

THE ACADIAN.

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The Old and the New.

The winding sheet is wrapped around the dead year, and it has joined the dim procession of the countless ages, to become history, fable, oblivion, and all that we have to mark its reign are memories of the past.

Memories of its joys and its sorrows, of its hopes and its fears, of friendship formed and friendship broken; of meetings and partings; of love that came and love that went; of voices whose music was our life, now hushed to silence; of hands we never shall clasp again; of good resolves accomplished, and failures over which we sorrow.

Such is the legacy the old year has left us, and each thoughtful individual will pause beside its bier and question: What have I lost? what have I won? what have I learned in the year that is past and gone? and each heart will answer to itself: We trust, however, that no reader of THE ACADIAN shall count it a year lost; that none will view it as a barren waste, that might, but for neglected opportunities, have bloomed with the flowers of good deeds, or ripened with the golden grain of duty well and wisely done.

On the contrary, may each view it as a year wherein, despite of losses and crosses, they have won rich guerdon wherein they have striven to 'lift better up to best' in themselves and in others; wherein failure has but brought clearer insight, and so strengthened the higher, nobler purposes of their lives. That each has learned that life in its grandest, noblest sense is not living for self alone; and have recognized and grasped the eternal truth, that, that which we give alone is gain, and that the kindly word, the cheerful smile, the open hand that ministers to the needy, the sympathetic heart that comforts the afflicted are greater, richer than houses and lands or hoarded gold.

To such the year that is gone will not have been a wasted opportunity, but rather a time wherein they have laid up treasures which shall be beautiful pictures on memory's wall to beautify and gladden their lives, and which shall eventually change into jewels which shall shine when time shall have ended and the years have no death. Farewell 1909.

And now the New Year is here. 'Blithe and bold,' like a Prince he stands, with steps arrested on the bridge that links the past with the future. Silent as some moss grown sphinx, none may solve his riddle, none may read his purpose. In his hands he holds the destiny of each, of all. Gold cannot purchase his secret; beauty cannot touch his heart or stay his hand; nor for the pleading eyes of love will he lift the veil of what is to come. To him alone it is given to read the horoscope of our future, and to tell the events that shall mark his reign within his realm of unending change.

But in our lives part of the past to all the present cleaves, and though there be regret, almost remorse, for what we have done or left undone, in the past, though there be sorrows that the merciful hand of time has not yet healed, yet happiness is born of hope, 'since that will rise' with new love in her eyes, and so we may anticipate that the young year that now stands smiling at the door will hold for each, for all, the wisest and the best of gifts.

Town Council.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Council on Wednesday evening, Mayor Harvey was in the chair and all the Council was present except Coun. Burgess, who was out of town. The Finance Committee reported receipts for the month of December \$2805 67 and disbursements for the same time \$1631 56. The debt bank balance \$1537 69.

A petition was read from the permanent assessor, asking that an extension of time until Jan. 8th be given for completing the assessment roll. This request was, on motion, granted.

A letter was read from the manager of the Union Bank, stating that the bank will be pleased to make the necessary loan to retire water debentures maturing Jan. 1st, 1910, pending authority for legislature to issue new debentures.

The following accounts were read and ordered paid: A. V. Rand, \$4.85; Donald Day, \$1.10; Davidson Bros., \$14.80; Dr. DeWitt, \$8.50; Overseers of Poor, \$14.44; Rebecca Gould, \$15.00; Porter Bros., \$1.42; Trustee Temp. Hall, \$1.00; M. A. Peck, \$9.00; London Rubber Stamp Co., \$78; G. D. Harvey, \$2.00; Acadia Electric Light Co., \$41.70; Petty Cash, \$7.78; Wolfville Decorating Co., \$4.11; E. H. Caldwell, \$7.44; Hensinger Bros., \$7.75. Annual reports were read from the License and Poor Committees, the Planning Inspector, the Health Officer.

