

Daily Guardian.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 31, 1890.

The Old Year.

The year which will close to-night has been in many respects more than usually eventful, and the political, scientific, and other movements which it has witnessed are likely to exercise a vast influence on the year that are to come.

The attention of the world has been for a large portion of the year centred on "Darkest Africa," the scene of the heroism and intrepidity of H. M. Stanley, whose amazing feats have in many ways brightened its dark recesses and very much reduced its inaccessibility to civilizing and Christianizing influences.

European peace, in spite of grave forebodings, remains unbroken, and the war cloud has not yet appeared. This happy condition of things notwithstanding the "preparations for war" which nearly every European nation has been making on an elaborate scale, is due to a great measure to the wise utterances of the young Emperor of Germany and the skillful and far-seeing statesmanship of Lord Salisbury.

The relentless persecution of the Jews by Russia called forth a storm of condemnation no less severe than that which the Siberian outrages, which still go on, provoked some little time ago. It would appear that France is desirous of bringing about an alliance with Russia as an offset to the Triple Alliance between Austria, Italy and Germany.

China and Japan have suffered from a succession of floods and earthquakes, and Japan has just held her first parliament. She progresses rapidly and the time, it would appear, is not far off when she will fall into line with all other civilized nations of the globe.

The power of the British Lion has been extended and finally consolidated in India, and the railway system of Cashmere which has just been inaugurated has forged a link with Great Britain which cannot easily be broken.

Imperial politics have been convulsed by the now celebrated Parnell-O'Shea divorce case, and the question of Home Rule for Ireland has been rendered more difficult than ever and postponed indefinitely. Parnell has rapidly lost power in Ireland and the result of the Kilkenny election shows beyond doubt that he will never regain it. McCarthy is the coming leader of Home Rule, and if this long cherished ambition of Ireland is ever to be obtained it can only be under the skilled, faithful, and honorable leading of such a patriot as he.

The greatest discovery of this and many past years has been that made by Dr. Koch, the now celebrated German physician, who claims to have found a cure for consumption. The medical world has been moved, and all intelligence received goes to prove that the eminent specialist's claim is not unfounded. Some experiments made with Koch's lymph have failed disastrously and brought about several deaths, but this has only been in those instances where the lymph was applied by unskilled hands. Koch and his assistants have been invariably successful, and in no case have their experiments resulted fatally.

In America the only thing that calls for notice is the McKinley Tariff Bill which seems to have had a totally different effect over the realm of politics from that anticipated by its author and his fellow politicians. The Behring Sea difficulty between England and the United States remains a difficulty, and at the present time the balance between the two powers is being preserved by the operation of a *modus vivendi* which must, sooner or later, give place to a final settlement which it would be too much to hope, will give satisfaction to both parties. The difficulty with the Indians in North Dakota which has resulted in the death of the celebrated Chief, Sitting Bull and his son, together with several of the United States officers and men is almost settled and recent despatches give promise of an early cessation of hostilities.

Coming nearer home we review the past year with thankfulness. Temperance work in this Province has prospered all along the line, and temperance sentiment of the best kind is greater now than ever before. For this happy consummation we have to thank the Scott Act which provides such valuable machinery for temperance work as well as educative influences for those who are afar off—the ranseller of the insect and the lukewarm Judge.

Peters' famous decision regarding hop beer has been reversed and an immense impetus has consequently been given to the work of temperance. Drunkenness has largely diminished during the past year and if the Scott Act be sustained at the election on Thursday week we have abundant hopes that by this time next year we shall be able to report that Charlottetown has earned the right to be called the most sober city in the Dominion.

We Must Have the Tunnel.

It seems almost useless to protest against the gross and inexorable mismanagement of our winter mail service. Protests both loud and long have been made year after year ever since we entered the confederation, and yet the Minister of Marine does not appear to have exhausted his spite or the spite of the powers that be against us yet. If ever a province had cause to raise the cry of secession, we have, and unless something is done very soon, the cry will be raised. Why this studied neglect is practiced we know not. But one thing is sure. The Canadian politicians, notwithstanding their shouts about building up a Canadian nationality, do not care a snap of their fingers for Prince Edward Island and its needs. Our six representatives are not worth a button to them—numerically speaking—and as far as doing anything to secure the tunnel they are not worth much more than that to Prince Edward Island either. Therefore the Government feel they can afford to trifle with us and expend all their millions on the other Provinces whose votes are so necessary to their political being. We say this is grossly unfair, unstatesmanlike, and unpatriotic. If Ottawa does not want this Province to be a part of the confederation let it say so, and one hundred thousand Prince Edward Islanders will soon let it know that we are not a colony of paupers hanging on to confederation for support. But the trouble is also largely with ourselves. The politicians, both Dominion and local, are neglecting the one great issue that affects us, and wasting their energies over trifles; the press, both Conservative and Liberal, is almost as silent as the grave, and the people have never awakened to the necessity of a scheme which it would almost be worth their while selling the shirts upon their backs to secure a tunnel under the straits of Northumberland. At this moment while Conservatives are bragging about the increase of interprovincial trade, the Liberals shouting for reciprocity, and potatoes are selling at the rate of 75 cents a bushel just across the straits, thousands of dollars worth of produce is lying idle in our barns and warehouses and thousands more are imprisoned in vessels detained by the ice. What good can either interprovincial trade or reciprocity be to us under such conditions? How can we ever be a prosperous and contented people? The tunnel must come and probably the people of this Province would be no poorer than they are to-day in ten years time if they undertook to build it themselves.

