

## The Planet

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### RECESSIONAL.

God of our fathers, known of old,  
Lord of our far-flung battle line,  
Beneath whose awful hand we hold  
Dominion over palm and pine,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget.

The tumult and the shouting dies,  
The Captains and the Kings depart,  
Still stands Thine ancient sacrifice,  
An humble and a contrite heart.  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget.

Far call'd our navies melt away,  
On dune and head-land sinks the fire—  
Lo, all our pomp of yesterday  
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!

Judge of the Nations, spare us yet,  
Lest we forget.

If drunk with sight of power we loose  
Wild tongues that have not Thee in  
awe,

Such boasting as the Gentiles use,  
Or lesser breeds without the law,  
Lord God of Hosts, be with us yet,  
Lest we forget.

For heathen heart that puts her trust  
In reeking tube and iron shard—  
All valiant dust that builds on dust,  
And guarding calls not Thee to  
guard,

For frantic boast and foolish word,  
Thy mercy on Thy people, Lord,  
Amen.

—Rudyard Kipling.

### OUR LATE BELOVED QUEEN.

With most profound regret The Planet recorded yesterday the sad intelligence that Her Most Gracious Majesty Victoria, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Britain and Ireland, Empress of India, etc., was dead. For some days past the public mind had been apprehensive that bulletins concerning Her Majesty's health foreboded the worst. These fears, alas! proved but too true. At 6.55 p. m. yesterday, amid loving, grief-stricken children and friends, at Osborne House, in the Isle of Wight, death came; and the life work of the good woman and great ruler ended. The benign spirit of the Sovereign, who longer than any of her ancestors reigned, her mild sceptre over the British Empire, has been relieved forever from all cares of earthly state, and has passed to its everlasting rest.

In the death of our Queen, the Empire mourns the loss of their highest representative of authority and law, and regretfully realizes that the Victorian era has abruptly closed. But deeper are they grief-stricken by the stroke of death, which fell, one to whom all were joined as by bonds of personal affection, one who was "the queenliest of women," and the "womanliest of queens."

The mournful dirge of sorrow welling up from an empire's heart for the death of Victoria, Britain's beloved Queen, will be chanted in many tongues and in strange forms; but in spirit the burden of the plaint is the same, and admits of no better expression than in the hallowed words:

*Requiem Aeternam Dona Ei Domine.*

### OUR KING.

Edward VII. now reigns. Unless his life as the prince has belied the true character which he will display as the monarch, the accession of the new King will portray no important changes in the Empire's policy. His highest ambition will doubtless be to follow faithfully and devotedly in the footsteps of his illustrious and revered mother.

The new King has come to the throne at too advanced an age to be filled with youthful ambitions, and has arrived at those years of mature discretion and conservative judgment when he must not only realize the true state of the British crown in its relation to imperial policies, but when he would carefully weigh the consequences of any attempt to change the conditions as he finds them.

Grand as has been the past there are grander possibilities in the future. It is for our King to embrace them and place his reign upon that high plane which ever characterized the regal regime of our late beloved Sovereign.

God Save the King!

### WE MUST AWAKE.

If the announcement, in yesterday's issue of The Planet, that the Detroit Industrial Bureau, with Mayor Maybury in its van, is heading Chathamward with the expressed intention of

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wooding away one of our large manufacturing concerns, serves to awaken our citizens and business men to a new interest in the cultivation and acquisition of such institutions, this journal will not feel so badly over the enterprise of the westerner.

Do we take the interest we should in seeking to develop the Maple City as a manufacturing centre of exceptional possibilities? Is there not a weakness somewhere in dealing with all movements of this nature? And we not all too fond of seeking factories with homed woods, eloquent periods in public places and elaborate descriptions and assurances, instead of getting out, quickly, quietly and hustling?

Chatham cannot afford to lose any of her large labor-employing agencies, but neither can she afford to allow opportunities to slip by, one by one, to coral additional strength along these lines. Mayor Sulman's allusion to this matter in his inaugural was appropos and the city council and citizens endorsed his utterances.

It should not be hard to head off the Detroit mayor and his colleagues, but at the same time we might profitably extract a few pages from their book of methods and be up and doing.

### OUR COUNTY PARLIAMENT.

This week the Maple City entertains the members of the county council, who are in attendance at the inaugural session of a new year in a new century.

