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*Gods in his heaven,
All's right with the world.*
—BROWNING.

*If you trust in God and yourself
you can surmount every obstacle. Do
not yield to restless anxiety. One
must not always be asking what may
happen to one in life, but one must
advance fearlessly and bravely.*
—PRINCE BISMARCK.

London, Tuesday, Dec. 19.

—Only those communications to which the
writers are willing to have their names
published in print will be published in these
columns.

—Dr. Will's latest declaration is that he
may contest Halton county as a McCarthy
candidate for the Dominion House of Commons—that is, if his health permits.

—In this season of goodwill, it is foolish
for anyone to give presents that he cannot
afford. Right-minded people value the
sentiment rather than the gift itself. As
to what people of another sort think—
unless one is under heavy obligations to
them—that need give no worry.

—When the curfew bell enactment was
before the Legislature some skeptical news-
papers professed the belief that it would
never be acted on. The contrary is the
case. Many towns and villages have already
adopted the clause. The latest is Rat
Portage, which has passed a bylaw pro-
viding that all children must be home by
8 p.m.

—Mr. Massey has made much money out
of the agricultural implement business in
recent years that he is presenting a music
hall, worth \$100,000, to the citizens of To-
ronto. It is expected that it will be
opened about the beginning of next sum-
mer. Is there anyone in this neighborhood
who will follow Mr. Massey's example, and
present a music hall to London?

—At the next meeting of the Legisla-
ture of Massachusetts a bill will be intro-
duced, with a fair prospect of passing,
having for its object the substitution of
death by electricity for hanging. It is
claimed that the success of the New York
electrical execution law warrants the con-
clusion that the electrical shock is instan-
taneous, and that consequently that is the
more humane agency with which to take
the life of the murderer.

—No matter what comes out of the
Hawaii Island developments, it is appar-
ent that the people are determined not to
resist the return of the Kanaka Queen to
the throne unless the United States army,
and kept there by the same agency. Such
a result is hardly likely to be brought
about. Meanwhile, President Cleveland,
while holding that the deposition of the
Queen was accomplished by discreditable
means, leaves the whole question for Con-
gress to decide upon.

MAKE THEM SIGN.

The Toronto Mail continues to print a
large number of anonymous letters in
support of its propaganda. A strong sus-
picion is entertained that these letters are
written in the office of our contemporary.
This suspicion may be unjustly entertained,
but it will remain so long as a public jour-
nal permits anonymous correspondents to
have the run of its columns.

The man who has anything to say against
his neighbor, and has good reasons for say-
ing it, will never adopt the tactics of a
slandeerer. And if a coward desires
to attack a man behind his back,
under the guise of anonymity, surely
no respectable newspaper should al-
low itself to be made the agency by which
so miserable a fellow belches forth his
spitful vapors.

The only fair way, the only method by
which the editor can escape suspicion of be-
ing the coward himself, is for every news-
paper to demand that the individual
making the attack shall sign his name to
his letter.

Why should any reputable journal lend
itself to nameless mischief-makers and
slandeerers to run riot at their sweet will.
Make these men fight in the open and the
number of slanders and denunciations set on
foot will be vastly decreased.

FRESH AND UNTRUTHFUL, TOO.

One by one the charges of nepotism
lodged against Sir Oliver Mowat by the
fresh M. P. for Toronto, crumble away
on investigation. The last three of Dr.
Ryerson's bubbles to be pricked are the
declarations that John J. Duff, of the
School of Practical Science, Toronto,
Wm. Robinson, Division Court Clerk,
Kingston, and A. R. Duff, clerk,
Osgoode Hall, are related to the
Premier. In each instance Dr.
Ryerson, either ignorantly or willfully,
penned an untruth.

The Globe has found, on careful inquiry,
"that at least three of the 'near relatives'
are not relatives at all; that another,
though now a 'son-in-law's brother-in-law',
did not occupy that relation for years after
he got his appointment; that another was
the appointment of a former Government,
and was made years before Sir Oliver be-
came Premier; that another was not
the appointee of any Government;
that another was a mere transfer
from a more lucrative office to a
less lucrative one; that most of the
appointments mentioned, where made by
the Ontario Government, were made
upon recommendations upon which they
would certainly have been made to the
same persons, as a matter of course, if
they had not been relatives, near or dis-
tant. Nepotism in the bad sense is de-
fined to mean 'patronage bestowed in
consideration of family relationship, and
not of merit,' and not one of the appoint-
ments enumerated was of this character.

It is to be observed, also, that all but the
University appointments took place before
the last general election, which was hotly
contested; the salaries paid to the persons
appointed had appeared year by year in
the public accounts and otherwise; the
public accounts had been thoroughly over-
hauled by the Opposition every year in
quest of political capital, and it would not
have been left to Dr. Ryerson to bring
forward the nepotism charge if there was
anything in it. There was nothing in it,
then, and there is nothing in it now."

Again, we say let Dr. Ryerson
keep writing. These palpable mis-
representations, or attempts to make
party capital out of legislative decisions
conceded in by leaders and members of
both political parties, cannot but help to
the continued sustenance of the present
Ontario Administration. No crusade can
be sustained for any length of time unless
it is fairly maintained, and Dr. Ryerson's
bogus list of relations, like the arguments
that sustain it, so strongly condemned by
many Conservatives, is far from being fair
and honest.

THE BRITISH OUTLOOK.

