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THE OLD AND THE NEW.

The closing of the old year and the opening of the new naturally give rise to reflections on the past and speculations as to the future.

It is, so to speak, a time when men stop and take stock, when they size up their failures and look into the future to see what is in store for them in the coming years, and it is well that a period for such reflection should come, if only once a year.

If this is true in the individual life it is also true of all human associations and corporations as well as in the national life.

The lessons of the past may well be guides for the future, yet there is no promise that the conditions of the new year will resemble those of the old. Men are largely the creatures of their environment and circumstances, and while they may plan for the future they are not always able to execute as they would desire.

The opening of the New Year, however, may and should be a time for making better resolutions, deciding that, so far as human effort is concerned, which, when properly exerted with regret motives and high ideals, can count on Divine guidance, we shall do better in the future than in the past.

The passing year has been crowded with big events, of human progress, of national development, of advancing Christianity. It has too its sorrowful record of great disasters, of enormous loss of life by fire and earthquake, by accidents on land and sea, great mining horrors, shipwrecks and railway collisions, closing with the staggering blow to the little kingdom of Italy, which mourns more than 100,000 people slain in the twinkling of an eye.

These catastrophes and hindrances, and the joys of the past year, make up the record of 1908, one that can never be rewritten or expunged from the world's history.

God only is the arbiter of events. His finger is on the smallest detail of our everyday life, and of our national existence, and while men may murmur and complain of some of the decrees of Providence, there is the ever present truth that He knows best, and that He orders and directs the affairs of this world and its people with a wisdom which none may question, and which all must accept. There is a silver lining to every cloud, but man's vision is limited, and he is no more able to analyze and account for the inscrutable ways of the great Creator of the universe, than to successfully resist the Divine will.

We are done with the old year, its disappointments and failures, its joy and successes, and it is ours to make the best possible use of our advantages during the new.

The Herald wishes all its friends A Happy New Year.

CURRENT COMMENT.

Don't forget to write 1909 after today.

The loss of life in the earthquake and tidal wave in Italy is now estimated at 110,000.

The Italian catastrophe increases in dimensions and horror as the detailed reports filter in.

The spindle leggers in their enforced exile from New Brunswick are not likely to send New Year's greetings to Premier Hazen.

One of the embarrassing propositions which will face the Hazen government early in the new year will be the demand of the temperance people of this province for prohibition.

The old year closes with Mr. Morrissey still a member of the government, quietly denying Mr. Hazen to ask for his resignation, which is so strenuously demanded by a section of Mr. Hazen's supporters.

Well, it could hardly be expected that with his limited experience the Hon. J. Kidd Fleming would prove a successful financier. The public expectation has not been disappointed in Mr. Fleming's case.

The University authorities have made a request to the government to increase the provincial grant to \$20,000, so that new departments may be opened, and the professors paid a living salary that will retain the services of efficient men.

Hon. C. W. Robinson, in quite an exhaustive review of the provincial accounts as presented by the Hazen government, makes mince meat of the pretension that New Brunswick has been economically governed during the past year. The boasted surplus

is a myth, and the economy promised by Mr. Hazen and his provincial secretary has not materialized.

There was a perfect riot of road repairing by the Hazen government during October, to influence the federal elections, and nobody believes that the large expenditure in that connection is included in the financial statement furnished by the government. It will be found when the legislature meets that a large amount was carried into this year's accounts.

Mr. Hazen is running away from his highway act. It was to be proclaimed as law on Jan. 1st, but the Premier announces that no such action is to be taken. Mr. Hazen proposes to wait and see what the municipal councils think of his law, and he is afraid to bring it into operation with its double tax rate and other objectionable features. The Hazen government is fast getting afraid of its own shadow.

DR. SMITH'S ADDRESS.

Pastor of St. Paul's Church Spoke Words of Counsel to New St. John clergyman.

At the induction last night at St. John of Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, late of Florenceville, into the pastorate of St. John's Presbyterian church, Rev. Dr. Smith of St. Paul's church, this city addressed the new minister, Dr. Smith, in his address, spoke very earnestly of the character which a minister of the gospel must maintain and of his relations, first to the denomination and next to the members of his own congregation and then to society.

He told Rev. Mr. Anderson that his life must be hidden with Christ in God. He must in all things study to show his people an example of a consistent Christian life. He should remember that it was the daily custom of Christ, who always did the things which pleased the Father, to retire for a season of private prayer. In this way he would learn what the will of God was, and, having received a message from Him, he would have the courage to tell it out whether the world were pleased or not.

It was also necessary, Dr. Smith went on, for Mr. Anderson to remember that he was a minister of the Presbyterian church and he owed it to that body to preach its doctrines. He urged him to remember that, he had vowed to accept the interpretations of the great fundamental doctrines of the Presbyterian church. If a time should ever come when he could no longer honestly accept these doctrines he asked him to send back his covenant vows to the presbytery so that the world might judge him as an individual and not as a representative of any church.

Lastly, he advised Rev. Mr. Anderson to study to become a friend to his new congregation. It might seem to some that there was a descent here from the old ideal of a ministry. Yet it was simply a following out of the example of the Master who called His disciples by that name. While it was true that the minister should ever be ready to lead his people to a higher life, he must make them feel that in him they had a true friend. He must show them that their joys and sorrows touched him also, else he could not carry on his work to the conclusion he otherwise would.

WANT INCREASED GRANT

Government Asked to Increase University Allowance to Twenty Thousand Dollars.

A deputation from the University of New Brunswick waited upon the local government on Wednesday afternoon, and asked that the provincial grant in aid of the institution be increased from \$13,500 to \$20,000.

Chancellor Jones was the principal spokesman for the University, and made out a strong case, which must have impressed the members of the executive. He explained that the increased endowment was needed to provide adequate salaries for the members of the faculty and provide chairs in English and History. He also stated that it was proposed to appoint an assistant professor of mathematics, so that the chancellor, who is now lecturer in that subject, would be able to devote his time to the general supervision of the college, as is the case in all large institutions.

Premier Hazen replying to the delegation expressed appreciation of the good work being accomplished by the U. N. B. He stated that the present government was pledged to administer the affairs of the province economically, yet at the same time they would not fail in their duty to the University.

A SERIOUS FIRE.

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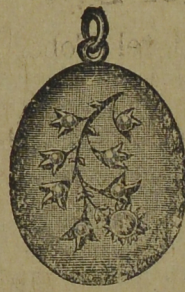
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