

The Weekly Monitor.

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ANNIVERSARY DAYS.

Anniversary days in human life should serve a higher purpose than simply to note the flight of time. We change a date, put a new calendar above our inkstand, then something of higher import should follow. The moment which marks the junction where the old year passed into the new whether in our personal history or in the history of the world—whether the birthday of the world or the birthday of the nation—should be marked by more than a mechanical movement. It should be used as a chance to stop, take breath, and look around over the way we have come, and forward over the way we have to go. Higher points can be reached in life only by taking fresh starts; by passing a moment to mark what went wrong in the past, and by trying out straighter paths for the future, in some historic lands the traveller will have his attention directed to passes in the mountains or fords in the river where great battles have been lost or won. Such in human life are the anniversaries of the year, bringing moments of inspiration when new impulses are treasured up or wasted, new positions of advantage taken or a premonition of defeat. The old Romans gave to the God of Fortune two faces, one looking toward the past and the other toward the future. There was much of common sense in the old heathen belief. Good fortune is always born from the garnered wisdom of the past turned with prudent forethought to the future. The best guide in experience. The best light behind us. The converging rays of history are the best human substitutes for prophecy. Studying on the threshold of time before us, let us enter the uncertain mansion bearing in our hands the light of 1882.

To the most successful the memories of the past will bring a sense of failure. We speak not now of business life, but of many life. Looking back upon the year we are conscious of many grave mistakes. With its record unfolded before us we place our finger on spot after spot where our "foot slipped," where we have fallen short of a high rate secured against us in the conflict. We have gravitated downward instead of upward, like a ship caught in strange and powerful currents and with compasses diverging by magnetic influences we have been carried to unexpected latitudes and into dangerous seas. The influence of such a sense of failure is depressing; it gives to it a part of value to profit by failure. An error or mistake is never ruinous when we turn it to profit in the regulation of our conduct. Every error and goodness can turn errors into capital and snatch victory from the jaws of defeat. While thus we profit by our mistakes, let us not fail to get the greatest good out of our successes. All the pushes on the general who reposes on the fame of his victories drops behind. The scholar who rests upon past achievements inherits the ignorance of the future. Consider, after the battle of Pharsalia, in which he had crushed Pompey and secured Rome, said, "My glory must be sustained by the use I make of this victory; otherwise my loss will be greater than that of Pompey." Thus let us turn every success in life to greater good, making stepping stones of our dead selves to nobler things.

Church donations. As the season for making annual donations to churches has again come around, we trust it will not be allowed to pass by without being duly improved. Much might be said in reference to the character and value of these donations, but perhaps we had better not say all we think about the matter. Very frequently the contributions are inordinately small; and then, worst of all, these contributions instead of being a genuine donation to the minister, are merely in payment of salary. To call such a payment a donation is precisely the same as if, after having bought a barrel of flour we should hand the merchant the price of it, saying, "Please accept a donation." Probably, however, the word is used in an unaccustomed sense, in lieu of a better one. Be that as it may, one thing is certain—every cent due to a Christian Minister for his services should be promptly paid at the end of the year. Clergymen, as a rule, receive the smallest salaries of any class of educated public officials. And those salaries are paid usually with great irregularity, partly in direct arrears and partly with an inevitable deficiency of one or two hundred dollars at the end of the year. We sincerely hope that in this highly favored valley and especially after a year of abundant harvest and high market prices, not one of our clergymen will be allowed to remain a single month without having received his full annual stipend.

To this end we hope the social gatherings about to be held will be largely attended by all classes in each community, and that the contributions made will not be merely small but generously liberal, so that the ministers of the Gospel may at once be relieved from all financial anxiety, and may feel assured that they have the confidence and affections of their congregations. The election of a member for the House of Assembly in the place of Hon. Dr. Campbell, deceased, will be held in the County of Inverness on the 11th inst.

The last Colonial Standard announces the retirement of Mr. David Power from former connection with the paper. A. C. Bell, Esq., has disposed of the Picton Plantation to the "Pioneer" Publishing Co.

