

DECEMBER

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1648. Expulsion of the Presbyterian members of the
"Long Parliament."

1857. Sir Colin Campbell took Cawnpore.

"Heroes have trod this spot, 'tis on their dust
ye tread."
—Byron.

"O victims! on your graves the throne is set
Of that great rule from sea to sea outspread."

—Palgrave.

1902. Opening Assouan Dam.

"O mystic Nile! thy secret yields
Before us."
—C. G. D. Roberts.

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1542. Mary, Queen of Scots, born.

1683. Sir Algernon Sidney executed.

1829. Abolition of Suttees, India.

1839. Sir Redvers Buller born.

"And if for England's sake we fall,
So be it, so her cross be won,
Fixed by kind hands on silvered pall,
And worn in death for duty done."

—Cory.

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1282. Llewellyn, last of Welsh Princes, defeated and
massacred.

"On thy dear countenance, fair motherland,
Age after age thy sons have set their sign,
Moulding thy features with successive hand,
Not always sedulous of beauty's line—
And yet man's art in one harmonious aim
With nature's gentle moulding here have
worked
A perfect whole to frame."

—Palgrave.