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God's in His heaven,
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London, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 1896.

Causes for Thanksgiving.
Tomorrow the English-speaking peoples of North America—in Canada and the United States—unite in thanking the Bountiful Giver for the many mercies vouchsafed to them during the past year.

The people of London have especial reason for thankfulness. During the year the city has been greatly improved. It is making satisfactory progress. Its credit is good, and its residents enjoy greater immunity from diseases than citizens of any similarly-sized community on the continent. London, with its unrivaled water supply and perfect system of sewage disposal, is bound to become a resort for all who wish to enjoy good health. Both from a sanitary point of view and as a commercial center, the future of London is assured.

As citizens of the banner Province of Ontario, we have also reason to be thankful. The Province has been steadily developed during the year, and its natural resources have been shown to be far more valuable than even the most sanguine imagined. It is no mean privilege to be a shareholder in a commonwealth possessed of the great natural resources of Ontario, without provincial debt, with a school system second to none in the civilized world, and a Government that has led in the passage of progressive and highly beneficial laws.

For the outlook in the Dominion as a whole, the people ought to be thankful. Within the last month or two, new life and energy have been infused into the people. They are more hopeful of the future. With better prices for grain have come rich discoveries of gold, silver and other minerals, not only in Ontario, but in British Columbia. The advance messengers of the good times are already here. At this time it need not be emphasized that much of the life which has been infused into business and into the minds of the people has followed the change of Government on the 23rd of June, which has been heartily acquiesced in, not only by Liberals, but by a large number of Conservatives. The new rulers are striving to advance the interests of the whole people, and by conciliatory methods have settled questions calculated to cause dispeace in the Dominion. For their success Canadians of all classes ought to be thankful.

In times when the liberties of the people in less civilized lands are constantly assailed by despots, we in Canada may well be thankful that our lot is cast in a fully civilized land. The English-speaking people are the only race which enjoys real liberty, and we cannot over-estimate the right.

Our amicable relations with other parts of the world are something to be thankful for. Since the last national Thanksgiving Day, the motherland and the United States have amicably settled a question which has been amicably settled which very nearly brought the two great powers into an armed conflict, in which Canada would have been a great sufferer. This victory for the peaceful settlement of international disputes by means of arbitration is also something to be thankful for.

It was scarcely to be expected that amid the international jealousies of self-seeking European rulers the Christians of America would be enabled to join with their old world brethren in returning thanks for the emancipation of the Armenians and other Christian peoples from the threat of the scoundrel Turk. All recognize that the Turk has forfeited the right to hold away over any European territory, but neither in concert nor by means of one of the stronger powers have the rulers adopted the only logical course open to them. While the nations have hesitated, paralyzed, the assassin has pursued his ghastly and fiendish work of blotting out the Christian populations.

May we not hope that before another Thanksgiving Day comes round, even this difficult problem shall be solved right, as has been that of Venezuela, and that without further bloodshed? If the Turk believed that the recognized Christian powers of Europe were really earnestly determined to compel him to good behavior or to drive him out of Europe, he would soon mend his ways. But to us in Canada even this Turkish question is dwarfed when placed alongside of the dispute between the United States and Great Britain, now so happily adjusted. It was of momentous importance, and we ought all to be thankful that it is settled effectually. As to personal and individual mercies, can you count them up?

The United States President.

A correspondent asks us: "Can a Roman Catholic, according to the constitution of the United States, hold the Presidential chair at Washington?"

There is nothing in the constitution of the United States to prevent a Roman Catholic holding the Presidency, though, as a matter of fact, no Roman Catholic has as yet been elected President. The qualifications for the offices of President and Vice-President are simply that the candidates must be native-born citizens of the United States; that they shall be 35 years of age, and shall have resided for fourteen years within the United States.

The fathers of the republic were very careful to steer clear of denominational discrimination when they laid the groundwork of the new nation. Some have even argued that they were unduly careful to keep out of the constitution possible causes of religious dispute, and it has been alleged that, men of strong religious convictions though the majority were, the signers of the Declaration of Independence declined to put "God in the constitution," and thus laid themselves open to the charge of agnosticism. The last paragraph of the constitution surely settles that dispute. It is as follows:

"Done in convention by the unanimous consent of the States present, the seventeenth day of September, in the year of OUR LORD, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, and of the Independence of the United States, America, the twelfth, in witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names."
"GEORGE WASHINGTON,
"President and Deputy from Virginia."

This declaration surely effectively meets the accusation that the first Government of the United States omitted to recognize the existence of the Creator.

A Bright Future.

The C. P. R. land commissioner at Winnipeg reports that sales of land in Manitoba this month are 300 per cent in advance of those of a year ago. He predicts an immigration boom to Manitoba and the Northwest next year. The school question being settled, everyone should now join in settling the country. There is a great future before the Dominion.

A space writer in the New York Sun, writing from Montreal, asserts that Canada is making gigantic preparations for war. This is awful. But no one in Canada, except the imaginative Montreal writer, has heard anything about it. We hope the Sun will see to it that the people of Canada are given at least a day's notice before the carnage begins.

Our Oil Men Abroad.

Mr. George Bruce, of Petrolia, has left for the Island of Sumatra, one of the chief islands of the East Indian Archipelago. Mr. Bruce is an oil expert, and he has been sent out to Sumatra by a rich oil syndicate, which has undertaken to develop the petroleum deposits of the island. The advertising which Canada gets from the rearing and education of petroleum experts is really remarkable. Our oil men are to be found in every part of the world where petroleum exists, or is suspected of existing. And they generally hold the best positions, too.

