

Canada's Martyr.

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Confederation,—glorious men! A nation new to earth is born. By joyful birth—peace all around Her place among her peers is found. From bloodless death, her life,—loud ring! The king is dead, long live the king. Loud ring the bells, greet hand with hand; Let joy and cheer pervade the land. Glad praise to Heaven! From o'er the main Come congratulations,—cheer again! Our birth well-omened, God our trust, What promise more—what claim more just!

Low toll the bells—press hand to hand; There's sorrow now in all the land. Lift eye to heaven—speak not one word, Our country weeps, her heart is stirred. Eyes fill with tears on every hand, Even hearts are sad in foreign land. Well may she mourn, our country now, And garland lay on martyr brow; Well may she bid her sons draw near, To join for peace, around the bier. For in her soil has blood, as seed Been sown, for peace 'twixt race and creed.

A patriot fire that could but burn; A wrong first step that well did turn; That could but rouse fanatic ire, But earth's seed dies, and new life gives, The martyr falls—his cause now lives. "And though from many lands we come, To make thee, Canada, our home, Thy people many shall be one." These last words spake the martyr-son, For son of the new life was he, And martyr, too—D'Arcy McGee.

By faith in One, whose very birth, Proclaimed good-will and peace on earth, Have gone forth two, with life in hand, To do and say at God's command, Let men be true, let men be free, Their memories speak—Lincoln, McGee! Now, peace, be still. No tumult wave Of hate and strife above his grave, And bring his kindred, o'er the soil That drank his blood! As peaceful oil, Upon the surge of strife, will be, The blood of one we mourn—McGee.

Herat.

Herat, the city in Afghanistan that the Russians would like to possess in opposition to the wishes and interests of England, has extraordinary advantages as a stronghold. The great high roads from Kabul, Teheran, Balk, Bokhara, Khiva, Meshed, Seistan and Kandahar, all meet in it. It has a splendid climate, and lies in a fertile valley. What is of most importance is that it is surrounded by the greatest earth, works ever seen, the origin of which like the origin of the place itself, is lost in remote antiquity. The town, which is a small square, is surrounded by an earthen parapet, if one may call it so, which measures 250 feet at its base, and is 50 or 60 feet high, and surrounded by a wall 9 feet thick at the base and 18 feet high. In addition to this there is a wet ditch 45 feet wide and 15 feet deep. In fact, if the Russians got into it, it would be almost impossible to get them out. The Persians tried to capture it in 1838 under a Russian leader, Borowski, but were beaten off by the Afghans under Eldred Pottinger. In 1856, the Persians occupied it, also under Russian inspiration, but were compelled to evacuate in the following year, under pressure of British invasion of Persia itself, in which the Persian army was ruined in a single engagement. Abdurrahman Khan, who is on every friendly terms with the English, will probably now be subsidized for garrisoning it with heavy force and be supplied with improved guns, or he will be paid for letting the English occupy it. Otherwise there will be no sleep for unfortunate British taxpayers, for whom the morning news from every quarter of the globe is now so full of terrors.—N. Y. Evening News.

Craze for Gum Benzoin.

"As we are speaking of crazes, let me tell you of a very amusing craze that developed right here in St. Paul in 1869," said a druggist to a Pioneer press man. "Nearly all the druggists keep a little gum benzoin on hand. At the store where I was then employed we had about ten pounds. There was, ordinarily, very little call for the article, but all of a sudden there sprang up a great demand for gum benzoin. Ladies fairly poured into the store, each to order one ounce of gum benzoin and half a pint of whiskey. Druggists in various parts of the city sent around to us for supplies. We didn't know what to make of it. The 10 pounds soon gave out, and we had to telegraph east for more. Inside of a month, I presume, at least 500 pounds of gum benzoin were sold to ladies in this city. Then the craze let up nearly as suddenly as it came on. When we got at the bottom facts in the matter, we found that there had been a woman here from the east lecturing to females only, and she had recommended a mixture of gum benzoin, whiskey and water for the complexion."

A Fine Rebuke.

A minister once told me of the fine rebuke he got from Chalmers. He had visited a man on his death-bed who was delirious, and returning home met Chalmers. "Well," said he, "did you pray with him?" "No, he was delirious; but I prayed with the family." "Ah! you did very wrong, sir. Who knows but that some old train of thought might have been stirred up by the tones of a familiar voice? You did very wrong, sir." In that region Chalmers was one of the greatest men of our country. He was not a speculative thinker, but he was especially great in all questions when the truth aids the intellect.—Dr. Duncan.

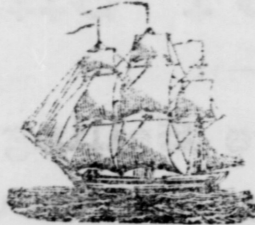
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The Queen of Portugal has just had a delightful frook made in England. This one has a plain skirt made of a rich, soft brown silk, brocaded in a handsome design, in which the flowers are outlined in pale blue in an unusually refined shade of that popular colour. A tunic of brown cloth, very fine and with a glossy surface (rough cloths are "out again"), draped over this, so as to come down to about the knees in front, whence it is caught high on either side. At the back, the cloth falls in admirably arranged folds over the brocade. There is a gathered waist-coat of very soft silk, matching the shade of blue in the brocade, and over this is a kind of zouave jacket of brown cloth, which reaches to the waist, and, though loose, falls in to the figure in a highly becoming way. It is edged all round with gold mess-buttons, placed as close together as on an officer's mess-jacket. It is a sweet frook, and if anything would tempt me to be a Queen (but nothing would!), says one who saw it, it would be some such dainty, little, perfect, chiffon as this.

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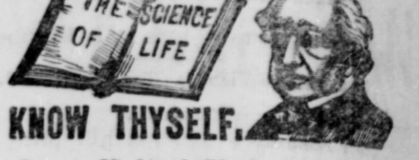
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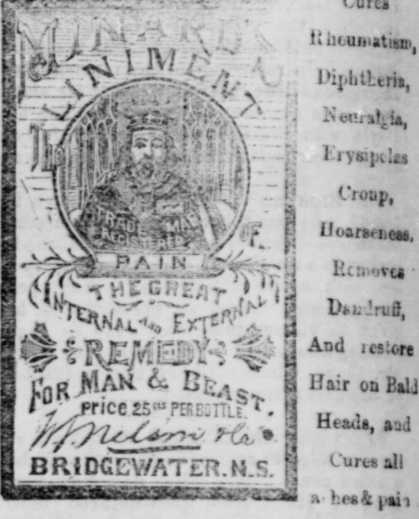
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