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A PAGAN'S ADVENT HYMN.

The following is a translation of a poem written by a heathen, the poet Virgil, about forty years previous to the appearance of Christ "The design of the poet was only to celebrate the birth of a son of Pollio, a Roman Consul. But it is evident that he ascribes to the son of his friend what cannot be ascribed with any propriety to a being merely human. On examination it will be found that there are several expressions and passages which remarkably correspond with the predictions and prophecies contained in the Scriptures of the Old Testament, and particularly with those of the prophet Isaiah. That the poet was inspired was not pretended. We are assured on the most credible testimony, that about this time there was a general expectation of the Messiah's appearance. This was partly from the dispersion of the Jews over the Roman Empire, who carried with them their Scriptures, and partly from the Sibylline oracles, then much in repute. What therefore was commonly said, and was the common opinion concerning the Messiah, the poet ignorantly applies to the son of Pollio. It was not fulfilled in him, for he died on the ninth day after his birth. But we know how it was fulfilled about forty years afterwards when Christ "the desire of all nations," appeared, and how it is destined to be still further fulfilled when the millenial age shall arrive."

FOURTH ECLOGUE—VIRGIL.

Sicilian Muses! Nymphs of grove and glade,
For loftier measures we invoke your aid;
Through rural scenes, and cool sub-sloping trees,
Are some to delight, yet some they fail to please.
Let us sing of arms,
If rustic lays shall now amply our days,
O make them worthy of a Consul's praise.

Prophetic songs fulfill—its latter days have come,
And glorious ages now begin to run.
The virgin hath arrived, a virgin kingdom rise;
A race divine descends the regenerate skies.
To chaste Lucina's grand the infant boy,
Let nought pollute his opening years annoy;
By him the iron age of grief shall cease,
With him returns the golden age of peace.
The world expecting waits the born Apollo reigns,
And grateful offerings hill his sacred fanes.
Thy Consulate, O Pollio, begins the time,
From which shall date the endless age sublime;
When war's alarms no longer we shall fear,
Nor perjury, nor treachery again appear.

The life divine shall animate his soul,
Himself divine, perceive all gods control;
Attended gods shall fill or in the train,
And walk the earth with mortals once again.
His care paternal shall the world guide,
Till peace and pristine glory reign over all anew.
To thee, for boy! the earth for homage yields,
Her earliest gifts for thee bestrew the woods and fields;
For thee her floral charms spontaneous she displays,
And in perennial spring to thee presents her praise.
Acanthus, wandering ivy and the pastic hand,
With colocasia, seek thy kind regard.
The goats, in peace, the pendant steeps shall roam,
And bring, untaught, their fleecy treasure home.
The herds no longer fear the lion's cruel power,
Or pause at the sound hear his savage roar.
(Fair be, satisfied, the empoisoning honeyed over)

Fair child! thy Heaven is marked by earth's relenting powers,
Thy cradled infancy is wrathful with earth's spontaneous flowers.
The serpent dies, all poisonous herbage fails,
And sweet Assyrian scents the spontaneous gales.
Soon shall the verdant fields in manifold prime,
The high ascents of wisdom flow shall rise;
At once, thy ardent soul is wrapt in one lay,
And figures the glowing language of the heroes praise.
At once shall reveal upon the global page,
The universal claims of the prophetic age;
And Sages rules, employ thy vigorous hand,
Be wise in thee! O gods the world, and blessed child,
Now begin to mount, soon with thy shoulders,
And the hard oak, on which lofty acorns grew,
Now yields his tribute in millions dew.

Still there art yet some lingering wrath unrest to peace,
As Ancient frauds will not yet wholly cease;
Even Justice shall tempt with ships the hoar-frosts tang,
Shall gaze gainst the town with battlements again;
And there no husbandmen shall dare and there,
With toil,
Begin to spread the plough, distrustful of the soil.
And there Tiphys may be needed then,
And there Argo with her chosen train,
And other wars may yet the daring people demand,
And third Achilles thundering at the walls of Troy.

