

DECORATION DAY.

The Thoughts of One Who Saw the Knights Honor the Departed.

There are moments mid life's din and turmoil when the nature spiritual, with a quiet, sudden start, awakes to point the finer impulses beyond the earthly to the unseen—to the far off shores of the beautiful home where all is eternit.. Gathered today 'mid the silent tombs to pay living tribute to the memory of brother knights departed, is, in a great degree, touchingly reverential, and calculated to fill the heart with heaven-born emotions. The chisled slabs; the marble urns; the broken shafts; the sweet scented flowers to decorate the graves of former earthly comrades and the thousand voices singing in unison with the instrumental accompaniment, "God be with you till we meet again," all tend to produce a deeply solemn stillness of the soul, and a calm, silent contemplation of the great future.

Born to walk this earthly sphere for a period; then to sleep and be laid out of sight beneath the familiar ground upon which we have trod for years, from childhood on—at times buoyant with success and joys; then oppress'd at times with trials and sorrows, on such occasions as this, to the mind which can think, feel, realize the cold grave with all its significance, is nearer than it will be tomorrow. Here the pent up promptings of the soul asserts supremacy, and the silent monitor asks, "What have you done in all these years to snub the end of your existence? Have you aided by your work or by your means, an evil to remove from your midst; to lift a curse from off man? Have you done that which has gladdened a long bruised heart? But on the morrow we'll forget. The questions remain unanswered, and we move on our old accustomed way. Thus the grave is nearer today than it will seem to be to-morrow.

WHY THE LIGHT WENT OUT.

Being the Story of a Good Man and a Mischievous Maiden.

A prominent Amherst clergyman who, by words of friendly advice, and entreaties that would melt the heart of an iceberg, has directed many a sinner to the straight and narrow path, had an experience a few days ago that caused his face to shine with a light that seemed to come from a happier shore. But, strange to say, a few hours later, the light such as never was on sea or land left his face as abruptly as, in the pages of Virgil the sun jumps into the western ocean, and the features of the good man were as dark as the dense shades of the regions of Pluto.

The minister, on the morning of the day in which, like James, he sported a double visage, called upon a young lady who seemed in need of spiritual counsel. He was treated with the most deferential courtesy. He told the maiden of her sins, negligences and ignorances, but showed that while the light held out to burn, the most depraved sinner had a good show.

At length the erring maiden burst into tears, acknowledged her faults and promised to be good, and let who would be clever. And the minister, like the priest of Odin, was happy. But, a few minutes later, he was happier. For although, as a general thing, the good are seldom rewarded in this world, the converted damsel expressed a desire to remunerate the clergyman for his mission of mercy. She appraised the future benefits to result from her change of heart at five dollars, but regretted exceedingly that her worldly wealth consisted of but a ten dollar bill. The clergyman, always ready to help any sinners that repented out of their difficulties, spiritual or financial, offered to take the note, and give the changed maiden five dollars change. The young lady agreed, and he gave her five dollars, the right hand of fellowship, and one of his kindest smiles, and put the ten dollar bill in his pocket. And he felt at peace with the world, and the flesh, and even felt a little more kindly inclined towards our arch enemy. But when, that evening, it was discovered that the bill was as bad as the golden haired siren, the minister put on the Ethiopian visage of night, and felt that uncomfortable feeling which steals over a man when he wants to curse, but dare not.

How Words Change.

Long ago, when a certain article made of sturgeons' bladders came into use in England, it was known by its Dutch name "hizenblas," that is "sturgeon-bladder." The term was a meaningless one to English ears and by some means or other was transformed into the word which we all know, "isinglass." The change was precisely like that which in some quarters has turned "asparagus" into "sparrowgrass."

In the same manner the old word "berfry," which meant simply a watch tower, was transformed into "beltry." It became the custom to hang bells in such towers and by common consent a change of spelling followed.

What is the derivation of the word "steel-yard"? Most readers would reply without hesitation that it must have been invented as the name of a certain familiar instrument for weighing, an instrument made of steel, and about three feet in length.

In point of fact, however, the word meant in the beginning nothing but the yard, or court in London, where the continental traders sold their steel. In this yard, of course, there was some kind of balance for weighing the metal—a steel yard balance.

Language is full of such cases. "Blind-fold" has nothing to do with the act of folding something over the eyes, but is "blindfelled" or struck blind. "Buttery" has no connection with butter, but is, or was a "bottlery," a place for bottles.

A "blunderbuss" was not an awkward or inefficient weapon, but on the contrary was so terrible as to be called a "donderbus," that is to say a "thunderbox" or "thunder barrel." The advance in the art of war is happily—or unhappily—typified by the fact that a weapon once so terrible has become an object of ridicule. Will the world ever find our present ironclads and mortars better but things to laugh at.

Come in out of the Wet.

As the Shark said to the sailor, or if you must be out when it is raining get a Rigby waterproof coat. Porous, comfortable, healthy.

VICE-ADMIRAL SIR JOHN O. HOPKINS, K. C. B.



Vice-Admiral Sir John O. Hopkins, K. C. B., commander and chief of the British forces of the North American and West Indies station has a remarkable war record, and is recognized as one of the greatest naval authorities. In the *Sanspareil*, *Britannia* and *London* he was in the Black Sea during the Russian war, 1854-55, where he was present at the attack on the sea defences of Sebastopol and other operations. He has a medal and clasp for Sebastopol, and a Turkish medal. He served from June 1881 to December 1882 as Private Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty; as Superintendent of Thurness Dockyard from January 1883 to April 1883; as Director of

Naval Ordnance from April 1883 to October 1886; as Admiral Superintendent of Portsmouth Dockyard from November, 1886 to July, 1888, and as controller of the navy from July, 1888 to February 1, 1892.

