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## The Last Day of the Year, 1882.

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Living yet, O wondrous mercy,  
Blest with hope our lives to cheer;  
Faint and feeble, sick and sinful,  
Guided safely through the year.  
O what thanks we owe to heaven!  
Crown our God, ye living throng;  
Gracious Father, who, in kindness,  
Hath preserved our lives so long.

Living, some in barren fig trees,  
Standing fruitless by the way;  
Heaping to themselves, in madness,  
Wrath against the judgment day.  
Living, O, the thought of living  
All these years estranged from God!  
Rushing on to final ruin,  
Daring heaven's avenging rod.

Many who the New Year welcomed,  
Now are buried in the grave;  
Some lie bleaching on the mountains,  
Some are rolling 'neath the wave.  
Blessed spirits; some have entered  
On the rest beyond the skies,  
Where no sin nor sorrow troubles  
Age, nor weeping dims the eyes.

Some are waiting for the morning,  
When life's trials will be o'er;  
Trusting loving, longing watchers,  
Theirs the glory evermore.  
Patience; yet a little longer,  
Passing swiftly is the night,  
See, O see! the sky is bright'ning,  
Joy, O joy! ascending light!

O how quickly lifetime passeth,  
And the new becometh old;  
Soon our last year will be ended,  
And our  
Hark! it is the old year dying,  
O, what records gone before;  
Up then, soul, while God is calling;  
He may never call thee more.

## To the New Year, 1883.

Hail to the new year! may its reign  
Be free from sorrow, grief, or pain;  
May blessings brighten day by day,  
And sunshine chase all clouds away!  
Let us be glad and gay and merry,  
With sparkling, crisp young JANUARY!  
With FEBRUARY and its tears  
(Some call it "thaw") let all our fears  
Dissolve, and fade as does the snow,  
And speedily forget their woe.

And as for MARCH, what more delight  
For boys than when they send their kite  
On its rough winds to ride and rise  
Far o'er the heads to the blue skies!  
And shy, sweet APRIL, who would think  
That such a maid would laugh and wink  
At tricks which please the youngsters so—  
"Fools" born of April 1st, you know.  
But, weary of her smiles and tears,  
How glad we are when MAY appears!

Soon, laden with her pink May-flowers,  
We turn to greet JUNE's sunny hours,  
And gather roses day by day  
As that bright month goes on her way.  
Next, the two months of ceaseless fun,  
When children shout, "Ho! school is done!"  
JULY and AUGUST! when the earth  
To everything that's fair gives birth;  
When glad "vacation" merrily  
From lessons sets the children free!

Then quiet-browed SEPTEMBER lays  
O'er hill and field a mellow haze,  
And warns us of the harvest near.  
OCTOBER turns the foliage sore,  
And heralds the NOVEMBER drear.  
And then the wondrous Christmas time—  
DECEMBER's choicest gift! Its chime  
Rings merrily, that all may hear  
Its welcome to the Glad New Year!

## A REASONABLE ACROSTIC FOR THE READER.

### A Happy New Year to you my friend,

Happy and bright to the very end;  
A year full of joy shall leave no sting,  
Plenty and peace and every good thing;  
Prosperous days to thee be given,  
Yes, every sweet boon in the gift of heaven.  
Not always on mortals may good fortune smile,  
Even the best and the truest are once in a while  
Weighed down with their hearts full of  
The heaviest woe.

Yet, my friend in this year may you never  
Know  
E'en a care or a sorrow; but may heaven send  
A year full of joy reaching on to the end;  
Receive those wishes for you my dear  
Friend.

THE VITAL THING.—It is of far less  
consequence, in any divine estimate of  
things, how much a man suffers, than  
—what the man is.—Professor Phelps.

## Cardinal Manning, speaking some

days since at a temperance meeting, mentioned that he noticed at a dinner party at which he and Sir Garnet Wolsley were present, that the General took no wine. Wishing to know whether this meant that Sir Garnet was a total abstainer, the secretary of the Middleborough Temperance Society wrote to Cardinal Manning, and has received the following reply, which must be very satisfactory to our temperance friends:—"Bishop's House, Salford.—I can on my own knowledge, derived from Sir Garnet Wolsley's lips, affirm that he is a strict total abstainer. His army in Egypt is the first, I believe, who ever carried tea in their bottles to assault an entrenched camp.—Yours, &c., H. E. CARD, Archbishop."

