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A THANKSGIVING HOMILY.

Today the people of Canada, all the way from the remotest shores of Cape Breton to the sunset slopes of British Columbia, have been invited by the Governor General to unite in thanksgiving to God for the mercies and blessings which during the year we have enjoyed individually and as a nation. Though generally business has gone on during the day in its accustomed channels; though anxiety has not been banished from the minds of men of affairs, from the hearts of those who "are always with us," from the souls of women who will not be comforted because of their dead and dying, we believe that silently or otherwise almost every heart in Canada has been moved to day to give thanks to God for his great goodness. During the year that is drawing to an end we have been visited, individually and as a people, with great sorrows and great humiliations. But our individual sorrows grow out of our own rebellious hearts, and, if we read aright, are wholly nourished by our own frailty. We mourn today for that which tomorrow is recognized as a blessing—we grope blindly, but a kindly and upholding hand is ever within our reach. It may be that nowhere else in the world are the opportunities for peaceful and contented lives so evenly diffused as in our own land. It is only the very poor and the oppressed that are necessarily wretched. We have few of the first and none of the latter. And even the poorest among us have reason for thankfulness because they are not, as in many lands, permitted to suffer from hunger or cold. We sometimes rebel because of the loss of wealth, of friends, of position; but wealth never made happiness; the friends we lose, except by death, were never worth the keeping, and the position in society which some of us value so highly, is proved by reflection to be nothing but the veriest trifle. The dead! we have lost their visible presence, their helpfulness, in a material sense—but we cannot affirm that we have lost more. "It is well with the child," was said nearly two thousand years ago. And when we think of the vastness of eternity, we can truly say as we bend over the graves of those whom we call old, as well as those of the young, "It is well with the child." Our sorrows are mostly selfish and unsubstantial sorrows—unavailing because they are for occurrences, acts or words that can never be undone or recalled. We may well unite in thanksgiving because of our country's growth and prosperity. He would have been a dreamer indeed who fifty years ago should have spoken of railway trains in our day running through from Sydney to Vancouver, and how the rails should form a link in a chain by which the world might be girdled in a time hitherto unthought of; a dreamer who should have told of the millions of bushels of grain pouring out of the still sparsely peopled Northwest to feed the people beyond the sea; and he would be called a dreamer today who should tell how in fifty years that same Northwest will surely become the granary of the world. The growth of our forests is equal to the demand of our mills, our mines are inexhaustible, and new ones are constantly being opened, our farms, under an improved system of agriculture, are growing more productive, our fisheries never fail, and what is no less a matter for congratulation, our people are growing more intelligent and better as time passes on. True, we have national as well as individual sins for which we may well humiliate ourselves, but the sins of the sinners have found them out, and God's broom is sweeping them from their places, for which, with all other blessings, we unite in thanksgiving to-day.

THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE.

The opening of the Merchants' Exchange yesterday was an event of considerable importance and interest in the commercial history of this city. In all business communities it is recognized as a necessity that there should be some central point where business men can meet at certain hours of the day, for the purpose of communicating with each other and transacting business together. In the olden days of the city when the population was small and business men were near together no difficulty was experienced by our merchants in seeing each other. No doubt the venerable institution known as the 11 o'clock at which it was considered necessary to imbibe a certain modicum of old Jamacia rum derived a good deal of its importance from the fact that it was the means of bringing business men together. The 11 o'clock has now gone out of fashion, and the business men of St. John are scattered over a wide area, so that the necessity for a merchants' exchange has become very pressing. At one time Chubb's Corner served the purpose to a considerable extent, but it has never been in recent years what it was before the fire, and certainly it can hardly be expected that our merchants should make a practice of meeting at a place which offers no facilities for the transaction of business, or even for ordinary comfort. The rooms of the Board of Trade although centrally situated have never been sufficiently commodious to serve the purpose required, and therefore the establishment of a Merchants' Exchange seemed to be demanded in the general interest. Certainly the Messrs. Pugsley are very much to be congratulated on the enterprise and spirit they have displayed in this matter, and it is to be hoped that their reward will be an ample one. Some people have been disposed to imagine the Merchants' Exchange is intended to compete with the Board of Trade, but this is not the case. There is no reason whatever why one institution should interfere with the other in any way. The Board of Trade has functions of its own entirely different from those of the Merchants Exchange, and it will be able to pursue them without any interference hereafter as it has in the past. The idea of opposition or hostility ought not to be entertained for a moment. We have observed one or two letters in the papers from members of the Board of Trade apparently throwing cold water on the project of a merchants' exchange, on the ground that it is not needed. We think such attempts as these are ill advised, and not likely to help the body which they originate. We are satisfied that the president of the Board of Trade who is a man of enterprise and business capacity recognizes fully the need for a Merchants' Exchange, and will become a healthy supporter of that institution. No business movement that has been made in recent years is likely to be of more general benefit than this, and this fact will be fully recognized as soon as the real capabilities of the Merchants' Exchange for the transaction of business and the facilitating of dealings between business men are better understood.

