ELY ANNIVERSARIES.

Current Selections From History's Broad Page.

December 17.

Deborah Sampson born in Clinton, Mass.; in 1827; she served three years in the army under the name of Robert Shirtliff.

Ludwig von Beethoven, musical composer, born in Bonn; died in Vienna 1827.

John G. Greenleaf Whittier, poet, born in Haverhill, Mass.; died 1892.

Thomas Starr King, eloquent clergyman, born in New York city; died 1865 in San Francisco.

Simon Bolivar, the South American liberator, born 1783.

Rear-Commander William B. Cushing, U. S. N., destroyer of the Confederate ram Albemarle, died in Washington; born in Delafield, Wis., 1843.

Dr. Isaac Israel Hayes, the arctic explorer, born in New York city; born 1832.

Emanuel Bisletta, Italian composer, died in Turin; born 1823. Violent snow and rain storm in the northern and eastern states; many lives lost.

December 18.



PRINCE RUPERT.

Prince Rupert, famous military general in German and English royalist wars, nephew of Charles I, born; died in London

Queen Christina assumed the duties of government in Sweden.

1745—Battle of Clifton Moor in the last Scottish rebellion.

1803—George D. Prentice, famous editor, born at Preston, Conn.; died 1870.

1826—Karl von Weber, composer, born near Lubeck, Germany; died 1826.

1832—Samuel Rogers, English poet, died in London; born 1763.

1865—Formal and official abolition of slavery in America by proclamation of thirteenth amendment, ratified by 26 states.

1879—Gold fell to par in the United States for the first time since 1862.

1884—The Roman Catholic orphan asylum burned in Brooklyn; a sister of charity and 23 children killed.

1889—Coal mine explosion at Nanticoke, Pa., buried 58 miners.

1889—Oliver L. Barbour, compiler of law reports, died in Saratoga; born 1810.

December 19.

Great fire in Rome; four-fifths of the city burned; Nero laid the flame on the Christians and excited a persecution.

1399—Henry II crowned at Westminster, with Joan of Navarre, his consort.

1464—Eleanor of Aquitaine, wife of Henry II and mother of Richard Coeur de Lion, died.

1465—Queen of Dreux; Conde taken prisoner by the Catholics.

1777—John and Sir William Edward Parry, arctic navigator, born in Bath; died 1855.

1812—James McMasters Stanton, the Union secretary, born in Steubenville, O.; died 1869.

1819—Joseph Mallord William Turner, English painter, famous for coloring, died in Chelsea; born 1775.

1819—Bayard Taylor, traveler and author, died in Berlin, where he was United States minister; born 1825.

1824—William Nassau Molesworth, English historian and reformer, died, aged 74.

1864—Thomas Pattison, rear admiral United States navy, died on Staten Island; born 1813.

1889—Political revolt in Pernambuco ends with the death of 60 persons.

December 20.



DION BOUCICAULT.

1527—St. Ignatius martyred at Rome; Ignatius was a disciple of St. John and ordained by the apostles. He was put to death by Trajan.

1727—Fire at Venice destroyed many of Titian's finest paintings.

1800—John Wilson Croker, author and statesman, born in Galway, Ireland; died 1884.

1807—Samuel Jordan Kirkwood, statesman, born in Hartford county, Md.; famous war governor.

1852—Boucicault, popular actor and playwright, born in Dublin; died 1890.

1815—Napoleon Bonaparte proclaimed Emperor and head of the French republic.

1861—South Carolina convention unanimously passed the ordinance of secession, taking the first step in the movement to separate the states.

1862—President Lincoln issued his last call for 300,000 more."

December 21.

1620—Robert Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, London; consecrated in Canterbury.

1804—Giovanni Boccaccio, author of "Decameron," born at Certaldo, Italy; born in Paris.

1620—The Pilgrims landed on Plymouth rock and founded the first permanent English settlement in New England.

1620—Edward Ogilethorpe, the founder of Georgia, born in London; died 1785.

1804—Benjamin Disraeli, Lord Beaconsfield, born; died 1881.

1807—Thomas Chapman, the noted blind and deaf mute, born at Hanover, N. H.; died 1890.

1876—Custer massacre in Dakota; 70 soldiers killed by the Sioux.

1887—Powder magazine exploded in Scutari, Turkey, and killed 250 persons.

1888—Hermann Gade, greatest of Danish composers, died in Copenhagen, aged 71.

December 22.

1807—Thomas Coleridge, the only son of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, born; died 1837.

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