

David's Thanksgiving Proclamation.

I will extol Thee, O God, my King; and I will bless Thy name forever and ever. Every day will I bless Thee, and I will praise Thy name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Thy works to another, and shall declare Thy mighty acts. I will speak of the glorious honor of Thy majesty, and of Thy wondrous works; and men shall speak of the might of Thy terrible acts; and I will declare Thy greatness. They shall abundantly utter the memory of Thy great goodness, and shall sing of Thy righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion; slow to anger and of great mercy. The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works. All Thy works shall praise Thee, O Lord, and Thy saints shall bless Thee. They shall speak of the glory of Thy kingdom, and talk of Thy power; to make known to the sons of men Thy mighty acts and the glorious majesty of His kingdom. Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.

The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down. The eyes of all wait upon Thee, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest Thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, and holy in all His works. The Lord is high unto all who call upon Him—to all that call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of them that fear Him; He will also hear their cry and will save them. The Lord preserveth all them that love Him, but all the wicked will He destroy.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.—Ps. cxlv.

He is a poor specimen of a man who cannot be genuinely thankful at least one day in the three hundred and sixty-five.

The Strathroy "Old Boys" seem to have enjoyed themselves with all the vivacity of youth in their reunion in the "old town" last night.

Wouldst thou first pause

To thank God for every pleasure,
For mourning over griefs
Thou wouldst not find the leisure.

Thanksgiving Day has been observed on this continent for over 200 years. It was inaugurated by the Pilgrim Fathers soon after landing on Plymouth Rock.

The Toronto World professes to have discovered that all the gentlemen in the Toronto Center campaign are to be found on the Conservative side. How very shocking the condition of the other fellows must be!

It is understood that Mr. Robert McElheran, son of Mr. R. M. McElheran, secretary of the school board, will shortly leave for Winnipeg to take charge of the Farmers' Advocate office there. Mr. McElheran has been connected with the London office for some time.

Tammany Hall organization had \$40,000 in its campaign treasury after the late contest for mayor of Greater New York, in which the organization candidate was victor. It gave \$40,000 of this money to charity—one-half to the poor of New York and one-half to relieve the sufferings of the Cuban patriots. Now some people in New York are so inquisitive as to ask, "Where did Tammany get all the money?"

The New York charitable ball visitor who married an alleged murderer after the jury set him free, now holds a different opinion on these matters. The honeymoon lasted just long enough for the husband to secure all his wife's cash and jewels. Then he began to play football with her, and finally left home without leaving his address. All she now craves is alimony and a divorce. A woman who marries a man of this stamp with the hope of reforming him, always takes great risks.

The address of Mrs. John Hoodless in this city tomorrow afternoon should be largely attended by the mothers of London. Mrs. Hoodless is an enthusiastic supporter of the view that the girls of our cities should be taught early in life to be good housekeepers, and she and those who agree with her have been able to secure the establishment of classes for the teaching of domestic economy in Hamilton, which have been eminently successful. This species of education is now received with much favor by high and low, rich and poor, in Great Britain. A correspondent, writing from the British metropolis, informs us that the eldest daughter of Lord Rosebery is taking a course in the art of cooking, preparatory to making her debut in society. Lady Sybil Primrose is soon to be presented at court, but this fact does not prevent her from acquiring knowledge which a great fortune would seem to render unnecessary. But the two young daughters of a former prime minister are up-to-date girls, and the elder especially desires to be prepared for all emergencies. Lady Sybil is no doubt convinced that no matter how great may be a woman's riches, she cannot be held to be a good housewife unless she is able to control and direct a household, and that no one can do effectively unless she is trained. If Mrs. Hoodless can show the women of London how this education can be imparted to young girls without neglect of other necessary studies, she may start a movement in this city on the lines suggested.

While Mr. Cleveland was President of the United States, Mr. McKinley took strong ground against the inquiry of the war waged against the Cubans by Spain. Now that he has the responsibilities of office, Mr. McKinley seems inclined to avoid serious measures to bring the slaughter to an end, and it is believed that in his message to Congress next month he will counsel delay in order that the effect of the reforms promised by the new Spanish commander in Cuba may be seen. In view of the terrible results of the conflict so far, more vig-

orous action was to be expected. The news from Cuba is indeed ghastly. Of the 192,000 regular troops sent to Cuba by Spain, only 89,000 are now reported fit for duty. Of the 103,000 Spanish soldiers lacking, 40,000 are now in the hospitals, leaving 63,000 to be passed to the account of those dead of disease or wounds, or sent home as permanently invalided or for other reasons. The Cuban side of the ledger is even more appalling. The people in whose parishes have been almost wiped out by starvation. They are non-combatants, but they have been made to suffer through Spain's misrule and the resistance of its Cuban victims. In one district, where there were 20,000 souls two years ago, there are now but 28 starvelings. It is all very terrible. Surely if ever the intervention of a Christian nation to put a stop to war was warranted, the United States ought to find a field for its philanthropy in Cuba. The United States is by far the most interested in Cuba's speedy amelioration because with the neighboring republic the greater part of the commerce of the island is carried on.

The New Minister.

Hon. David Mills Among His Old Constituents.

The Minister of Justice Fifty Honored at Ridgeway Last Night.

Reception and Address to the Hon. Gentleman—Many Present.

[Special Telegram to The Advertiser.]

