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THE CIVIC BUDGET.

City will Have Four Millions to Spend

ABOUT THE SAME AVAILABLE FOR NEXT YEAR'S NEEDS AS THERE WAS THIS YEAR.

The Finance Committee held two long sittings yesterday, most of the time being taken up with the discussion of various minor details in connection with the appropriations. The afternoon sitting was devoted to the estimates of the smallest of the spending departments, the Parks and Ferries Committee, the evening to those of the largest spending department, the Roads.

For the public the most interesting point in connection with both meetings was the presentation by Alderman Laporte, chairman of the Finance Committee, of the figures conveying an idea of the budget for next year. The amount available under all heads will be some $4,307,961.70, as follows :—

Collected during 1903 up to Dec. 1:	
Assessment roll	$1,941,647.71
Water rate	694,919.60
Business tax	338,591.76
From other sources	584,847.64
Total collected	$3,560,006.71
Estimated collection for December	47,955.02
Annual loan for 1904	300,000.00
Supplementary appropriation on account of arrears for 1903 collected to May, 1904	400,000.00
	$4,307,961.70

Alderman Laporte explained that this was about the amount expended altogether during 1903, which the committee considered very satisfactory.

In the appropriations passed no consideration was given to the requests for increases in [illegible]y being left over for future consideration.

In the amounts voted for Mount Royal Park, $250 appears for the purchase of trees and tree boxes for Fletcher's Field, $150 for stock for the nursery, $150 for new benches, etc.

The main items for this park were :—General maintenance, $1,248; greenhouse and gardeners, $572; Fletcher's Field, 2,914; supplies (lumber, hardware, seeds, plants, etc.), $850.

Lafontaine Park, $5,498; Dominion square, $1,960; Viger square, $1,792; St. Louis square, $1,092; Dalhousie square, $924; St. Jean Baptiste and St. James square, $546; Place d'Armes and City Hall squares, Dufferin, Victoria, Phillips', Beaver Hall and Western, $546 in each case; Richmond square, $378; Gallery and Wellington squares, St. Patrick's, St. Gabriel's, Place d'Youville and Place Royal and Champ de Mars, $468 in each case; Desery square, $546; Mance and Lamoriciere, $378; Cremazie, $546.

The sum of $1,050 asked for the care of trees, was passed.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TO CELEBRATE ITS SEVENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY TO-MORROW.

The seventy-second anniversary of the organization of the First Baptist Church, corner of St. Catherine and City Councillors streets, will be celebrated to-morrow. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Gordon, M.A., will preach both morning and evening.

This church has been a shining factor in the religious life of this city during the past seventy-two years. It was in this church and by one of the members that the first Young Men's Christian Association on this continent was organized over fifty years ago. The First Baptist Church has been directly, or indirectly, the mother of all the Baptist churches of the city. Many of the most efficient workers in churches of other denominations in the city received their first impulse and inspiration in the famous Sunday-school connected with this church in the days gone by.

The First Baptist Church never accomplished as much in any four or five years in her history as she has done since the present pastor has taken charge.

A thank offering will be taken at each of the services to-morrow.

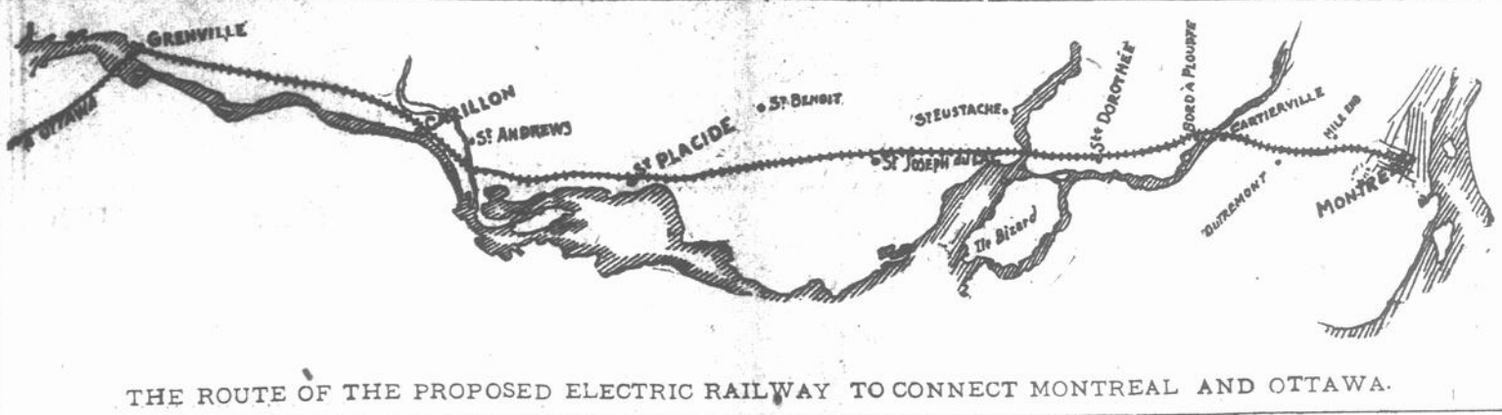
USE CANADIAN PORTS

CANADIAN MANUFACTURERS' ASSOCIATION'S ADVICE.

