

yesterday, indeed, rather than to the day before yesterday ; which must strike the folk of an older civilisation as very odd.— Thus in an Amherst paper I find the following :—

OLD BAGATELLE BOARD

A Relic of the Early Eighties found in the Academy Garret

WHEN the old Academy on Acadia Street was being torn down some years ago, a rude bagatelle board was found away up among the rafters. The finders were mystified, and there was only one of the "Old Boys" in town who could throw light on its existence, although since that time the maker of the board has taken up his residence in Amherst. We refer to Will Casey who taught the class in electricity in our technical school so successfully last winter. Even in boyhood he was a mechanical genius, and the bagatelle board was not his first piece of manual work. Will brought the board to school one morning long before the arrival of the teachers. A ladder was put up to the manhole in the ceiling, the board taken up and the ladder after it. There were four boys late for school that morning. More than one game was played up among the dust and cobwebs. "Len" Wheaton, now a well-known engineer, became an expert; "Hae" Gaetz, son of Rev. Joseph Gaetz, would occasionally take a hand in the game, and a long-limbed chap from Doherty Creek, who now adorns a New York pulpit, was, if we mistake not, once admitted into the sacred precincts of the old garret. There were others too, all scattered abroad, but we would like to see them home this year to talk over some of the episodes of our school life in the early eighties.

All this might have appeared in a Maidstone or Peebles paper, only it would there be descriptive of something which happened in 1830, not in 1880. Here anything that happened a century ago is antiquity indeed, while an occurrence of two or three centuries since is like something before Noah's Ark, *i.e.* the *Mayflower*.

There are some people who never experience a sense of the insignificance of time—of what is called the ages. We all know men of ninety—some of us know centenarians. Twenty