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Poetry.

A Christmas Song.

BY MISS KATE J. FRENCH.

Waken, merry Christmas! hear the joyful song,
How its ringing strains come wafted along;
Not a faintest tremor on the wind we heed,
Not a least note welcomes Christmas' cheering deed.

Twice the holly garlands, wreaths that glow and gleam,
Glistening leaf and berry catch the pleasant beam;
Gather in a circle round the festive bright--
Let us sing to gladden hearts on Christmas Day.

But while we are joyous may we not forget
That in pleasant places though our feet are set,
Some there are who weary with life's weary road,
Meeting stranger faces on their lonely road.

No loud voices cheer them on their lonely way--
Let us try to gladden them on Christmas Day.
In the darker places of this crowded earth
Poverty and hunger launch Christmas mirth,
Rich and lowly seek for help in vain.
Little children suffer want and pain--
On their hearts despairing falls no merry lay--
Let us try to comfort them on Christmas Day.

Ray looks and helpful, faithful words and kind,
For our weaker brethren, then our hearts shall find
Springing from such labor streams of pure joy
Than this world can bring us or its change destroy--
Flute's deeper meaning in the song we hear,
Welcome, merry Christmas, welcome, glad New Year.

Selected Tale.

THE BLIND ORGANIST'S STORY.

A SKETCH FROM REAL LIFE.

Concluded.

"One day, shortly after my brother's death, I saw him in the sunshine outside my father's door feeling the breeze in the autumn air and listening to the rustling of dead and falling leaves when a carriage rolled up and some one descending from it asked me if John Harvey, the organist of Healy Church, lived there. I answered that I was the man. Then I heard the carriage door open, some one alight and come towards me, and immediately a gentleman introduced himself as Mr. Vernon of Dravton Hall, who wished to hold a conversation with me for a few minutes, if I was not otherwise engaged. I led him in and in a few words he explained his errand. His only daughter had taken a fancy to learn to play the organ; he had just bought a fine one, and had had it highly spoken of, had been pleased with my playing at church, and desired me to give his daughter lessons. The Hall was only four miles away, he would send his carriage to take me there and back, and if I would name my terms he thought we could settle the matter at once. I meanwhile sat trembling inwardly, and perhaps outwardly. What if this stately gentleman was Agnes Vernon's father and daughter! He mentioned the young lady herself. My heart leaped at the thought. I could scarcely bethink myself in time to answer the gentleman, and the sum I asked for my services was so small that Mr. Vernon laughed heartily, and asked if I thought I was going to work for the world's use. He must have noticed my disturbed manner, for I suppose he laid it to the charge of bashfulness. In his kindly tones he told me at what hour he would send for me on the next Monday and shaking hands cordially, bade me 'good afternoon,' and drove away.

"That was Thursday, and I was to try to tell you how the time passed till the following Monday. At the appointed hour the carriage drove up to my door, and I with my best clothes on and a very white face and wildly beating heart, was soon on my way. On my arrival at the Hall a servant met me and led me to a room where my requirements were set before me. I could eat nothing.

"In a few minutes Mr. Vernon came in, shook hands with me kindly, and taking me by his arm, led me to the organ, which stood in the spacious hall on the second floor, and desired me to try it. The instrument was a good one--not so rich and soft as it would be when mellowed by time, but powerful and sweet.

"Mr. Vernon seemed pleased with both my playing and the organ, and said he must go and bring his daughter, and I must play the piece again. I told him that I could not; that I composed it as I played, but I would do the best I could. He left the room and in a few minutes returned with a light step, me, her slender soft hands, and I took

at his side and coming toward me said 'Mr. Harvey, this my daughter, and your future pupil, Miss Agnes Vernon; I bowed, and turned to the organ to hide my face. I think I could not have spoken calmly if my life had depended on it, as the voice I had so longed to hear again, spoke the common words of courtesy. She asked me to play; and that organ has never spoken since as it spoke then. Strains as glad and tender as the emotion of my beating heart expressed the joy I was compelled to hide. My playing did me good. When it was over I was myself again, except for the great joy that filled my being.