But summons shall be time; then perfect bliss shall come
The seasons shall count the husbandman's home;
The earth no longer needs the gaping furrow's wail
The vine no longer needs the wanted pruning blade;
The sturdy plowman's ox shall with strange amaze
For all around, whatever he turns his gaze,
The fleecy sheep no more need, so shows not how—
He to assume his soft Tyrian plum,
And meads his own fair with upon the meed to graze.

The wool no longer needs the counterfeited hues
Which it's owned art its native tint subdues,
The ewe herself in pastly pastures shall
Or, as the lies, lie there in yellow flows,
Sweetening sheep assumes the scarlet dye,
Which with the lily shall meet in brilliant vary vie.
The Fates, prophesies to their kind decree
Bid accord all parts fate-fixed,
And fate, no longer, lion lie in a span,
Is lengthened out as when the world began.

Then son of mighty Jove! O progeny divine!
Assume, assume the honors that are thine.
Compassionate world, now reeling to and fro,
Distracted wildly with its load of woe
The land, the ocean wide, the very sky,
All—mind with guilt, all teem with misery.
Behold the nations what! Make no delay:
But come, assume the universal sway!

Oh that my life were long as I desire,
And strains—eternal still my soul inspire!
Then I alone shall celebrate in song,
And tell the glories which to thee belong;
With me Thracian Orpheus shall compare,
Though taught by Calliope to sing
Nor yet to Linus would the palm yield,
Though Apollo should assert his child.
Even Pan, and let his own Arcadia be
The Judge—himself would yield the victory to me.

Fair Babe! when first thy mother's face thou'lt see
Return in smiles the pangs she felt for thee.
Thy smile to her shall yield untiring joy,
That she's acknowledged by her godlike boy.
He sympathetic smile shall bless thee, child—
For he on whom no parent's love hath smiled,
No god hath welcomed as an equal guest,
Or yet a goddess with her love hath blest.

Toronto, Nov. 19th, 1887. W. J. M.

The Battle of the Bottle.

The County of Halton is, on a territorial view, an insignificant square, yet no other spot on the map of Ontario is more closely watched by outsiders. One would have supposed that its adoption of the Scott Act was a declaration of peace; that the battle of the bottle had been fought and lost by the champions of liquors; but facts show, if the press shows facts, that that adoption was not the declaration of peace but of war. The contention, however, is not about principles, but about means to an end which is simply temperance. If Halton should revert to the license system, the county will be cited as precedent that the Act had been tried there and failed. Such an occurrence would, however, show only failure; it would not determine whether the Scott Act or the County had been the cause; the inference would be against the county, provided the Act worked well elsewhere. Judging from press reports, the license would be an improvement on the present social anarchy prevailing in Milton. License, however, high, would merely regulate the evil; it would never abolish it:—the experience of centuries proves this. I like the word abolition better than prohibition; the latter means to forbid. A thing may be forbidden and do it for all that. The decalogue prohibits, yet the acts are daily done. Besides true men, the only class worthy of consideration in the formation of restrictive measures is moderate drinkers; they are spoiled sober men, yet incomplete drunkards. This is the hardest class to deal with, and for many reasons:—they are legionary, respectable well to do and argument; yet this is the very class from which incorrigible drunkards are made. Formerly many clergymen were in the ranks, but the force of public opinion has made them step out, with a lingering look back. This accounts for intermediary letters from some that have fare falling behind in the moral march of progress.

JOHN IRELAND.

CANADA'S CROPS.

Following is a summary of the report of the Bureau of Industry for November, and of agricultural statistics for the year.

Fall wheat is a fine sample and the yield is large; but owing to the effects of rain and rust spring wheat is a serious failure, both in quality and quantity.

The bulk of the barley was discolored by a widely extended rain storm at the harvesting season.

Oats are below the average quality, having rusted in the ripening stage.

Rye is a fair average in yield and quality, but the area in crop is steadily decreasing.

