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## THANKSGIVING.

Some few of us will cheerfully welcome Thursday as a holiday; a much smaller number will find it an occasion for public worship; while a goodly number of our citizens will continue their day's work with little thought of its holiday or holy day character. For even the casual observer must have noted that there is no zealous disposition in our busy people to close their stores on a week day. The King's birthday, for instance, fell among profitable days for the merchant and the time was reluctantly given up to celebrate that event. All along the procession of the royal party through Canada bitter complaints were heard from merchants, because they were compelled to suspend business during the royal visit. So it may happen that tomorrow the disposition for gain may prevail over that for recreation or for worship. In all fairness it must be said that to disregard one day appointed for a public thanksgiving is no more proof of ingratitude to the Deity than a disregard of the conventions of "street loyalty" is an indication that one is unfaithful to his country.

Our rulers intended, no doubt, that the day should take on a religious character, that churches should be opened and a service of praise and prayer be duly conducted, for the benefit of our citizens. It cannot be said that the feature of worship has taken a strong hold on the public imagination. The day is looked upon as an opportunity to play, or to perform an extra day's work, rather than an opportunity to make a public expression of our thankfulness to God. It is a holiday more than a holy day. The religious aspect of the day is not, however, entirely lost, for, in every church we find a few whose attitude seems to express that religion is as necessary to them as recreation, or work; and that in being apart from both, they can best find the spirit for thanksgiving.

For what are we to be thankful? Is it for the material prosperity that in every province of Canada marks the rapid development of this nation? Manufactories are being extensively operated, our commerce, we are assured, has not yet "reached the crest of the wave," agriculture as a science has never been so well understood by farmers and was never more profitable than today. In all parts of our country is felt a prosperity that is only experienced in the golden age of any nation. If we are to thank God for material prosperity, and nothing is more reasonable than that we should, what should be our attitude, if instead of this general expansion we were everywhere confronted with commercial depression. Suppose we were in the same case with that little Nova Scotian town recently reduced to ashes, or one of those villages of Newfoundland suffering all the miseries of poverty by a failure in their fisheries last season, or with one of those city wards, always unhealthy and now infected with a contagious disease? Should we in that case find it in our hearts to be grateful still to God?

Our disposition under affliction will depend mainly on our philosophy of life, on our conception of Providence. Over the seas, is the pathetic relief of a little nation, whose conception of God was, that He prospered them so long as they were faithful. Accordingly, their gratitude was ever heard while victory seemed assured; but when the evil day of impending extinction at last dawned, what then, was their mood? "If our cause is lost," said the late President Kruger, "then there is no God." This stout champion of Providence under prosperity, in the day of adversity, is "without hope and God in the world."

It is well to remind ourselves that God's kindly purposes are not always bound up with material gifts. It may be, our present attainments—all that is of commercial value—will contribute to the making of our nation; or it may be, our destiny lies through benumbing calamity, overwhelming disaster, or devastating disease; let us, in either case say, whether through prosperity or adversity, God's will be done, and be thankful, if, now in the heart of our civilization, we find an element of that "righteousness which exalteth a nation."

## Rail From New York to Buenos Ayres.

Philadelphia Post: About ten years ago a company of distinguished capitalists was organized for the purpose of constructing a railroad from New York to Buenos Ayres. So great was the interest in the matter that a commission of several of the leading railroad men of the country was appointed by the President to report upon the feasibility

of the project. There was much discussion everywhere, but no construction, and the movement fell because it was ahead of its day. In the decade there have been marvelous changes in work and finance. The big things then have become ordinary matters now, and nothing seems too vast for human achievement. That was the time for talk; this is the age of action. And so we are not surprised to hear that during the coming winter, which will be the working season in Central America and summer in South America, work will be pushed upon lines that will belong to the general system when it is tied together by connecting links. From New York to Buenos Ayres the distance along the route proposed is 10,228 miles, and of this 4,776 miles are constructed, including 2,094 in the United States, 1,183 in Mexico, 211 in Central America, 137 in Peru, 195 in Bolivia, and 936 in Argentina. These are the last official figures supplied by the government, and as some of them are two years old it is a very conservative statement to make that about 5,000 of the 10,228 miles are ready. But the important facts are that at both ends of the line work is to begin. American capital has the concessions for new roads in Central America which will be along the route, and other American capital is now finishing the section of the Transcontinental Railway System of South America, connecting Chile and Argentina.

