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The Old Year and the New, 1884-5.

The old year has passed like a mist of the moon.

When the stars bright in the east;

And many hopes did while many were born

With the throbs of his quivering breast.

He had birth in the cold, stormy breath of the north,

And his cradle was cushioned with snow,

Old bones rocked him when first he came forth,

With frost around enwrathing his brow.

His youth opened the tender foliage of green

All over the boughs of the spring;

He twisted the young buds in the sun's golden sheen,

While nature was spreading her wing.

While autumn wove from fetters and free-

West laughing away through the dale,

To hang dewdrops, pendant from every tree

To glisten o'er blossoming vale.

With summer he gambol'd in Phœbus' sight,

Or slept in the heart of the rose,

To awake with Aurora, the goddess of light,

From her fragrant bed of repose.

He scattered sweet flowers with liberal hand

O'er mountains, valley and plain.

While glorious beauty waved over the land

To harvest of rich golden grain.

Mating with autumn, in vigor he brought

To ripeness the fruits he had given,

And showed to mankind what would be wrought

By the realm of nature and heaven.

The old winter returned just as at its birth,

With snow wreaths to circle his hair,

And he fell asleep, 'midst the joyous mirth

That hailed his successor and heir.

And now a new monarch his scepter must wear,

Whose future no mortal can tell.

For mystery hangs like a pall day by day.

The which only time can dispel.

Fall many a heart that now swells with delight,

Will be pierced with the arrows of woe.

And eyes that now beam with health burning bright

Be despoiled, ere he leaves, of their glow.

And joys will be born and pleasures will die,

For this New Year has compassed his round.

While hovering hopes, all lowly must lie,

As monuments thrown to the ground.

Well! our joys and sorrows alike silently sleep.

And when they'll awake we don't know,

So let us take life as it comes, and not weep

At mere shadows, and fancy them woe.

(Written for the Herald.)

CHRISTMAS WITH THE LEPERS.

BY A. M. P.

You happy families of Charlotte-

town whose idea of Christmas is

associated with bright homes, tempt-

ing shops, cosy firesides, and the

laughing rosy faces of healthy,

bonnie children, come with me to

another Christmas scene, and then,

if it be that you have found crumpled

rose-leaves under your feet, if some-

daintily be wanting to your family

feast, some luxury to your fashion-

able toilet, or some novelty to your

collection of bric-a-brac, bear the

trifling annoyance with heroic, or

better still, forget the imaginary in

the presence of the real.

Up on the wild north shore of

New Brunswick, where the Gulf of

St. Lawrence lashed into wild fury

by the December gales, broke an-
tagonistically against the bleak Gloucester

coast, stands a dreary and isolated

dwelling. It is shunned by man-
kind, unnoticed, and almost un-
known, the home of lepers, the

fashioned fiddle, and such of his

audience as were able, danced gaily.

An old woman was getting a kitten

that, strange to say, seemed to have

contracted the disease to the detri-

ment of its furry coat. In another

part of the ward one of the good

Sisters was reading to a poor sick

being, an indescribable mass of dis-

ease whom God has since mer-

cifully called home. All seemed to

be imbued with a spirit of resigna-

tion, and of true Christmas peace.

When the ringing of the Angelus

announced the hour for evening

prayer, and the great shutters rolled

back disclosing the little Sanctuary,

we took our leave, impressed, beyond

the power of words to tell, with our

Christians in Tracadie Lazareto.

Should any of our readers wish to

brighten the season for those poor

lepers, they can do so by addressing

any little gift to the Hospital of St.

Joseph, Tracadie, Gloucester County,

New Brunswick.

(Written for the Herald.)

YEAR ITEMS.

The Egyptians, it is said, were

the first who fixed the length of the

year.

The Jews usually employed the

era of the Seleucids until the 15th

century, when a new mode of com-

puting was adopted. They date

from the creation which they con-

sider to have been 3760 years and

3 months before the commencement

of our era. To reduce Jewish time

to ours, subtract 3760 years. The

Jewish year consists of either twelve

or thirteen months of 29 or 30 days.

The civil year commences with the

month Tishri, immediately after the

new moon following the autumnal

equinox; the ecclesiastical year be-

gins with the month Nisan (March).

The Roman Calendar was intro-

duced by Romulus, who divided the

year into ten months, comprising

304 days (73 B. C.) That year was

of fifty days' less duration than the

lunar year, and of 61 days less than

the solar year, and its commence-

ment did not correspond with any

fixed season. Numa Pompilius, 713

B. C., added two months; and Julius

Cæsar anno 45 B. C., to make it more

correct, fixed the solar year at 365

days and 6 hours, every fourth year

being bissextile or leap-year. The

365 days and 6 hours comprised, at

they thought, the period from one

vernal equinox to another; the six

hours were set aside, and at the end

of four years, forming a day, the

fourth day was made to consist of

366 days. The day thus added was

called intercalary, and was placed a

day before the 24th of February, the

sixth of the Calends, which was

reckoned hence, called *bissextile*

or *sex dies*. This added day with

its February 29. This arrange-

ment makes the year nearly three

minutes longer than the astronomi-

cal year; to obviate this, 1700 and

1800 were not, and 1900 will not be

leap years, but 2000 will be one.

The solar or astronomical year

was found to comprise 365 days, 5

hours, 48 minutes, 51 seconds and 6

decimals, anno 265 B. C. The lunar

year (twelve lunar months, or 354

days, 8 hours, 48 minutes) was in

use among the Chaldeans, Persians

and Jews. Once in every three

years was added another lunar month

so as to make the solar and lunar

year nearly agree. But though the

months were lunar the years were

solar; that is, the first month was

of thirty days and the second of twen-

ty-nine, and so alternately; and the

month added triennially was called

the second Adar. The Jews after

followed the Roman manner of

computation. The sidereal year, or

return to the same star is 365 days,

6 hours, 9 minutes, 11 seconds.

The Jews dated the beginning of

the sacred year in March, and civil

year in September. The Athenians

dated the year in June; the Mac-

edonians on 24th September; the

Christians of Egypt and Ethiopia on

29th or 30th August; and the Per-

sians and Armenians on 11th Au-

gust.

Nearly all the Christian nations

now begin the year on January 1st.

In France the Merovingian kings

began the year with Christmas, 25th

December, and sometimes with

Easter, which being a movable feast,

led to much confusion. Charles IX

of France, in 1564, published an

arret, the last article of which ord-

ered the year for the time to come

to be constantly and universally begun

and written on and from January 1st.

The beginning of the year has

been reckoned from the day cele-

brating the birth of Christ, Decem-

ber 25, His circumscription, January 7,

His conception, March 25, and His

resurrection, Easter.

The English began their year on

the 25th of December until the time

of William the Conqueror. This

erratum, having been corrected on

the first of January, gave occasion to the

English to begin their year at that

time to make it agree with the then

most remarkable period of their

history.

Until the act for altering the style

in 1752, when the year was ordered

to begin on January 1st, it did not

legally and generally commence in

England until the 25th of March. In

Scotland at that period the year be-

gan on 1st January.

The difference caused great prac-

tical inconveniences; and January,

February and part of March some-

times bore two dates, as we often

find in old records, 1745, 1746, or

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The Christian era commenced 1st January in the middle of the 4th year of the 194th Olympiad, the 753rd year of the building of Rome, and in 4714 of the Julian period. This era was invented by a Monk, Dionysius Exiguus or Denys le Petit, about 525. It was introduced into Italy in the 6th century and ordered to be used by bishops by the council of Chelsea in 816, but was not generally employed for several centuries. Charles III of Germany was the first who added "in the year of our Lord" to his reign in

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