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God's in His heaven,

All's right with the world.

—Browning.

London, Friday, Dec. 11, 1896.

It is said that in the event of Mr.

Speaker Edgar becoming Lieutenant

Governor of Ontario, Mr. Charnick

will be appointed Speaker.

Let it be remembered by our country

friends that every member of the new

County Council must be a resident of

the district for which he is elected.

Montreal Caledonian Society

annually presents to the benevolent fund

of St. Andrew's Society in that city

the sum of \$200. These Caledonians

apparently understand the Scriptural

declaration that it is more blessed to

give than to receive.

The postess of Huron sent the fol-

lowing couplet to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier

on his recent birthday.

"BIRTHDAY WISHES.

"May the roses of life around thee

throw

The perfume Heaven sends them here

below."

The United States Congress has

passed a bill granting \$50,000 to the

heirs of Erskine S. Allen and the

United States Regulation Pin and

Company, for the use by the United

States of Allen's invention of improve-

ment in breech-loading firearms.

From the London Times correspond-

ence on the state of the Anglican

Church, it appears that there are up-

wards of 400 parishes in England

where the clergyman's income is under

\$50 a year. This is not as it should

be, with so many richly endowed ben-

efices in the country. There should be

a leveling up.

Already, the British have begun to

make preparations for the proper cele-

bration of the 50th year of Queen Vic-

torian's reign. The earliest event will

be the series of scientific demonstra-

tions at the Crystal Palace, London,

showing the most famous inventions

and industries of the past 50 years. It

will be a great exhibit.

The expense of running the last of

the large-sized Middlesex County Coun-

cils was as follows: Payments to

members—January session, \$558 10;

June session, \$556 20; December ses-

sion, \$560 20; warden's salary, \$200;

total, \$2,074 50. Those interested in

statistics will no doubt treasure these

figures up for comparison with next

year's expenditures.

The Alliance (England) Journal has

the following remarks on the condition

of affairs in Wales:

"Dyma gyfifl hefyd i bersonau unig-

ol, y rhai a symbylir gan zel ddol-

westi, i gyfrannu yr addysg hon drwy

y Cyfundebau Crefyddol, megys gofalu

am roddi copï yn llaw pob aelod o'r

egwys a'r gynulleidfia lle yr addolant,

ac na adawer na phregethwr, na dia-

con, nac athraw, na swyddog Ysgol

Sabbodol heb feddu y gofodau gwerth-

fawr hwn."

No doubt most Canadians will agree

that there is more truth than poetry

in this declaration.

Street Improvements.

The report of the acting street

commissioner of London city, printed

in another column, demonstrates the

Hard on Hugh John.

In this part of Canada, the oppo-

nents of the Dominion Government

have represented Hon. Clifford Sifton

and Hon. Mr. Tarte, two members of

the Cabinet, as tricksters and rascals.

But in the city of Winnipeg all class-

es in the community joined to hon-

or these gentlemen, and each was en-

tertained to a citizen banquet, over

which Hon. Hugh John Macdonald,

son of the late Premier, presided. Did

it ever occur to the newspapers and

the partisans who have been traducing

Ministers, that in so doing they were

sitting the son of the greatest Con-

servative leader who has ever con-

trolled the destinies of that party in

Canada?

Where President Cleveland

Missed It.

In his treatment of the Cuban ques-

tion President Cleveland spoke with

some vigor, and while holding the

balances with a fair hand it is ob-

vious that his sympathies are with

the Cubans. So far most people in

America will agree with him, for

though the issues between Spain and

her colony are not easily defined, one

thing certain is that Spain has no

capacity for ruling a dependency; she

is seriously warring in the ways of

ruling herself at home, and in the

past her evil methods have done much

harm in America.

The United States may never inter-

fere to procure the independence of

Cuba; the people of that island will

be all the better for it if they can

obtain that boon for themselves. If

they accept the aid of the United

States the ultimate result will prob-

ably, a transfer of allegiance to the

United States flag, Cuba becoming a

State of the Union, and the people

of the United States are better off

without the addition of that distur-

bing element.