The December number of 'Industrial Canada,' issued by the Canadian Manufacturers' Association, referring to the decision of the Canadian Pacific Railway to place some of its Atlantic steamers on the New Orleans route, because it cannot get sufficient cargoes for all its fleet at Canadian ports, urges Canadian manufacturers to patronize Canadian winter ports. The government, it says, should leave untried no means of encouraging trade through Canadian ports in winter as well as in summer, and suggests that the rates over the Intercolonial be made low in order to attract business.

Another way, the paper adds, would be to make the Canadian preferential tariff apply only to goods imported direct through Canadian ports and ask the British government in case of a preference being given to colonial products to make it apply only to goods shipped direct from colonial ports to Britain.

The merchants and manufacturers of Ontario are asked to encourage their fellow Canadians in Halifax and St. John by giving a patriotic preference to Canadian ports.



THE ROUTE OF THE PROPOSED ELECTRIC RAILWAY TO CONNECT MONTREAL AND OTTAWA.

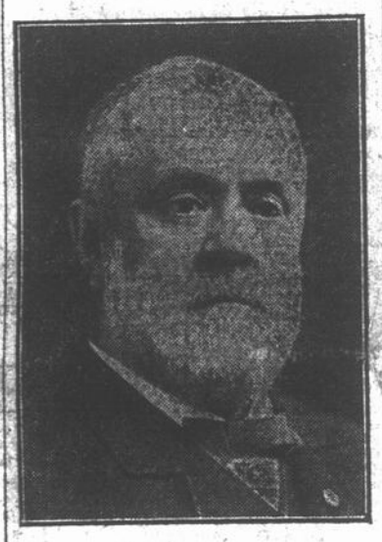
MONTREAL TO OTTAWA

IMPORTANT ELECTRIC LINE FROM THE METROPOLIS TO THE CAPITAL.

Herewith is given a sketch of the line to be followed by the electric cars of the new Ottawa River Company, which, when constructed, will connect Montreal with Ottawa.

As will be seen, the line will run through the fertile and picturesque counties of Jacques Cartier, Laval, Two Mountains and Argenteuil. Leaving Montreal, the care will run in the direction of La Bord a Plouffe, then towards Saint Dorothée, St. Joseph and St. Placide.

The heavy cost of constructing a bridge over Riviere des Prairiee will be partially avoided by using a small island near Grand Moulin. A single pier placed on that island will serve for the purposes of the bridge. The line will follow the shore of the Ottawa river on most of the route. Between Carillon and Grenville the line connects with the Shefford Railway, and the crossing of the



MR. EDGAR McMULLEN,
President of the Montreal and Ottawa Electric Railway.

Ottawa river, at Grenville, will be effected by means of a bridge already built.

The promoters are confident that the new line will greatly benefit the cause of colonization and will be a boon to tourists and sportsmen. The Carillon dam is expected to furnish more than the required motive power, and St. Andrews, it is said, will double in importance by this new connection.

The company has a capital of $500,000 and at the last session of parliament it was given a subsidy of $128,000.

The road must be commenced within six months and completed in three years.

The company has reserved to itself the right to make arrangements for transportation purposes, with the following companies :—Jacques Cartier, Union, Canada Atlantic, Carillon and Grenville, Central Counties, Great Northern, Canadian Pacific, Grand Trunk, Chateauguay & Northern, Montreal Park & Island, Terminal.

The head office will be in Montreal, and the provisional directors are Messrs. Edgar McMullen, of Boston, president; J. Douglas Wells, of New York, first vice-president; J. A. C. Ethier, second vice-president; the Hon. F. X. Mathieu, of St. Scholastique; J. D. Leduc, of St. Scholastique; F. D. Monk, M.P. for Jacques Cartier; J. E. E. Leonard, M.P. for Laval; the Hon. Mr. Weir, M.P.P. for Argenteuil; Hector Champagne, M.P.P. for Two Mountains; Thomas Gauthier, of Montreal.

