

The Planet

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CHRISTMAS DAY.

All the discoveries and inventions of the past century have been in the direction of making men known to men. A world of segregated peoples, ignorant of each other, and entertaining towards each other nothing but the contempt which is the necessary offspring of ignorance, has changed to a world of peoples rapidly becoming mutually acquainted and rapidly assimilating and becoming one people. Is it not in order of nature that out of the flux, with its affinities and its antagonisms, should come larger and higher thought than man has thought before with regard to the brotherhood of man, and its necessary corollary, the fatherhood of God? The past century has destroyed many of the idols of those who had this or that theory for the redemption of man from his sorrows. Is it not to be looked for that more lofty and truer conceptions of the way of human regeneration will be welcomed? The passing age has been one of the emancipations from hoary superstitions, the surrender of cherished sanctions of the undoing of traditional beliefs. Are we to believe with men of short sight that this process will go on till all belief be eliminated, or may we not rather accept from history the teaching that God has never left himself without a witness in the human heart, and that the cruder faith departing only makes way for the greater. The greatest revelation of God to man that ever was or ever will be is that which came through Jesus Christ, and which continues to come through him. The first Christmas knew Christ "after the flesh" better than the Church of to-day, but the Church of to-day knows the real Christ better than they. Shall not the Church that is to come know him better still, and better show him forth? May we not hope that the twentieth century, satiate with material discovery, will seek out and find as no century before has found "the Christ that is to be"?

BRITISH ARMY REFORM.

Those who are looking for something worth while in the way of army reform to follow the appointment of Lord Roberts as Commander-in-Chief, should stop for a moment to consider what that appointment means. The London Daily Mail discussing the subject says:

"When Lord Roberts accepted the office of Commander-in-Chief great curiosity was not unnaturally felt as to whether he had or had not required a modification of the conditions laid down for that office by Mr. Balfour's famous Order in Council of November 1895. That Order in Council practically abolished the old powers of the Commander-in-Chief, or rather transferred them to the Secretary of State for War. The titular Commander-in-Chief became only one of many heads of departments at the War Office, and his communications were given the right of communicating directly with the Secretary of State, instead of all communications passing through his hands as in the past."

This means that Lord Roberts will be Commander-in-Chief in name only; the real Commander-in-Chief will be Mr. Balfour, who may or may not know a great deal about army organization. Mr. Balfour may or may not be in hearty sympathy with the demand for thorough reorganization, but the chances are that whatever is done will be done more with a view to its effect upon the next election than to ensuring the efficiency of the army. Mr. Balfour is a civilian and a partisan; as the former he may be fitted to carry out the work of army reform or he may not be; as a partisan he cannot forget that success at the polls is the great object of party endeavor. How both the army and the navy are made the victims of party politics in Great Britain is readily apparent to everybody who reads the English papers and reviews and follows the utterances of the public men. On paper Great Britain had an army capable of almost anything, yet a handful of Dutch farmers have taxed its utmost strength. On paper the British fleet is all that it should be, but many of the wisest heads in Great Britain would be loath to see the day when the boasted efficiency of the fleet should be put to the test. It is notorious that the men who are really responsible for the naval estimates are not the men who know or ought to know most about the navy and its equipment, while the practical men, the men who do know and whose names are sometimes affixed to the estimates to give them the appearance of authority, are merely figure-heads, who have nothing more to do with the estimates than to affix their signatures.

Coming back again to the question of Lord Roberts' appointment let us quote again from the London Daily Mail:

"Lord Roberts for all practical purposes is to be a mere figure, since at every point he may be overruled by his civilian superior in much the same way that Lord Wolsey was overruled by Lord Lansdowne. Not the least disheartening of this situation is that it throws doubts on the probability of serious army reform. Had the Government meant what

"The Mill Cannot Grind with Water That's Past."

This is what a fagged out, tearful little woman said in telling her cares and weaknesses. Her friend encouraged by telling of a relative who had just such troubles and was cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla.

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They have said, they would surely have given Lord Roberts the free hand which he must have if he is to put our army in order. Whether he will rest content with its subordinate and powerless position remains to be seen. He has yet to speak the last word, and he will speak it with the will of the whole nation at his back. We have always taken it for granted that the unfortunate 1895 Order in Council would be recalled, and in the nation's interests it is high time it were abrogated.

If Lord Roberts refuses to play the figure, it might be that the Government would hesitate to insist; what he will do remains to be seen.

TAR MACADAM.

