FRIED ONIONS.

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It is a matter of history that Napoleon was a gourmand, an inordinate lover of the good things of the table, and history further records that his favorite dish was fried onions; his death from cancer of stomach it is claimed also, was probably caused from his excessive indulgence of this fondness for the odorous vegetable.

The onion is undoubtedly a wholesome article of food, in fact has many medicinal qualities of value, but it would be difficult to find a more indigestible article than fried onions, and to many people they are simply poison, but the onion does not stand alone in this respect. Any article of food that is not thoroughly digested becomes a source of disease and discomfort whether it be fried onions or beef steak.

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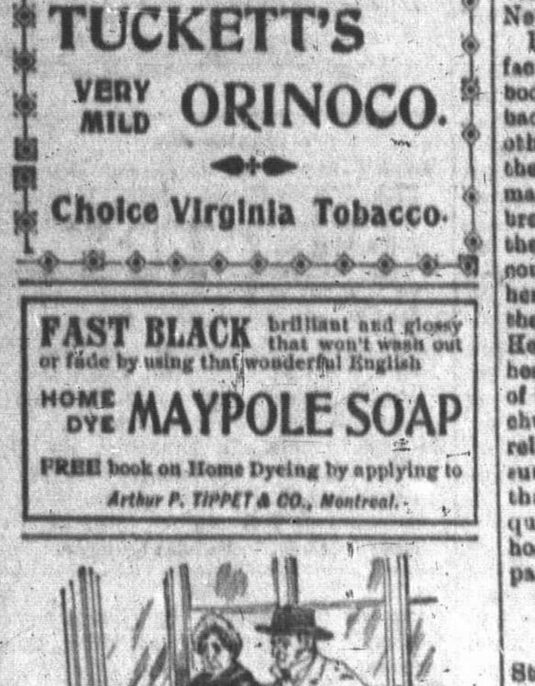
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SOLEMN WATCH SERVICES

HELD IN SEVERAL OF THE CITY CHURCHES.

"Ye Shall Henceforth Return no More That Way"—The Service in Sydenham Street Methodist Church—Midnight Mass Celebrated in St. Mary's Cathedral.

The old custom of watching the old year out was observed in, several of the city churches on Sunday night. Those good people who braved the storm and the blast attended the sacred services to pray that God might still lead them as He did His people in the past in the cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night. In St. Andrew's church a small congregation was gathered together at eleven o'clock to close the year in prayer and praise. Rev. J. Mackie gave a short address, the text being Deut. xvii, 16: "Ye shall henceforth return no more that way." No longer could the people place their feet in their former footsteps. The past is the past, and the year has gone into eternity full of the history of man. Few have any wish to return to the past; most of us hope it will be forever a wilderness. We look back upon the past and thank God that it is behind us. We rejoice that many dangers are past, and difficulties overcome. We do not desire to go through the battles again, or endure the ordeals or resist the temptations. We look with gladness to the assurance of the text that "Ye shall henceforth return no more that way." It is comforting to us to know that the path of life is an onward one of progress, ever brightening and expanding. It is comforting to us to know that the year has carried away with it so much of our labors and our trials, and that there is so much less to be done in our march onwards in the realization of the promise concerning the things which eye hath not seen or ear heard; and joyfully do we bow our heads beneath the billows which bear down upon us, for before us are the green pastures and pleasant waters, and sweet communion with Christ and God.

During the five minutes before the hour of midnight, a solemn prayer was offered, and as the church bells pealed out the birth of the new year, the words of the Gloria fell upon the ears of the bowing congregation: "Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be; world without end, Amen."

In Sydenham Street Church.

The watch night service at Sydenham street Methodist church was very well attended. There was a programme of solos, choruses and violin solos, hymns, in which the congregation participated, and addresses. The meeting throughout was entertaining. The "Recessional" was well rendered by Mr. Cunningham. Rev. T. C. Brown gave an earnest address on the written record of 1899. He emphasized the fact that all had been writing, and that the Lord of all is keeping the record; that sometimes the writing has been anything but self-consistent, profession being good but life action being indifferent. He wished all a happy New Year.