THE CIVIL SERVICE

THOSE WHO PASSED THE EXAMINATIONS LAST MONTH.

Following is a list of those who passed the preliminary civil service examinations held in Montreal in November : Alphonse J. Allard, William E. Altimas, Christopher Anthony, Jos. A. Archambault, B. Pacific Aumont, L. Albert Beaulac, Emile Bourassa, Camille Bourgeois, Frank Brophy, Ernest Charbonneau, Noe. J. Corbeil, Luke J. Daly, James Davidson, Adolphe Depatie, Chas. Desautels, Francis O. N. Dillon, Henry Dufort, Louis Dufour, John Eyles, Adelard Frigon, Louis Gauthier, Elphege T. Girard, J. Ernest Granger, Delphis Gregoire, Louis J. Harel, Leon Jarrand, Michel Lafleur, Joseph D. Lajeunesse, John Landy, Laurent Lapierre, M. J. C. Latour, Armand Masson, Joseph Monty, Thomas P. Murphy, Michael P. McGoldrick, Avila McGown, John McLean, Martin O'Hara, Francis J. O'Rourke, Wilfrid Paquette, A. J. Pelletier, John J. Phelan, Edward F. Redmond, Edward Taylor, Joseph H. Therrien, George Thurber, Auguste de Villers, Herman Winkler.

AUSTRALIAN ELECTIONS

RESULT MAY POSTPONE PREFERENTIAL TRADE PROPOSALS INDEFINITELY.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—The result of the Australian election is arousing considerable comment, and there is great interest as to what the outcome will be in regard to preferential trade.

The 'Chronicle's' Melbourne correspondent wires that the tariff is not likely to be amended. Preferential trade will probably be postponed indefinitely. The free traders in the House number forty, and the protectionists thirty-five.

The 'News,' referring to the Australian elections, says it has produced the boss and his commission. There is probably a majority of moderate protectionists, and certainly anti-Imperialists with not the smallest prospect of endorsing a preference.

The 'Standard' says the result rests in the maxim, Australia for the Australians. Control has passed to that section which has been associated on the whole with most of the rigid protectionism. The Australian workingman is willing to accept the advantages which our fiscal innovators offer, but there is no whisper of a return. Much the same moral is suggested by the undisguised reluctance of the Canadian Conservatives to refrain from increasing the rigor of the regulations giving the Canadian manufacturer a monopoly of the colonial market.

TRADE WITH SOUTH AFRICA

CANADA DOING LARGE TRADE IN AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND CARRIAGES.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Jardine, the Canadian trade commissioner, now in London, interviewed to-night, said South Africa will soon recover if the white settlers will work as hard as the Canadian farmers. Manitoba hard wheat flour is the best in all competitions. Canada is doing a large trade in agricultural implements and carriages. Imperial sentiment is offset by hundreds of American agents. Cattle disease prevented Rhodesia from being a splendid agricultural district. Dr. Koch has been settled there for years trying to eradicate the plague.

VIEWS IT WITH ALARM

GERMANS THINK TWO NEW CANADIAN CRUISERS PART OF IMPERIAL DEFENCE SCHEME.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—The 'National Zeitung,' of Berlin, connects the Canadian Government's proposed two cruisers with the secret meeting of the Imperial Defence Committee, when the presence of Sir Frederick Borden indicated the recognition by the British Government of the right of the colonies to co-operate in the important question of imperial defence.

The 'Morning Post' says the appointment of Sir Frederick Borden to the Imperial Defence Committee realized Sir Wilfrid Laurier's suggestion :—'Call us to your council,' adding that one of the board's objects will be the transference of Canadian militia officers to India. One result should be the stationing in India in time of a battalion of the permanent Canadian force.

FRENCH MINIMUM TARIFF

PROTEST AGAINST ITS APPLICATION IN THE CASE OF CANADIAN SALTED MEATS.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—The party of defence of the agricultural interests in the French Chamber of Deputies yesterday decided to communicate a protest to the Minister of Agriculture against applying the minimum tariff on Canadian salted meats.

4,000 XMAS TREES BURNED

A PHILADELPHIA SYNDICATE DESTROYS THIRTY CARLOADS TO RAISE THE PRICE.

Philadelphia, Dec. 19.—Frightened at the prospect of an overstocked market and a serious financial loss, the Christmas tree syndicate here late yesterday afternoon decided upon the destruction of thirty full carloads of spruces and pines that were lying in the West Philadelphia yards of the Pennsylvania Railway, thereby cutting the supply in half. At dusk last evening a locomotive started out of the switchyard with a string of fifteen cars. These were run to a dump some distance from the city, where they were saturated with oil and the torch put to them. A second string of cars was afterwards taken to the same place. Altogether four thousand trees were consumed between dusk and midnight. There are now in Philadelphia about three thousand trees to supply a normal demand of 5,000.

