

A GREETING TO DR. HOLMES.

We are enabled to republish the following lines of greeting to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes at breakfast in the combination Room, at St. John's College, June 18th, 1883.

Welcome, good friends, your hand! now you're in reach of us
we'll freely say what else were expressed,
for friend you surely are to all and each of us,
and these old walls ne'er held a worthier guest.

No guest more well-beloved, more sole-un-bending,
since the frail Mayflower bore the Pilgrims bold;
stern hearts, in hard New England still de-fending
whate'er was best and noblest in the Old.

Here round your chair unseen in gathering number
throng eager shades, no feeble band nor few,
ghosts of a fruitful past, awaked from slum-ber
to give their gracious benison to you.

Says rare Ben Jonson 'Ha! one more good fellow!
'ods life, we'll add him to our tuneful quire;
and bids you stay and pass an evening mel-low
with Herrick, genial soul and courtly Prior.

Then gentle Wordsworth brings his ghostly greeting
wafted from northern dales and mountains lone,
beaming with eye serene for joy at meeting,
a heart as large and single as his own.

A heart to love mankind with love unchang-ing,
No shallow worlolling there nor dried-up don;
but through all moods of human life-strains ranging
from tender Iris to the Young Man John.

In love we greet you, friend; friend in love we speed you;
for greeting soon is o'er, and parting nigh;
And when we see you not, we yet shall read you
in this calm corner, while the world rolls by.

Farewell! By all the benefactors' merits,
who bade us be, and raised our Johnian towers;
by all the joys and griefs mankind inherits,
that ever stirred this little world of ours;

by all sweet memory of the saints and sages
who wrought among us in the days of yore;
by youths who, turning now life's early pages:
ripen to match the worthies gone before.

on us, O son of England's greatest daughter,
a kindly word from heart and tongue be-stow.

Then chase the sunsets o'er the western water,
and bear our blessing with you as you go.
W. E. H.

Mr. W. A. REID, Jefferson Street, Sche-nectady, N. Y., 22nd July, '94, writes:

"I consider Acetocetra to be very beneficial for La Grippe, Malaria and Rheumatism, as well as Neuralgia, and many other complaints to which flesh is heir, but these are very common here."

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An account of a strange lapidarian freak comes all the way from Kimberly, South Africa. Workmen in the diamond mines at that place discovered a stone, dark brown in color, and about the size of a pigeon's egg, which, viewed in a dark place with a candle or other light behind it, exhibits a perfect profile picture of a man from the waist up. Turning the pebble partially around, the image of the man vanishes, and the features of a woman's face, clear cut and partially concealed by heavy tresses, comes into view. The British Museum offers £50 for the curiosity.

Minard's Liniment is used by Physicians.

Public Opinion.

Ottawa Free Press: Lord Elgin has been making a pacific speech at Lahore in which he stated that Great Britain has no desire to extend her boundaries in India. That is exactly what Lord Clive said when the "Company" obtained leave to fortify Fort George. But "where are we now?" as the late Mr. Plumb used to say. The fact is that Great Britain cannot help extending her Eastern dominions, however peaceful her intentions may be.

Montreal Gazette: Mr. Arnold Forster, M.P., speaks of Lord Ripon's statement that his departmental sympathies are with Canada on the copyright question as a remarkable declaration. The *Pall Mall* sketch of the House of Commons says of Mr. Forster that "omniscience is his foible and few even of the most hardened journalists would venture to compete with his encyclopaedic self-assurance." His talk on the copyright issue would seem to bear out the *Pall Mall* estimate of his character.

Montreal Witness: The change of ownership of the Toronto WEEK has brought about a marked change in the appearance of the journal. It presents its matter in two columns instead of three, following the lines of the English periodicals of the same character; is printed from new type throughout, and on superior paper. The WEEK Publishing Company announces that beginning with the issue of November 30—the first number of its twelfth year—certain marked changes will be made in THE WEEK's editorial and literary columns which, it is hoped, will give the paper greater popularity and greater scope for usefulness.

London Advertiser: The Attorney-General of Quebec has introduced a bill into the Legislature that, if passed, will do justice in a direction where injustice has hitherto prevailed. It relates to the law of libel, and the proposal is to make those who bring these suits against newspapers, so often badly-founded and vexatious, put up security for costs before proceeding. The plaintiff must also give the offending newspaper five days' notice, in order that it may apologize, retract, or explain. In the event of the suit being pressed after apology, the law will provide that actual and not vindictive damages shall only be collectable. If the same individual sues five or six journals for the same offence, the damages, if any, are to be equitably divided between the newspapers concerned. These amendments are reasonable. Why should we not have them in the Ontario law.

St. John Telegraph: That Sir John A. Macdonald was a great man in many respects no one in Canada will be disposed to deny, although, when we come to analyze the sources of his greatness, we are in some difficulty. For instance, Sir John was not a great orator, or even a great debater; he was not a great lawyer; he was not a great statesman in the sense of having advanced constitutional views. There was hardly a feature in which some of the men, who were associated with him, did not surpass him, yet, for all that, he was the unquestioned leader of the Conservative party in Canada for upwards of 30 years, and in his later years had such an ascendancy over all his colleagues that, in a large measure, they were merely his obedient servants. Perhaps the strongest point in Sir John's mental equipment was his knowledge of human nature and the characters of men. He was reticent to an extreme degree, cunning and secret in his methods, not too scrupulous; but with all these qualities he joined a kindness of manner, a good fellowship and a joviality of disposition which became of infinite service to him as a leader. Sir John seemed to take a personal interest in the health and welfare of all his acquaintances, and even his political opponents became the objects of his solicitude and he reaped his reward in the devotion of his followers, who regarded him with an affection which has never been surpassed in Canadian public life.

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