Censure of Messrs. Laird and McNutt.

We are not altogether in accord with the resolution of the Prince County Temperance League in censuring Messrs. Laird and McNutt in the evasive answers they gave on the license question. Their replies were not as candid as we could wish, but we believe they indicate opposition to the principle of license. Of course it is a difficult question to decide what would be best to do in case of the defeat of the Scott Act here, and while license is wrong it must not be forgotten that to refuse to pass any liquor law is practically to legalize the sale of liquor.

The "Examiner's" Assumption.

I remember during Robert Ingersoll's palmy days of seeing a cartoon in the American papers in which Ingersoll appeared with mallet in hand chipping away at the pedestal of the Christian faith. A small boy appears on the scene and asks, "Why don't you build a better statue and then we'll pull down the old one?" To which Ingersoll replied, "You go West, I am not an architect." Such a cartoon would very aptly illustrate the attitude of the Examiner in this Scott Act campaign. In Saturday's issue the following appeared:—"The editor of THE GUARDIAN has taken the trouble to obtain from the members of the Legislative Council an assurance of that which the Examiner assumed from the beginning, viz: that a license law will not probably pass the Legislature." Is it not somewhat singular that if the Examiner had good ground for any such assumption that it allowed the discussion to be conducted through its columns, editorially and otherwise, as though the real issue before our people at present were license high or low versus the Scott Act, when according to its assumption it is not that, but free rum and the Scott Act?

Does it not seem to the intelligent editor of the Examiner that destruction without construction is the work of folly and wickedness, requiring neither brains, heart nor character. When we see in a paper for which we always have had so much respect articles with such captions as "The Scott Act Must Go," we do think that something better ought to be offered in its place. Now will not the Examiner build a better statue and then we'll pull down the old one. Give us some more satisfactory reply than Ingersoll gave the boy. "You go West, I am not an architect."

J. A. G.

THE KOCH CURE.

Advantages and Dangers of the Lymph.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—Your correspondent interviewed Professor Virchow, the foremost pathologist in the world, and obtained a view of Dr. Koch's lymph. The assay was full of scepticism at first and assumed me that one of the American students in his laboratory had begged for one drop of lymph in order that he might go to Philadelphia and establish a new hospital.

"It is absurd," he said, "that doctors in all parts of the world are about to inject this powerful poison into the bodies of men before Prof. Koch has made known the results of large or long-continued doses upon animals. It is highly dangerous and indiscreet to have an unknown, untried fluid used by inexperienced men in all stages of disease and non-disease. Those who use it should at least know what elaborate experiments with animals proved. I cannot express an opinion as to the reason why the lymph affects the tissues inhabited by bacilli until Prof. Koch tells us what it is made of. We must have the tuberculous tissue taken from the living patient before the lymph treatment and thence taken from the same spot after treatment in order to judge what the action is. Otherwise we may mistake changes caused by the disease itself for changes caused by the lymph. The best clue I have found to the real action of the lymph is in cases of tuberculous affections of the larynx. Under ordinary treatment tubercles form on the edge of the vocal bands and are finally detached, leaving then ulcers which do not really heal; but the difficulty has been that these tubercles develop so slowly by the time one set of tubercles have detached themselves another set have sprung up in another spot. Prof. Koch's lymph accelerates the growth and segregation of the tubercles in the larynx so greatly, and they are fully grown and ready to be quickly, that before new ones can appear we can heal the whole larynx. It is very clear to me that the lymph is dangerous for children and for persons in advanced stages of phthisis. In the case of children it brings on pericardial inflammation of the lungs, and in advanced phthisis it is apt to destroy the lungs. In cases of tubercular meningitis the fluid is likely to cause a fatal inflammation of the brain tissues. No doubt the remedy brings on astonishing changes in lupus and apparent cures are effected. As for the tuberculous of the lungs, some cases in the early stages of the disease show a slight improvement. The patient claims to feel better, the weight improves, and there is less sputum; but in my opinion these results are mostly psychological. The patient's mind and system are affected and stimulated by the knowledge that he is receiving a new remedy which is said to effect a quick cure. No tests made now, in this time of excitement, are much to be trusted. We must have a period of quiet before the real search for results can be made, for patients must be in a normal condition. It will take a year or two before we can tell whether Prof. Koch's lymph is effective in phthisis. It is possible that by careful experimenting in two or three years we may be able to use this lymph successfully in combination with some other compound, and so cure phthisis in its first forms. I do not admit that Prof. Koch's lymph is a perfect diagnostic in all forms of disease caused by tubercle bacilli. It is a diagnostic, and a very remarkable one, but in the days occupied by the present public experiments we already find no bacilli existed, and also failed to act where bacilli were found. The point I make is this, the lymph is not absolutely certain as a diagnostic. There is one good service which it renders science. It proves that several differing maladies are caused by the same bacillus, such as lupus, strumous, bone and joint tubercles, and phthisis. When I asked Prof. Virchow what he thought of the announcement that Pr. J. Russell, of Scotland, had discovered the microbes of cancer, he laughed and said: "With God everything is possible. Great is Allah. I had an idea cancer existed without a microbe; but if Dr. Russell discovered one then I make him a hero to the microbes as also to the doctor." Before Dr. Loomis left for New York last week I interviewed him. He said:—"I was sceptical at first, but now I consider the lymph the greatest medical discovery of modern if not of all times."