The chief signal office at Washington discredits the prediction by Prof. Wiggins, of Kansas, of the great storm next March, and says it is impossible to predict for more than a few days in advance.

Our Annapolis correspondents send the following: From Dean to His Hon.—Mr. W. S. Davidson, teacher, was found dead in his bed on Thursday morning last in Bear River, whether he had gone to remain during the night, or had been from Milton, Quebec, to, to Clements in the fall of '81, and had charge of the head department of the school in that section until the time of his death. Mr. Davidson was highly esteemed by parent and pupil. He was 49 years of age, and leaves a wife and four children to mourn. Much sympathy is manifested for them in their affliction.

Mr. Edwin Gates tender for the conveyance of Her Majesty's Mails between Annapolis and Digby has been accepted; and he entered upon his duties on Monday, the 1st inst. An experienced steamer of eleven and a half years by Mr. Gates will, doubtless, greatly facilitate the management of the route.

During the past year 5922 letters were registered at the Annapolis Post Office; and during the same time 3683 registered letters were delivered, making in all 9575 passing through the office in one year. 29 mail bags are received daily and 28 forwarded. On Monday evening last about 1000 people assembled to witness the opening of the "Annapolis Royal Rink." The building was splendidly illuminated, having 100 lamps. The ice was occupied by ladies and gentlemen of various ages and professions, whose performances were of a creditable character—the mechanical movements of some being very graceful. The Annapolis Band was in attendance, and contributed greatly to the interest of the evening. Good order prevailed throughout. All seemed to feel that they had realized the usual greeting of the New Year. Much credit is due to the managers of the enterprise for the earnest efforts which they have put forth for the completion of the work.

The schooner "Annie Brown," of Windsor, N. S., under the command of Mr. W. S. Curry, master, from Newville to New York with 6000 bushels of potatoes, struck on Quaker's Point, N. B., on the 27th ult., between 3 and 6 p. m. The crew, five in number, succeeded in getting to Port Lorne, after rowing 23 miles in an open boat. About mid-day the sailors became exhausted, but the captain encouraged them and they made good progress until about midnight. One man was in a frozen condition and landed with difficulty. The inhabitants of Port Lorne did everything in their power to make the shipwrecked mariners comfortable, and the latter speak in the warmest terms of the kind treatment received. No insurance on vessel, said to be worth \$3000. Cargo was insured. Nothing was saved from the vessel, the crew saving only the clothes on their backs. They were brought to this port on Saturday and taken in charge by Mr. S. S. Rogie, the customs officer, who furnished them with sufficient funds to convey them home to Wolfville.

Later advices inform us that the wreck floated and on Sunday evening passed Port George, finally coming to an anchor in deep water near Margareville, it is supposed by the chains catching.

New Year's Day passed off much the same as Christmas day, except that the stores were nearly all open. The air was somewhat keen but clear and bracing. Many teams were out and flying up and down the streets all day long, watched by crowds of spectators apparently as much interested in the performance of the several steeds as the drivers themselves—the small boy being very enthusiastic, yelling with the utmost impartiality at every team that went by. Very little drunkenness was seen either on Christmas or New Year's Day, and no quarrelling. The racing on the streets on these days we have no intention of funding faith with, as some license is always rightfully allowed during the two great holidays of the year.—What we complain of in the general practice of turning the principal street of the town into a race course. That is carrying things too far, and pedestrians have a right to protest against it.

Don't forget to write 1883. Poetry of all kinds was very scarce here during holiday week. A merry sleighing party from Middleton in a three horse team, paid our town a visit on New Year's day.

The sleighing is the best known for years throughout all parts of the County. The even snowfall has also greatly facilitated sleighing operations. No doubt Mr. Ryan's promised lecture on "Courtship and Marriage" will be well attended.

Twenty-four beautiful colors of the Diamond type, for Silk, Wool, cotton, Ac., 10 cts. A child can use with perfect success.