Kent has been served by many excellent councils, whose good work has been recorded in the permanent improvements and accomplishments throughout its territory and, simultaneously, in the satisfactory balance sheets of the Treasurer's books. The present legislature promises to be equally as strong and effective. In the selection of Mr. VonGanten as presiding officer the commissioners have chosen but one from the many capable candidates presented, all of whom would well grace the honors and responsibilities of the premier position as municipal head of the county. The youngest member at the board, nominated by its veteran representative, is to be congratulated upon his appointment and also upon the character of the council over which he will exercise the executive functions.

The Kent County Council for 1901 assumes its obligations under most auspicious circumstances. It greets a constituency which has been well cared for and advantageously developed. It is for the commissioners to continue and extend that policy. The present year is bright with possibility and promise. There are vast opportunities for men of mind and merit, parliamentarians of progress and prosperity. The Planet believes Kent has chosen those men. Let them forthwith and throughout demonstrate that the choice was a wise one.

One suggestion is submitted. The smoothly running wheels of the municipal machinery, the satisfactory state of every department and the steady financial advancement—all so desirable and so deeply appreciated—may have the tendency to develop a normal condition, in which members content themselves with the perfecting of the routine, the careful and cautious conduct of monetary affairs and the limitations of obligatory duties in lieu of accepting the inspiration of these benefits as an instinctive mandate to increased enterprise, greater zeal and extended usefulness.

May our new Council look beyond the boundaries of mere routine. There are wide fields of promise all around. Foster our present products and proficiencies, not forgetting those yet to be attained.

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ing community. It is a decided advance along the lines of educational development. True, too much novel reading will injure the youthful mind, but, under the supervision of a competent teacher, a generous distribution of the standards, carefully read and well digested, is of untold benefit. It cultivates memory and new ideas, and will give the children broadened and better views of life.

It is a source of satisfaction to see the innovation so generally adopted throughout our county, and know, too, that our city principals are in the van of the movement. The value of the libraries, both in the McKeough and Central schools, is already fully recognized.

Much credit is due Inspector Robert Park for his interest in an energetic promotion of the movement. Mr. Park is enthusiastic upon it and its development.

But let the books selected, after those suitable for Second and Third Book classes have been chosen, be biographies and stories relating to history, exploration and adventure; that at once giving interesting reading and a liberal education, besides being a powerful auxiliary to the mastering of the general school program.

### C. C. I. BOARD SHOULD ACT

On Saturday last The Planet published the text of a petition, which was in circulation among parents of pupils attending our Collegiate Institute, making certain allegations concerning the system of teaching the subject of arithmetic and exemplifying its problems, as adopted by the mathematical master. The document was properly dedicated to the Board of Trustees governing the institution and embodied the request for

for a consideration of its contents, and an official examination of the status of the students in the subject complained of—as shown by the most recent written tests at the school.

In response The Planet was furnished with a statement of the standing in the mathematical branches of 1899 and 1900—certainly a very fine and complimentary one for any class—which was made public by this journal yesterday. It also reproduced the communication of one of the students, announcing that it was the intention to distribute a counter petition in the classes.

Thus the case stands.

It seems to The Planet that the Collegiate Institute Board would do well to take up the investigation asked for, kindly, clearly, and impartially, and give it the best and most thorough consideration. Rumors concerning this matter have been rife for some time—ill-defined mutterings that occasionally amount to something and oftentimes mean naught, murmurings that are beneath more than mere curiosity notice from the authorities, but, in this case, comments that have now been properly and publicly placed before them with precise and plausible plaint—a procedure, in our opinion, bringing the matter within their obligatory jurisdiction.

Chatham is proud of its Collegiate Institute and its splendid progress, justly proud. And therein lies additional reason for a full and fair enquiry. The presentation of the petition was a proper procedure, if grievance there were. Let the Board demonstrate its recognition of these methods. The petitioners seek an investigation. The teacher, with the examination results and pupils endorsing his work, must be equally anxious for the vindication of his ideas.

It is for the Trustees to act. If the enquiry shows the method to be a mistaken one, if the petitioning parents are found to have good ground for grievance, right the matter at once. Mr. Taylor has recently shown that he possesses the sterling qualities of both scholar and gentleman, and, if we mistake not, he will be both willing and desirous to inaugurate an immediate reform. If, on the other hand, the board finds no reasonable foundation for complaint, if the system referred to is shown to be all that is claimed for it and the instruction under its exemplification such as has adduced the results referred to, then the public should know it, and Mr. Taylor should be promptly and heartily vindicated, the parents should be relieved from the anxiety and the annoying and irresponsible rumor effectually stamped out.

By all means, let the investigation go on.

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