THE CANADIAN TARIFF

SIR RICHARD CARTWRIGHT'S TORONTO SPEECH DISCUSSED IN LONDON.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 19.—The 'Spectator,' in commenting on Sir Richard Cartwright's speech at Toronto, says it is more convincing than a prophet. The 'Spectator' does not believe that the United States Legislature will desert the protected manufacturer to help the farmer.

The 'Speaker' says that in face of the demand of the Canadian manufacturers for a tariff to protect their industries and prevent, as efficiently as the tariff of the United States protects its industries, it will be interesting to see if Sir Wilfrid Laurier will abandon his previous policy. If the manufacturers gain, it is evident that the farming interest will break with the Liberals, under whose low tariff policy it has prospered greatly in recent years.

THIS MACHINE FLEW

FLYING MACHINE STORY WHICH IS IMPORTANT, IF TRUE.

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 18.—The trial of a flying machine, made yesterday near Kitty Hawk, N.C., by Wilbur and Orville Wright, of Dayton, Ohio, was a complete success. The machine flew for three miles, in the face of a wind blowing at the registered velocity of 21 miles an hour, and then gracefully descended to earth at the spot selected by the man in the navigator's car as a suitable landing place. The machine has no balloon attachment, but gets its force from propellors worked by a small engine.

POULTRY AND PET STOCK

SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBITION AT GRANBY A GREAT SUCCESS.

Granby, Que., Dec. 18.—The second annual exhibition of the Granby Poultry and Pet Stock Association was held in the Town Hall here on Dec. 15, 16 and 17. The exhibit was unusually large and interesting entries being made from all parts of the province.

The special prize list is as follows:—

Silver cup, given by the Empire Tobacco Company, at Granby—T. C. McGinnis, Richelieu Poultry Yards, Iberville, Que.

Silver cup, given by Mr. G. F. Payne, president of the association—T. C. McGinnis, Richelieu Poultry Yards, Iberville, Que.

Silver cup, given by Mr. Frank B. Wilson, Sherbrooke—J. C. Barr, Granby.

Silver cup, given by Mr. J. C. Barr, of Granby—Frank B. Wilson, Sherbrooke, Que.

Bronze medal, given by the editor of the 'Canadian Poultry Review,' Toronto, for highest scoring specimen fowl in the show—Frank B. Wilson, Sherbrooke, Que., won on White Plymouth Rock Pullet. Score, 95.05.

Prizes given by Mr. A. P. Hillhouse, Bondville Poultry Station, Bondville, Que., for best pair live table fowls—1, H. H. Collins, Riverside Poultry Yards, Granby; 2, H. H. Willis, Granby Poultry Yards, Granby; 3, A. F. Sanborn, Hillside Poultry Yards, South Roxton, Que.

Great praise is due to the officers of the association, who, by their painstaking care, have made the show a grand success. (

WHITNEY SUBMARINE ALARM BELL.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—Mr. H. M. Whitney, of Boston, submitted yesterday a proposition for the use in Canadian waters of the submarine alarm bell, which was recently examined by the Minister of Marine, Mr. Prefontaine. Mr. Whitney is president of the company which has undertaken the manufacture of these signals, and he is satisfied that no other device has yet been secured that offers as reliable warning to vessels of their proximity to rocks, shoals or other danger points. The Hon. Mr. Prefontaine told the 'Witness' correspondent if the government is fully satisfied of the perfection of the device several of these bells will in all probability be installed along the St. Lawrence route next year. Parliament will spare no reasonable outlay to fully assure the world of the safety of this channel. A handsome appropriation was taken this past session, and more money can be had for the mere asking to satisfy the marine underwriters and make shipping by the St. Lawrence as cheap as possible.

ISTHMIAN AFFAIRS

Senator Morgan's Resolution Introduced in the Senate

ACTION OF UNITED STATES CONTRARY TO THE LAWS OF NEUTRALITY.

Washington, Dec. 19.—In the Senate yesterday Senator Morgan introduced a resolution declaring that the President has no right to wage war against any foreign power without the consent of Congress, when such country is at peace with the United States; that the provision of the canal treaty between the United States and Panama, guaranteeing the independence of the republic of Panama, is in effect a declaration of war with Colombia; that the intervention of the United States in preventing Colombia from suppressing the secession of Panama is contrary to the law of neutrality and the law of nations.

The important features of the resolution are:—

'That neither the President nor the Senate has the treaty making power of the United States nor has the lawful power to wage war or declare war against any foreign power, without the consent of Congress.

