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THE TWENTIETH CENTURY.

The measured flight of constellated years,
Across a sky
Blue with unsounded depths of ancient time,
Soon will draw after them a star sublime
Whose light upon the hills even now appears,
Brightest of all, the twentieth century.

For in the splendor of her flame shall shine
With clearest light
In one the scattered fires of all the past,
All life, all knowledge, all desire, at last
Brightly together in that gleam benign
Reveal the future to the present sight.

It is not past, but it is yet to come.
The golden age ;
No fabled reign of Kronos, but a day
Whose laws excel the crude Saturnian sway,—
When true men know the truth, and hate is dumb,
For love's pure fire has vanquished flaring rage.

Our eyes are watching where the east doth burn ;
And in the west
The dreary stars are setting, one by one.
Our planet rises, flashing like a sun !
Taught by that light shall struggling forces learn
Their end, and find in perfect action, rest.

JOHN EDMUND BARSS.

THE FUTURE OF CANADA.

A RECENT issue of the *Toronto Globe* contained a valuable paper on “The Future of Canada,” from the pen of Mr. Chas. H. McIntyre, B. A. ('89), who is pursuing the study of law at Harvard University. The paper had been delivered before the Canadian Club of that institution, and discussed the pros and cons of the three possibilities—annexation, imperial federation and independence. In regard to the first two his decision is negative, and we quote his views on the third alternative ;