The lecture of the Rev. Wm. Ryan, delivered in the basement of Providence church, on Tuesday evening of last week, was very interesting and instructive. His subject was "Life in Australia." After speaking of the geographical position, area, and physical features of the country, the lecturer gave a graphic description of the social, religious, and mining life of the people. The lecture was well received and Mr. Ryan's promised lecture on "Courtship and Marriage" will be well attended.

Accident at Inouville.—Mr. John E. Bask, while splicing wood in the doorway, accidentally let the axe slip and cut two of his small toes entirely off.

Three men, considerably the worse for liquor, becoming disorderly on the eastward-bound express yesterday were forcibly expelled by the conductor, as the train was moving slowly from this station.

A card from our former townsmen, Mr. Daniel Falconer, acquaints us with his arrival at San Jose, Cal., after a 16 days' journey from here. He says that he cannot form much of an opinion about the country as yet; but states the climate to be good.

Mr. Howard D. Troop, of St. John, has left to purchase a steamer to take the place of the "Cedar Grove" on the route between St. John, Halifax and London. Two steamers are offered for sale, one at Boston the other at Baltimore.

The "Delta" of the Acadia S. S. Co.'s Line, arrived at Halifax, Monday, 1st inst., and may be expected at Annapolis, on or before the 10th inst., to load apples for London. Shippers should send their goods to company's warehouse at Annapolis at once.

New post offices have been established at Baldwin's Road, Kings Co.; Blue Rock, Lunenburg; Cape Negro Island, Shelburne; Commercial Cross, Kings; and White Hill, Pictou. The office at Richmond, Halifax, has been closed.

A serious shooting accident took place at Upper Canada on Christmas day. Two sons of Mr. James McLean, aged eleven and seventeen years, were shooting with a pistol, a charge exploded and lodged the bullet in the right side of his brother, inflicting a very dangerous wound.

At St. John's Newfoundland, the best mutton codfish now on the market, the unprecedented price of twenty-eight shillings sterling per quintal. Labrador fish sells at twenty shillings. This high price will operate for the benefit of the short catch in many localities.

The "Fals Log" is the name of a Christmas Annual laid out on table by Messrs. Buckley & Allen of Halifax. It abounds in colored illustrations and Christmas stories. A handsome lithographic print, entitled, "Aristotle's Christmas Errand." Book and print only cost 20 cents.

You needn't put on no airs, no yallar face piew. We keeps a cow an' has got a piew in de Blue Light Tavern, besides." "The words of Miss Matilda Snowball, who is at present in the city, is a noble collection of "I don't kear of we habn't got no cow. We keeps a goat, an' my fader is gwine to hab a caribunkie."

Some of our readers to the advertisement in another column of Messrs. Jack & Bell, Halifax. This firm have recently put in complete and expensive machinery for the manufacture of the article they advertise, and we should judge by the samples sent us that heretofore there will be no necessity for farmers to send out of the Province for this valuable fertilizer. Manufacturers like the above should be patronized liberally. It pays from every point of view.

Harper's Magazine for January, from the frontispiece to the last page of the December issue, is a remarkably beautiful and interesting number. The opening article is the first of the long expected series of papers by George H. Boughton, entitled, "Aristotle in Holland." J. C. Beard's illustrations for Mr. Charles F. Holder's entertaining article, "Living Lamps," are beautiful and novel representations of philosophical phenomena. Colonel Higginson continues his American History series, with a chapter entitled "The Old English Seaman," showing what the Cabots, Hawkins, Drake, Cabot and Raleigh did for the maritime supremacy of England in America in the sixteenth century. The article is illustrated. Conrad Wilson contributes a paper on the possibilities of the American Dairy. In fiction and poetry the editorial departments are fuller than usual, and are well sustained. For sale by Messrs. Buckley & Allen, Book sellers, Halifax.

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THE subscriber offers for sale the Farm formerly owned by Sixty-James Ferguson, near the top of Mount Halloway, on the east side of the road, containing One Hundred and Fifty Acres. It will be sold by the First day of February, 1883, will be offered at PUBLIC AUCTION, on that day at 10 o'clock, a. m.

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