"Mr. Vernon left us, and striving to remember Miss Vernon only as my pupil depending on me for instruction, succeeded better than I expected. I requested her to take her seat on the organ bench. She read music well; was quick in musical apprehension, and made rapid progress; did almost as well as you have done, my dear lad," said my master, with a caressing movement of his hand and arm, that lay across my shoulders.

"The lessons were to me both a pleasure and a pain. It was the delight of my lonely life to be so near the woman I almost worshipped; for every time I met her, I found something new in her to love and admire; but it was pain to be compelled to hide every sign of my great love, and to speak with cool politeness to the woman I longed to address in words of the most sacred tenderness.

"Sometimes in my more hopeful moods, I fancied that in speaking to me, her voice took on a tender tone; and then, blushing myself for the hope, I told my foolish heart it was only because I was blind.

"Occasionally, when there were guests at the Hall, Mr. Vernon sent for me to play, and on such occasions Miss Vernon always treated me with the most marked kindness--indeed she always showed me more favor than in the presence of others than she did when we were alone. Although we often conversed together, I strove to keep my secret faithfully; yet, she had quick instincts. I am sure she must have guessed it.

"I had been giving her lessons for a year, when, one day, a note came for me instead of the carriage, saying, that as Mr. Vernon was ill, Miss Vernon wished to be unable to take any more lessons till his recovery, and enclosing a £5 note in payment for the last quarter's lessons. A week from that day Mr. Vernon died, and the following Sunday I played his organ, which he had chosen himself before his death. I heard nothing of his daughter during this sad time, excepting from a group of women standing talking together by the church gates, on the day of the funeral. 'Poor dear,' said one 'they say she takes it very hard,--as well she may; she's but young, and another voice said, 'They say she's going to shut up the Hall, and go and live with her aunt, Lady Granter, in Lincolnshire.' These last words filled me with wild anger and bitterness of soul I had never felt before. If I had been as other men, though poor, I might have gained distinction in my art, and hope to win; but as I was, I could only suffer and despair. I went home sad enough. My patient mother, whose love I was always sure of, noticed my gloom. I felt that I could hide my trouble from her no longer, and I told her all. She listened quietly, and when I had done, strove to soothe me with loving words of counsel and comfort, for she was a Christian in deed and in truth, and had gained peace through suffering; but I refused to be comforted, and days and nights of bitter anguish and delusion of spirit made my life darker than it had ever been before.

"One morning, more depressed than usual, I had strayed off to the church, and hiring a little boy to blow for me, I sat down at the organ to play for relief; my mind with the wildest and saddest strains my fingers could find. At last I stopped, and leaning my head upon the organ keys I groaned aloud in my uncontrollable misery, whispering aloud, the one word--Alas! in my mind. 'Agnes!' suddenly, I heard a light step near me, and the rustle of a woman's garments, and her voice whispered, 'John, I am here.' She reached out her hands to me, her slender soft hands, and I took

them in my own. I'll not tell you all we said just then, but I found out that she said just what I was, she loved me. 'She had called at my father's house organ player as she passed the church, had playing that I had not heard her ascend the stairs, had not heard her till she spoke.' My master ceased speaking,--a listening look came into his face; I looked out and saw a lady I had often seen and admired in my boyish fashion coming towards the church. My teacher's face had grown suddenly bright. 'That is my wife's footstep; before she married me, her name was Agnes Vernon; she has grown lonely, and has come to look for her husband,' he said, as the lady entered the porch, and walking up to her husband took him gently by the hand, saying, 'John, you were away so long that I grew uneasy, and came to look for you. Are you ready to go home now?' 'Yes, my darling, my master said, with unutterable love in his voice; 'I've been telling my lady bit of a story, but it's finished now and we'll all go home,' and we went out of the church together--my master and his lovely and good wife to their happy home, and I across the fields, to my father's home, quieter and more thoughtful than usual, thinking as I walked of the story of the Blind Organist.