'That a state of war exists between Colombia and an organization in the Colombian department of Panama that claims to have accomplished the secession of Panama from Colombia and to have established its independence.

'That if Colombia is not prevented by some powerful foreign nation, she is manifestly to maintain her present effort to repress the said secession.

'That the President of the United States, having entered into treaty relations with persons who claim to have seceded from Colombia, with a stipulation, which is in effect a declaration of war with Colombia, and is not within the limits of any power conferred upon the President by act of Congress or the constitution, or by the law of nations.

'That the President has no lawful right or power without the consent of Congress, and under the conditions that exist in Panama, to use the military and naval forces of the United States to prevent Colombia from enforcing her claim to the proper exercise of her sovereignty, and to execute her laws in the Department of Panama.'

The resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives in 1889 is repeated. The sense of this is that the government of the United States looks with serious concern and disapproval upon any connection of any European government, with the construction and control of any ship canal across the isthmus.

TO SEND MORE MARINES.

Washington, D.C., Dec. 18.—After a conference to-day between Mr. Moody, Secretary of the United States Navy; Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brig.-Gen. Geo. Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the Isthmus of Panama continue, General Elliott will sail for Colon on the 'Dixie' from Philadelphia, when that vessel goes south with the new battalion of marines which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia, for despatch to the Isthmus.

COLOMBIA'S COURSE.

Paris, Dec. 19.—The 'United Colombian Committee,' here gave out a statement to-day saying that Colombia would, first, seek through a commission to induce the United States to recognize Colombia's rights under the treaty of 1846; second, if the commission fails Colombia will ask for the submission of the question to The Hague Arbitration Court; third, if its submission to The Hague Court is refused, Colombia will go to war and rely on the Latin republics to come to her aid.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

INTERESTING STORY FROM LONDON CONCERNING BRITISH MALE SUBJECTS.

London, Dec. 19.—The statement is printed with some appearance of truth, that the War Office is preparing a scheme for the compulsory military training of all male British subjects between the ages of eighteen and twenty-two, for brief annual periods, which will amount to three and a half months in four years. It is estimated that 1,165,000 youths would undergo the training annually. If the War Office is preparing such a scheme, it cannot be applied until it is sanctioned by parliament.

GRAND TRUNK PACIFIC

Company Guarantees Carrying Out of Agreement for Building New Road.

DEPOSITS A MILLION POUNDS GUARANTEED STOCK INSTEAD OF CASH.

Ottawa, Dec. 19.—The following official statement was handed out by the government council yesterday afternoon:—'The Grand Trunk Railway Company has deposited a million pounds of their guaranteed stock as security for the carrying out of the agreement entered into last session between the government and the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway Company, subject to the ratification of their shareholders at a general meeting.

'Inasmuch as the contract requires cash or government securities for the deposit, legislation will be required to confirm the acceptance of the securities which have been deposited, though such securities are worth to-day more than par and their value unquestionable.'

The government regards the ratification of this slight variation from the statute of last session as nothing more than a formality, because the substitution of the Grand Trunk's first security is as good as cash itself. For this reason the Administration will at once proceed with its arrangements for the survey of the route and other preliminary work just as though the deposit had been made in the form prescribed by law. The officials to carry on this work have not yet been chosen, but their names will be announced at an early date.

There is no doubt but the change in the form of the deposit arose from an unwillingness on the part of the Grand Trunk authorities in London to sacrifice their securities at a time when British consols themselves are lower than they have ever gone since the days of the Crimean War. The railway's authorities could have procured the cash if they had been willing to throw their stock away at much less than its real value, but the government, after full consideration and inquiry, has not required them to do so.

SENATOR GREEN HELD

SUCH IS THE DECISION OF COMMISSIONER HALL, HANDED DOWN YESTERDAY.

Binghamton, N.Y., Dec. 18.—United States Commissioner Hall this afternoon handed down his decision in the case of State Senator George E. Green, of this city, charged with bribery and conspiracy to defraud the United States Government in connection with the sale of time recorders and cancelling machines. The defendant is held on all five of the indictments for trial in the city of Washington.

Judge Hall, in his decision, reviews at great length the evidence submitted by the government as to the money transactions between Senator Green and George W. Beavers, former superintendent of the supplies and allowances division of the Post-Office Department, holding that money was paid by Green to induce favorable action on the part of Beavers in the purchase of time recorders, and that 'the evidence discloses a suspicious activity on the part of Beavers in pushing the sale of the Doremus cancelling machines, for which a motive must have existed.'

