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With Good Wishes for the Coming Century

THE LAPSE OF TIME.

The lapse of time and rivers is the same,
Both speed their journey with a restless stream;
The silent pace with which they steal away
No wealth can bribe, nor prayers persuade to stay.

Allike irrevocable both when past,
And a wide ocean swallows both at last;
Though each resembles each in every part,
A difference strikes at length the musing heart.

Streams never flow in vain: where streams abound,
How laughs the land with various plenty crown'd
But Time, that should enrich the nobler mind,
Neglected, leaves a weary waste behind.

—Cowper.

The Paris Exhibition financial results of the recent Paris Exhibition were unsatisfactory are beginning to come in. At the annual meeting of Slaters, Limited, in London, it was stated that, although the total loss upon the restaurant it opened at the Exhibition had not yet been accurately ascertained, the directors felt warranted in reserving \$17,500 out of the company's general profits to meet the probable loss on the Parisian experiment.

Insurance Men and Vaccination. We may assume from the reported action of the officials of two of the largest life insurance companies in the world that they entertain no conscientious objections to vaccination. It is stated that Richard A. McCurdy, president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, has ordered all the officers and employees of the company at the main office to be vaccinated. The order affects about six hundred persons. Mr. McCurdy is said to have set the example by being vaccinated first.

James W. Alexander, president of the Equitable Life, issued a similar order at the main office of that company, and it is being carried into effect. Mr. McCurdy and Mr. Alexander discussed the expediency of extending the order to all metropolitan agencies of the two companies, but it was found inexpedient to go further than to issue a general recommendation.

Home Again. That Colonel Otter and his Royal Canadians should evince a desire for the seclusion of home rather than to be delayed by the receptions and merrymakings incidental to their return from the war is not to be wondered at. During their stay in England they were the guests of a people determined to make the wearers of the maple leaf realize the gratitude of their kinsmen for services rendered. As one London paper remarks: "No Canadians ever received such a welcome. Canadians ever deserved it so well."