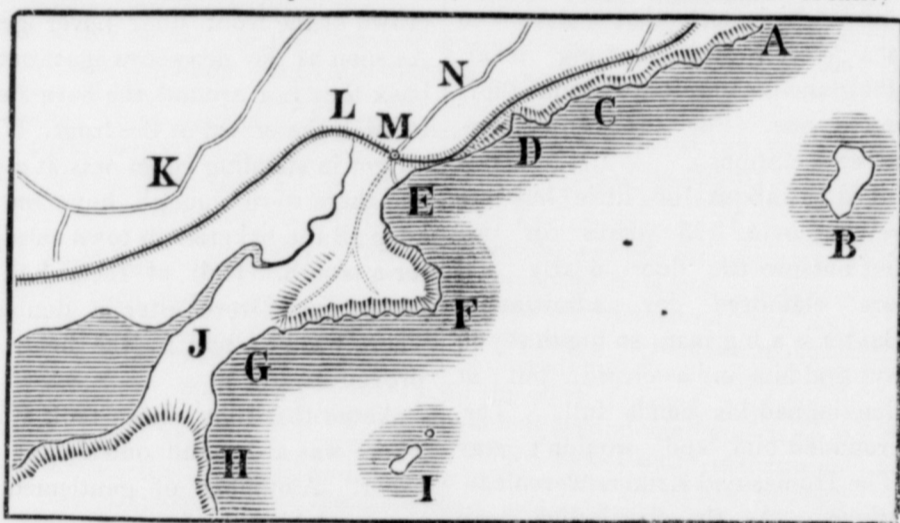
It is not too much to say that to him is due a large, a very large, portion of the credit for the marvellous results which have followed the passing of the Naval defence act when parliament authorized 70 new warships to be built. The impress of his practical knowledge is evident in every one of the warships. He was nominated to a Knight Companionship of the Bath on the 24th of May, 1892, in recognition of his services to the nation.

OUT IN THE FIELDS.

One Hundred Students of Nature Hunt for Specimens.

On Wednesday the Natural History society held their annual field meeting at Sand Cove with headquarters at Mr. Manchester's premises, and had as guests the members of the Summer School of Science. The field meetings of this society have always been enjoyable, and Wednesday was no exception to the rule. The day was fine and the party numbering over one hundred left Carleton by the Shore Line at eight o'clock. Each member of the party was furnished by the society with a neat programme of the day's work.

On arrival at Sand Cove Mr. G. F. Matthew, president of the society, made the announcements as to the prizes to be awarded for collections, and small parties were



- A. Negrotown Point. B. Partridge Island. C. Fern Ledges. D. Duck Cove. E. Sand Cove. F. Sheldon's Point. G. Manawagonis Beach. H. Taylor's Island. I. Nanawagonis Island. J. Marsh. K. St. Andrews Road. L. Shore Line R. B. M. Sand Cove Station. N. Sand Cove Road.

at once organized to begin the explorations of the day. Those interested in geology proceeded to Smuggler's Cove, accompanied by such able instructors as Professor Caldwell of Acadia college, Professor Andrews of Mount Allison, and Mr. Geo. F. Matthew.

The path to Smuggler's Cove leads for the most part through shady woods, and here the botanists of the party found in great abundance that pretty little plant the "wood-sorrel."

"Trim Oxalis, with her pencil'd flowers Close to the sheltering copse the maiden cleaves, And coyly plucks her purple-tinted leaves."

In these woods is also found the "Coy anemone that ne'er unclothes Her lips until they're blown on by the wind."

From Smuggler's Cove the geologists explored along the shore toward the Meo-

gone Beach, and the zoologists, under Mr. Brittain of the Normal School, embarked for Meogone Island, in charge of a skilled mariner from the Pisarino shore.

While the rocks and ledges of the shore re-echoed with the sound of the hammer and tool of iron, the botanists under Principal Hay and Miss Forbes, were spread far and wide seeking rare and useful specimens of plant life.

Towards noon a large number of ladies arrived in "busses," and an efficient committee proceeded to provide refreshments. Shortly after 1 o'clock the various parties returned to headquarters at Sand Cove and did ample justice to the excellent repast spread before them. The ladies having this matter in hand excelled themselves.

After lunch the large botanical party went by bus down to Manawagonis beach and spent the afternoon exploring the neighboring marsh and Taylor's Island. The geologists went to the Fern Ledges, and in that celebrated locality secured

some very good specimens of fossil; Capt. Moran and Colonel Underhill being specially fortunate.

On a mossy bank close by the Cove, Mr. Brittain described to an interested class the method of determining a tern and afterwards gave a lecture on the speckled alder.

At five o'clock all the excursionists assembled, and the judges announced that the prize for best collection of fossils had been awarded Mrs. Wm. Bowden, the best for collection of minerals to Miss Grace Murphy, and that Horace Brittain had secured the prize for the best topographical map of the locality.

After partaking of refreshments the excursionists returned to the city, well pleased with their day by the shores of the Bay of Fundy.

linking together Horace and Virgil. How enduring their fame is may be realized if we remember that now, after the lapse of 19 centuries, they have more readers and admirers than at any preceding period. It is to be feared that few of the literary reputations of modern ages will withstand so successfully "the cankered tooth of time."

—Manchester Guardian.

One of the Strikers at Homestead. Watkin James, the aged step-father of Explorer Henry M. Stanley, is one of the strikers at Homestead. Mr. James is a Welshman, and married Stanley's mother some years ago, and married Stanley's mother. He is a gray-haired man about 70 years of age, and speaks English with a strong Cambrian accent. Stanley's mother, who was his first wife, died many years ago, and the old mill-worker has since twice married.

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