Peas and beans were affected by spells of dry and wet weather in July and August, and they ripened unevenly; the pea-bug has almost wholly disappeared.

The growing and ripening season for corn was short, cool and rainy, and much of it is soft in consequence; in Lake Erie counties it has done fairly well.

Sorghum is generally a failure, and farmers are ceasing to grow it.

Buckwheat has given a good yield and the quality is excellent but in localities it was hurt by early frosts.

The potato crop has suffered severely from the rot. In all the southern parts of the Province, from the Detroit river to the Ottawa, fully one-half of it is destroyed, and the disease continues its ravages in the pits and cellars. In the northern parts of the Province but little harm has been done.

Turnips are sound and in moderately good supply, and the accounts of mangel wurzels and carrots are uniformly favorable.

The midge has wrought havoc with the seed clover. It is only where the fields were pastured until the beginning or middle of June and then left to grow for seed, that fairly successful results have been obtained.

The new crop of fall wheat has been sown in good condition, and it has a promising appearance.

Good accounts are received of the fruit crop. In the older counties there has been a surplus of excellent quality, and large quantities have been shipped to England and the Northwest. Pears have been moderately plentiful in western districts, and also in two or three eastern counties. The supply of peaches was confined to sheltered orchards in the Niagara peninsula. A good surplus of plums is reported for the northern and eastern districts, but black knot and the curculio have been destructive in the West Midland and Lake Erie counties. The black knot has also wrought great damage to cherry trees, and cherries were scarce and of poor quality. Grapes and small fruits were very abundant. Fruit trees have made fine growth during the season and are generally in a healthy state.

Live stock are in good condition. The swine plague caused serious loss in some western localities early in the fall season, but there remain now only a few scattered cases. The market for live stock is reported dull, a comparative absence of demand and low prices being the rule. A good many sales of cattle off the grass have been made for the British markets. There is a continued decrease in the number of sheep, owing, it is stated, to the low price it wool. The dairy industry has been very dull, and sales of cheese and butter in the early part of the season were made at low figures.

CATARRH—A NEW TREATMENT.

Perhaps the most extraordinary success that has been achieved in modern medicine has been attained by the Dixon treatment for Catarrh. Out of 2,000 patients treated during the past six months, fully ninety per cent. have been cured of this stubborn malady. This is note the less startling when it is remembered that not ten per cent. of the patients presenting themselves to the regular practitioner are benefited, while the patent medicines and other advertised cures never benefit one at all. In striking with the claim now generally believed by the most scientific men that Catarrh is the 'germ' disease of living parasites in the tissue, Mr. Dixon at once adopted his use to the treatment. In this manner he claims the Catarrh is practically cured and the permanency is imparted, as cures are effected by him four years ago are cures still. No one else has ever attempted to cure Catarrh in this manner and no other treatment has ever cured Catarrh. The application of the remedy is simple and can be done at home, and the present season of the year is most favorable for a speedy and permanent cure, the majority of cases being cured at one treatment. Sufferers should correspond with Messrs A. H. DIXON & SON, 305 King Street, west, Toronto, Canada, and enclose stamp for their treatise on Catarrh.—*Montreal Star Nov. 17, 1887.* Nov 20.

The Thistle.

The Scottish thistle—said to be one of the claim most ancient badges on record—next our attention. The following is a legend for its adoption as the emblem of Scotland:—on one occasion in ancient times an army of Danes landed unobserved on the Scottish shore. Finding the Scots were encamped at a little distance, they resolved, contrary to their general rule, to endeavor to surprise them by night. Steadily advancing upon the enemy's camp they had nearly affected their purpose, and victory seemed already within their grasp, when one of the barefooted invaders trod upon a thistle. He was unable to suppress a cry of pain. The alarm was given, the Scottish warriors flew to their arms and fell upon their assailants, whom they defeated with great slaughter. In gratitude to the plant which had thus guarded the sleeping camp, it was henceforth assumed as the ensign of Scotland. The device, with the appropriate motto, "Nemo me impune lacessit," distinguishes the Order of the Thistle, instituted in the sixteenth century.—Chamber's Journal.

