

## DECEMBER

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1708. Charles Wesley born.

1773. Tea thrown into Boston Harbor.

1845. Sikhs defeated at Moodkee.

"Be true to high tradition, to Britain's ancient  
glory,  
Of pioneer and martyr, alive in deathless  
story;  
Strong in their liberty and truth to shed from  
shore to shore,  
A light among the nations till nations are no  
more."

—*Agnes Maule Machar, Canada.*

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1793. Toulon taken.

"England, Queen of the waves, whose green,  
Inviolat girdle enrings thee round,  
Mother fair as the morning, where  
Is now the place of thy foemen found?  
Still the sea that salutes us free,  
Proclaims them stricken, acclaims thee  
crowned."

—*Swinburne.*

1808. Fort Niagara captured from U. S. troops.

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1852. Pegu annexed to India.

1880. Battle of Suakin.

"Where the footfall sounds of England,  
Where the smile of England shines,  
Rings the tread and laughs the face  
Of freedom, fair as hope divine;  
Days to be, more brave than ours,  
And lit by lordlier stars for signs."

—*Swinburne.*