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The year that is past was a notable one, the sixtieth anniversary of the reign of a Queen, unexcelled in all the christian virtues by any previous monarch in the world's history.

What a privilege have we enjoyed who have lived in the Victorian era. What cause have we to rejoice when we consider the advantages that peace and good will have brought to the cause of human progress.

Canada may well be proud of the recognition she received at the Jubilee in the person of her able Prime minister, and the Canadian farmer can learn lessons of hope and encouragement from the fact; remembering that all material prosperity must have its basis in agriculture. It is a matter of self congratulation and gratitude that we live in such an epoch, and have given proofs that we are not behind in the race of improvement which is being effected in the industrial, moral and social condition of the people.

In view of these considerations it will be well, at this season, to make a retrospect of the time past with reference to the better spending of the future, feeling assured that if we do our parts faithfully the coming year will bring us "new mercies, new blessings, new light on the way, new courage, new hope, and new strength for each day."

First: then, Have we endeavoured to add to our stock of knowledge with regard to our calling, so that we could perform all the work on the place in such a manner as that a successful result might reasonably be expected?

Have we kept any a record of our transactions which we can refer to now, as a ma-