The evidence in the Doremus cancelling machine cases, the decision says, is not so full and complete as in the time recorder cases, owing to the 'unexpected disappearance of Truesdell and Ida Crowell, said to have been important witnesses before the grand jury, just when wanted for this hearing; and by the fact that Fish, manager of the Doremus Machine Company, suffered so severely last winter on account of the scarcity of coal, that he was obliged, as he testified, to burn all the old books and papers of his company to keep himself warm, regardless of their possible values as evidence; and that his fondness for neat-looking account books led him to tear out and destroy a number of scratched stubs from the company's cheque book, which should have shown in whose favor cheques had been drawn.'

In conclusion Judge Hall says: 'The defence submitted all the five cases without offering any rebutting evidence.'

Mr. Green is ordered to give bail in the sum of four thousand dollars for his appearance before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, at Washington, on the first day of the next regular term thereof.

CANADIAN PREFERENCE

WHAT MR. CHAMBERLAIN SAYS OF IT.

(Canadian Associated Press.)

London, Dec. 18.—Mr. Chamberlain has written a letter stating that he had no idea when it was first introduced that the Canadian preference would prove so beneficial to British trade.

WHERE IS THE DOG ?

Judge Champagne yesterday dismissed the action in an interesting case of Lagarde vs. Meunier. The plaintiff claimed damages on account of his daughter having been bitten by a dog alleged to be owned by defendant. The evidence went to show that the parties concerned and other families all have the same yard, and the defendant having sworn that the dog referred to was a wanderer, having taken refuge in said yard, it was impossible for the court to identify the real owner, if any, and so the action was dismissed.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Notices of births, marriages and deaths must invariably be endorsed with the name and address of the sender, or otherwise no notice can be taken of them. Birth notices are inserted for 25c, marriage notices for 50c, death notices for 25c prepaid. The announcement of funeral appended to death notice, 25c extra; other extension to obituary, such as short sketch of life, two cents per agate extra, except poetry, which is 50 cents per line extra—prepaid.

Annual subscribers may have announcements of births, marriages and deaths (without extended obituary or notice) occurring in their immediate families, free of charge, in which case name and address of subscriber should be given.

BIRTHS.

HENRY.—At 173 Stanley street, on Monday, Dec. 14, 1903, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Henry.

MARRIED.

FITZGERALD—THORNTON.—On Dec. 17, 1903, at Trinity Church, St. Thomas, Ont., by the rector, Rev. Canon Hill, Rebecca King, daughter of Mr. Henry Thornton, of St. Thomas, to William George Fitzgerald, son of Mr. William Fitzgerald, of Ottawa.

GRANT—WADE.—At St. James' Church, Orillia, Ont., on Dec. 16, 1903, by the Rev. Canon Greene, Frederick W. Grant, of Midland, to Constance Massey Hope, daughter of Robert Wade, of Orillia.

KINNEAR—NASMITH — At the residence of the bride's parents, Toronto, on Dec. 16, 1903, by the Rev. T. B. Hyde, assisted by the Rev. Thomas Eakin, Thomas Herbert, son of Mr. Thomas Kinnear, to Margaret Greenlees, daughter of Mr. J. D. Nasmith, all of Toronto.

ROBINSON — TURNBULL — At 121 Park Road, Rosedale, Ont., on Dec. 10, 1903, by the Rev. John Neil, of Westminster Church, George W. Robinson to Jessie Turnbull, both of Lethbridge, N.W.T.

THORNLEY — HILL — By the Very Rev. Dean Houston, assisted by the Rev. Mr. Gordon, at Christ Church, Niagara Falls, Ont., on Dec. 16, 1903, Isabel, youngest daughter of the late A. G. Hill, Esq., to Julian Thornley, C.E., of New York.

DIED.

BLACHFORD.—After a lingering illness, at the residence of his brother, R. T. Blachford, 19 Winchester street, Toronto, on Dec. 17, 1903, William D. Blachford, in his 50th year.

COYLE—At the residence of her son-in-law, Montreal West, on Dec. 17, 1903, Eliza Calway, beloved wife of the late Edward Coyle, in her 79th year.

GREENE—On Dec. 16, 1903, Mrs. Marion Greene, of 45 Grenville street, Toronto, daughter of the late Captain Richard Watson, of Toronto, and beloved mother of Mrs. George I. Riddell.

LANCASTER—In this city, on Dec. 18, 1903, Elizabeth Clara, youngest daughter of the late Abner Lancaster, aged 25 years, 8 months.
Funeral from 616 Cadieux street, on Sunday, at 3.30 a.m., to Windsor Station, thence to Hudson for interment.

MUNRO.—At Fergus, Ont., on Dec. 16, 1903, Neill M. Munro, barrister, etc., in his 71st year.