TIME'S VALUE.—The reasons I beat the Austrians is, they did not know the value of five minutes.—Napoleon.

HOW TO BE LOST.—The sure way to be lost is just to neglect the way to be saved. Do not open the Bible; do not pray; do not go to the house of God on the Sabbath; do not repent and believe on the only Saviour; never ask what you must do to be saved; just go on living as if this world were all, and there were no heaven to be sought, and no hell to be shunned—as though God's favor or his frown were alike a dream, and death and judgment and eternity but a fable. Do this, and you will as surely be lost as by a life of open impiety and daring disobedience to God.—Forward.

TWO WORDS.—One man's manner may be more effective than another's oratory. William Pitt once made an attack on Sir William Baker, a member of the house of Commons in which he charged him with having made a large sum of money by a fraudulent contract.

Baker rose quietly and said, "The honorable gentleman is a great orator, and has made a long and serious charge against me. I am no orator, and therefore shall only answer him in two words; Prove it!" Having thus spoken, he sat down amid the applause of the members. His brief reply gained the ear of the House and his manner satisfied all that the charge was a calumny. Two words had refuted the orator's harangue.

A journal published in London, devoted to the craze that the English are Israelites, inserted recently a letter from a correspondent in Yorkshire, identifying Mr. Gladstone with the Beast in the prophetic vision, whose number was 666. He says:—"For more than two years past I have felt confident in my own mind that Mr. Gladstone, our Prime Minister, was the great deceiver who is to deceive all those carnal professors whose names are not in the Book of Life. Here is his word and the number. In the Greek language every letter stands for a number. G stands for 3, L for 30 A for 1, D for 4, S for 200, T for 300, O (short) 70, N 50, E (long) 8—666. Now here you have it, and we know that Gladstone is a Psephite. What is a Psephite but in spirit either a Greek or a Roman Papist. Therefore, he who bids Mr. Gladstone God-speed, bids in truth the wicked one God-speed. Working men never rest till you have driven this wicked Psephite, Gladstone, from being the Prime Minister of Great Britain."

Seven years ago, the Modoc Indians were blood-thirsty, treacherous, and degraded. But since then, the most amazing changes have taken place. The missionaries of the Society of Friends have been at work among them. Rev. R. H. Howard, writing of what has been accomplished, says: "Seven years have passed. What do we now see? What under God, has been accomplished in behalf of these singularly degraded beings through the labors of a single Christian missionary and his wife? These Modocs have, for the most part, become members of the Society of Friends. They are a well-mannered, well-dressed people. They have now nice farms. They sing gospel hymns. They wear the blue ribbon! They believe in their teacher, and take his advice as law and gospel, and look upon Asa Tuttle as a new edition of the Apostle John."

Not less than 100 jurors were recently fined 25 each at the Dublin Commission for non-attendance.

## News from the Churches.

THE CHURCH AT MARGAREE, C. B.—The Baptist Church at Margaree was organized in the year 1835 by the Rev. Wm. Burton, of happy memory. The nucleus of the church then consisted of eight members. Very shortly after a large number of believers, both men and women, were added and baptized by the Rev. David McQuillen, who, like Paul at Ephesus, worked with his own hands to supply his own wants and that of others. He preached on Sabbath, and attended conference and prayer meetings during the week. Many others of the dear old servants of God, the most of them long ago gone to their reward, visited this place, and had gracious and powerful revivals of pure and undefiled religion. Many of these have removed to other parts, very many more have been removed to join the church triumphant. Three years ago we had a glorious and powerful work of grace under the persevering labors of the Rev. P. R. Foster. Over 70 members were added then. When Bro. F. left many of those added left also, some going to the States and other parts. Three of the young men went to Wolfville to prepare for the work of the Christian ministry. Two others may soon follow. A number of school teachers, whose parents are members of our church, were hopefully converted in the late revival. Having the rudiments of English education it gave them a thirst for more, with an ardent desire to be useful in the church and in the world.