Rev. J. Elliott, B.A., emphasized the fact that by every thought and feeling embodied in word and deed we write good or bad for time and eternity on ourselves and others. He strongly advised for 1900 the consistent, persistent and absolute manifestation of truth as the God of truth breathes it into our nature. He showed the necessity for the exercise of an heroic courage, such as lived in the hearts of the heroes of the past who have helped to lift the world toward higher heights of being. He also recommended an unselfishness of heart and life akin to the unselfishness of the Master. To live thus, he said, the church's greatest creed is a real revival of religion; not a revival which is less than surface deep and leaves the church worse than it found her, but a revival of all those qualities which constitute christian manhood. The meeting closed at five minutes past twelve.

In St. Mary's Cathedral.

High pontifical mass was celebrated in St. Mary's cathedral on Sunday at midnight. A very large congregation was in attendance. His grace archbishop Gauthier celebrated the mass, and was assisted by Rev. Father Meagher as deacon, and Rev. Father Staley, Toronto, as sub-deacon. Rev. Father Mea was master of ceremonies. The choir's singing was a feature of the service.

A LONG FOUGHT CASE.

Justice Williams Decides in Favor of the Thousand Island Park Association.

The long contested litigation brought by Melvin D. Kinney against the trustees of the Thousand Island Park association and others, involving the control of the capital stock of the association, was decided by justice Pardon C. Williams at Watertown, N.Y., in favor of the defendants.

It is well known that there is a division of the members of the association regarding the way the park has been managed. Mr. Kinney was formerly president of the association, and conducted things at the grounds. He was succeeded by the present management, which in some respects has been more satisfactory, but has been violently opposed by many. Mr. Kinney had pledged a portion of the stock standing in his name with banks in Lowville and Clayton. This stock, it was claimed, was sold because Mr. Kinney did not make good his obligations.

Mr. Kinney, however, claimed that he was unlawfully deprived of his stock through collusion and he sought to have the court direct the defendants to disclose the whereabouts of his stock; that it be restored to him, and that the stock issued in place of it be cancelled. He also asked that the defendants be compelled to account for the management of the association during the past ten years.

Justice Williams by his decision directs that the complaint be dismissed. He also vacates the injunction in the action brought to restrain the voting of stock by the defendants. In all probability the case will be appealed.

LANGUID WOMEN.

Take the Help That South American Nervine Offers and be Well, Strong and Happy.

Miss Lucinda Butcher, of Teeswater, Ont., had a very severe attack of malarial fever. It left her very weak, languid, and threatened with nervous prostration. South American Nervine was recommended to her and she tried it. After taking a few doses she felt great benefit. She continued taking it until six bottles were used, when, to use her own words, "I was completely restored to health. I can recommend it as a great remedy." Sold by W. H. Medley.

Queen's, 5; Cornwall, 4.

Queen's hockey team played in Cornwall last night and defeated the team of that place by five goals to four. In the first half Queen's scored two goals, while Cornwall failed to tally. Queen's play in Ottawa to-night and in Morrisburg on Wednesday night.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Pithy Paragraphs About Persons at Home And Abroad.

David Plewes, Toronto, was a visitor to the city for New Year's.

Miss Lillie Brady left yesterday to spend a few days in New York city.

E. O. Strange, of the Merchants bank, Toronto, was in the city yesterday.

H. M. Drummond, Brockville, spent New Year's day with his parents.

Rev. M. Macgillivray preached in the Presbyterian church at Tweed on Sunday.

George Collins, Watertown, N.Y., was the guest yesterday of J. Johnston, Brock street.

Rev. Dr. Jordan addressed the children of Chalmers' Sunday school on Sunday afternoon.

A. J. Hanley, of the city, has been ordained to minor orders by Mgr. Bruchesi, Montreal.

Douglas Hastings, Syracuse, and Frank Purdy, Rochester, visited friends in the city yesterday.

Ex-alderman R. F. Elliott returned yesterday from Rodney, Ont. He is glad to be out of politics.

Mrs. (Dr.) Bowen, Gananoque, is the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Smith, Brock street.

D. H. Girouard, lawyer, Montreal, brother of major Girouard, died in Pasadena, Cal., on Saturday.

George Marsh, Elm street, left last night for Thamesville to work on a job for Elliott Bros., tinsmiths.

John McKelvey, of the firm of McKelvey & Birch, has been confined to his home for several days with illness.

Mrs. John Craig and Andrew Craig, Trenton, are visiting at the residence of James Craig, William street.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Sissons, spending holidays with relatives here, returned to-day to their home at London, Ont.

Miss Hattie Lazer, visiting her sister, Mrs. Frederick Oeerendorffer, Brock street, returned yesterday to her home in Potsdam.