NOTE AND COMMENT.

The proposals for a new immigration policy for Canada are being well received in London. The people of the British Islands have always been in favor of immigration but they do not always send us the best classes of immigrants for the purposes of Canada.

The announcement that the Allan Line is to abandon the New York route next year, in consequence of a falling off in business due to the McKinley tariff, is highly important, if true. One would suppose that such a serious decline in business as this would show, would be greatly felt in New York and would influence the presidential contest.

The Globe is in the dumps because the people of Canada do not put their best men forward. It cites the case of Mr. Blake as an illustration of this, but omits to state that Mr. Blake has retired from politics, because he is not in accord with the annexation views of some of the other leaders of the Liberal party. The best men in St. John, according to the Globe are no doubt Messrs. Ellis, Weldon & Company, but unfortunately for them the majority of the electors hold a different opinion.

The ladies of the Women's Christian Temperance Union now in convention at Boston are desirous to regulate the world's fair. Yesterday they unanimously requested the board of managers of that great exhibition to prohibit the sale of intoxicants upon the grounds, and to close the exhibition on Sundays. They also resolved to request the fair people to require purity in the art exhibition, by which we presume they mean that the nude in art is not to be permitted at the Chicago fair, if the ladies of the W. C. T. U. can help it. It is not likely that either request will be complied with.

Telegraphic Flashes.

Jas. Flood, barrister, of London, has been appointed secretary of the civil service commission.

The governors of the Montreal general hospital have decided against admitting ladies to the chemical lectures of the institution.

W. W. Ogilvie, Canada's famous miller, has purchased the milling establishment of Ira Gould & Son of Montreal for a quarter of a million dollars.

Ruth Cleveland, daughter of ex-President Cleveland, is to have a handsome cradle made of wood from the cabin in which Gen. Grant once lived in St. Louis county.

The steamer British Empire, at Boston from London, reports Nov. 9, off Sable Island, passed a small timber raft with a sail rigged on one end, which probably has been used as a jury mast.

Although L'Electeur announced that Mercier would respond to the toast of the Province of Quebec at Laurier's banquet, it would appear that the aroused public opinion has caused the managers to change their programme, and Mercier may not appear. He returns from Montreal today.

Italian employes on the Watertown sewer to the number of 350 refused to go to work yesterday morning because they had not received their money for the last month, due last night. Later each man received an envelope containing the amount due him, minus his board bill. The men are not satisfied with the pay. They say they were promised $1.50 for ten hours' work, but as now they work only nine hours and receive but $1.35. They declare they will not work for less than $1.50 and want that amount for last month's work or they will make trouble. They also claim that they are charged too much for board and made to buy lager beer, for which they are charged exorbitant prices. The streets of Watertown are torn up and the strike retards their progress. Unless the work is resumed at once it is doubtful if the sewer can be finished this fall. It is stated that Mr Sullivan tried to cash a check for $4,000 at the Union Market National Bank yesterday, but was not accomodated and this caused delay in paying the workmen.

The Wealth of Queen Victoria.

An act was recently passed enabling the Queen to make a will, as she was not before this supposed to be the possessor of any property, and the impression prevails that she has effected large savings. This is not the case. Although she has for many years lived in retirement, her expenditure has not materially decreased, for the mise en scene of royal pageantry is still kept up. She has expended considerable sums upon the purchase of the estates of Osborne and Balmoral and their maintenance falls on her. She has, too, made considerable monetary presents to her daughters on their marriage, so that although she inherited £250,000 from a silly person who left her this amount, her private fortune is comparatively small. Two years ago Lord Salisbury's Government submitted to Parliament a proposal to endow her grandchildren. A committee of the House of Commons was appointed to consider this demand when it was decided that provision ought only to be made for the children of the Prince of Wales. The committee was informed, under a pledge of secrecy of the total value of Her Majesty investments. As I was a member of this committee, I cannot, of course, violate this pledge; but I do not think I am breaking confidence in saying that the amount was surprisingly small.—Henry Labouchere in the October Forum.

Why She Gave Nothing.

Mamma (on the way home from church)—By the by, Dolly, I didn't see you give anything in the offertory just now.

Dolly—I hadn't nuffin to put mammy, dear.

Mamma—Why, my love, I gave you sixpence this morning. What have you done with that?

Dolly—Swallowed it, mammy dear.

ANOTHER BRITISH GALE.

Furious Storm in the South of England and Ireland—Many Vessels Total Wrecks and Their Crews Drowned—The Gale Still Raging.

LONDON, Nov. 11.—Last night a heavy gale set in in the South of England and Ireland. During the night the wind grew stronger until finally it blew a hurricane. At Cythe Cinque, a port on the English channel, a French schooner was wrecked. The crew reached the shore in safety, but the captain, his wife and son perished.