OVERELL.—At the residence of his son, 102 Grant avenue, Hamilton, Ont., on Dec. 15, 1903, Edward Overell, in his 75th year.

STONEHOUSE.—At his residence, Fort Perry, Ont., on Dec. 14, 1903, John Stonehouse, a native of Yorkshire, England, aged 86 years.

Those sending notices for the above column may send with them a list of names of interested friends together with a one-cent stamp for each address, and marked copies of the 'Witness' containing the notice, will be promptly mailed. For addresses in foreign countries three cents will be required.

Notices received too late for this page may possibly be in time for page 4.

Advertisements.

Musical Presents at Shaw's.—Violins, from $2; mandolins, from $5; guitars, from $5; banjos, from $5; phonographs, from $5; music-boxes, from $4; autoharps, from $2; leather music-satchels, from $1; bound music-books, from $1; piano stools, from $3; piano chairs, from $5; piano drapes, from $2; new pianos, from $200; second-hand pianos, from $50; organs, from $20. Everything in the music line; largest stock in the city at the old-established Piano and Music House of J. W. Shaw & Co., 2274 St. Catherine street.

100 Pianos and Organs cheap for cash or on time this month. Layton Bros., 144 Peel street.

One of the holiday attractions of St. Catherine street west is the window of Leach's Piano Rooms. It contains an Upright Piano that is played by electric power; it also has four beautiful electric lights.

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A select stock, secured for this particular purpose.

Ladies' dressy Blouses, in lemon color taffeta; shoulder strap and front plait piped with white, shirrings and clusters of pin tucks, lap over cuff, high collar, tab ends, with lace applique, pearl and gilt buttons. $7.15

Ladies' Blouses in black, white and blue taffeta silk, applique of fine lace, Gibson effect, full sleeve with pointed cuff, collar with tab ends. $7.50

TIES THAT WILL SUIT HIM.

Ties that he would select if he was making the purchase.

Derby Ties, in white or black, also in a fine range of colorings, newest shapes and designs. Each, ... 25c and 50c

Newest English effects in Flowing End Ties. From.. .. .. 22c to 94c

Puff Ties, shield or neck band styles. From.. .. .. .. 25c to 75c

CHILDREN'S DRESSES FOR GIFTS.

Children's extra quality light blue and old rose French dresses, trimmed with lace applique, insertion, brass buttons and bebe ribbon. Sizes 2 to 6 years. Prices, according to size, ... $3.20 to $4.20

Children's extra quality cream Serge Sailor Dresses, trimmed with cream braid, kilted skirt, sizes 2 to 10 years. Prices, according to size, ... $2.45 to $4.75

MEN'S HOUSE COATS.

Some call them Smoking Jackets, yet all agree that they make acceptable gifts.

Men's Fancy Tweed House Coats, with cord fastenings. All sizes, ... $2.95

Men's Fancy Check Eiderdown House Coats, trimmed with cord, in black and white, blue and white, also white and brown, all sizes. $3.40

Men's Tweed House Coats, latest English designs, trimmed with cord, all sizes. .. .. .. $5.00 to $12.00

DRESS LENGTHS
Prove Agreeable Gifts.

Camel's Hair plaid effect Dress Lengths, for.. .. .. $1.33

Plain Cloth Dress Lengths, for $1.93

Fancy mixed color Dress Lengths, for.. .. .. $2.30

Scotch Tweed Dress Lengths, for $6.85

Colored Zibeline Dress Lengths, for $9.00

TABLE NAPERY FOR GIFTS.

Real Irish Linen Table Cloths.
8-4 size .. .. $1.70 and $1.90
8-10 size.. .. .. $2.00 and $2.30
8-12 size.. .. .. $2.40 and $2.85

Fringed Table Cloths, with blue, red and self borders,
8-10 size.. .. .. $1.90
8-12 size.. .. .. 2.35
8-14 size.. .. .. 2.75

Especially good quality Table Napkins, hemmed ready for use. Per dozen.. .. .. $1.49

THE CONFETIONERY SECTION'S QUOTA OF GIFT HINTS.

A fine range of Xmas Stockings, filled with a variety of toys, prices from.. .. .. 12c to $2.10

Hampers filled with chocolates, 40c

½ lb. best assorted Creams, in fancy box.. .. .. 70c

1 lb. box for.. .. .. 38c

1½ lb. extra quality Creams, in fancy box.. .. .. 70c

Cut Rock, mixed, 3 lbs. for.. 25c

New York Mixed, 3 lbs. for 25c

Cream Kisses.. .. .. 12½c

Victorian Chocolate.. .. .. .. 15c

Everton Taffy.. .. .. 15c

Cream Almonds.. .. .. 20c

IRON TOYS.