Arthur Spittal was on motion appointed caretaker of the water-shed tank and consisting of the town of Wolfville for the coming year at a salary of \$25.00. The next resolution regarding the approaching town election, on Tuesday, Feb. 1st, was passed and Council adjourned to meet on Wednesday evening, Jan. 13th.

The annual meeting of the...

The Reviewer.

W. T. STEAD AND THE SPIRIT WORLD.

As a yellow journalist, W. T. Stead is in a class by himself. W. R. Hearst is not fit to be named with him. Let anyone who wishes to test this statement look over his history of the past twenty years, and he will find hardly six months in that period in which Stead has not been doing something or saying something that made him the object of general attention. He has the born newspaper man's gift of interesting the public. He either fastens unerringly on the subject and makes, for the moment, an irresistible appeal, or he treats an unimportant subject in such a manner that it has a new fascination. Then, as editor of the Review of Reviews, and several other publications, he has at his command exceptional means for shouting in the world's ear, but lacking his newspaper genius, he would have so much more speedily become a bore. Even those who have little sympathy with W. T. Stead will admit that he is not a bore.

Using the word in its technical sense, it may be said that Mr. Stead's latest fake is spiritualism. As a fake it has been overdone of late, but Mr. Stead, by the freshness of his treatment, has without using his own pen, induced sophisticated writers to cable to all parts of the world concerning his dealings with departed spirits.

His latest scheme is the establishment of a spirit bureau, or a place where the shades of dead friends may meet the living and hold converse with them. There are saloons of this description already in existence in pretty nearly every city in the world. They are usually located on the third floor of a boarding house, and presided over by long-haired professors or doctors, who charge 5c to \$1 for putting the credulous in communication with spirit land. The distinctive feature of the Stead Spook Saloon is that nobody is required to pay. Nor is every one permitted to make use of the services of the studio. In fact, many are called, but few are chosen.

Those who wish to communicate with the spirit from motives of vulgar curiosity are rejected. So are those who are frank unbelievers in spiritualism. Only those are admitted to the tabernacle who sincerely believe, and who are anxious to receive messages from the dead. Every applicant for an interview must fill out a form stating whom he desires to talk to, and what subject he wishes to discuss, these formal requests are then communicated to the spirit of the institute through two amanuenses, who are clairaudient automatic writers. That is to say, they are mediums, and official interpreters of the spirit.

Stead's familiar spirit is that of Julia Ames. In the flesh Miss Ames was on the editorial staff of the Union Signal, the organ of the W. C. T. U. of the United States. She became acquainted with Mr. Stead in 1890, but died the following year, leaving a message to the effect that she would endeavor to get in communication with her friends here, if there were any means of doing so. Some time afterwards she got in touch with Mr. Stead, and ever since has been his constant companion. Julia appears to be an unusually intelligent spirit, and, through Mr. Stead, has given a relatively sane account of doings in the spirit land.

From what she has told Mr. Stead, there is very little difference between the spirit and the material world. Spirits keep on developing after death, but they have the power of appearing to their friends in any form they choose, and, of course, the boy who died twenty years ago, when he revisits his father, turns up in knickerbockers. Julia says that the possibility of getting in communication with a spirit depends on the strength of the desire of the spirit, and the anxiety of the human being. 'When a young Englishman goes to Canada,' says Julia, 'the thing he wants most in the world is letters from home. If the letters are kept up, he retains his interest in the old home, and he wants to come back to visit it. If they drop off, however, he soon forgets all about it, and doesn't care two straws about the old place. That's just the way with the dead.'

The reason that at so many séances the spirit of the mighty dead returns to that their great work here is a link to bind them to the earth. The obscure and unhappy, however, seldom return, because they have no desire to revisit a sphere of which they entertain no happy recollections. It also appears that the kind wishes and prayers of those left behind are of great help in the spirit of the recently deceased, who were often woe-stricken for a while after death, especially if death had been sudden. This, Mr. Stead remarks, is a reasonable rational explanation of the Roman Catholic doctrine of masses, and, of course, opposed to Protestant practice. Personally, Mr. Stead gets a great deal of satisfaction out of his dealings in spiritualism, and says that he is in almost constant communication with his own who died a couple of years ago.

