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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.