Miscellany.

The best kind of Preaching.

BY THE REV. GEORGE H. HEPPWORTH.

Nothing is more pleasant or profitable than for one minister to hear another minister preach. We find of our own voices sometimes; get into a routine in the preparation of our sermons and into a kind of mannerism in the delivery of them, of which we are in large part unconscious, but which we realize at once when another man stands in our pulpit and addresses our people. The difference between his method and ours becomes patent; the way by which he steals into the hearer's hearts is discovered; and it is not infrequently happens that we honestly admit, to ourselves at least, that there are a great many better preachers in the world than we are ourselves. This will not discourage us, but inspire us with a more intense ambition and impel us to gladly make use of all means by which congregations may be melted by the thoughts, which have always been hot in our own minds, but which grew cold enough during the process of expression.

What I have noticed particularly in the preaching of the foreign delegates is the refreshing and delightful way in which they stick to the text. They never swing so far away from it that they cannot get back at any moment. They make it a kind of refrain, which comes with precision and regularity after every few sentences. We Americans frequently use our text simply as a point of departure. It is the depot from which we never start, and to which some of us never return. The European, on the contrary, uses his text as a constant rod. He may timidly advance a few lines in any given direction which promises good grazing; but at the slightest embarrassment or alarm he seeks shelter and security in the text.

If, on the one hand, the American preacher makes explorations into realms so distant from his text that the inhabitants thereof have never heard of it, and would be surprised to find that there was any possible connection between it and them, the foreign preacher, on the other hand, uses and abuses a text until you are half inclined to cry out, 'Pray let that vein of Scripture alone for a while.' You have treated it on your knee until it is nearly cold to death; you have fondled it until it is well right sufficed; and you have tossed it in the air and chirped it to itself both and you require immediate relief and rest."

In spite of this, however, we have been taught an exceedingly valuable lesson--viz, that the best preaching is that which keeps one hand on the Bible all the time. The pulpit is not the place for a pot theory of philosophy or science; neither, as a general rule, for the unravelling of snarled skeins of theology or the settlement of mooted questions in social and political economy. All these matters are exceedingly valuable when they are simply incidental, when used as accessories or illustra-

tions; but when they become the garment of the discourse, the pulpit is but in vain and the error wide of the mark. The most effective sermons are those which grow up out of a text and which never go more than a candle's length from it. Souls are drawn to Christ not so much by any philosophical discussion about His nature, as by a simple straightforward explanation of His words and deeds. You may talk about Him until you become historically accurate, but you cannot talk to Him without recognizing Him as your Friend.--Independent.

Good Advice.

Keep good company or none. Never be idle. If your hand cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind. Always speak the truth. Make few promises. Live up to your engagements. Keep your own secrets, if you have any. When you speak to a person, look him in the face. Good company and good conversation are the very essence of virtue. Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured, except by your own acts. If any one speak evil of you, let your life be such that no one will believe him. Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors. Ever live (uniformly excepted) within your income. When you retire to bed, think over what you have been doing during the day. Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper. Small and steady gains give competency, with tranquility of mind. Never play at any game of chance. Avoid temptation, though you fear you may not withstand it. Earn money before you spend it. Never run into debt unless you can see your way to get out of it. Never borrow if you can possibly avoid it. Do not marry until you are able to support a wife. Never speak evil of any one. Do just before you are good. Keep yourself innocent, if you would be happy. Save when you are young; that may spend when you are old. Lead your life on high maxims at least once a week.--Exchange.

Billings on his "Ancestry."

JEHOSAPHAAT BILLINGS--HIS MEMOIR--AND.

Jehosaphat Billings was a very klan man; he never was known to waste anything by giving it away. The grate extravagance of his life, and the one he never forgot to speak of, was giving 3 dollars towards building the Portland meat house. After he gave the munny, he took such a deep interest in the work on the meat house, that the committee was obliged to give him the munny to get shut of him. He swore he'd sue them for the interest on the munny, but he never did. Jehos' mistakes was one or two kind of men who mistake avarice for economy. He died at the age of 63, if I had searched right, from an overdose of klan chowder drank at a few leech. Jehosaphat Billings had his phillings, but reckless extravagance went among the lot, he also had his buckshot, but blind and irrevocable generosity went among this lot neither.