D. B. Murray and wife, Percy L. and R. D. Murray spent the past two days with Rev. J. H. and Mrs. Turnbull, Bowmanville.

Rev. Mr. Dibb, Wolfe Island, preached in St. Paul's church on Sunday evening. He was unable to reach the city for the morning service.

Miss Lottie Laturney entertained a number of her young friends last evening to a party. An enjoyable time was spent by those present.

Miss Mabel Bailey sang delightfully at both services in Queen street Methodist church on Sunday. Her friends are proud of her musical capabilities.

Rev. M. W. and Mrs. Maclean returned to their home in Belleville to-day after visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Craig, Ontario street, for the past week.

Rev. E. T. Evans, late rector of Bath, has been chosen as one of the speakers at a convocation to be held in Watertown, N.Y., early in the new year.

The Ottawa Free Press correspondent says Capt. Bruce Carruthers is very popular with the men. He had good training as leader of the Kingston young liberals.

Rev. M. W. Maclean, Belleville, occupied the pulpit of Chalmers' church on Sunday at both services. In the morning Miss Macgillivray sang "The Birth of the King."

Miss Gertie Mills, daughter of George Mills, jr., University avenue, on Sunday night in Bethel Congregational church sang cardinal Newman's "Lead, Kindly Light."

Henry Joseph, Montreal, visiting Dr. R. T. and Mrs. Walkem for the past ten days, returned home to-day. Mrs. Joseph will remain for some time longer, as she is suffering from a cold.

On Sunday evening Rev. Fr. Kehoe, in Mary's cathedral, in extending a New Year's greeting to the people here assembled, stated that he wished his grace had been able to perform the pleasant duty himself. The archbishop, he announced, was suffering from a cold.

A FAREWELL BANQUET.

In Honor Of Sergt. Burton Who Goes to the Transvaal.

On Monday evening, January 1st, the Queen's hotel, Harrowsmith, was the scene of an event never to be forgotten in the history of the village. The occasion was a farewell banquet in honor of Sergt. Burton, of No. 5 company, 47th battalion, on his departure for South Africa to serve in the artillery going with the second Canadian contingent.

After the regular meeting of Athena lodge, No. 306, I.O.O.F., of which Mr. Burton is past grand, the members of the lodge, together with a large number of prominent citizens, assembled at the Queen's, where they dined in royal style, the tables groaning under their weight of good things and the room being artistically decorated with union jacks and evergreens. After supper all were entertained by the 47th battalion band from Sydenham, which turned out in full force to do honor to the occasion.

The guests were then called to order and Mr. Burton was presented with an address signed by A. Forsyth on behalf of Ottawa lodge, No. 306, I.O.O.F., and C. S. Stewart on behalf of the citizens, bidding him God speed and asking him to accept, as a small token of their regard and esteem, a purse containing $50 in gold. To this Mr. Burton replid in a few fitting remarks, expressing his appreciation of his friend's kindness and adding that although his leave-taking was attended with sorrow at parting with his many friends, he considered it his duty to go to South Africa in defence of his country, and wished all a happy New Year.

Short speeches were then delivered by Capt. A. Hunter, of No. 5 company, 47th Batt.; J. S. Gallagher, M.P.P.; J. Chown, J. D. Barton, J. W. Bertram, Dr. Lockhart, C. Walker, D.D.G.M., and James Gray, N.G. The band then rendered: "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow," "The Maple Leaf Forever," "God Save The Queen" and "God be With us Till we Meet Again." Afterwards the national anthem was sung and three cheers given for Sergt. Burton and three cheers for the queen.

Sergt. Burton is a Scotchman by birth, having been born in Glasgow, but has resided in Harrowsmith for the past seventeen years. He was loved and respected by everyone. He made application to go with the first contingent but was rejected on account of his height. Nothing daunted, he applied to go with the second and was accepted as driver in the artillery. "Billy" is whole-souled, honest boy and will be missed by all.

May Toss Up For It.

The leadership of the liberal section of the city council will fall to the lot of either alderman Kent or alderman Toye, or alderman Farrell, these being the oldest members of their party in the council. They will have to "flip" a coin to decide which one shall be generalissimo.

The Collender hotel changed hands yesterday, Samuel Harkness stepping out and Hunt Bros.—Patrick and Jeremiah—taking control.

The bicycle club kept open house yesterday and many visitors and members spent the day there.

WANT ONLY TRAINED MEN.