At Sandgate the iron ship Benvenue, over 2,000 tons burthen from London for Sydney, N. S. W., was dashed ashore and the crew took to the rigging. The life boat was manned and made several ineffectual attempts to reach the vessel. The life savers abandoned all hope of saving the crew. One sailor in the rigging almost reached shore by swimming, but was drowned. Some of the crew fell into the water and were drowned. Troops were sent to aid the life savers along the Sandgate section of the coast. Several bodies were cast upon the beach at Sandgate. The storm extended northward and now rages with great fury from Wick, Scotland, to Scully islands in the English channel. A telegram from the island states that a schooner was wrecked and three of the crew saved. A vessel, the Paramount, was sunk off Lowestoft, Suffolk. All hands on board, except two sailors were drowned.

The bark Amor is stranded near St. Leonard's, Sussex. Her crew are in the rigging and at last accounts not rescued.

In London the storm has done considerable damage. The Norwegian brig Solertia was wrecked at Stundland, Dorset. The fishing boat Star of the East, while entering Lowestoft, crashed against the north pier and was wrecked, six of the crew being drowned. The sch. Marguerite Marie, bound for London, was blown ashore and wrecked.

Part of the life saving crew at Hythe while rescuing a shipwrecked crew were swept from the boat and drowned.

A foreign bark went ashore at Dungeness. The life boat men started to the rescue, but the life boat capsized and five of the crew were lost.

At Deal a fishing boat capsized and two men were drowned.

Several vessels are ashore between Dungeness and Dover. The damage to fishing boats and other small craft employed in the local coastwise trade is large while the damage to property at Folkestone and Deal is very great. At Christ church the river Stour and the Avon overflowed their banks and the country near Christ church is flooded. A part of the town is inundated. The rivers in the midland counties are rapidly rising and according to the latest reports the gale is general throughout England.

Work of a Rain-Drop.

A single rain-drop falling upon a mountain top produces no appreciable effect, but it nevertheless does something. It may move a grain of sand from its place, or even set a pebble in motion towards the valleys below; and the countless millions of rain-drops which follow it in succeeding ages will finally succeed in wearing the mountain top away. As they roll down the mountain side, they gather into rivulets, brooks, and torrents, and their erosive force becomes greatly increased by gravitation. Another drop may fall into a crevice in the rock, there to remain until it expands in the act of freezing, and splits off a fragment, which in its turn is carried down to lower levels. Or perhaps the rain-drop falls as a snow-flake which, with many others, is in time consolidated into an ice-field and glacier, which ploughs down the mountain side, crushing and grinding the rocks as it goes, into a form which can readily be transported to lower levels by the streams of water formed by its melting.

Or perhaps the rain drop falls upon a limestone formation. A little—a very little, but still a definite quantity—of the hard rock is dissolved and carried away to the ocean, or deposited in a distant locality by the evaporation of the water. The amount dissolved by a single rain drop is almost infinitesimal, but the great caverns found in all parts of the world owe their origin to nothing but this solvent power of innumerable drops of water. Even the hard, enduring granite will finally crumble away, one of its constituent minerals, feldspar, being decomposed and changed into clay. The erosive power of running water and the chemical action of still water supplement and aid each other in their great work.

That the streams and rivers of the more level districts are continually lowering the level of the land is evident to every one. The bars which are formed at the mouths of the rivers are only the earth which has been washed down from higher regions by the rushing rain-drops, and the level of the land is constantly being lowered, and, in many cases, preceptibly so by this means. If any proof were needed of the action of the force in past times it would be found in the fossilized rain-prints, where the impressions made in soft mud by the drops of some ancient storm have been hardened into stone, and preserved to us so perfectly that we can tell from what direction the wind was blowing in that shower of millions of years ago.—Popular Science News.

A Simile of Coleridge Recalled.

More and more is the estimate of Samuel Taylor Coleridge vindicated when he likens Christianity in its stability to some brave old English oak, in whose branches the fowls of heaven have builded their nests, in whose ample breadth of shade the lowing herd and bleating flock are sheltered from the noontide sultriness—against whose gnarled roots the wild boar has whetted his tusks, and through whose far spreading boughs the storms of a thousand years have shouted in the dreary winter midnights without loosening by a single strand its hold in the spot where God, in his wisdom and might, had first anchored it.—Atlanta Constitution.

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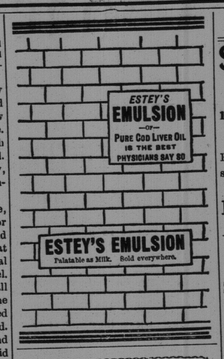

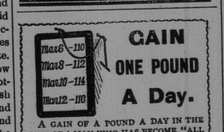

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