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Fighting Feared.

Armed Britishers Entering the Transvaal Republic.

Their Return Said to Have Been Ordered by Mr. Chamberlain.

Alfred Austin Appointed Poet Laureate of England.

Sketch of His Work-New Year's Honors by the Queen-A Way Out of the Venezuelan Dispute.

BRITAIN'S HEALTHY EXCHANGERS
London, Dec. 31.-The treasury returns issued tonight show that the net increase in the revenue for three-quarters of the financial year amounts to £6,387,008.

FAMOUS ACTRESS DEAD.
London, Jan. 1.-Mrs. Stirling, the actress, is dead. Mrs. Stirling was the stage name of Lady Fanny Gregory, who some years ago was one of the most accomplished and versatile actresses on the English stage.

DUNRAVEN ROASTED.
London, Dec. 31.-The St. James Gazette, referring to the hurried departure of Lord Dunraven from the United States, says: "Lord Dunraven, instead of leaving, should have faced the judgment of the New York Yacht Club like an English gentleman in New York, where alone an amende honorable from either party could adequately be made."

SOME COMFORT FOR SPANIARDS.
London, Dec. 31.-The Spanish embassy has received an official dispatch from Madrid, stating that the Government has received a cablegram from Captain-General Campos, announcing the complete defeat of the rebels, under Gomez and Maceo, at Calimete, Province of Matanzas. The dispatch adds that the insurgent leaders have fled to the Sierra de Sagunera. In the south of the Province of Santa Clara, where they have taken refuge in the forests. Gen. Campos says that the rebel forces are now so broken up that they will be unable to join again without risking a pitched battle.

TWO NEW CRAZES.
London, Dec. 31.-Two new crazes have taken possession of fashionable people. Instead of black ink various colors are used in corresponding with intimate friends. Several titled ladies frequently use five or six different colored inks in writing one letter, each color having its own degree of warmth or emphasis. Gold ink is used for expression of terms of endearment and warm affection. Another fad is to have a dog trained to follow ladies and hold up their dresses. A few days since a well known artist appeared on Regent street followed by a large black French poodle, clipped in the orthodox lionine fashion. This animal held his mistress's train between his teeth as carefully as a page might, and firmly resisted all attempts to beguile him from the path of stern duty by vagabond brethren.

THE WAY OUT.
London, Dec. 31.-The Westminster Gazette this afternoon, in a leading article headed "A Way Out," says: "While the question of an intrinsic ally is not important, incidentally it is of great importance that Great Britain cannot retreat from the position she has taken up, and the United States will not retract from theirs. The only method of escape from this deadlock, which shall impose neither humiliation nor retreat on either side, is to find something which is not arbitration but which is as like it as possible." Continuing, the Westminster Gazette suggests that both countries agree upon a basis of conciliation, not binding themselves as in the case of arbitration, to accept its decisions; but on the chance of the conciliators being able to suggest a compromise acceptable to both countries. In conclusion the Westminster Gazette remarks: "We firmly believe that a couple of impartial, sensible men, say the chief justices of the two countries, could easily settle the matter by this method."

ROSEBERRY'S NOBLE PLEA.
London, Dec. 31.-The morning papers will tomorrow print another letter from ex-Prime Minister Roseberry, of similar tenor to the letter from the same source published Monday morning.

FARMERS' ATTENTION-THE UNDER-signed are prepared to purchase good crops of all kinds and to custom sawing to the satisfaction of customers at lowest rates. Don't forget the place, on Bathurst street, just east of Adelaide. S. GILLIES & SON. 90c

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Your votes and influence respectfully solicited for

Joshua Garratt,
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R. W. BENNETT
As Alderman for 1893. 89c

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New Year's Eve.

The Birth of 1893 Was Comparatively Tranquil.

Watchnight Services and a Midnight Army Parade.

"Roll the Old Chariot Along"-Trainmen's Ball-Grace Walk-Bishop Baldwin at St. Paul's.

BORN-At midnight last night, to Father Time and Posterity, a new year-1893.

Luna, in the fullness of her pale glory, was present at the nativity, so that the unsophisticated yearlet was not launched into a cold world in darkness. Old Boreas blustered around and dried up the tears Nature was shedding on Monday (in the shape of rain), presumably over the approaching demise of the old year. He blew so hard and whistled so loudly that he speedily woke up Jack Frost, who was napping, and together they decided to see the old year out and the new year in. They had not been out an hour until they met a lusty young fellow called Storm King, who joined them, and together they raised such a ruction with the elements that sparrows who were timorous enough to venture from their nests yesterday morning found that they could not fly against the storm. Pedestrians have equal difficulty in walking. Along in the afternoon Boreas got tired and was lulled to sleep; Storm King departed to look for trouble elsewhere, and Jack Frost alone stood by the old year until the first of January, when he always becomes simply a matter of history. Nature was very tranquil, and Jack Frost whispered to Old Boreas that the new year would refrain from coming in like a lion, so that neither President Cleveland, Mr. Olney, or any other jingo American would have an excuse to twist its tail!

In London New Year's Eve was marked by the usual watch-night services, dances, parties, etc. The stores kept open late, as they always do, for a holiday, but business was dull, as purchasers were all at home making New Year's resolutions and practicing writing 1893.

SERVICES AT ST. PAUL'S.
Bishop Baldwin preached the old year out at St. Paul's. The church was well filled. He chose as his text the second chapter of the book of the Prophet Isaiah, a portion of the 10th chapter. "Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest." The bishop drew attention particularly to the feeling character of time. "All the scenes about us," said he, "the long farewells, the constant recurrence of death everywhere, that speaks to us seems to say, 'Arise ye and depart, for this is not your rest.' If you look back upon the year that has just come to its close, you see that when it began it was like one of those great rolls of paper that our newspapers employ. It is a mass of paper, then, printed upon. But with this difference-what you have written on the book is every thought, every word. Every action of the year is now stereotyped, without any action that you can change. It goes into the hand of God as your history for 1893."

AT DUNDAS CENTER.
The Methodist of the Queen's Avenue and Dundas Center congregations held a watch-night service in the new school room of the Dundas Street Church, which was largely attended and very impressive. Rev. E. B. Lancelley presided. Ten minute addresses were given by Rev. Messrs. Edwin Holmes, J. G. Laird, James Kennedy, Dr. Daniels and E. B. Lancelley, their remarks being of a very earnest character, and urging all to enter upon the new year with a new life and more sincere consecration. The quartet-Misses Roblin and Russ and Messrs. Skinner and Dr. Ziegler-rendered a number, and a duet was given by Mr. Skinner and Miss Roblin. When the close of the year approached, silent prayer was engaged in and continued until after the new year had arrived.

THE SALVATION ARMY.
Adjutant Taylor presided at the Salvation Army watch-night service, which was held in the Citadel basement, during the midnight hour, the band played the streets playing lively music, and the singers shouted a New Year's resolution to continue to "Roll the Old Chariot Along." Thirty officers of the district will meet in council on Junior soldiers' work today.

SWITCHMEN'S BALL.
The third annual assembly of the London railroad switchmen was held in the City Hall last night, and attracted about 75 couples, who enjoyed a good night's dancing to the music of Chadwick's orchestra. The committee which so energetically promoted the affair comprised Messrs. S. Taylor, master of ceremonies; A. Douglas, treasurer; W. J. Ball, chairman; J. Watson and W. Hicks were the floor committee, and Messrs. G. Gould and I. Collins received the guests.

IN HEARD'S HALL.
A large number of the colored people of the city spent New Year's Eve in Heard's Hall, Wellington street, where a competitive concert was held under