It seems a gigantic undertaking, but doing the work by sections may not make it appear so large, and anyhow the total estimated cost is only \$175,000,000, which is less than one-half the annual value of South America's foreign trade. Then, too, it will not be as difficult as the road across Siberia or the line which Cecil Rhodes expects to see running between Cairo and Cape Town. Really it may not be many years before we shall be able to cry, "All Aboard for Buenos Ayres!" even more confidently than the Russians call out the train for Vladivostok.

## LIFE A BURDEN.

THE CONDITION OF MR. GARDINER, SMITH'S FALLS.

He Spent Miserable Days and Sleepless Nights—Hands, Feet and Limbs Stiff and Swollen. From the Record, Smith's Falls, Ont.

"There is wonderful talk about Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, why don't you try them?" These words were addressed to Mr. Andrew Gardiner, of Smith's Falls, by a friend when he was in the depths of despondency regarding his physical condition. For three years he had suffered so much that life had become a burden to him and oftentimes he says, he almost wished that he might die. Then he spent miserable days and sleepless nights, now he is enjoying life. Then his feet, hands and limbs were stiff and swollen and he was tormented with a constant stinging, creepy sensation in his body which gave him no rest day or night; now he is as supple as ever he was, with the stiffness, the swelling and the creepy sensation all gone. He attributes it all to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills.

Mr. Gardiner is a man of about 65 years, an old and highly respected resident of Smith's Falls. Having heard a good deal of talk about the improvement effected in his health by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the Record sent a reporter to ascertain the exact truth and Mr. Gardiner told him substantially what is related above. He said that he tried a number of doctors—as good doctors as there were in the country—but got no relief. He was given to understand that the trouble was caused by bad circulation of the blood, but nothing did him any good. He could not wear boots his feet were so swollen and when he tried to walk, his legs felt like sticks. Finally he was induced to give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. He took six boxes, he said, but did not see that he was much better. He determined to quit taking them but was persuaded to continue them for a little while longer. When he had taken ten boxes he was greatly improved and when he had taken twelve boxes he was so well that he did need any more. It is several months since he has taken them and he has had no return of the trouble. When the reporter saw him he was wearing his ordinary boots and he said he could get into and out of a buggy as well as any man of his years in the country.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the friend of the weak and ailing. They surpass all other medicines in their tonic, strengthening qualities, and make weak and despondent people bright, active and healthy. These pills are sold by dealers in medicine, or can be had, post paid, at 50 cents per box, or six boxes for \$2.50, by addressing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

## Why He Didn't Swear.

The man who had gained a world-wide celebrity by refraining from swearing when the end gate of his wagon gave way and allowed a load of apples to roll to the bottom of a steep hill was talking about it a few years afterward.

"There's always been a wrong impression about that matter," he said, with some chagrin. "I didn't say swearin' wouldn't do the subject justice. All I said was, 'What the Sam Hill's the use?' The apples weren't mine, and the wagon wasn't mine. I was workin' by the day. I didn't care a darn where the apples rolled to. Great Scott, if I'd felt like swearin' I could have sworn a hole in the ground six feet deep right then and there, and if I'd know there would be so much fuss made about it I would have done it, too, b'gosh!"—Chicago Tribune.

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## Autumn's Hope.

The restless heart of the forest stirs,  
A summer has passed away,  
Winds make wild music among the firs  
Proclaiming Autumn's sway.

New joys new sorrow perhaps wild unrest  
May stir in the bosom of one,  
Another rejoices, another is blest,  
Another seems left undone.