He was buried, without any fuss, in the year 1286. What has bekum or him I kept state. Sleep on, Jehosaphat, in the slumbers. I would like to see you about your job, but I kept without telling the truth. Truth is sometimes like a hot potato, the only way to handle it easy, is to drop it. I will let it drop here. The end, Hush! Lay low.

There is now no common among persons of unlearned constitutions, says The Builder, that the mechanical facts of the effects of tobacco require a grave importance. If juvenile smoking continues and extends, no may look for generations onward with weaker brains and deteriorated in a continued series of degeneration. Let those who would not have our brave bright lad degenerate into a race of dymptic dullards, warn them, as they wish for the full exercise of that power to think which is their greatest privilege and glory, as they hope for clear heads and unclouded brains, to resist the dreamy seductions of tobacco.

Never allow yourself to be idle, whilst others are in want of anything that your hands can make for them.--Law.

An old fox thinks some of the church singing is done on the high-drawie principle.

A Seller's Description.

A confiding man, recently married, gives the following description of his bride and her apparel, which we think will put some of the "woolly" papers to the blush: "My wife is just as handsome a craft as ever left the millinery dry-dock; is slimmer built, and with figure--hard not often seen on small earth. Her length of leg is five feet eight inches; she is twenty-seven years of age, with auburn hair, which adds to her speed in a bathroom, full in the waist, spare trim. At the time we were espoused she was newly rigged, and she, with standing rigging of lace and flowers, mainmast part silk, with forestry sail of Valenciennes. Her frame was of the best steel, covered with silk, with whalebone stanchions. This rigging is intended for fair weather cruising. She has also a set of storm sails for rough weather, and is rigged out a small set of canvas for light squalls, which are liable to occur in this latitude sooner or later. I am told that in running down the street before the wind she answers the helm beautifully, and can turn around in her own length if a handsomer craft passes her."

Amherst.

BY S. M. BENT.

Amherst, the county town of Cumberland Basin, is pleasantly situated at the head of Cumberland Basin, about three miles from the shore. Looking in the direction of the Basin, we can see its waters,--at times lying like a silver lake, and again red and turbulent, as the tide rushes up the narrow channels,--while beyond, the Steeped Mountains lift their dark, forest-clad forms against the deep blue sky, and bound the vision which lain would look beyond, and behold the glories of the far West, the land of the setting sun. But Nature has decreed that we shall not be partakers of the glories that lie beyond, and we turn for consolation to the hills and vales, the forests, the lakes, the vast marshes--swaying with their abundant verdure or dotted with shapely stacks--and to the snug farms, with their neat (ly-embowered) cottages, their waving grain fields--white with spring blossoms--which stretch away on every side, forming a landscape on which the eye delights to rest, and which causes a feeling of pride to fill the heart of every dweller on these sloping hills, as he reflects that this is his home, the land of his birth.

The village--surrounded by hills and vales, by forests, by broad marshes, by lakes, and by flowing streams--is, itself, quite a neat and pretty little town. Where sixty or seventy years ago, were only a few log cabins--rude habitations of the first settlers--now stand edifices which might well be the pride of towns of older growth--the marts of wealth, industry, and unbounded prosperity. Where in the years of long ago, roamed the wild Indian; where wandered the noble deer, untouched by rifle ball or buckshot charge; where sang the bright robin, sweet voiced warblers of the forest; who never beheld the face of man; and where the gentle ruddy murre, moved softly over its pebbly bed, its music unheard by the ear of the white man, are now broad, shady streets, and stately buildings. The beauty of the "forest primeval" has been rudely broken by the defacing hand of man, but in its place has risen a town of which we may well be proud.