This year five have been removed by death. Mrs. Martha Ingram died last March. She had been patiently for six months her spirit took its flight to rest with Jesus whom she loved.

Mrs. Malinda Tingley died last April her faith was strong, her hope was blooming with immortality, her sweet and melodious voice is not a little missed in the congregation.

Bro. Robert Burton died last April, after a short illness. Bro. John Burton died last August; suffered severely for two or three months. These two brethren had been useful pillars in the church since it was first formed. They both died trusting in Jesus. Our loss is their gain.

Last September Mrs. Flora Maclean died at the advanced age of 102 years. She was baptized in the Highlands of Scotland. Her house was a home for the ministers of the gospel while in her native land. She was 60 years of age when she came to this country. Her eyesight never failed. Although she could not understand English she was zealously attached to the church, in the spirit of the poet, "There my best friends and kindred dwell." Although she could not read, her memory was well stored with spiritual poetry, particularly that of Peter Grant, who was the Gaelic Highlanders what Watts, Cowper, and Newton were to the English. She had an ardent desire to depart for some time before she laid aside her tabernacle. Her end was peace.

Three years ago our church numbered over 150 members, now the number of residents is only about ninety. Nearly all the old members are removed to the better land; our zealous young men who took an active part in our meetings and Sunday School have left. Rev. J. W. Corey spent his vacation here last summer. His active, persevering labors were much appreciated by the church and people. The attendance at our meetings was never better. His labors made a deep impression on many of the young people.

Since our church was first organized our meetings have always been regularly kept up, although for many long periods without a pastor. There were always some who took a deep interest in our little Zion's welfare, who, through

good and evil report, stood firm to their post.

In taking a superficial view of things at present, many are afraid that our meetings will be broken up entirely for the first time since the formation of our church, 47 years ago. This may lead to the removal of the candlestick out of its place. O, may the good Shepherd send a man after His own heart to preach the gospel to the unlearned, and lead the lambs of the fold. We much fear that the Home Missionary Board has entirely cast us off. We fear that our ability as a church has been misrepresented to the Board. O, may the Lord of the harvest send forth laborers into His harvest.

L. McDONALD.

## In Memoriam.

MRS. MALINDA E. TINGLEY  
Was born at Margaree in the year 1822. As she grew in years her amiable disposition won for her a large circle of friends. Having high intellectual faculties her acquaintances esteemed her as a favorite. In the year 1869 God called her by His grace, under the ministry of the Rev. J. F. Kempton, and she united with the Baptist Church. In her own language her Saviour was so precious and her joy and peace so sublime, she could hardly conceive she was on earth. She grew in grace and in the further knowledge of God until she was called home. In 1876 she became the wife of G. H. Tingley. As a wife and mother she excelled, like Solomon's virtuous woman, whose price is above rubies. April 13th the summons came and found her all ready. In possession of all her senses and expecting to recover, all her earthly hopes asked concerning her hope she said, "It is all right now," her eye being lit with a new lustre, and her voice raised to its usual tone, "I know when and where I found peace in the Lord, Jesus Christ." While thus speaking she was carried at once to Pisgah's top.

And viewed the landscape o'er,  
Not Jordan's stream or death's cold flood,  
Could fright her from the shore."  
To the weeping relatives and friends she said, "Weep not for me, I am only going home a little before you." She has left three little children, relatives, and many friends and the church of God, all of which she loved dearly, to join the white robes through, where all sorrow and sighing are exchanged for the conqueror's song. Farewell loved one, "The memory of the just is blessed." "Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, from henceforth, yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labour, and their works do follow them."

Margaree, Nov. 25, 1882.

## News of the World.

It is announced that the Rev. Dr. Benson, Bishop of Truro, has accepted the office of Archbishop of Canterbury. A great storm prevailed in Scotland on Tuesday. Three vessels were driven ashore in the north and the crews were all drowned.

It is stated that arrangements for the creation of a Ministry of Agriculture are almost complete. The Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain will be the first Minister, and Sir Charles Dilke will succeed Mr. Chamberlain as President of the Board of Trade.