The tar macadam laid down by the city of Hamilton is attracting attention in Great Britain. The Manchester Guardian, referring to it, says:

"There is, we believe, a sort of tarred macadam known to the Manchester highway committee and to some of our suburban councils—a much ruder thing than this, consisting merely of ordinary macadam rolled and covered with a thin layer of tar. It is delightful until the tar wears off and the macadam subsides into holes, but perhaps it is cheap. The Hamilton compound costs from 3s. to 3s. 6d. per square yard to be laid with, and a halfpenny a yard for repair in streets where there is a heavy traffic. It is said to be impervious to water, proof against frost, and free from mud and dust, and it would be extremely interesting to see it tested under the heavy traffic of Manchester. A substitute for our noisy granite setts, which are not clean, and are as bad for horses' legs as for human headaches, might have much less virtue than is claimed for this and yet be most welcome."

CANNOT BUNCO HIM.

Chicago News.

Farmer Hullrooth—This here paper sez that a man in Chicago unloaded 50,000 bushels of corn one day last week in Chicago. Now, Marier, you know as well as I do that there ain't enny man in the hull state could do that much work in one day.

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MEN OF NOTE.

General William R. Shafter celebrated his sixty-fifth birthday Oct. 17. He is the oldest officer in active service.

General Russell A. Alger will spend a part of the winter in Florida, where a company in which he is interested is to build a railroad from Pensacola to Fort Myers, Fla.

J. I. Dias Barcenas, the newly appointed Venezuelan consul at Philadelphia, is by profession an electrical engineer, and was graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1895.

The will of the late Marquis of Bute, which has just been admitted to probate, makes large charitable bequests, including £100,000 to be distributed among various Roman Catholic institutions.

Embassador Choate's reputation for scholarship appears to be impressing England, where the newspapers report that he always goes about with a volume of some classical author in his pocket.

Governor Elect John F. Hill of Maine is already giving sittings to a Boston artist of some note for a portrait of himself to be hung in the state capitol at Augusta. He will be inaugurated in January next.

Ex-Senator Warner Miller has secured a permit for a railroad across the northern half of the Colville Indian reservation in Washington for the Republic and Kettle River railroad, of which he is chief promoter.

Thomas E. Watson, the Populist candidate for vice president in 1896 and the author of a history of France, has found a new field of labor in the purchase of a large Georgia farm, which he is running as a business investment.

One member of the British parliament recently dissolved, Captain Seeley, though alive and well, never took his seat. He was elected to a vacancy while he was in service in South Africa, and was unable to leave the field to take up his peaceful duties. He is still in South Africa.

Carl Browne, the former leader of the Commonwealth army, which marched on Washington six years ago, and son-in-law of General Custer, has filed an application in the United States patent office for a patent on a new airship, which he asserts is a radical departure in the way of feasible airships.

Henry M. Flagler, the Standard Oil millionaire, is believed to have political aspirations. The sudden removal of his legal residence to Florida, where he has been a power in politics for many years, is said to mean that he will contest for a seat in the senate when the term of Stephen Russell Mallory expires in 1903.

Librarian Putnam has abolished the custom of permitting persons of well known character and unquestioned position occasionally to take books from the Congressional library after making a deposit as a precaution against accident. Mr. Putnam says that there have been no abuses of the custom, but he thinks the absence of all risk the safer plan.

BANK PICKINGS.

The position of cashier in a New York bank beats a Klondike find.—Atlanta Constitution.

Only in a society where "money will buy anything" could there have been an incentive for Alford's crime.—New York Press.

If Mr. Cornelius L. Alford, Jr., employed his enforced leisure in writing a book entitled "How I Did It," he might count on a large sale and increased fame.—New York Evening Sun.

Dishonesty on the part of bank employees is, happily, rare, but, in the words of Shakespeare, "oft the night of means to do ill deeds makes ill deeds done." The teller or clerk should not be exposed to needless temptation.—New York Herald.

Having been taken unawares by a surprise visit from a bank examiner, Alford's practices were detected. It would seem that occasional surprise of bank officers and employees by the directors of such institutions would operate as a check upon criminal misuse of the bank's funds. But knaves will find means to circumvent the most searching supervision.

OVER THE OCEAN.

France is going to receive Kruger handsomely after all. The gay republic rarely misses a chance to snub England, but her majesty's government always manages to survive the shock.—Chicago Journal.

The natives of Lake Ossal, east Africa, rose up and slew 200 tax collectors who were attempting to collect the salt tax. This incident illustrates one advantage of barbarism over civilization.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

It is the misfortune of Russia that most other nations have no faith in her word, and it is the misfortune of France that these same nations consider that she is Russia's rather contemptible cat's paw.—Chicago Times-Herald.

