

Calendar for December with days of the week and dates.

THE ACADIAN

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THE OLD YEAR—THE NEW YEAR. RETROSPECT—PROSPECT.

The close of the year is the time when events of the past are recalled, and when the thoughts of all look on to the future.

But it does not follow that the year has been barren of good results because of the smoothness of the current of events.

What of the year to come? No one can predict for a single day, much less for an entire year.

To all our readers we extend our New Year's cordial greeting, hoping that the months as they pass may find them happily at work in their various occupations.

TO OUR READERS.

With this issue the ACADIAN makes its fifty-third visit during 1886, it having been issued on the first and last days of the year.

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THE CARBONIFEROUS PERIOD.

AN ESSAY DELIVERED BY CARMEL L. DAVENPORT, OF BARRINGTON, AT THE GEOLOGICAL EXHIBITION OF THE JUNIOR CLASS OF ACADIA COLLEGE, ON TUESDAY EVENING, DEC. 14TH, 1886.

A piece of coal, black, grimy and repulsive as it is to both sight and touch, is not the most attractive object among the many which Nature presents to us.

Geology does not presume to reveal the time of that "beginning" in which God created the Heaven and the earth; neither does it arrogate to itself the privilege of determining with accuracy the conditions of that earth, which sprang from the Creator's hand.

But although that beginning may be obscured in mists and thick darkness, yet Geology points to it. By the revelations of this science, we are enabled to trace back to their origin, not only the animals and plants which at present live, but also their predecessors through successive dynasties emerging in long procession from the depths of a primitive antiquity.

Among these different ages, there is none more worthy of consideration than the Carboniferous or period of coal measures. It is exceedingly interesting to the geologist on account of the many remarkable monuments of that "strange mysterious change" of the earth's surface which it contains.

Thus existed the coal forests for ages, ever growing, ever decaying, until great thicknesses of half-decomposed matter had accumulated on the swampy soil and below the floating islands. Then came a change. It was now ready for the process of carbonization through which it was to pass.

But what is this coal? and from whence did it come? are questions which must naturally occur to all inquiring minds. By a careful examination of extremely thin slices of coal with a microscope, we are able to recognize those peculiar cells, that characterize certain great divisions of the vegetable kingdom.

Along the slopes of the Rocky Mountains from New Mexico far into the Dominion of Canada are found coals of peculiar quality containing remains of fossiliferous plants.

Coal is the all-important factor in the mechanical arts and sciences of this 19th century. It lies at the basis of the wealth and prosperity of the greatest nations on earth, and were all avenues to it effectually closed, the fast-falling twilight of our modern civilization would settle over the nations.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

WE DO NOT HOLD OURSELVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE OPINIONS OF OUR CORRESPONDENTS.

TEMPERANCE AND OTHER MATTERS.

DEAR ACADIAN,—This issue will be your last for 1886. As we look back over the year we can see that the world moves on in an age of progress and notwithstanding the grating refrain "pushing to ruin," Nova Scotia is in the "swing," Kings county has "hitched on" and is bound to move along with the rest.

Canning, the head-centre of cultured and aesthetic criticism in the county, is making a "big push" for a railway. There is a report that the Dominion Government is to be applied for a subsidy. How is that for a "big push"?

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