The ship Flying Foam, and barque John Bryce, both at Liverpool, from St. John, N. B., and barque Queen of Australia, at Liverpool from Quebec, all lost deckloads on the passage.

Arrangements for holding an International exhibition at Calcutta in 1883 have been concluded. Two warehouses and one vessel with petroleum have been destroyed by fire at Exeter. Ireland is still suffering from its agitators. A meeting was held on Monday night to form a branch of the Irish National League. Mr. Harrington, said that the more prosperous farmers must be told that if they did not throw themselves into the new movement they would have the whole force of the laborers' agitation directed against them. On the same day at Lough...

number of laborers paraded the streets demanding work or food, and declaring they were starving. They surrounded the residence of Bishop Duggan, who distributed money to them. Great distress prevails in the town.

Judge Lawson, in his remarks in closing the Connaught Assizes on Wednesday, declared that he could not find fault with a single verdict of the jury. If jurors throughout Ireland discharged their duties in the same spirit that the jurors in this court had manifested there was hope that the reign of law and order would be restored.

The secretary of Mr. Tuke's emigrant fund has issued an appeal for aid to enable distressed people in Ireland to emigrate to Canada and the United States. He says, so well as emigrants already sent out prospering that some have begun to send home money to assist their relatives to emigrate.

Mr. Biggar, M. P., on Monday at the inauguration of the National Club in Waterford denounced Earl Spencer, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, as a 'blood thirsty English peer who had hanged Hynes and Myles Joyce, although satisfied of their innocence, in order to gratify English Whigs.' Mr. Biggar's remarks were loudly cheered. A despatch on Friday says the Government has decided to prosecute Biggar for his speech at Waterford.

At Montvallein in France on Monday of last week an explosion occurred in a cartridge factory. Thirty women were seriously injured. Fifteen of the women have since died. Others of the injured women were expected to die. On Wednesday last there was a riot in Laceran between French and Italian workmen. One Italian was killed and four other workmen seriously injured. Seven of the Italians were arrested.

A telegram from Naples, Italy, states that a passenger train has been stopped offered a reward of 2,000 francs for the apprehension of the robbers.

While a cage was descending a Hardenberg mine at Prussia, on Thursday, the chain broke and the cage fell a distance of 1800 feet, killing twenty persons.

The elections in Spain were everywhere successful for the government—the budget for the half year about to close will show a respectable surplus of revenue over expenditure.

New Hampshire was visited on Tuesday night by two shocks of earthquake. Buildings were shaken, and in some instances crockeryware and pictures were jarred from shelves and mantels. It lasted about ten seconds, and the people were considerably frightened.

The Rochester, N. Y., City Bank closed its doors on Wednesday morning last. There is said to be a deficiency of \$500,000. The cause of suspension is said to be speculation in stocks and oil by the president, Charles E. Upton.

Later it has been ascertained that the misappropriations of the President amount to about \$350,000. The amount of deposits is stated at \$500,000, and the amount of paper held by the bank at \$800,000. Upton was Treasurer of the Western New York Episcopal diocese, and has its funds in the bank. The savings banks of the city had large sums on deposit in the bank.

At Jefferson, Ohio, the cashier and assistant cashier of the Second National Bank have been found defaulters, having used \$50,000 or \$75,000 of the bank's funds. When discovered, the Cashier fled, and the Assistant Cashier had a stroke of paralysis.

At Huntsville, Texas, during a hail storm on Wednesday night, Dean's milling house was blown down, instantly killing five persons, who sought shelter in the building.

A large fire occurred at Philadelphia on Wednesday night. A six-story brick building, known as Goldsmith's Hall, and another five story building adjoining, both occupied by printing and lithographic firms, were burned. The total loss on buildings and stocks is estimated at over \$800,000.

night to rob the west bound express from St. Louis to San Francisco on the Texas and Pacific Railway, 150 miles east of El Paso. Shortly after midnight seven robbers attempted the capture of the train, while it stopped at a water tank. The soldier guard on board opened fire and the robbers fled.