Ridgeway, Nov. 24.—This evening a public reception in honor of Hon. David Mills, the new Minister of Justice of Canada, was held here. It was very largely attended by citizens of this place as well as by many old friends in Orford, Howard, Harwich, and other parts of Elgin and Kent counties. The minister of justice is a native of Kent, he represented Bothwell for a quarter of a century, he has very many admirers throughout the district, and in this town his eldest son, a prominent barister and a respected resident. Though the information that Mr. Mills would pay a brief visit to Bothwell was only received a day or two since, the promoters of the reception to the minister had the gratification of seeing it a pre-eminently successful. Representative men, both Liberal and Conservative, were present from the surrounding country, and many of the foremost men of the town. It was first intended to make use of the town hall, but owing to the numbers who manifested a desire to be present, it was found absolutely necessary to secure the opera house, as the largest assembly hall in the town.

THE ADDRESS.

The following is a copy of the address read to the minister by President Gosnell on behalf of the local Liberal Association:

Hon. David Mills, Minister of Justice for the Dominion of Canada: Honored and Dear Sir,—This is a great occasion, and we shall not try to add to its dignity and importance by any attempt at eloquence. The simpler our language, the better it will suit to express our feelings tonight. We, and our fathers before us, have followed you as our leader in politics for 20 years. We sent you to the first parliament of the Dominion to assist in working out the intricate political problems presented at that time. A nation was to be formed out of a number of widely scattered and sparsely settled provinces. Provincial and federal rights had to be defined. Laws had to be assimilated. Natural resources of vast extent had to be developed. Facilities of transportation at great expense had to be provided. A truculent and powerful neighbor whose territory lies for 3,000 miles contiguous to our own, had to be kept in check. In our own Northwest a turbulent element which afterwards rose in rebellion, threatened the life of our young nation, and had to be restrained. These were tasks of no ordinary magnitude, and you were considered by your natural gifts and your training to be specially fitted to cope with them. We are here tonight to say that you have not disappointed the expectations then formed of you, high as those expectations were. In office and in opposition, in parliament and on the platform you have been luminous in debate, wise in council, energetic in action, faithful to liberal principles and to the best interests of the nation. In an era of corruption you have been pure, and in an age of political trickery you have been honest. Your votes during all these years have been such as we approve, and your eloquence and learning have been enlisted to advance the principles we

profess. You have had our loyal support throughout your long political career. But your opponents have been alert and energetic. You have been a shining mark for envy and detraction and justice. We, your old neighbors and supporters have been gerrymandered out of your constituency. For a whole session you were cheated by trickery out of the seat which you had been honestly chosen to fill. At election after election the country was carried against you and your fellow-Liberal members by means which as patriots we blush to acknowledge. But at last election though you were personally unfortunate, the general result was favorable to our political views. The government has passed into the hands of Liberal statesmen pledged to economy and thrift in expenditure and to the curtailment of the people's burdens. There has been a few months' delay in calling you to your proper place, to the position you have earned and which you are especially fitted to fill. But at last we see you holding a portfolio and standing next in dignity to our eloquent first minister. We tender you our congratulations on this occasion. Some of us here tonight remember, and our fathers have told us of the popular demonstration which expressed the popular joy when you first became a minister of the crown. That was in glorious old Orford, the township of your birth and that of your children, and where you have spent many of your happiest years. The men of Orford are here tonight to join with those of Howard and of Ridgeway to do you honor. If you miss any of the old faces in this throng it is not that the hearts of your old friends toward you have waxed cold, but because in this world of change and bereavement they have gone to their reward and handed over to us their work to do. We fondly cling to this locality that fertility of its soil, in healthfulness of its condition, the intelligence of its people, their respect for law and veneration for virtue and religion, it is not behind other parts of the Dominion. Our fields respond generously to the labors of the husbandmen. Schools and churches are thronged, while prisons and poorhouses go unfilled. You, honored sir, in parliament, or out in office, or in opposition, fitly represent the worth, intelligence and virtue of this people. You are our own, you belong to us all. Long may you be spared to dwell with us, your own people, to speak for us to the king or captain of the host, to adorn with your eloquence the legislative halls of this nation, and with your wisdom the council chamber of our Gracious Queen.

The minister of justice, in reply, expressed his sincere gratification at the many evidences of esteem supplied by his old friends, neighbors and former constituents. He afterwards spoke on the questions of the day. This important address will be sent in time to appear in a later edition of The Advertiser.

At the conclusion of the minister's speech a reception, which was generally taken part in by the whole audience, was held, and many were the hearty congratulations received by Mr. Mills. This western section of Ontario has always felt that Mr. Mills should have been in the present government at its inception, and they never wavered in the belief that he would eventually be given the portfolio to which he was entitled. Mr. Mills' appointment as minister of justice is highly popular throughout the west, and he was made to feel this tonight in an unmistakable manner.

A man who neglects his health is sailing his craft in life in dangerous seas. He cannot too soon awaken to the fact that he is imperiling his most precious endowment, all the wealth in the world, all the power in the world, all the pleasure in the world, all the love and poetry and music and nobility and beauty are but dust in the mouth of the man who has lost his health. Keeping healthy means looking after the disorders that ninety-nine men in a hundred neglect. You cannot get the average every-day man to believe that indigestion or biliousness, or constipation or headache or loss of sleep or appetite, or shakiness in the morning and dullness through the day amount to much anyway. He will "pooh, pooh" at you, until some morning he wakes up and finds himself sick and dead. Then he will send for a doctor and find out to his surprise that all these disorders have been but the danger signals of a big malady that has robbed him of his health, possibly forever. It may be consumption or nervous prostration or malaria or rheumatism or some blood or skin disease. It may be, not that they have their inception in the same neglected disorders. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery makes the appetite keen, the digestion perfect, the liver active, the blood pure, the nerves steady and gives a sound and refreshing sleep. It is the great blood-maker and flesh-builder. It cures 98 per cent. of all cases of consumption. In fact bronchial, throat and lung affections yield readily to it. Medicine stores sell it.

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