CONSUMPTION CURED.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis Catarrh, Asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his fellow sufferers. Actuated by this motive and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 149 Powers Block, Rochester N. Y.

Mistletoe for Kissing Purposes.

No English lady considers her home decorations for Christmas complete, until a little sprig of mistletoe, no matter how small, is hung over one of the doors on the inside of the house. Upon this day, "if a gentleman discovers a lady standing under the mistletoe, he has a right to kiss her."

If this ancient and honored custom be comes as popular in America as it has been for centuries in Europe, it will be largely due to the Emporia (Fla.) Gazette, which, by the way, is published in Volusia County, Florida, which is famous for its Semmery Winters and Orange Groves; for this journal has prepared packages of mistletoe (a parasite and a native of Florida) which it will send to any address upon upon receipt of five 2 cent stamps to cover postage, &c. The Gazette has published a "Florida Catechism," that gives full and accurate information upon all subject of interest to tourists or settlers, which it will mail to any applicant, with a sample copy of its paper, upon receipt of two 2 cent stamps.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Stratford bakers are selling bread for three cents the small loaf.

Earl Rosebery says the coming Parliament will be short-lived.

Thebaw pleads in extenuation that his Ministers deceived him.

Tenders will, in a few days, be called for deepening the Welland Canal.

One of the chief products of the Congo is Indian rubber.

A brand of the Irish national league has been formed at Dundas.

A pointer dog was recently sold in New York for $2,700.

The project of drying up the huge Zuyder Zee is being urged in Holland.

The Week says Professor Goldwin Smith is just recovering from a severe illness.

It is possible that Sir David Macpherson will not return to Canada before March next.

The rebel Cacares has succeeded in capturing Lima and overturning the Peruvian Government.

The New York Chamber of Commerce has passed resolutions deploring the decline of American shipping.

A new island two miles long and 250 feet above the water has been thrown up near the Tonga Islands.

Ex-Queen Isabella has now determined to go into retirement at Seville in order to be near the young Queen Christina.

There was an increase in the public debt of the United States during last month of $8,467,000.

A Montreal ice merchant has received an order for seven thousand tons of St. Lawrence ice from a Chicago firm.

Lord Tennyson receives $1,000 per annum and a butt of Malmsey wine, as poet laureate of England.

The Mikado of Japan desires the establishment of English schools with English teachers in his empire.

A medallion portrait of Sir Walter Scott is about to be placed in the Poets' Corner of Westminster Abbey.

The porte has notified Greece that its consul will be expelled from Crete, and this is expected to lead to trouble.

Nothing but a part of the foundation now remains of the house in which Shakespeare spent the latter portion of his life.

The Daily News thinks an anti-Parnell coalition between the Liberals and Conservatives impossible, while The Times advocates such a policy.

At Milwaukee, Wis., eighteen of the largest of twenty-three flour mills are now idle, and the daily production has been reduced to 2,300 barrels.

The strike of glass workers in Pittsburg, Pa., which had lasted for one year and two days, was ended last week by a compromise.

The practical difficulty Ireland will find in Home Rule is the difficulty of raising a revenue of not less than £5,000,000 a year to support the necessary expense.

Journal de St. Petersburg attacks to Lord Salisbury the responsibility for causing the bloodshed between Servia and Bulgaria.

A decision has been given by which the Hamilton Powder Company has been fined $500 for storing powder without a license.

The Burmese welcomed the English everywhere. King Theebaw was driven to the steamer for transport to Rangoon in a bullock cart.

The German government has in contemplation the submission of a measure to the Reichstag which will give it a monopoly of the spirit trade.

A scheme is reported to be under way for piping natural gas from Oil City, Pa., to Buffalo for heating and illuminating purposes.

An old rounder says paralysis is caused by canned goods. It is also certain that some of it comes through bottled goods.—New Orleans Picayune.

