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THE CAPITAL OF CANADA.

A story is told to the effect that before the time this century had attained its majority, the late Mr. Sparks, of Ottawa, was employed with Mr. Wright, who lived at Hull. After several years faithful services, it is said, Mr. Wright could not pay him his wages in money, and he was obliged to be satisfied with two hundred acres of worthless land on the opposite side of the river, and a yoke of oxen which was "thrown in." It is stated on good authority, however, that this version of how Mr. Sparks obtained the site of the present city of Ottawa is not correct, but that he obtained it in the usual way and went to work, axe in hand, to hew out for himself a fortune. Fortunately for him, in England, statesmen were considering at this time or a little later on, how best to secure military communication

British North America. The illustration gives a very good view of the Government buildings, which are amongst the best of the kind in the world, and it is hardly going too far to assert that there are no buildings which can compare with them in America. They are of beautiful classic and ornate design, and have the advantage of a commanding position on Barrack Hill, an eminence jutting out into, and looking down almost perpendicularly upon the Ottawa river from a height of about one hundred and fifty feet, and commanding a perfect view of the city, of the opposite city of Hull, the cultivated fields and cosy farmhouses of Nepean and Gloucester townships, the rugged peaks of a branch of the Laurentian Mountains, the beautiful river, and of pic-

PRAYER.

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee." Ps. I: 15.  
 "Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." Ps. LXXXI: 10.  
 "The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon Him, to all that call upon Him in truth." Ps. CXLV: 18.  
 "Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, 'Here I am.'" Isa. LVIII: 9.  
 "I sought the Lord and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears." Ps. XXXIV: 4.  
 "I love the Lord because He hath heard my voice and my supplications." Ps. CXVI: 1.  
 "In the day when I cried, Thou answeredst me." Ps. CXXXVIII: 3.  
 "Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near." Isa. LV: 6.

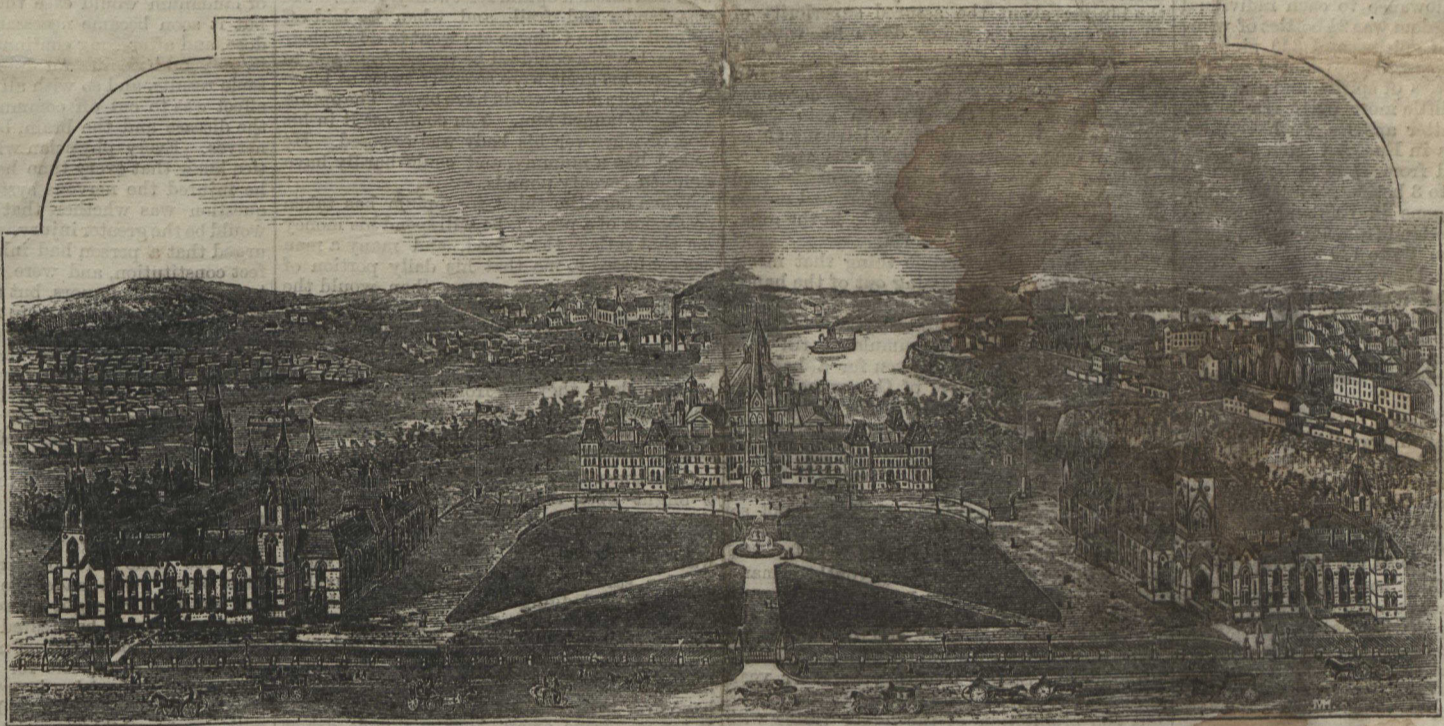
And Theophrastus, at fourscore and ten, Had but begun his 'Characters of Men,' Chaucer, at Woodstock, with the nightingales,