CHANCE FOR A FEW TRAINED SOLDIERS.

Recruiting at Tete de Pont Barracks About Concluded — Western Squads For The Batteries Arriving—Plenty of Good Horses — To Leave To-morrow Morning.

An air of peace, calmness and rest pervaded Tete de Pont barracks on Sunday and Monday. Nearly all the recruits accepted for service in the Transvaal were allowed out on pass to spend Sunday and Monday with relatives and friends. On Sunday the men enjoyed their annual New Year's dinner, which had been arranged for on that day in expectation that "D" battery detachment would leave on Monday for Ottawa, but an order arrived from headquarters cancelling the former order and appointing Wednesday morning at eight o'clock as the hour of departure. The detachment, in charge of Capt. Eaton, will leave by the Grand Trunk railway, Johnston street depot, at that hour.

"D" battery, which will mobilize at Ottawa will be composed of these men from Kingston: Sergt. major McIntyre, Sergt. Henderson, Sergt. Somers, Corpl. Kennelly, Corpl. Stinson, Br. Mattreis, Br. Smith, Br. Wagar; Grs. Lewis, Hopkins, Peary, Y. T. Bramah, E. J. Bramah, G. Brown, Décasse, Greene, Drs. Dickson, Somers, Forrest, Mintrim, Glenn, Chisholm, Pope, Hutchenson, Sargent, Lawes, Hinch trumpeter Barker.

Twenty horses of "A" field battery will be transferred to "D" battery and will be taken to Ottawa to-morrow.

The Winnipeg detachment, twenty in number, for service in "C" and "D" batteries, left the prairie city yesterday and will arrive here towards the end of the week. The Hamilton detachment, eighteen in number, will arrive here to-morrow. The Toronto detachment, twenty in all, will arrive at the same time. At St. Catharines twenty men of the 7th Welland field battery have enlisted and are expected at Tete de Pont barracks to-morrow. To-day eleven members of the 8th Gananoque field battery reached barracks. If necessary this battery can furnish additional men.

"C" battery will mobilize to-morrow. It was hoped to get the battery together to-day but at the last moment this was found impracticable.

Up to Saturday surgeon major Massie had examined hundreds of horses at Tete de Pont barracks and of this number he selected twenty fine animals. He is at Napanee to-day and will stop at different points between here and St. Catharines picking up suitable horses. At London and Hamilton a number of suitable horses have been picked up, and these will be overlooked by the battery surgeon.

Eighteen horses from Toronto reached Tete de Pont barracks to-day. They are fine looking animals. They are stabled in the riding school for the time being.

By the end of the week it is expected that at least 200 additional horses will be quartered here.

Capt. Leslie, "A" field battery, is in Toronto in connection with the establishment of the mounted infantry.

All the horses will have their tails docked here, according to regimental orders. They will not be clipped, however, until taken aboard ship and the icy north is left far behind.

It is expected that "C" battery will leave here on a day somewhere between the 15th and 20th for mobilization at Halifax.

While the establishment of "C," "D" and "E" batteries calls for a paymaster, one has not yet been appointed.

It is expected that the men of the permanent corps who are transferred to "C", "D" and "E" batteries will be mixed up among the sections and not confined to one, as at first expected. This will be necessary in order to give each section so many trained men to aid in educating the recruits in drill. It will be possible to drill the men in stationary gun work on board ship, but no field work can be taken up until the batteries arrive in South Africa. The three corps will be much stronger and reliable by having the trained men divided among the sections of each battery.'

Two sons of ex police sergeant Robert Carson, now of H.M. customs, enlisted Saturday. David and James Carson are well known throughout the city. They have been members of the 14th battalion and are following in the footsteps of their father, who is a veteran of and a pensioner from the imperial army. They are sturdy boys and will be a credit to the corps to which they have become members.

Surgeon major Abbott yesterday took over "A" field battery for the current month. With the absence of surgeon major Duff, the first named will have the permanent care of the health of "A" field battery.

Major Hudon has been notified that all future enlistments for service in the Transvaal must be trained artillerists, men who have attended camp as members of some artillery corps. Any number of green men can be obtained, but what is desired is trained soldiers.

A Cheap Hack.

Just a little exposure to this changeable weather gives one the "hack" which, when neglected, leads to pneumonia, congested lungs, or perhaps consumption, unless Four T's, the great guaranteed cough and cold cure, is taken, which does away with backing in twenty-four hours. Price 25c. Sold by druggists.

