

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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THE NEW YEAR.

One week ago, 1885 was welcomed with the brightest smiles; it was feted till rebellious nature could stand no more. But already, to many of his votaries he has grown old. The vast improvements in manners, character, thoughts, words and actions which were to distinguish this year from the last, have not yet made an appearance. They have not yet been wholly abandoned, but then the gulf between desire and performance is so wide, and the well-worn ruts are so much more easily kept than the newly made and scarcely tried road, that now, even now, promises and resolutions are slipping from memories, and in a few more days the season of reformation will be definitely postponed until another New Year.

Here for some is a fine opportunity for moralizing, and even carping. Not so to us. Nay, we actually find it a matter of congratulation that many proposed changes and amendments never take effect, for the result of them would not be a genuine improvement, but a poor, stilted, artificial mode of life which would be as useless as it is unnatural. We have little faith in any alteration of conduct which is based on no higher motive than the advent of January 1st. The death of a friend, a sudden increase or decrease in wealth, removal to another place, even such events which are, in comparison with the one just mentioned, of some importance, seldom or never produce a lasting impression. Let those, therefore, who are bemoaning their fickleness and want of determination, console themselves with the reflection that the wish to become new, as it were, simply because there has come a new year is after all no deep, sincere wish, but a poor, paltry whim. The new birth will never take place until there arises an ever present, overmastering conviction that the way followed is not the true way. Then, and then only, will fleeting fancies give place to permanent struggles, idle hopes to sturdy activity, and the listless like to be to the unquarrelable will be!

HENRY GEORGE.

Henry George, the outspoken apostle of wholesale confiscation, has been lecturing to the Skye Crofters. For their troubles, he told them, there is but one remedy—the resumption of all land by the Government. Thus, he assured his hearers, all rents collected, would be expended for the good of the people. To men who are reduced to extremities by bad crops, this plan would appear most specious; to men who have an incorrigible aversion to work, in whom thrift is replaced by love of pleasure, prudence by envy, and every laudable ambition by a mad desire for riches without honest endeavor, to such, and their name is legion, the plan is more than specious, for it means the legal acknowledgement of all their barbarous and ruffianly instincts.

It is inconceivable to us how any one who is not altogether the dupe of his passions can require arguments in rebuttal of a scheme as dishonest as it is cowardly. And it must seem strange to Canadians that there are countries in which Mr. George's utterances are received with shouts of enthusiastic approval. Such is the case, however, for never yet was doctrine so monotonous that people were not found to madly receive it. Let those frenzied democrats, who are wildly demanding the spoliation of aristocratic landholders, bear in mind that the sword which they are invoking is of infinite sweep; that on the day in which a man, be he lord or commoner, is deprived by parliamentary enactment of property to which he has an undeniable title, in that day the sacredness of all private right and ownership will melt into unsubstantial vapor. Then, indeed, will Chaos be come again, and civilization will receive a shock from which it will not recover for centuries.

NEW YEAR'S CALLING.

Is the custom of calling on New Year's day falling into disuse? Answers from all directions, say, yes!

'Tis a pity, for the habit has much that is pleasing and courteous. Calling, simply for the sake of calling, is senseless work, but the visit, however short, which is prompted by feelings of friendship and good-will, springs from the best and purest source of a complex nature. When we consider that the dangers attendant on the custom are no longer to be met with in most houses, when we consider how potent are a few gentle words to disperse clouds of suspicion and anger, surely we cannot say that here is a fashion better observed in the breach than in the performance. But then, what will you have? If it is fated to die, no reasoning, however cogent, no longings, however intense, will save it, a fact which, after all, is far from sufficient to stifle the regrets which we should feel at the disappearance of a time-honored, pleasant practice.

TEMPERANCEVILLE.

From our own Correspondent.

The annual tea-meeting, held on Xmas evening, under the auspices of the Methodist Church of this place, was a grand success. The sleighing was good, the weather fine, and the evening all that could be desired. A sumptuous tea, for which the ladies of Temperanceville have ever been noted, was served in the S. F. room, after which the intellectual part of the programme commenced, which consisted of short addresses, readings, recitations and last, but by no means least, singing. Several of the Elm St. Church Choir, Toronto, assisted also Mr. J. Crossley, and the Misses Mortson. Rev. J. W. Savage, pastor, occupied the chair in his usual happy manner, to the extreme pleasure and satisfaction of all present, to whom great praise is due for the unprecedented good order of the evening, notwithstanding the church being literally packed to the door, many having to stand. But I should trespass too much upon your space to give a minute description, suffice to say that all expressed themselves exceedingly well pleased, Mr. Savage remarking that he had never enjoyed himself more heartily. Owing to the superabundance of provisions a social was held the next evening, with quite a lengthy programme, which again called out a well filled house. Proceeds nearly \$90.00.

Miss Johnson, of Pottageville, is visiting relatives in this vicinity. Miss Elliott, of Toronto, has returned home after a visit with relatives here.

What a comfort to be able to gratify one's appetite once more without pain, after long suffering from dyspepsia! Victims of indigestion wise enough to accept the general verdict in favor of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure as true, and use the article, can enjoy the welcome relief. Obstinate dyspepsia, constipation and biliousness, invariably yield to its potent regulating action.

JEFFERSON.

From our Own Correspondent.

Notwithstanding the inclemency of the weather and the roughness of the roads on New Year's Night, the fair and fantastic of Elgin Mills and surrounding country assembled at the Elgin house to await the arrival of Rupert's omnibus, which arrived about 7 p. m. To get loaded and started was the work of but a few moments; our first stop was made at the Dominion House, Richmond Hill, where our load was completed, and we started for the residence of Mr. M. Powers, who is the possessor of a handsome new brick dwelling, situated on the banks of beautiful stream, near the 5th Con. of Vaughan. Here we arrived about 8.30. After receiving a hearty welcome and getting thoroughly warmed, dancing was commenced and kept up till 12 o'clock, when a sumptuous repast was prepared by the good lady of the house. After this, dancing was resumed, and in about an hour, as everybody thought the house was thoroughly warmed, the party prepared for the return trip and seemed well satisfied with the evening's sport. There were about twenty couples of invited guests.

Mr. Geo. Jefferson happened with a severe and painful accident on New Year's Day on his way from the station with the royal mail. He was getting out of his carriage when he made a misstep and sprained his knee. He is now able to walk about with the aid of a cane.

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