The principal streets of Amherst are Victoria, Havellock, Park, Lawrence, Willow, and Elder. Besides these, there are many of less importance. They are in general wide, straight, and well regulated, lined on either side by splendid public buildings, stores, and dwelling houses,--bathing wealth, neatness and prosperity. Many of the streets are bordered by noble willows, alders, and other forest trees, hedges, and ornamental trees of various kinds, which greatly add to the beauty of the town and form pleasant promenades.

The chief public buildings are the Masonic Hall,--liberally erected by the Freemasons of Amherst, at a cost of about six thousand dollars;--Guigley's Hall, the Court House and Drill Shed.

The Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists and Catholics have each a place of worship. The Methodists contemplate building a larger and handsomer edifice than the one they now occupy, in a year or so. All who wish

a superior education have a splendid opportunity of receiving it, at the Amherst Academy.

The chief commercial houses of Amherst are those of B. Douglas & Co., Dunlop Bros., Moffat & Smith, and R. Smith & Co., none of which would disgrace a city. Besides these, there are numerous houses of a smaller scale.

The Intercolonial Railway Station and Freight House, and Dining Saloon add much to the beauty of the place. Four Hotels furnish accommodations for weary tourists.

The chief manufacturing establishments are Robb's Iron Foundry and Tin Shop, the Steam Tannery, the Carriage Factories of Messrs. Holmes and White, Christie's Carriage Factory and Plating Mill, Amherst Boot and Shoe Factory, Skimming's Machine Shop, and Mile's Furniture Factory.

There is only one Publishing Office, that of J. Albert Black, Editor and Proprietor of the Amherst Gazette, one of the leading local journals of N. S.

The people of Amherst, religiously classified, represent Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, Methodists, Catholics, Universalists and Adventists, the first five have churches, the others none.

The past history of Amherst presents a record of prosperity and progress, and clearly points out that the watchword of the people is "Onward." As its past has been so bright, what may we not hope for the future. She now has railway connections with Halifax on the shores of the hilly Atlantic, and San Francisco on the shores of the broad Pacific, and with a prospect of at no distant day seeing the waters of Bay of Fundy united with those of Basin de Verte,--when the long projected Howe Canal is constructed, how can we predict too bright a future for our little town?

In the immediate neighborhood of thousands of acres of the best marsh in the world, in the midst of a splendid farming section, with fine manufacturing capabilities, and with land and water connection with all parts of the world, it is too much to say, that those who live to see sixty years from now, will find Amherst as far beyond what it is now, as it is at present beyond what it was sixty years ago?

We can glide forward, on the wings of fancy, to the day when Amherst shall have become a city; when ever busy, moving, surging crowds hurry through her long, broad streets, intent upon gain, or hastening to her lofty halls to listen to the burning eloquence of one of her own orators; when vast manufacturing enterprises arise on every hand; when marts of commerce are frequented by a throng of wealthy, intelligent, enterprising men, competent to make Amherst a city in more than the mere name. Amherst has progressed vastly during the last few years, and we trust that the work will not now stop, but will go on until at last our little village will become a pride to our native land.

The early rise, that a few years ago made such a great stir all over our land, makes a fine and very early ripening potato, but becomes, from some cause or other, too watery, tough, and heavy afterwards to make a good fall and winter potato, and neither Brown's prolific, nor the earlier, and prettier, will prove any better, are questions yet to be decided. And the same remark applies to those still newer kinds, and extra early Vermont, excelsior, and Compton's surprise potatoes that are now attracting attention among potato growers.

