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To most people the closing days of the year bring a tendency to retrospection and often a desire to moralize. We look back over the year that is dying and review our triumphs or failures and we take lessons from the past and form resolutions of future amendment with a cheerful faith unshaken by a lifetime's experiences. The history of the passing year has not been written in blood. With the exception of an unimportant quarrel between Italy and Abyssinia, the whole world has been at peace during the year, though with the closing months came mutterings of war from Europe where two mighty powers are massing men upon their frontiers and jealously watching each other. In the great empire over which England's Queen rules the year will long be remembered as the "Jubilee Year," when rich and poor, great and small, strove to honor and celebrate the fiftieth year of the Golden Victorian Age—a half century of progress greater than ever before witnessed in the world's history. In Canada the most confirmed pessimist can find but little to complain of. The seasons have been pleasant and the harvests good, and quick markets and good prices; the fishing fairly good and prices high; while factories, workshops, and mines have all been running full time; and no man in the whole Dominion able to work need be idle. Undoubtedly a year of unalloyed prosperity and advancement.

Politically, the most important events were the quiet entombment, for the present at least, of the repeal cry; the general elections; the appointment of the fishery commission; and the commercial union, or full reciprocity, or whichever of its many names its promoters choose to call it, agitation. The question between the two parties of the Dominion, free trade or protection, which? is as far from solution as ever. In free trade England riots of unemployed workmen, and on ever-growing agitation for fair trade. In protection United States, the enormous power of the monopolists, and last question, menacing the safety of the Republic, while a strong feeling in favor of free trade, or at least a lower tariff, exists. Query, has Canada with all her universal prosperity and freedom from troubles discovered the golden mean? The conviction and execution of the Chicago anarchists taught their long-tongued brethren that they could not even in free America counsel murder and the entire subversion of all law and order with impunity, and has sent them like wild beasts to their dens for the present, not, however, without loud growling and whining.

It seems strange that after the millions of years geologists tell us the world has been cooling off, that convulsions of its crust should furnish a large per cent. of the violent deaths during the year, yet we find that earthquakes in Southern Europe, Mexico and Turkey caused the deaths of one thousand, one hundred and fifty, and one hundred respectively.

The Nova Scotia coast this year has had an entire immunity from disastrous shipwrecks like those that have in former years shocked and startled the civilized world. Among the disasters at sea are the loss of the British ship *Kapunda* off Brazil, with loss of two hundred and eighty-eight, and the *Sir Henry Lawrence* off the Indian coast, with eight hundred lives. A disastrous hurricane on the Australian coast in the month of April occasioned great destruction among the pearl-fishers, five hundred and fifty losing their lives. One of the most disastrous mining accidents was in Nanaimo, B. C., one hundred and twenty-four miners being killed. Among railroad accidents the Chateworth horror was perhaps the worst, a crowded excursion train falling through a burning bridge, killing seventy-six and wounding two hundred and seventy-nine.

The death-roll of the year numbers among others the names of Alfred Krupp, the great German iron master; Alvin Clark, the famous maker of telescopes; Madam Goldsmith (Jenny Lind); and Prof. Baird of Washington; while literature has lost H. W. Beecher, J. G. Saxé, J. Grant, Sylvanus Cobb Jr., Lady Brassey, and Mrs. Craik (Miss Mulock). In Halifax, Sir William Young, Geo. H. Starr, and Dr. Avery; and in England, the Hon. Wm. Anson, for many years a prominent figure in Nova Scotia politics.

The Halifax dry dock, which has been the dream of a life-time, has at last taken definite shape and will probably be opened during the coming year.

The arrival of the steamer *Bellevue* at Kingsport to load apples direct for the English market and the delivery of

her cargo in good order marks a new era in the apple trade. A prediction of such an event, a few years ago, would have received no more credence than a prophecy of the early completion of the Kingsport railway would now. That apple culture is to be the business of this valley is now an undisputed fact, and this season will probably see more trees planted in this valley than any one season in its history. Small fruits are very well for a few, and potatoes have, like the present, an occasional good year; but the apple has come to stay.

Junior Exhibition.