The sultan of Turkey has leased an island in the Red sea to Germany to be used as a coaling station for the navy. As this is right in the path John Bull uses is going to and from India a lively diplomatic exchange is likely to be the result.—Omaha Bee.

AUTOMOBILES.

At least 15 automobiles are in use in Housatonic.

A petroleum motor costs about 7 cents per horsepower per hour. An automobile accident insurance association is about to be formed in New York city to insure its policy holders against accidents and to defend the innumerable lawsuits which have been brought against motorists all over the country, often on very slight provocation. The idea of using a motor haulage in connection with the market gardens near a metropolis has been suggested of late. Motor vehicles would obviate some of the difficulties that market gardeners have now to encounter in getting their produce to market, and it would certainly pay some enterprising carrier to make the venture.

HALL OF FAME ECHOES.

Attention is called to the interesting fact that 16 out of the 30 names chosen for the Hall of Fame are those of college graduates. It is about an even thing between the self-made men and those who had help.—Boston Herald.

"Fame" is an uncertain quantity now. You can never be sure that a dead man's name will survive until you have written to the Hall of Fame and have found out whether his name is included on its list. If it isn't, the man is not famous, it matters not how famous he is.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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Frame house, 11-12 storeys, 6 rooms, lot 30 ft. front x 104 deep, \$450.00.
Brick house, two storeys, 13 rooms, lot 76 ft. front x 135 deep, \$2,500.00.

Frame house, 7 rooms, summer kitchen, lot 75 ft by 104 feet, \$1,150.00.
Frame house, 6 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 feet by 104 feet, \$850.00.

Frame house, 8 rooms and summer kitchen, lot 60 feet, by 204 feet, Good stable, \$1,100.
Two vacant lots, each 60 feet front by 104 feet.

House, 8 rooms, Lot 60 feet by 208 feet, \$1,000.
Farm in Howard, 33-1-3 acres, house, stable and orchard, \$1,900.00.

Farm in Chatham Township, 110 acres, All cleared, Good house, barn, stables and sheds, \$5,700.00. Will trade for 25 or 50 acre farm, part payment.

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To the Electorate of the
City of Chatham

Ladies and gentlemen:

I am a candidate for mayor for 1901, and I respectfully ask for your vote and influence.

Faithfully yours,

W. E. McKEOUGH.

Chatham, Ont., 19th Nov., 1900

ALDERMEN.

To the Electors of This City.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for this city for the year 1901, your votes and influence are respectfully solicited. Wishing you all the compliments of the season. I remain Yours truly,

DAVID A. HUTCHISON.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for re-election as alderman for the incoming year, and if my past record meets with your approval, I shall be glad to have your vote and influence.

W. S. MARSHALL.

To the electors of the city of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a number of citizens, I have been induced to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901. Your vote and influence I respectfully solicit.

Yours truly,

JOHN WADDELL, Grain Merchant.

Dec. 21st, 1900.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your vote and influence are respectfully solicited for my election as alderman for 1901.

Yours faithfully,

G. G. TAYLOR.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am a candidate for alderman for 1901 and if my past services has met with your approval I once more ask for your support. Thanking you for past favors I am,

Yours respectfully,

A. B. McCOIG.

To the Electors of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the urgent request of several representative citizens, I have consented to offer myself as a candidate for alderman for 1901.

I would like your support.

Yours, W. F. SMITH, Barrister.

To the Electors of the City of Chatham.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is my intention to again offer my services as Alderman for 1901.

I trust that my record as alderman during 1896 and 1897, and as chairman of the finance committee in the latter year is such as to entitle me to your confidence. If elected, I will, as far as possible, strive to look after the city's interests to the best of my ability, and I respectfully solicit your support.

Yours faithfully,

S. B. ARNOLD.

SCHOOL TRUSTEE.

To the Electors of Ward No. 2.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again a candidate for the office of School Trustee. Your vote and influence is respectfully solicited.

R. M. PAXTON.

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To the Electors of Harwich and Bienenheim.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

At the request of a large number of the electors I have again consented to be a candidate for the office of county councillor. Your vote and influence would be thankfully received and, if elected, I promise you to faithfully discharge the duties of said office. My past record is the best guarantee of good work in the future.

JOHN VESTER.

To the Electors of the Township of Harwich.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am again offering myself as a candidate for the position of reeve for the coming year. I thank you for the splendid support you have given me in the past, and I trust that I may still retain your confidence, by an honest endeavor while in office to guard your interests, and if again elected I will put forth my very best efforts to guard your interests honestly and impartially. Thanking you for past favors and wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am yours faithfully,

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