COFFEE HEADACHES

Left When Change Was Made to Postum Food Coffee.

"As long as I drank coffee, once every month regularly, I had a bilious sick headache. I had often read in the papers about Postum Food Coffee, but like lots of people, I thought you were praising your own goods to sell them.

"Finally I asked my husband to buy me a small package to try. I boiled it not quite as long as your directions said, and did not like it. The next morning I made coffee for breakfast and had a sick headache.

"The third morning I tried Postum again, boiling it about twenty minutes. Then it tasted good, and the longer I drank it, the better I liked it. That was about three months ago. We have had Postum ever since, and never in all this time have I had the least kind of a headache or been sick in any way.

"I told a brother-in-law of my experience. He suffered with bilious headaches, and was threatened with nervous prostration. He stopped coffee, and began using Postum Food Coffee, which he did not like at the first trial, but soon got so he liked it very much indeed, when they learned to make it right. It has cured him also.

"The following friends have been helped by leaving off coffee and using Postum: D. B. Wicatt, his wife and sister; J. H. Matthews, his wife and daughter. We are naturally very strong advocates of Postum Food Coffee." LILLIE E. MATHEWS, 466 24th street, Detroit, Mich.

CITY AND VICINITY.

Boys' Hockey Boots

The very latest at Abernethy's.

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Prevost, of the New York clothing store, has a great variety of suitings, consisting of Scotch and English tweeds. Also a fine selection of serges and worsteds. In panting we are showing extra value this season. A first-class fit guaranteed.

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A whole family suffering. A dull aching of nerve or muscle, or the acuter pangs of neuralgia, toothache, or lumbago makes life a misery. But nerviline—nerve pain cure—will relieve all these. Nerviline is powerful, penetrating and effectual.

Removed To Belleville.

The stock of the grocery and crockery store, Brock street, lately owned by James Waugh, but now the property of Mr. Miller, Belleville, was removed to the latter city on Friday and Saturday. Mr. Miller will sell the stock there by retail trade.

One Kind of Poverty.

When people grow sallow-faced and wrinkled it is a sign of blood poverty. Wade's Iron Tonic Pills contain the four best tonics known to science, and give color to the face by enriching the blood. They are a great blood maker and nerve strengthener. 50 pills in a box for 25c. at Wade's drug store.

James McCammon's Livery.

Corner Brock and Bagot streets, have purchased lovely new cutters, fine new low down pleasure sleigh, new robes and harness. Parties wanting an A1 turnout for funerals or weddings should call on or telephone 209. They can get best turn out in the city.

Letter From A Cadet.

R. Boyd Magee, Toronto, received a letter from his brother, J.K.G. Magee, a cadet of the Royal military college, who enlisted as a private in "C" company of the contingent. Mr. Magee, who is on the machine gun detachment, has been made senior corporal of the regiment, and put in charge of the Maxims.

Want To Engage A Missionary.

The Kingston presbyterial union wants to have a missionary appointed to travel and work on the northern part of the presbytery. A circular will be issued to Sunday schools and young people's societies asking for aid in furthering the project. The next convention will be held in connection with the September meeting of the presbytery at Kingston.

Pill Manufacturers Enraged.

The makers of the various pills on the market are greatly troubled over the new medicine, Merrill's System Tonic. It is doing away with their business. System Tonic is not only a positive cure for habitual constipation, but a blood purifier and builder as well as a tonic for every organ in the body. One 50c. bottle cures to stay cured. Sold at James B. McLeod's drug store.

Come Along, My Hearties.

The New York, Rochester, Buffalo and Elmira papers contain accounts of the proposed invasion of Canada and the capture of Kingston, Ont., by the Fenians of Oswego. The Clan-na-Gael of New York, it is said, has ordered $500,000 worth of Mauser rifles and ammunition. German residents of Syracuse have agreed to subscribe $100,000 to assist. Both the Irish and German residents of the Salt City are enthusiastic over the idea.

Death Of J. M. Fair, Jr.

The death occurred early on Monday morning of J. M. Fair, jr., Glenburnie, brother of W. J. Fair of this city, and son of ex warden Fair. Last Thursday Mr. Fair was taken dangerously ill with pneumonia. The disease developed rapidly and its progress could not be arrested. The news of Mr. Fair's death was a great shock to his friends in Kingston as he was in the city last week. Deceased was thirty-seven years of age, and leaves a wife and three children.

Capt. Kirkpatrick's Appointment.