President Cleveland's indefiniteness

as to what shall take place when "a

situation will be presented in which

our obligations to the sovereignty of

Spain will be superseded by higher

obligations, which we can hardly hesi-

tate to recognize and discharge,"

leaves the course to be pursued by his

successors as free as can be desired.

But in dealing with another foreign

question, the attitude of the President

is far less satisfactory. He has no

strong words for the odious Turk, al-

though American interests in Turkey

are as much in evidence as those of any

country in Europe. He talks of ac-

tion on the part of the great nation

having "the right by treaty to inter-

fere for the protection of those ex-

posed to the rage of mad bigotry and

cruel fanaticism"; but surely none of

the great nations of Europe have a

better right to interfere and put a

stop to "the wanton destruction of

homes, and the bloody butchery of

men, women and children, made mar-

tyrs to their profession of Christian

faith," than the Government of the

United States, whose Christian citi-

zens are spending half a million dol-

lars a year in maintaining United

States interests in Turkey. The Amer-

ican missionaries have established 621

schools in that country, including five

colleges, and have 27,400 pupils in those

schools. "We have made claims

against the Turkish Government for

the pillage and destruction of mission-

ary property at Harpoot and Marash

during uprisings at those places,"

President Cleveland says; and he is

obliged to confess that thus far the

validity of these demands has not

been admitted. Then whose fault is

it if they have not?

As Lyman Abbott said a short time

ago, when speaking on this very

question, the United States was strong

enough to think of putting back on

her throne the Queen of Hawaii, who

had undertaken to tear in tatters the

Lambton County Session.

Edward Emery Convicted of Numer-

ous Crimes.

He Will Serve Seven Years for

Burglary.

Sarnia, Dec. 11.—At the county ses-

sions held here Edward Emery, con-

victed of burglary, theft, indecent as-

sault and obtaining goods under false

pretences, was brought up for sen-

tence. He was condemned to seven

years in the Provincial Penitentiary

for the burglary and theft, and sen-

tence was suspended on the other

two convictions, to be enforced should

he be found in this part of the coun-

try after the expiration of his term

of imprisonment.

McMaster, convicted of theft, the

jury having found the prisoner in-

competent, was remanded to the custody

of the sheriff, to report the case to

the Government and await its action.

Albert H. Martin, a clerk in a store

at Oil Springs, was charged with

theft of money from the store till.

The store was owned by Alexander

Wilson, brother-in-law of the ac-

cused, and it appeared that when

the theft was discovered prisoner of-

fered to make restitution to the am-

ount of \$1,000. Wilson asked \$2,000. In

the meantime the case was pressed by

the officers of the law and the ac-

cused brought to trial. The jury

brought in a verdict of not guilty. Mr.

Lister defended the prisoner.

George Dean was indicted for seduc-

tion of Margaret Wallace. The evi-

dence was to the effect that a prom-

ise to marry had been given by

Dean some time before the offense

was alleged to have taken place. Mr.

Lister quoted the statute to show

that to constitute an offense un-

der the law the promise of marriage

must have been made at the time

of the offense. The judge concurred in

Mr. Lister's reading of the statute

and dismissed the case. He was also

charged with administering drugs to

Margaret Wallace for a criminal pur-

pose, being on trial, and acquitted,

there being no corroborative testi-

mony.

IN THE WOODS.

Young Man of Alvinston Struck on the

Head by a Falling Tree.

Alvinston, Dec. 11.—Yesterday morn-

ing, while a gang of men were at work

in the woods about six miles north

of here, one of the number, named

Leslie Smith, was struck on the top

of the head by a tree, which he was

sawing down. Before reaching here

he had expired.

THE RESTLESS WAVES.

Consume Coney Island—The Ocean House

Must Be Moved Far Away.

New York, Dec. 11.—The Ocean

House, at Brighton Beach, is to be

moved a block back from its present

site. Ten years ago it stood 1,000

feet from the sea. Since then the

waves have eaten back the beach

foot by foot, until, eight years ago,

it was found necessary to move the

house back to its present