Among our old varieties of the potato, the white Mercer has very generally been allowed to stand at the head of the list. But we had some other old sorts that were in the opinion of many people fully equal to the Mercer in point of quality, and better as regards productiveness. Thus, for example, the old black kidney, a long, smooth, flat, kidney-shaped, light bluish-skinned, and light yellowish fleshed potato was nearly, if not quite, as good as the pinkey. So the old black potato, so called, rough skin, long kidney-shaped, as round as a boy's ball, that yielded finely and boiled up very dry and mild, and had a darkish white flesh of excellent flavor. So the old long John was a long, very smooth, and light skinned potato, that covered a flesh of greater whiteness than any other potato I have ever seen. It was a poor potato for fall use, but improved so much in its texture in after months, that it formed a superior potato for late winter and spring use, and what made it still the more desirable was the fact that it was a sure grower, and yielded very large crops of very solid, long keeping tubers. And we had some other old varieties of potato that were nearly, if not quite, as good as those just named.

Among the many new varieties of the potato that have become more or less popular of late years, we have named the climax, early Beauty, early six weeks, multiplier, mono, Shaker's fancy, and Shaker's risset. And I wish some person, who is familiar with them, would send you descriptions of them, stating the color of their skin and flesh, shape, size, time of ripening, shalowness and deepness of their eyes, their quality and flavor, &c., for the benefit of your readers.

TO IMPROVE BROWN BUTTER.--According to Lord & Water, pancake butter can be greatly improved in quality by washing it thoroughly in lime water, and then clearing out the lime water, and good washing in spring water. The lime water is made by allowing a lump of lime, the size of the fist, to sink in a bucket of water, stirring it well, and allowing the lime to settle. It is said that a large business is now done in England by sundry persons, who purchase rancid butter at low prices, and sell it again at much higher prices, after manipulating it in the manner mentioned.

Cannot see the un-embroidered cottons; must be in winter's imagination.

CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER.

Calendar table for December with columns for days of the week and dates.

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AMHERST, N. S., DEC. 23, 1873.

QUEEN'S JUDICARY.—We have always been instructed to regard British Judges as some sort of infallible humans, and to consider it almost sacrilege to reflect on the character of the Bench.

In the province of Quebec the Court of Queen's Bench has been in session for a large extended meeting of the Bar has held in Montreal, at which resolutions were unanimously passed declaring an entire want of confidence in the Court and refusal to plead before it at the present term.

We would remind the teachers of the county that the annual session of the Educational Association of the province will be held at Halifax on the 30th, Half-price on the railway affords some inducement, and we hope the teaching profession of the county will be well represented on the occasion.

The Sacramento Record gives the personnel of the United States Senate for the State of California, two of whom are Nova Scotians.—Hon. Thomas Francis, aged 41, merchant, and Hon. Geo. O'Brien, aged 41, merchant and manufacturer.

NARROW ESCAPE FROM DEATH.—The Toronto Star says, on Friday morning, 12th inst., while Mrs. Thomas Chisholm, of Onslow, was standing near the fire-place, her dress by some means took fire, and before she was aware of it the flames had reached her shoulders.

On Monday evening a lecture was delivered in this place, under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A., by the Rev. J. P. Campbell, of Halifax. His subject was, "The Unity of the Catholic Church," and the lecture was well prepared and calculated to unite more closely enthusiasts of various sects.

LITERARY CLUB LECTURE.—The venerable and distinguished Edna Barrett, of Connecticut, lectured to a large audience in Mason Hall, on Wednesday evening, 18th inst., on "The Higher Law, and the Mission of Congress," and the lecture was among the finest efforts we have ever listened to.

British ship Anson, from Barron, England, for New York, left St. John, N. B., on Sunday, 17th inst. The captain and three men were drowned. The mate and rest of the crew after being in boats six days were picked up and landed at Dartmouth.

The essay on Amherst, our first page, was by a school-boy at the Amherst Academy, and was deemed the best in the class; W. D. F. Ward standing No. 2 and Albert S. Black and J. Q. Pivian taking third place.

Reformed Episcopal Church.

This is the name which Bishop Cummins gives to the new departure which is exciting some attention in religious circles in the U. States and elsewhere, just now.

That he was in receipt of letters from prominent clergymen in England, Ireland, and U. States, congratulating him upon the step he had taken; also from a pastor of a large church in one of the large cities of Canada stating that he and his congregation are ready to follow him.