Prof. Frisby, of the Naval Observatory, has completed his calculation of the orbit of the great comet, making the period occupied by the comet's revolution about 593 years. The comet is probably identical with the very large one seen 371 B. C., and 363 A. D.

From Mexico we learn that on Tuesday night last, forty thieves attacked the town of Alacatlan, Puebla, captured the mayor, justice and aldermen and carried them off to a rendezvous, where they hold them for ransom.

Vessels from Brazil are quarantined at Buenos Ayres, owing to the appearance of yellow fever.

The village of Empire, on the Panama Railway, has been almost totally destroyed by fire. The houses were bamboo and weather-board structure, with thatched roofs. One hundred and fifty of these butts were destroyed, and the loss amounts to \$100,000. Chinese merchants are the chief sufferers.

## Notices.

RECEIVED FROM WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETIES.  
Pine Grove—Mrs. I. S. Dingle, \$5.00  
M. Morimer, Port Medw., \$5.00  
Western Cornwallis, Miss Sophia  
Skinner, \$2.00  
M. R. Selden, Treasurer,  
Halifax, Dec. 26th, 1882.

The Annapolis County Baptist M. and M. Conference, will hold its annual session in Bridgetown, on Jan. 9th, 1883. Meet at 10 o'clock A. M., full attendance requested.  
J. T. Eaton, Secy.

Paradise, Dec. 23rd, 1882.

## CONVENTION REPORT.

Truro Church, instalment, \$90.00  
First Yarmouth Church collection for Foreign Missions, \$3.24  
Milton, Yarmouth do, 7.00  
First Horton Church, Wolfville, 17.78  
Westport Church, do, 11.00  
Annapolis do, 11.75  
Arcadia, Yarmouth, do, 6.00  
Chebogue, do, do, 6.00  
J. M. Smith Esq. & Sons, Barton, 4.50  
\$177.27  
G. E. DAX.

P. S.—All contributions made in this Province to denominational objects should be sent to me, otherwise I shall have a good deal of unnecessary trouble, and, after all, I may fail to get the amount in time to put in our annual Report. Receipts will be acknowledged weekly when I am at home. G. E. D.

## Money Received.

N. A. Dimock, \$2; M. P. King, \$4; Thos. White, \$2; Rev. R. S. Morton, \$2; N. J. Layton, \$2; G. G. Sanderson, \$2; Jas. Gough, \$2; C. B. Whidden, \$2; Jas. E. Potter, \$2; R. Clarke, \$2; M. Burns, \$2; J. F. Saunders, \$4; J. W. Healy, \$2; Rev. W. H. Richan, \$4; D. Whitman, \$4; J. B. Bennett, \$2; Rev. A. Ingram, \$2; J. Wheelock, \$2; J. E. Woodbury, \$5; A. J. Robertson, \$2; E. M. Beckwith, \$2; Levi Eaton, \$2; S. Meldrum, \$2; J. M. Longley, \$2; H. R. Cunningham, \$2; Mrs. D. A. Dearson, \$2; C. W. Root, \$2; Dr. De Witt, \$2; Dr. Tremaine, \$2; R. N. Sibley, \$2; J. W. Masters, \$2; J. Barrow, \$2; L. J. Walker, \$1; J. Desbrisay, \$2.

After a competitive examination of seventeen candidates, the "Lorimer" Bursary, value \$25 per annum, and tenable for three years, has been awarded to Glasgow University to J. T. Forbes, Alton, and student in connection with the Baptist Union of Scotland.

Some novel and ingenious methods of dealing with drunkards are coming into vogue. It is well-known that publicity has a tendency to check drunkenness, hence in America many liquor shops are so constructed that the whole interior is exposed to public view. In Haute Alsace the authorities have published the names of the drunkards in a certain district and have forbidden any of them to be supplied with intoxicating liquor. In Denmark a new law provides that drunken persons are to be conveyed home in carriages at the expense of the publican who sold them the last glass.

The Methodist connection in Ireland has suffered a heavy blow in the secession of Rev. G. A. Le Bert, He is, though young, a polished and powerful preacher. He is now in England, and intends, we are told, to join the Congregationalists.