

## DECEMBER

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1814. Treaty of Ghent ended War of 1812.

1832. Matthew Arnold born.

"Deeds in hours of insight willed  
May be in years of gloom fulfilled."

—Matthew Arnold.

1836. Bilbao taken from Carlists.

1863. Thackeray died.

1879. Assault on Sherapin by 100,000 Afghans.

"The stern joy that warriors feel  
In foemen worthy of their steel." —Scott.

1898. Penny Postage established between Canada and the Empire.

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### CHRISTMAS DAY.

"Before Jehovah's awful throne  
Ye nations, bow with sacred joy;  
Know that the Lord is God alone,  
He can create and He destroy."

—Isaac Watts.

1497. Natal discovered by Vasco da Gama.

1642. Sir Isaac Newton born.

1825. Burmese defeated.

1879. Telegraph completed between England and Cape Town.

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1716. Thomas Gray born.

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,  
Their homely joys, and destiny obscure;  
Nor grandeur hear, with a disdainful smile,  
The short and simple annals of the poor.

Full many a gem, of purest ray serene,  
The dark, unfathomed caves of ocean bear;  
Full many a flower is born to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

—Gray.

1843. Attack on Fort Gwalior.