A letter was received in Toronto from Capt. Kirkpatrick, who went to South Africa from Malta to enter active service in the campaign, and arrived at the Cape about the same time as the Canadian contingent. Capt. Kirkpatrick said in his letter that two days after his arrival, he had been appointed a special officer on the staff of Gen. Buller, in connection with the intelligence department. He had seen the Canadians, and said that they appeared to be a fine body of men.

To Cure Catarrh and Stay Cured.

You must use the most up-to-date and most approved method of treatment. This can only be had in Catarrhozone which cures by inhalation and is sure to reach the right spot. Treatments requiring the use of sprays, douches, snuffs, ointments are a thing of the past, and the medicated air treatment supercedes them all. There is no danger or risk in using Catarrhozone. It is both pleasant and effective to employ in any case of irritable throat, fetid breath, bronchitis, catarrh and asthma. For sale at all druggists. Price $1; trial outfit ten cents.

Edgar Birch Remembered.

On Saturday the employees of McKelvey & Birch, Brock street, assembled and made a presentation to their fellow worker, Edgar Birch, son of the last mentioned partner. The young man is a plumber in the employment of the firm and his friendly and genial manners have made him popular with all. The address expressed their profound admiration for the step he had taken to serve his country and his queen. His course was envied by his fellows, who regretted they could not accompany him. They wished him bon voyage and a safe return to these shores. A purse of money was then presented to him. Mr. Birch is a young man of fine physique and energetic disposition, who will win distinction before he returns to his native land.

To The Place Of Graves.

The opening day of the new year did not bring joy to all families, and by some it will be remembered as one of the darkest spots on their page of history. Yesterday afternoon the remains of the late Miss Etta Gillie were borne from the family residence to Cataraqui cemetery, followed by a very large concourse. Divine service was held at the home by Rev. John Mackie. The choir of St. Andrew's church was present, and during the service sang several hymns as they stood around the bier of the dead chorister. The coffin was hidden by flowers, many wreaths being contributed by sorrowing friends. Among these were a harp from St. Andrew's choir, a cross from the Oddfellows' relief association, and a wreath from the staff of the latter association.

In St. Andrew's church on Sunday morning Rev. Mr. Mackie made a touching reference to Miss Gillie's death. Her chair in the choir was draped in black, and upon it was laid the choir's floral offering. In their sore affliction the bereaved family is receiving the deepest sympathy of all classes.

LOOKING OVER THE PAST.

A CHAPTER OF LIFE CLOSED AND A FRESH ONE OPENED.

Take a Few Minutes To Yourself and Look Backward Over the Past Year—Resolve To Do Better—The Will Plays An Important Part in the Daily Drama.

Yesterday witnessed the birth of the last year of the nineteenth century—the drawing near of the end of the Victorian era, the closing of the most eventful century since that which marked the brief residence on earth of the Prince of Peace, inasmuch as civilization made greater strides and science delved deeper into the mysteries of nature and brought forth wonderous comforts and conveniences for the people of the earth; what men had seen in visions and dreamed of centuries before were made a reality. The one great regret is that the pall of war should overshadow the brightness of peace in this the closing year of the most illustrious century of the world's existence. But, narrowing the subject down to the individual, the incoming of the year forerunning the twentieth century affords an excellent opportunity for a retrospective view of personal affairs. There are none so perfect who cannot profit by looking over mistakes and resolving to build anew on the ruins. There is good philosophy in the maxim that bids us live in hope though we die in despair. Let there be a resolve that the hope of better things filling the breast to day will find fulfilment as life advances.

This is the time for good resolutions. It is much the custom to sneer at these and to manifest somewhat of contempt for them, which, indeed, is not without cause, seeing how often resolves are broken and how well paved with them is the road to perdition. But, for all that, the will plays a high part in the drama of our days. There is nothing that cannot be accomplished by a resolve. The will is an imperial fragment of the only one perfect Whole. It is the sole miracle-worker left us in these times of prose and figures. It alone can do what must be done and has a kind of reactionary power to raise a man above the limit of what he has always considered his ability.