The Guelph Scott actors propose to vote for no one for school trustee who is not a prohibitionist. Very foolish of them.—Woodstock Sentinel-Review.

A religious weekly says: "The man who whistles hardly ever swears." It is different with the man who hears him. The latter hardly does anything else at such times.

It is calculated that there are in Canada from 10,000 to 15,000 lacrosse players, 5000 curlers, 4000 snowshoers, 3000 or 4000 cricketers, 2000 football players, 1000 rowing men, 1000 baseballists, and 1000 bicyclists.—New York Sun.

A few months ago a young man in California shot him self because his sweetheart had refused him. He recovered from the wound, however, and a few days ago the young woman killed herself because he refused to marry her.

The Department of Agriculture will commence the shipment of Canadian exhibits for the Colonial and Indian Exhibition towards the end of this month, and will not accept any articles for transmission later than the first week in February, 1886.

A friend of the fair sex declares that a raw potato is more effectual in beautifying the complexion than cosmetics. The face should be rubbed with the vegetable, then washed, and then a gentle friction. Ladies are advised to keep a raw potato on the wash stand at all times.

Musuros Pasha, now retired and devoting himself to Dante, held the post of Turkish ambassador at London thirty-four continuous years, and as he had little else to do, he learned English and all the continental languages, besides Latin, Greek and several other things.

Counterfeit five dollar bills of the Bank of British North America have been circulated broadcast throughout the Province of Quebec by a gang of German forgers, and a number of banks and store keepers have been victimized by them. Counterfeit Dominion bills, dated Toronto, June 16th, 1879, are also in circulation in Montreal.

The traffic receipts of the Canada Pacific railway for October were $915,638, and the net profit $392 798, an increase over the profit for October of last year of $95,348. The gross earnings for the ten months ending October 31st totalled $6,824 491, the net profits being $2,682,179, an increase of $1 906,816 over the profits of the corresponding period in 1884.

THE PREVAILING OPINION.—The Montreal Star, an Independent newspaper whose editorial utterances have not in the past been over friendly to the Liberal party, admits editorially that "If Sir John ventures to meet the present parliament again, he will in all likelihood find himself in a minority. His best chance of retaining power is an appeal to the country." Our contemporary in saying this gives expression to the prevailing opinion.

The Canadian Medical and Surgical Journal for December contains the following original communications: "Innervation of the Heart of the Slider Terrapin," Dr. T. W. Mills; "Pelvic Cellulitis," Dr. B. Whiteman; and "Quarterly Retrospect of Surgery," Dr. F. J. Shepherd. There are eight interesting reviews on various subjects; there are reports of the proceeding of the Medico-Chirurgical Society of Montreal, and the Chatham Medical and Surgical Society, selections, editorials, correspondence, &c., &c. Published by the Gazette Printing Co., Montreal, at $3 per annum in advance.

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REFUSED TO BE VACCINATED.—A lady traveller from Montreal to Renfrew reports that on the same train with with her was a young lady who refused to be vaccinated by the doctor who was examining the passengers. The medical officer politely argued with the anti-vaccinator two or three times but finding her determined, he called two assistants; and while they held her arm he cut through her silk jacket and dress, and performed the operation.—Mercury.

Complaint is made of great laxity in carrying out the Chinese restriction laws in British Columbia and California. In the first-named place the customs authorities on whom the work devolves, do not care about the extra duties and there is continual smuggling to and from the United States. The restrictive law has been in force since 1882 but it has had very little effect in decreasing the Mongolian population on the Pacific coast, as we learn from the report of the customs authorities that 18,000 Chinamen have landed at San Francisco alone, and of that number nearly 4 000 were permitted to land without the legal customs certificate. In consequence of these irregularities, the Knights of Labor in the Province, in convention assembled, have resolved to systematize anti Chinese movement in every city and town, and call on the labor organizations in the East to extend their sympathy and aid in the passage of an act to effectually prevent the arrival of any more Chinese.