By the same means the fact that he had been joined by other denominations at the meeting of the Evangelical Alliance raised such an outcry that he was obliged to leave the time had come to take a bold step.

On Christmas Eve an elegant illuminated service was sent to the editor of this paper, accompanied by the following note:—

Dear Sir:—Members of the Baptist Church and Congregation of this place recognizing your generous services as organizer and leader of the choir, wish to manifest their appreciation of your aid thus given to church worship, and at this season of the year, when good will is prevalent, take much pleasure in presenting to you the accompanying Tea Service, with the best wishes of the donors for your future happiness and prosperity.

Mr. Black takes this means of expressing his thanks to the friends who took part in procuring so handsome and valuable a Christmas present. He values it, not only as expressing appreciation of personal services, but as evincing the special interest taken by a considerable number in the important part of divine worship which he has the honor to conduct.

Correspondence.

AMHERST ACADEMY LITERARY CLUB. (Extract from Minutes.) The Club met on Friday afternoon, 19th. As the meeting was public, a number of citizens together with the Teachers and lady pupils of the Academy, made up a respectable audience.

The subject for debate which had been previously proposed, viz., Who was the greater General, Wellington or Napoleon? was then opened for debate. As the members were pretty evenly divided on the question a lively debate ensued. After all the members had spoken on the deciding vote was taken which showed that the side for Wellington had the majority.

Mr. McKeane, Principal of the Academy, then gave a closing address, in which he alluded to the utility of such an institution for the training of the young, and by his encouraging words stimulated the Club to renewed activity.

After a vote of thanks to the lady visitors for their good attention the members remained to appoint officers for the ensuing term, which were as follows: W. D. F. Ward, President; J. Q. Pivian, Vice-President; R. Hanson, Secretary; S. M. Bent, Ass't Sec. The Club adjourned to meet the first Friday in January next.

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AMHERST, MASS., DEC. 18, 1873.

The 27th day of last month witnessed a grand triumph for mechanical genius and indefatigable engineering. The want of a direct route and means of carrying freight from the great fields of the west for eastern use and for shipment across the Atlantic has been felt since 1825.

In 1825 they puzzled over the problem at the State House, and a careful calculation, and after months of calculation, they made up their minds that Hoosier Mountain could not be dodged but that it must be tunneled, to get a direct route. This was before there were any railroads in America!

There is one more matter to which I must refer. After a slanderous imputation as to the honesty of my management of the business of the Amherst Gold Mining Company, he asks me to furnish this community with a certificate from my masters on that occasion as to my unimpaired honesty. Now I will accommodate him in this respect.

Now, Douglas evidently would like to damage my reputation. He would be glad to make it appear that my honesty is not to be relied on, so as to weaken whatever confidence may be placed in my word on the matter in question between us.

In conclusion I may say, that if David Douglas expects to settle this matter by reference to my reputation for veracity, and try the circulation of slanderous and untrue statements, I will have some light on several matters in which he has figured during his life; but somewhat eventual career in Amherst.

Windsor Castle Farm. During a recent visit which I made to Windsor Castle, I embraced an opportunity to visit the beautiful model-farm which was inaugurated by the Prince Consort, and in which he took an active interest before he died.

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On the wall of the head of the 10m are two porcelain designs, one of Prince Albert and the other of Her Majesty, besides other figures and representations. The milk is stored in China bowls (also designed by Prince Albert) with a stream of water running under them to cool the milk.

We now passed into the cow-stable, which is close by. It being a rainy day the cows were all in their stalls, and so we had a most comfortable stable there. There were three stable hands, three or four cows at a time. These are the choicest selected milk cows, and are composed of the following breeds, viz., Alderneys, Short-horned, Durhams and the Little Breeds.

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We now passed into the cow-stable, which is close by. It being a rainy day the cows were all in their stalls, and so we had a most comfortable stable there. There were three stable hands, three or four cows at a time. These are the choicest selected milk cows, and are composed of the following breeds, viz., Alderneys, Short-horned, Durhams and the Little Breeds.

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