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Your Fortune for 1910.

The desire is universal, as we stand on the threshold of a new year, to know something of the fate and fortune that await us in the twelve months ahead. That man who could tell the events of the coming year and could see in advance the pathway we shall later tread, would be able to bestow a prize benediction on the human race.

But as yet, in spite of all the advance made in occult science, it is not given to any one of us to penetrate the veil of the future. For some reason, however, or reader of closed secrets, one may predict with fine certainty concerning the future, reading the sequel of the chapter of life that opens on New Year's day.

It is time we realized that fortune is no mere matter of chance. Indeed, there is no chance. All things are but the inevitable working out of primary causes which are in every case at our control. Chance, luck, fortune, fate, exist only as names. Everything is to be commanded. Luck is only the sequence of stalwart and brave effort. Chance is but the result, whose connection with the cause is not perceivable. And fate is something ordained, by ourselves.

Wise is that man who is the opening of the new year realizes that he is his master. Not unless he so chooses will he be made a pawn upon the chessboard of life, to be moved hither and thither by the influences that chance to play upon it and him. If he is swept off the board by an influence seemingly stronger than himself, it will be because he has permitted his own power to lie dormant and has not exercised the full force that are inherent in him.

His weal or woe will be but the result of the willing, wise or unwise, of this present time. Next December will be the order placed in January by each one of us. The year will give back to each man only what he, in purpose and determination, puts into it. It is now simply an unmarked sheet upon which each man may trace the lines of beauty or mar by his careless touch.

To understand the laws of life is to become master of one's fate. To know what causes will result in beneficent effects and the things to be desired is to hold the key to the fortune of the future. Without holding this key one may knock with futile hand upon the locked gate of fortune. With this key it swings open before each of us, admitting to the greatest good and latest fortune that life can have in store for us.

The one law, perhaps, that needs to be written large and clear is that he who gives, gains. Social isolation is social suicide. To keep oneself apart, not sharing one's joys and optimism with his fellows, is to court a course which must result ultimately in failure and sorrow. A man can no more possess happiness for himself than he can catch and hold the sunshine in his close shut fist or keep a plant alive under a glass dome.

The personal benefits of 1910 will depend almost entirely upon the benevolence we bestow. Who looks up, loses. Who divides his treasure, multiplies his pleasure. Who gives away, gets in return and with good interest. In the realm of ethics the usual arithmetical rules are turned topsy turvy but to our eternal advantage.

Another law to remember is that inspiration comes of an ideal. The new year will be as good to us as the ideal for which we shall struggle. Everything will be worth while if worth endeavoring to by it we are enabled to approach a little nearer to the high goal. Everything depends upon the largeness of purpose. All else will be magnified or diminished in accordance with it. A man is willing to endure hardship or struggle against obstacles, or to risk life and fortune, if that for which he struggles is unconsciously great.

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To Pursue Mathematical Studies. R. Gordon Bill, Ph. D., who spent Mrs. Bill spent Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Vanwart, at 124 Charlotte street, fell on the 28th ult., for Boston to attend the annual meeting of the American Mathematical Society, after which he will return to New Haven to take up his work at Yale. Mrs. Bill will remain in St. John for a couple of weeks. In June Dr. Bill will leave for Italy to take up advanced mathematical work, after which he will pursue similar work in Berlin and Paris.—St. John Standard.

Montreal physicians, representing the various hospitals have advised the people to boil all the water they use on account of the typhoid epidemic in the city.

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Rink Notes. The band was in attendance at the rink last Saturday night, Jan. 1st. The ice was in fine condition. A large number drove in and enjoyed a very pleasant skate. The first hockey game of the season took place in Westgate rink on Tuesday evening, between the Wolfville Victories and Berwick. The game was very one-sided, the score being 10 to 1 in favor of the home team. A. G. Laurin was the referee. The Victories have a promising team and it would be well for the Wolfville people to give them some attention. Mutual's Champion Curling Club.

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