last issue the requiem of another year has been sung. The Past with all its possibilities and opportunities has been buried forever; but there survives its hopes, the tingling memories of its bitterness and the uplifting influences of its triumphs. In one sense only is it dead; in another it is painfully or pleasurably present. The death is that of opportunity, and even this death gives life—life to suffering regrets and woe with a freshness that may wither the vernal bloom of another year, or blot out the peace and comfort, the joy and beauty of a whole life time. The thought and work of the year closed shall reflect itself in the eternal future. What more opportune moment to pause than on the threshold of another year.

The melodies of the past come down to us tinged with a sadness as though to us were no returning symphonies. Its echoes grow fainter, but not less sweet, and forever under the touches of the sweeping fingers of time shall our character and disposition respond to the influences of that far away time.

The sins both of "commission and omission" have been many. The effect must surely follow. Shall hearts look over the brink of despair, or penitent, look upward through the mists to Zion's Hill till "the mists have cleared away," till weakness shall grow strong and the employment of future opportunities, in some measure, atone for the neglect and misuse of the past. Let us calmly ask ourselves the question—Have we taken out of life that which is noblest and best, fulfilling the purpose of our being, or have we without courage and moral resistance been led away from the permanent and enduring pleasures of life to the transitory allusionary ones of existence?

What we have failed in, what we lack in, let us, not dependently, but penitentially, seek through this another year to repair.

The recent Ontario Elections were strongly liberal, sustaining the Mowat administration with a greatly increased majority.

No place on the continent, it is said, enjoys its winter better than Montreal. It can be said of the Montrealers too, that they know how to introduce visitors into the spirit of their enjoyment. They are free and unselfish.

We had the thrilling experience of taking a trip down the Montreal toboggan slide a few days ago. It commences on the side of the mountain, and the speed is calculated by miles in seconds rather than miles in minutes. The excitement is increased from the fact that the trip is just about worth one's life if the steersman meets with a mishap.

We regret to record the death of a distinguished scientist, Phiney E. Chase, LL.D., professor in Haverford College, which occurred on the 17th of last month at his home on the College grounds. The funeral took place on the 21st from the meeting-house at Haverford.