I saw yesterday in Dr. Von Bergmann's private ward an Englishman cured of a nine years' lupus. With sixteen injections of less than one-eighth of a drop of lymph diluted he was cured of what was considered an absolutely fatal disease. All around me were cases of wonderful cures. Professor Von Leyden, the great internal medic, told me he would use the lymph on his own child if improvement in advanced cases of lupus or scrofulous. He advised the use of the lymph.

Dr. Loomis said every drop of the fluid was worth at least \$1,300, as a dilute drop will furnish over 130 injections of average strength, and any reputable American physician can get \$10 for each injection. As a phial contains about 80 drops, its present actual commercial value is \$78,000. The doctor said a drop is worth three times more than a five-diamond of the same size.

THE KOCH CURE. Many medical men who came here from abroad to study the Koch treatment are leaving with their hopes of its success abated. Some specialists continue their demonstrations of the treatment, but others have ceased to offer enquirers further facility. Prof. Bergmann, upon concluding his demonstration, said that he had made injections in 200 cases, but would not pronounce definitely upon the results or the method of treatment until a year had elapsed.

Too Timid.

An English exchange says: "One reason why the Christian Churches of to-day are so ineffective to grapple with the evils in our midst is because they are afraid of driving out a few tipping, liquor loving members, who hang as a weight upon them. The drink question lies at the bottom of all the great social problems that are claiming attention, and the Christian Church ought to take the lead in dealing with them. If they do not, a grand opportunity will be lost. Until the Church of the Living God is clean from all share in this most unholty traffic she has little right to look for the respect of thinking people or to expect much success to attend her efforts."

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A Puzzling Situation. At a distance of three thousand miles or more the following circumstance has a distinctly humorous look. It happened in Potsdam, near Berlin, last Sunday. A certain widow, by name Wachtelhausen, had a daughter Amelia, who had gone to Nice for her health, and had there died. The mother telegraphed to an undertaker in that city to forward the body to her. This was apparently done, and in due time arrived a box enclosing an elaborate coffin, which in its turn was supposed to contain the body of the maiden. Just as the ceremonies of the funeral were about to begin, the mother insisted upon having the coffin opened, which was done forthwith, and in place of the young girl there was found the body of an old Russian military officer dressed in uniform decked out with medals and holding a sword in his hand. Telegrams were immediately despatched to Nice, and it was learned that the bodies had been mixed up; the maid had gone to St. Jean de Losne, in the Rhone, and the Russian junkies were interrogated in every direction. To-day an answer came saying that the body of the young lady had been duly buried with full military pomp and circumstance, and a general holiday had been enjoyed in the town to do reverence to what was supposed to be the officer's memory. What to do with the Russian is now puzzling the widow.—Ex.

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L. O. A., B. A. THE Annual Meeting of Crapaud District Orange Lodge, will be held at Derry Lodge Room, Long Creek, on TUESDAY, 13th January, 1891, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m. Primary Lodges in said District will please forward returns at once to District Secretary. J. I. MACLEOD, District Recording Secretary. Crapaud, Dec. 30.

L. O. A., B. A. THE Annual Meeting of the Strathclyde District L. O. Lodge, composed of Primary Lodges, Nos. 1047, 1048, 1127, 1154 and 1207, will be held in Calvin Lodge Room, 15-Adelaide, on TUESDAY, 13th January, 1891, at 2 o'clock, p. m. Primary Lodges are requested to forward returns. A. M. ROSS, D. Sec. Bradbane, Dec. 20-21

I. O. G. T. THE Semi-annual Session of the Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Good Templars, will be held in Charlottetown, on THURSDAY, 15th January, 1891, commencing at 11.30 a. m. Tickets at one single first-class fare can be obtained by delegates at all railway stations on the 14th and 15th good to return on the 16th January. A. D. FRASER, G. Sec'y.

I. O. G. T. VICTORY DISTRICT LODGE will meet in the Orange Hall, Lower Montague, on the 9th day of January, 1891, at 10 o'clock, a. m. A good attendance is requested. WM. H. BEERS, District Secretary. Dec. 30

NOTICE. THE Annual Meeting of the Presbyterian Congregation of Woodville and Little Falls will be held in the Woodville Church, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1891, at 11 o'clock, a. m. By order of the Trustees. DUNCAN CRAWFORD, Secretary. Woodville and Little Falls, Dec. 30-31

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