At sixty wrote his 'Canterbury Tales,' Goethe, at Weimar, toiling to the last, Completed Faust when eighty years were past. These are indeed exceptions, but they show How far the gulf-stream of our youth may flow

Into the Arctic regions of our lives, Where little else than life itself survives."  
 —Christian Leader.

TENNYSON'S HOUSE.—The residence of Tennyson is thus described by the London World: "The house is modern Gothic, designed in admirable taste, with wide mullioned windows, many-angled oriels in shadowy recesses, and dormers whose gables and pinnacles break the sky-line picturesquely. Within, everything is ordered with a quiet,

refined elegance that has in it, perhaps, just a *soupcion* of an affection of aestheticism not quite in keeping with the spirit, either of modern or of mediæval life. The hall, in spite of its richly tessellated pavement, has a delightful sense of coolness in its soft half-light. The lofty rooms have broad high windows, the light from which is tempered by delicately colored hangings, walls of the negative tints in which modern decorators delight, diapered with dull gold; and paneled ceilings of darkly-stained wood with moulded ribs and beams. High-backed chairs, of ancient and uncompromising stiffness, flank



WESTERN DEPARTMENTAL BLOCK.

PARLIAMENT HOUSE

EASTERN DEPARTMENTAL BLOCK.

PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, OTTAWA, CANADA.

turesque little lakes, surrounded by the rugged rocks that are mirrored in their placid waters. They were built at a cost of nearly three million dollars, and if the acts done in them are as creditable as the buildings themselves, Canada will be fortunate indeed.

"CHANCE."—GOD'S PART.

He controls every event, 1. Sam. ii: 6-9 Dan. iv: 35; Matt. vi: 26; x: 29-31; Eph. i: 11; Job v: 12.  
 Man's part. He should do his best, Prov. xxi: 31; Eccl. ix: 10.  
 He should do what is right, Prov. xvi: 30.  
 He should trust God for success, Prov. xxi: 33.  
 Events appear to men to happen by chance, Eccl. ix: 11; Luke x: 31-37.  
 But they are portions of God's providence, Eccl. iii: 17.  
 And man cannot in any way control them, Eccl. vii: 13; Lam. iii: 37.

KEEP YOUNG.—Let us keep young as long as we can. Preserving a serene mind, and avoiding dangerous excess, let us count one day as full of divine blessing as another, and believe that should we live here a thousand years, God would still give us something in which to be happy, and for which to be grateful. And old age, approached in this spirit, is always sunny and fruitful. Look at William of Germany! Nearly eighty, there are few men at fifty younger in feeling and busier than he. Look at the poet Bryant! Although eighty-three, he sings as sweet and as noble a song as ever his muse has sung. Look at Longfellow! He has reached his threescore and ten, yet he by no means considers himself retired from active life. Does he not tell us that,  
 "Nothing is too late  
 Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate."  
 Cato learned Greek at eighty; Sophocles Wrote his grand Ædipus, and Simonides Bore off the prize of verse from his compeers When each had numbered more than fourscore years.

the table, typifying the poet's sterner moods; while in cozy corners are comfortable lounges that indicate a tendency to yield sometimes to the seductions of soft dreams and inspirations. Nowhere is the spirit vexed by garish ornament or the eye by glaring color. A few good etchings and paintings hang on the walls; among them an excellent copy of the 'Peter Martyr,' which is doubly valuable since the destruction of the original. But there is one room in which all that is most interesting in this house centres. The door opens noiselessly, and the tread of your feet is muffled as you enter a dim corridor, divided from the room by a high screen. The air is heavy with the odor of an incense not unfamiliar to men of letters; and if you could doubt whence it arose, your doubts would be speedily dissolved as the occupant of the chamber comes forward to meet you, the inseparable pipe still between his teeth."

—We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ.—2 Cor. 5:10.