The Rhetorical Exhibition of the Junior class of Acadia College took place in Assembly Hall on Tuesday evening, December 20th. At 19:30 the Junior class, headed by the faculty and followed by members of the other classes, who had not exchanged cap and gown for a short walk and the privilege of occupying two seats in the gallery, marched up the aisle and took their places. By this time the hall was comfortably filled with the élite of the village and surrounding country who are wont to gauge the mental calibre of the third year class by their Junior orations. After a solemn prayer of thanksgiving and invocation by Rev. Mr. Simpson of Hantsport, the following programme was successfully carried out:—

PROGRAMME.
Music. Prayers.
The Office of Conscience.
H. T. DeWolfe, St. Stephen, N. B.
"Disraeli."
E. M. Bill, Billtown, N. S.
"The Epicurean."
A. B. Holly, Portland, N. B.
"Success."
J. H. Cox, Cambridge, N. S.
Knowledge of the Past.
W. B. Crawley, Sydney, C. B.
"The Philanthropist."
L. A. Palmer, Dorchester, N. B.
Music.
"The History of Slavery."
C. S. Lyons, Somerset, N. S.
A Critique on Wordsworth's Excursion.
A. J. Kempton, Hopewell, N. B.
"What is Eloquence?"
H. S. Blackadder, Halifax, N. S.
The Sword Superseded by Arbitration.
A. W. Foster, Bridgetown, N. S.
"Dryden's Poetry."
C. S. March, St. John, N. B.
The Present State of Astronomical Study.
C. H. McIntyre, Springfield, N. B.
Edgar Allan Poe.
E. P. Fletcher, Debert, N. S.
Music.
"What is Civilization?"
M. C. Higgins, Wolfville, N. S.
"The Obligations of Opinions."
S. H. Rogers, Windham Hill, N. S.
"The Relations of Commerce to Civilization."
W. L. Black, Salem, N. S.
More's Utopia.
W. H. Jenkins, Johnston, N. B.
"Turning Points of History."
O. O. Lyons, Waterville, N. S.
Literature Reveals us to Ourselves.
F. C. Hartley, Carleton, N. B.
National Anthem.
Benediction.

*Excused.
As was announced by Pres. Sawyer, the subjects chosen bore either directly or indirectly on the regular course of study pursued by the writers; and no one could fail to notice from the moral tone that pervaded each of the papers, that moral culture as well as mental development receives due consideration at Acadia College.

Mr. DeWolfe treated his subject in a clear, forcible, and logical manner, making many telling points. Mr. Crawley delved deeply into the obscurity of the past, and in carefully chosen language showed what modern research has done to bring to light historical truths and scientific transformations of the past ages. It is to be regretted, however, that through a mistake on the part of his prompter, the speaker was placed under an undue disadvantage during the latter part of his address. At this period a new and pleasing feature was introduced in the programme, viz., a Latin song by Mr. E. P. Fletcher. It is needless to say that Mr. F. did himself justice here as well as in his taking and well-delivered paper that followed soon after. Mr. Kempton's critique on Wordsworth's Excursion soon captured the audience. Mr. K. did not forget to give the author credit for the motives that prompted him in writing this poem that is great by virtue of its length. Though Mr. McIntyre's subject was above the heads of the people he did not forget to bring it down to their level in the light of modern improvements before he began to interest them in a subject with which he himself seemed so familiar. Mr. Jenkins was thoroughly in sympathy with the topic assigned him, and showed the necessity of a man like More, whom he considered ahead of his time, exposing the then-existing evils, and calling for the redress that the age demanded. The last speaker, Mr. Hartley, was in good form and in his usual vigorous style convinced the audience that literature does reveal us to ourselves.

To particularize further on the merits of the respective papers would be to do their writers an injustice; suffice it to say that the manner in which the speakers handled their subjects evinced careful study and a thorough mastery of the topics in hand, while the pleasing and forcible manner of delivery reflected much credit upon the pains-taking teacher of elocution, Mr. Shaw, whose valuable services we can appreciate upon an occasion of this kind. Miss Buttrick's classic selections added much to the evening's entertainment.

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[The above was received too late for last issue.—Ed.]

From Gravesend to Hampton Court.

