

Tim.

When the autumn winds were sighing, when the golden leaves were dying...

Alas! sad cause was there for weeping—in the dead-house one lay sleeping...

Life and Death march side by side—tears and laughter are allied...

Eye! and could the gentle Wesley to our ward have gain'd access, he would have lov'd Tim's patient smile...

Yet our petting never spoil'd him—God, in suffering, had as well lov'd him...

How he lov'd those sacred pages, and that dear hymn "Rock of Ages"...

Autumn fading into winter saw his strength grow daily fainter...

In the shadow'd hours dispelling, while the beryl's natal swelling...

Far removed from earthly sorrow, in that land whose stainless morrow...

Yes! and while dear memory lingers, till we join the angel singers...

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The German Empress Frederick is writing the life of her late husband, and it is announced that the present Emperor is giving her all the help in his power.

COLONIAL LOYALTY.

In the August Nineteenth Century there is a dialogue between an English Globe-trotter and a New Zealand Colonist...

G. Yes—yes; otherwise your loyalty would be a mere sentimental feeling, of no practical value to us.

C. And you think that the mother country could depend on the aid and support of the Colonies in time of war?

G. Yes, as far as their means permit. They would, for example, be open to receive any prizes our fleet might make...

C. Then you mean to imply that you could not supply a sufficient naval force to protect us from the enemy's fleet?

G. That would have to be done, in great measure, by yourselves. You see, our fleets would have all their work out for them in protecting the coasts of the United Kingdom...

C. Has she ever made any sacrifices for our sakes? Has she ever done anything to foster or cherish any other feelings than those of mere self-interest?

G. But what could you do in case of war? You are British possessions after all, and the Queen has certain rights in case of war.

C. We should declare our independence at once, and with that issue a declaration of neutrality. Neither party would care to attack us, for our naval force, small though it would be, would suffice to enable us to obtain respect as independent republics.

G. You certainly put matters in a new light. But how do you account for the expressions of loyalty in your leading papers, and amongst the old colonials in England?

C. My dear sir, many of our leading papers are the property of rich men who belong to what is colonially termed the 'Upper Ten,' or else are mortgaged to the banks, and obliged to write whatever the commercial aristocracy dictate.

G. But what do you think will be the result of the movement towards Australian Federation? Will that not pave the way towards Imperial Federation?

C. I very much doubt it. Australian Federation is absolutely necessary for defence against China and European powers, but it is looked on here as a first step, not to Imperial Federation, but to independence.

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are so over head and ears in debt? C. Rem acu tetigit! The reason is this. Those who came here in the early days obtained land which, by increase of population and the formation of roads, bridges and railways, has increased enormously in value.

G. But, pardon me, are we not wandering from the point in question? What can this have to do with the loyalty of the colony to the home country?

C. Well, a good deal. If you have a whole class of men oppressed by sordid cares and anxieties, trying to keep up a false position, trembling at every slight fall in prices, with no reserve or capital to fall back on, you will find that they have no room in their minds for sentiments of the higher kind.

They next discussed Imperial Federation, the Colonist suggesting that the scheme might be received with more favor if it included free trade between the colonies, with differential duties on foreign products.

G. If you fairly represent the ideas prevailing in the colonies, I don't see any advantage in keeping a nominal suzerainty over them.

C. You are quite right. Looking at the question from the English point of view, I should say most decidedly, put the question to the colonies fairly and squarely.

G. It was thought at the time a proof of the confidence Britain felt in the loyalty of the colonies.

C. It was a slap in the face, and was intended, as is now well known, to produce a separation. But the colonies were hardly strong enough at the time to go alone.

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C. Pardon me, but there you make a mistake. I have worn the Queen's uniform. I am an Englishman by birth and descent, and an Englishman I mean to die.

TO THE EDITOR:—Please inform your readers that I have a positive remedy for the above named disease. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been permanently cured.

THREE FINE STEAMERS. Vessels Building for the C. P. R.'s Canada Japan Trade.

The three new steamers for the C. P. R.—the Empress of India, Empress of China and Empress of Japan—are approaching completion at the yards of the Naval Construction and Armament Company, Barrow-in-Furness.

The accommodation for passengers is extensive and luxurious. Each vessel will carry 120 first class, 50 second and 300 steerage, as well as nearly 4,000 tons of cargo.

Check Too Early Marriages. Canada Health Journal.

Only a few months ago we protested against early marriages. It is a subject, however, which is not considered and discussed as fully and as publicly as it should be.

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HOW FLIES DIE. A Kind of Fungus That Makes Havoc with the Insects. Like many other insects, house flies are subject to the attacks of a parasite fungus which destroys great numbers of them, especially toward the end of autumn.

Once here, its host's doom is certain, says Knowledge, for it meets with suitable nourishment in the shape of the fluids of the fly's body, by the aid of which it will speedily propagate itself until its victim, drained of its life support, finally succumbs.

The particular species of fungus which makes havoc with the house flies is called Empusa muscae, and is one of a group which are distinguished by their habit of subsisting upon living insects.

Proverbs of the Sea. The sea refuses no river. The ocean is made of small drops. It is a great way to the bottom of the sea.

A girl baby was recently born in James town whose mother is 21 years old, grand mother 38 years, great-grandmother 53 years old and great-great grandmother 75 years old, and but one daughter living of each generation.

The latest bogus cheque game was played on an undertaker in Findlay, Ohio, by a sharper who bought a \$100 coffin for his alleged dead mother and gave a cheque for \$192 in payment, receiving the change in good bills.

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