Gladstone refuses to permit the House of
Commons to make a longer Christmas ad-
journment than five days, because he re-
gards it as decidedly in the public interest
that the bill establishing parish councils—a
most democratic measure—shall be passed
during the present session of Parliament.
This determination to keep the House
working, and to atone in some measure for
its unnecessary waste of time in attempting
to bury the Irish Home Rule Bill, has
moved the opponents of the present Ministry
to assert that the Grand Old Man is hard
pressed, and that he is merely fighting to
avoid going to the country because he is
afraid to face the people. But the facts do
not support the allegation. The present
British Ministers were returned to Parlia-
ment, not to pass a Home Rule measure
alone, but to put on the statute book what
is now known as the Newcastle pro-
gramme. They passed the bill confer-
ring a measure of Irish self-government on
the Irish; it was no fault of theirs that
the class opposition in the House of Lords
defeated the voice of the populace, and it
would have been absurd, within a year
of the last general election, to have put
the country to the expense of another
conflict. Hence the determination to pro-
ceed with other legislative measures with-
out for a moment forgetting that in due
course the Irish ameliorating legislation
must be put on the statute book in spite
of the habitual wreckers of democratic
legislation.

The charge that the new House of Com-
mons has done nothing is not true, though
it would have accomplished a great deal
more if it had met with less senseless
obstruction. It has found time to pass
various measures serviceable to the Eng-
lish people; for instance, the Railway
Servants' Hours Act, which was acceptable
to trades-unionist opinion; an amendment
to the Education Act; the Agricultural
Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act; and the
Savings Bank Amendment Act. Moreover,
a resolution was passed in favor of the
paying of members of the House of Com-
mons, an innovation essential to the
adequate representation of labor in the
Legislature. It is also to be noted that the
Miners' Eight Hour Bill was read a second
time, notwithstanding the resistance of the
Discontented Liberals as well as of the
Tories.

During the present session Mr. Glad-
stone has carried through the House of
Commons the Employers' Liability Bill,
which alone, as Mr. Michael Davitt has
pointed out, would in years gone by have
been considered by the trades unions and
other labor organizations as representing a
fair share of the labors of a Parliament. It is
true that the House of Lords, at the bidding
of Lord Salisbury, has emasculated this bill
in a way that does not meet with the
approval of the workers generally,
but is Mr. Gladstone to blame for that? Then there is the
Parish Councils Bill, destined, when it be-
comes law, to vastly improve the condition
of the rural population. The country
squires do not like it, because it shears

THE PLEBISCITE BALLOT PAPER.

Here follows a copy of the plebiscite bal-
lot, properly marked. Mark your ballot as
you see it marked below and it will be all
right. Vote as early as convenient on the
forenoon of polling day.

Are you in favor of the immediate prohibition by law of the importation, manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage?	
YES	X
NO	

[NOTE.—The ballot for male voters is
printed on yellow paper; the ballot for fe-
male voters is printed on blue paper. In all
other respects the ballots are the same.]

THE GRAND TRUNK BUS BYLAW BALLOT.

FOR THE BYLAW.	
X	
AGAINST THE BYLAW.	

[NOTE.—This ballot is printed on green
paper. Marked as above, it is in favor
of granting a bonus to the G. T. R. Com-
pany to secure the concentration of their
car shops in this city.]

them of many of their privileges, but that
is a good thing.

The improvements in the administration
of affairs under the present Government
has been great. It has organized a labor
department of the Board of Trade, which
has working men and women for its cor-
respondents; it has appointed additional fac-
tory inspectors, among whom women are,
for the first time, included; it has pub-
lished an official Labor Gazette of indis-
putable service to labor; it has rigorously
enforced the factory acts and organized a
departmental committee to supervise occu-
pations dangerous to health; it has ap-
pointed representative workmen as magis-
trates; it has introduced the eight hours'
rule in the cartridge department at Wool-
wich; it has fixed a minimum wage in the
Government dockyards; and finally, it has
interfered to protect trades unionists in
non-unionist workshops.

It is admitted that the Ministry has not
moved so fast as the Redmonds of Ireland,
the Laboucheres of England, or the Cam-
erons of Scotland think that it ought; but
the question to be considered is whether or
not the reforms already accomplished would
have been undertaken by a Conserva-
tive Ministry. No one believes that
Lord Salisbury would have passed as many
advanced measures in so short a time. No
one believes that the Conservative leader
would undertake any of the reforms that
Mr. Gladstone is murmured against for
leaving undone. Considering the per-
sistent opposition met with by
the octogenarian Premier, the progress
made has really been remarkable.
And while the business of the House has
been under way, the Ministers have taken
time to do other good work. Mr. Gladstone
proposed and Lord Rosebery has carried out
successfully the plan of arbitration between
the miners and their employers. This act
alone has won for the Government the
gratitude and confidence of hundreds of
thousands of workers who were prejudi-
cially affected by the warlike. Many shrewd
politicians thought that the Liberal leaders
had won so much prestige by this achieve-
ment that they should immediately dissolve
the House and ride into power by its aid.
It is not probable that the new friends thus
made will desert Mr. Gladstone because he
is determined that the Newcastle pro-
gramme shall successfully pass the House
of Commons before he appeals to the
country for its confirmation.

TO JAIL FOR VOTERS' LIST STUFFING.

Boss John J. McKane, of Concy Island,
has been sent to jail for twenty days for
contempt of court. The offense of this
boss was that he stuffed the voters' lists
with bogus names, and refused to obey
the mandate of the courts. In Canada,
under the operation of the Dominion
Franchise Act, a judicial boss can not only
stuff the voters' lists, but can defy the de-
cision of higher courts, and count on the
approval of Sir John Thompson and his
political friends in the House of Commons.
The New York style of dealing with voters'
list stuffers is more summary and more
salutary than that recognized by the men
in power at Ottawa to-day. But the end
is not yet.

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