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The Victoria Embankment terminates at Westminster where are so many places of historic interest. As ours is but a trip up the Thames we must confine ourselves to the places that can be seen along or near its banks. The most important of these are the Houses of Parliament, Westminster Hall, and the Abbey on the left bank, and St. Thomas' Hospital and Lambeth Palace on the right—all in the immediate vicinity of Westminster. The Houses of Parliament, the great council chambers of the realm, stand on an area of eight acres and were erected from the designs of Sir Charles Barry. The river front is upwards of nine hundred feet in length. The floors are laid on iron girders and the roof is of iron, thus rendering the building so far fire-proof. The foundations are formed of a bed of concrete 12 feet thick and the materials used in the structure include hundreds of thousands of tons of stone, the principal of which was brought from Yorkshire, 24 millions of bricks and several thousand tons of iron. There are about five hundred apartments in the building, comprising the House of Lords, which is 90 feet long, 45 feet wide, and 45 feet high; the House of Commons, which is 70 feet long, 45 feet wide and 45 feet high; various halls, galleries, vestibules, official residences, committee rooms, libraries, &c., one hundred stair-cases and two miles of corridors. Nearly 500 statues of eminent statesmen are distributed about the building and numerous beautiful frescoes adorn the walls.

The superbly decorated Chapel, which is approached by some stairs near Westminster Hall, must not be unnoticed, for what was once hidden by rubbish has proved to be a very acme of architectural beauty.

The Victoria Tower is the largest square tower in the world, being 336 feet high (to the top of the flag staff over 400 feet) and 75 feet square. The height of the arch is 70 feet. This tower is used as a depository for state papers and records, and is entirely fire-proof, no timber having been used in its construction. It is divided into eleven storeys, communicating with each other by a spiral staircase which reaches in one unbroken length from the ground to the upper story.

The Clock Tower is 316 feet high. An electric light is displayed on the top of this tower every night during the parliamentary session so long as the members are sitting. The dial of the immense clock are each 22 feet 6 inches in diameter and present a surface of 400 square feet. The figures are each two feet long and the minute spaces are a foot square; the minute hands, which are each 14 feet long, therefore travel a distance of sixty feet every hour. Each pair of hands weighs 224 pounds. The weights are 2½ tons and the shaft in which they work up and down is 174 feet deep. The pendulum weighs about 700 pounds and is 14 feet 5 inches long. The weight of the hour bell, "Big Ben," is over 3½ tons and that of the four bells on which the quarters are chimed together, nearly 8½ tons. The chimers are set to the following lines:—

All through this hour I am my guide,
And by thy power no foot shall slide.
The weight of the hammer is 450 pounds and was originally 900 pounds. It was reduced in consequence of a fracture in the bell. The winding up of the going part of the clock occupies ten minutes and the winding of the striking parts ten hours, an operation which has to be gone through twice a week. The clock keeps most excellent time, its error not amounting to more than one second in 85 days.

The present Westminster Hall was erected by Richard II, but the hall was originally founded by William Rufus in 1097. The interior is 270 feet long, 74 feet wide and 90 feet high, and is one of the largest halls in England. The roof is unsupported by pillars. Important state trials were held here and in more modern times the law courts were here, but they are now moved to the mammoth structure near the site of Temple Bar. This hall has witnessed more convivial than proceedings, for Richard II kept his "Merry Christmas" within its walls and the Coronation dinners have frequently been held here. It has been skilfully absorbed into the design of the Houses of Parliament, which it adjoins and of which it now really forms a part.

The Abbey, which is in close proximity, was founded in the year 610, although it continued to be built during the reigns of Henry III, Edward I, and Henry VII. Within its venerable walls repose in sumptuous tombs the ashes of kings, queens, and the representative nobility of the varied walks of life. The first to be buried here was King Harold. The remains of the princes who were murdered in the tower are interred here. In Poet's Corner lie the remains of Milton, Dryden, Handel, Goldsmith, and a host of other notable men whose names are revered throughout the civilized world. It must not be forgotten that the saintly Dr. Livingstone found a last resting-place here and the memories of the Revs. John and Charles Wesley have, by the Christian courtesy of the late Dean Stanley, been perpetuated by monuments suitably inscribed. In the chapel of Henry VII are shown the helmet, shield and saddle used by that monarch at the Battle of Agincourt; and in the chapel of Edward the Confessor is the Coronation Chair which has been used for centuries at the crowning of the monarchs of England: the last who used it being Queen Victoria. The stone of which the chair is made and which was brought from Scotland, is claimed to be that on which the Patriarch Jacob rested his head at Bethel and on this very strong evidence the theory that the English are the lost tribes of Israel, rests. The dimensions of the Abbey are as follows:—Transsept, 200 feet; height of nave and choir, over 100 feet; 10 roof of lantern, 140 feet; western tower, 225 feet; total length, 416 feet.

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By order
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