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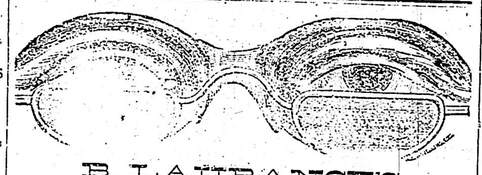

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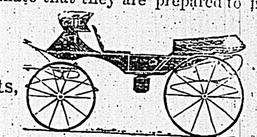

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A YOUNG GIRL'S WOOING.

BY E. P. ROE,

Author of "His Sombre Rivals," "From Jest to Earnest," &c., &c.

"I certainly never did with any friends of mine. On this very walk you told me that you were not my sister, and added, 'There is no use in trying to ignore nature.' See how true this last assertion is proving, now that I am seven under your influence, and so enjoy your society that I cannot ignore nature. During all those years when you were growing from childhood to womanhood I treated you as a sister, thought of you as such. Even when you were an invalid, and I was stupid enough to call you 'lackadaisical,' your presence always gave me pleasure. You always appeared to have a sister's affection for me, and your words and manner proved that I had brought some degree of brightness into your shadowed life. In learning to love you as a sister in all those years, wherein did I ignore nature? During my acquaintance my feelings did not change in the least, as I proved by my attempt at correspondence, by my greeting when I saw me. Then you perplexed and worried me more than you would have, and I imagined all sorts of things about your being engaged after your visit with Fred Wilder. Like a girl, I felt that I understood you fully at last. Indeed, even since your return of the little Wilder crew from drowning my old feelings have been coming back with tenfold force. I can't help caring for you, of being proud of you. I have my confidence tonight just as I felt it, and unhesitatingly as if we had been rocked in the same cradle, and been wearying you with this long, tedious and preamble?"

"No, Graydon," she said, in a low tone.

"I am very glad. I don't think of myself to night as a very humiliating contrast to one that I could have wished my sister, as you are, or rather, as you have been, were there a second one to us. If I didn't trust you I would speak of it, for when I felt that I had Honey as well as my sister, I felt I had been duped. I've been a fool and a tool, and the consequences have been grave enough. Fred has so much quiet humor, that I was obtained in many instances of immense importance to me, absolutely vital to me. I can't think of what might have been, and I am overwhelmed at times when I think of my error. I felt that Miss Wildmere was a good fellow Arnault to me, and consequently her manner. This impression was skillfully, and at times, in words, was utterly false. I have been in fault, I should have knew it, and he also, but I had lent Henry my horse, and was called in with me. Fred's jokes broke him down. They were too, had he not been a coward, they knew not how to take it, can't realize how I could have money sometimes. My impression of Miss Wildmere was as false as Fred's jokes. I have found in Miss Wildmere a lady, I have found in Grace! I had been trying that I would be worthy if I found Miss Wildmere. Now he is gone, and I will have to see her. I shall go to Fred's to see Miss Wildmere, and I will see Miss Wildmere. I think the better of you for your good sense, and for your sorrowfully - matter-of-fact," she continued, beginning to laugh, "to do anything more."

"Now, Graydon. Miss Wildmere was a delicate lady, and Miss Wildmere was a delusion and a snare, but there are many of true women in the world. I do say to you will meet the right one. I won't object to your friends, but probably would to sisters who are sisters."

"Graydon laughed a little bitterly as he said, "So you imagine that after my fiasco Miss Wildmere would be signally Graydon's man. But Stella's greeting

"I suppose you will think me a matter-of-fact, I have Miss Wildmere, I have the strongest affection for Henry as my brother, and I likewise for just what a sister is, Graydon, when I have a cold limp, shadowy life I had before. Everything just as it was, and I have lost the habit of so doing. I think the best way. You did not see Miss Wildmere as she was, but as you imagined her to be, and you blame yourself too severely because you acted as naturally would toward a girl whom you had so high a regard. If we stick to the actual, we escape mistakes and embarrassment. Everyone knows that we are not