Mr. Moody, the evangelist, says that he regards the secular press as his greatest helpmeet. Those who preach against the newspapers should profit by Mr. Moody's example.

THANKSGIVING DAY THOUGHT.

Puck.
We should be thankful for a good many things we don't get.

The Alpha Publishing Company, Boston, promise that during the ensuing year their magazines for children and young people will be vastly improved. They are very attractive now. No better monthlies of the kind are printed than Little Men and Women, and Babyland.

Macmillan and Company, New York, publish through their Canadian representatives, The Copp, Clark Company, Toronto, another two volumes of Tennyson's poetical works. This is a neat and pretty pocket edition.

One of the best stories issued this year is from the pen of Fred J. Wishaw, bearing the title, "A Buyer of the Terrible." It is a romance of the court of Joan the Cruel, first Tsar of Russia. The story is of exciting interest, and is handsomely illustrated. It is issued in paper covers in the colonial library series of Longmans, Green & Co., London, England.

Harper's Magazine, for December takes on a Christmas character, with a new cover by Howard Pyle, and a Christmas frontispiece, a Christmas carol, and an account of an English miracle play on the subject of the nativity. Mr. Pyle contributes a story, with its illustrations; Mr. Bissell contributes the second part of his "White Man's Africa"; there are five short stories; the third part of Du Maurier's "The Martians," and an interesting article on "Electricity Direct from Coal," by Dr. W. W. Jacques. It is a notable number.

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Western Ontario.

Norwich Farmer Summoned for Keeping a Cancerous Heifer.

A Chatham Man's Bad Fall—Choppers Pay Duty on Their Axes.

The death occurred at Fingal of Mrs. McIntyre, one of the earliest residents of the county, aged 84 years.

Wm. Reynolds, who was so badly shot near Blenheim last week, had his leg amputated at Chatham, and is doing well, stock was withdrawn. The death occurred in Malahide, on Friday, Nov. 20, of Wilson Baughman, aged 35 years. The funeral took place at Mount Salem.

Frederick Henry, of St. Thomas, was married on Saturday to Miss Margaret Cromwell, of Port Burwell. Rev. Robert McIntyre performed the ceremony.

It is rumored that a big syndicate of Detroit speculators has been formed for the purpose of boring for oil, and that Dresden will be the center of operations.

The hardware stock of John Chum, of Galt, was offered for sale, but the highest bid did not reach the reserve, and the stock was withdrawn. The reserve is 45c, and the highest bid was 38c.

Mr. Humphrey, of Chatham, salesman for the Campbell farming mill, had his arms burned at New Sarum on Thursday. He was standing too close to the stove in his kitchen, and his coat took fire. The injuries are not serious.

Messrs. Hugh Walker & Son, Guelph, have sold out their grocery business to Mr. Wm. Gay, who has been for twelve years clerk for them. Mr. Walker is the oldest merchant in Guelph, having been 29 years in business.

J. L. Kinnaird, formerly of Blenheim, now of Rockford, Eddy county, North Dakota, has been elected Judge of that county by a large majority. He is a brother of Mrs. S. F. Dennis, of Chatham, and W. H. Kinnaird, of Blenheim.

Ernest Jacques, a farmer, of Norwich township, has been summoned to appear before the Woodstock police magistrate, charged with "unlawfully being the owner of a heifer affected with cancer, and which was to be used as human food."

Peter Morgan, of Wellington street, Chatham, had the misfortune to fall from a chair on which he was standing on Sunday evening and broke his collar bone. The chair toppled over, and Mr. Morgan fell on the frame of a looking-glass which he had in his hand.

William Howard, alias Jordan, the old colored man who married a young girl of 13 years, will be prosecuted by the authorities on a charge of perjury. This is the only way the authorities can get at him, as the act relating to marriages of this kind does not provide any punishment for the offender.

Martin Reynolds, an employee of the G. T. R. shops, Stratford, by some misadventure during the day, and fell to the bottom of the stairs, sustaining a cut on the side of the head, requiring fourteen stitches. When picked up he was unconscious, and remained so for several hours.

Chief Skirving, of Ingersoll, has Arden Carroll in the toils again. Carroll was before Police Magistrate Morrison the other day on the charge of stealing a goatskin robe from William Gustin, of Ingersoll. The case was enlarged until Friday. The robe is alleged to have been stolen by Carroll from the Baptist Church shed.

A serious accident happened to Mrs. Bell, wife of Engineer Thomas Bell, at her home in Stratford recently. A popular tree standing in the yard had blown down during the day, and after dusk Mrs. Bell, who had forgotten all about it, tripped over the trunk, with the result that her left arm was broken.

Sarnia Observer: At a meeting of the Hospital Trust, held at the general hospital Monday evening, it was decided to mortgage the property for \$5,000, said sum to be applied and expended in paying the wages of the nursing staff. During the meeting a statement was rendered showing everything in connection with the hospital to be in first-class condition.

Twenty-seven Poles came to Windsor Monday from Detroit on their lumber to the lumber works in South Essex, near Ruscomb station. They brought their axes, saws, etc., with them, but the customs authorities demanded duty on all their articles. The duty ranges from 25 to 35 per cent, and altogether the men had to pay about \$5 before they were allowed to take possession of their tools.

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