But for all is there not a hope runs thro'  
The loudness of Autumn wild,  
The changing hue and crisp clear blue  
That shows her Summer's child?

Whispers there are of a gracious will,  
A will above our own,  
Murmuring clearly "Peace be Still!"  
Above the winds wild tone.

Speaks to the restless quivering heart,  
The mind with toil o'erwrought,  
To some a gladness and joy impart,  
To others peace long sought.

H. H. MACDONALD, St. John.

## A Satire on Philadelphia People.

Some time ago The Ladies' Home Journal conceived the idea of giving the general public an insight into the social customs and provincialisms peculiar to certain great cities of this country, through the channel of fiction. In this way Washington and Boston were portrayed. At present Chicago is being treated in a serial entitled "The Russells in Chicago," and soon after this is finished Philadelphia will be considered. The story is called "The Philadelphians," and a New York woman who marries into an old Philadelphia family of the most exclusive type is the heroine. She takes with her into her new surroundings an independent spirit and a keen sense of humor. She does not know, but is told, that Market Street is the dividing line between good and undesirable society in the Quaker City, and she is warned that she should not visit any one living north of Market Street. But there is precisely where some of her connections live, and her loyalty to these gives her a series of the most amusing experiences, and incidentally enables her to get a splendid picture of social Philadelphia of to-day.

## Insuperable Difficulty.

A Scotchman who had been employed nearly all his life in the building of railways in the Highlands of Scotland went to the United States in his later years and settled in a new section on the plains of the Far West. Soon after his arrival a project came up in his new home for the construction of a railway through the district, and the Scotchman was applied to as a man of experience in such matters.

"Hoot, mon," said he to the spokesman of the scheme, "ye canna build a railway across this country."

"Why not, Mr. Ferguson?"

"Why not?" he repeated, with an air of effectually settling the whole matter. "Why not? Dae ye no see the country's as flat as a floor, and ye dinna hae any place whatever to run your tunnels through?"

## SAYS THEY'RE HEAVEN-BORN

A lady in writing of her faith in Dr. Von Sauer's Phenolphthalein Tablets calls them "HEAVEN-BORN HEALERS." Charles D. Bennett was her "healer" and they cured her.

Dr. Von Sauer's Phenolphthalein Tablets is not a long tedious treatment. They work in nature's quick, efficient, and harmless way. They are easy to carry. They are not like other pills that prevent stomach action, and the worst cases of indigestion, flatulence, heartburn, nervousness, and all the other ailments that come from a disordered stomach. Try a box—will please them. It's heaven-born. 100, 50, 25, 10, 5, 2, 1, 1/2, 1/4, 1/8, 1/16, 1/32, 1/64, 1/128, 1/256, 1/512, 1/1024, 1/2048, 1/4096, 1/8192, 1/16384, 1/32768, 1/65536, 1/131072, 1/262144, 1/524288, 1/1048576, 1/2097152, 1/4194304, 1/8388608, 1/16777216, 1/33554432, 1/67108864, 1/134217728, 1/268435456, 1/536870912, 1/1073741824, 1/2147483648, 1/4294967296, 1/8589934592, 1/17179869184, 1/34359738368, 1/68719476736, 1/137438953472, 1/274877906944, 1/549755813888, 1/1099511627776, 1/2199023255552, 1/4398046511104, 1/8796093022208, 1/17592186044416, 1/35184372088832, 1/70368744177664, 1/140737488355328, 1/281474976710656, 1/562949953421312, 1/1125899906842624, 1/2251799813685248, 1/4503599627370496, 1/9007199254740992, 1/18014398509481984, 1/36028797018963968, 1/72057594037927936, 1/144115188075855872, 1/288230376151711744, 1/576460752303423488, 1/1152921504606846976, 1/2305843009213693952, 1/4611686018427387904, 1/9223372036854775808, 1/18446744073709551616, 1/36893488147419103232, 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