Before the new year is a day older just take an hour to yourself—sixty minutes is a small allotment of time to devote to a retrospective review of personal affairs. Look back to the laws written on two tablets of stone so many thousand years ago and, judging yourself by the standard thereby set up, ask yourself what your record is as written in your life book? You are filling the pages of that book yourself, unaided. Are all the pages clean, free of blots and blurs? Bear in mind that some day you will be judged by the contents of that book, and your fate will be made known by a judge from whose decision there is no appeal. You might say that the laws written on the stone tablets, by Moses, are old fashioned, antiquated and out of date, and the standard of life they prescribe should not be exacted nor expected in these days of advanced enlightenment. If such a thought enters the mind, banish it forever. Recall the fact that death is old-fashioned—ante-dating the period of Moses—and that which comes after is not by any means a new fashion.

The will is the fulcrum whence the lever of resolve gains its lifting power and raises the individual out of the rut. Whatever one ought to do one can do. It is a subtle but strong proof of the divine goodness of things to perceive that the right is never impossible. Resolve to be just, virtuous, honest or ambitious, and by a constant application of the will it is impossible to be otherwise. Ability is not the measure of duty, but duty is the measure of ability. When a thing is right and our conscience lays it upon us to do it, then if we set about it, naturally and as a matter of course we gain strength to perform what duties we are ambitious to perform. It is a law of human accomplishment, that we become able to do only as we do. Boys and girls learn to swim only by swimming. A student of music accomplishes apparently insurmountable difficulties by constant practice. It is another version of the axiom that practice makes perfect. No one should be dismayed by any resolution because it seems hard. If it is but right it is possible. It is the glory of man that he alone can do the impossible. The man who rises beyond his strength, who does the apparently impossible, becomes akin to the Ruler of the Universe. There is no sense so sweet as mastery. Love is sweet and worthy the tributes paid it by novelists and poets, but loyal love has a divine sweetness, while love unmastered is at best but a refined animality. To indulge an appetite for alcohol or gambling is sweet, but to feel the force of this desire and to know that one's will is even greater than the desire is far sweeter. The will should be king. His subjects should, in obedience to him, have a wider liberty than any painted savage who roams in the wild forest of the soul.

Examine carefully, then, chapter 1899 of your life book. Look over the faults there recorded and determine to have a cleaner chapter for 1900. An architect having reared a house can see the defects, and tries to overcome them in his next attempt. Follow this example and let future years be an improvement on the past.

THE PORTSMOUTH ELECTION.

John Fisher Again Elected Reeve by a Substantial Majority.

John Fisher seems to be so firmly established in the reeveship of Portsmouth, that no power can shake his hold of it. He was again returned to power yesterday by a substantial majority. The electors of Portsmouth clearly recognize in reeve Fisher a judicious counsellor, one who takes every precaution in advancing the interest of the village. It is about the eighth year in succession he has held the reeveship. One old councillor, Alfred Simmonds was dropped at the polls yesterday. J. Halliday taking his place. J. Mathewson, a printer, led the poll for councillors, having a plurality of seven votes. He served his apprenticeship in the Whig job department. James Halliday and Thomas McCammon polled a tie, but had a sufficient number of votes to elect them. Richard Baiden, another old reliable, polled the second highest vote, having eighty-nine to his credit. The result of the vote was:

Reeve—John Fisher, 93; John Marks, 59.

Councillors—J. Mathewson, 96; R. Baiden, 89; J. Halliday, 80; T. McCammon, 80; A. Simmonds, 51.

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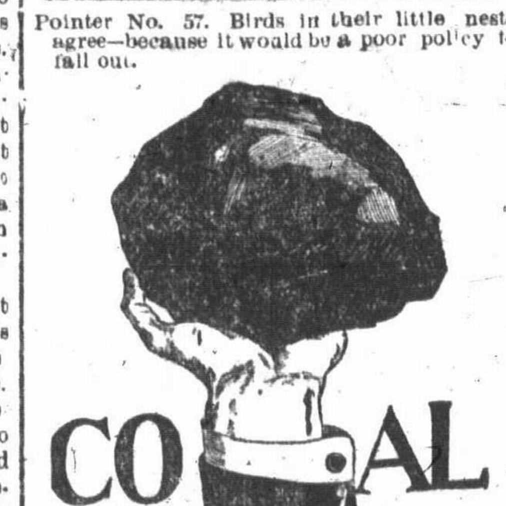
Pointer No. 57. Birds in their little nests agree—because it would be a poor policy to fall out.



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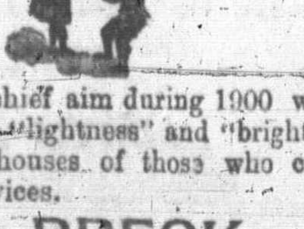

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