Iron Toys, comprising road carts, fire engines and hook and ladder. Each.. .. .. 9c

Something New and Pleasing For Christmas and New Year Gifts.



If undecided as to what to give, why not send a 'Merchandise Certificate'? They are very popular gifts in the United States, being greatly appreciated by the recipients, as it affords them opportunity of selecting the present most desired.

These certificates are attractive in appearance, being neatly printed, and put in an envelope ready for mailing, along with a visiting card conveying the season's greetings. They are issued by The S. Carsley Co., Limited, for any desired amount, entitling the recipient to purchase merchandise to the value named thereon in any of the company's departments, having no restrictions. The presents selected can be either for utility or adornment, at the recipient's pleasure.

For further information of this most popular gift, please inquire at the Collect Office, Ground Floor.

EVEN MEN APPRECIATE GIFTS OF HANDKERCHIEFS.

Japanese Silk Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched border, size 19 x 19 inches. Each.. .. .. 12c

Japanese Silk embroidered Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched border, 21 x 21.. .. .. 45c and 50c

Splendid grade of embroidered silk Initial Handkerchiefs, hemstitched border, 24 x 24 inches. 89c & $1.15

A GRAND RUSH FOR TOYS AT CARSLEY'S MONDAY.

Monday, The Big Store anticipates the biggest day's toy selling ever known in Canada—with the largest and most complete stock in the Dominion, and prices being from 15 to 20 percent lower than ordinary stores, we are safe in predicting an enormous day's business.

LAST XMAS DELIVERIES TO SUBURBAN POINTS.

To St. Lambert, Lachine and Lakeside on Tuesday. To Back River and Cote des Neiges on Wednesday. As vans will leave The Big Store promptly at 7 a.m. on the days indicated, orders will have to reach us on the preceding day.

THE POETS.

Favorite edition of the Poets, padded leather covers, round corners, gilt edges, title in gold, 20 titles, including Tennyson, Longfellow, Browning, etc. Special price, each.. .. 84c

Oxford edition, padded Morocco binding, each.. .. .. $2.50

BOYS' BOOKS.

The Rugby Series—excellent stories of adventure on sea and land, selected from the works of popular writers. In handsome ornamental cloth binding. Publisher's price, 75c. Our price, ... 28c per copy

SOME LINES OF LADIES' FAWN COATS
Have Been Reduced in Price to the Extent of 33 1-3%.

The very newest styles; in fact, they represent the cream of this season's importations from Paris and Berlin—some tardy arrivals, that we now reduce to make clearance certain before the season's close. One example:

Ladies' good quality French Fawn Beaver Coats, deep shoulder cape and stole, fancy silk applique and braid, new pouch sleeves with applique, French buck, Kimono collar. One of this season's newest styles. Regular price was $19.75. Now reduced to.. .. .. $13.17

SLEIGHS! SLEIGHS!

Boys' Hardwood Sleighs, neatly painted, strongly made. Special, 17c

CROKINOLE! CROKINOLE!

Crokinole Boards, with checker back, strongly made. Special, 79c

Jointed Dolls.. .. .. .. 20c to $17.50
Kid Body Dolls.... .. .. 22c to $4.15
Dressed Dolls.. .. .. .. 10c to $17.50
Soldiers' Suits.. .. .. ..45c to $5.85
Boys' Sleighs .. .. 19c to $4.60
Rocking Horses.. .. .. 69c to $23.00
Dolls' Carriage.. .. .. .. 50c to $6.20
Mechanical Toys.. .. .. 20c to $20.00
Iron Toys.. .. .. 9c to $4.45
Dolls' Furniture.. .. .. 10c to $4.95
Wool Animals, from.. .. 5c to $4.00
Horses and Carts, from 13c to $20.00

TEN PINS.

Jack Horner striped Ten Pins, 7 inches, with bowls, put up in a strong box. Special.. .. .. 22c

THOUSANDS OF PAIRS OF KID GLOVES.

Being bought at the Big Store for Christmas Gifts . . . . .

Quite natural that the public should purchase where their money secures the greatest value. Suitable box and greeting card given with every glove purchase that amounts to 60c and over.

The Marseillaise Kid Glove—the best glove manufactured for ladies comes in black, white and shades of tan, brown, dark and light grey, with fancy silk points, 2-pearl dome fasteners. Sizes 5½ to 7. Per pair, ... $1.85

Alexandra Gloves—one of our leading lines—a 2-dome Kid Glove for ladies, in black, white, tan, brown and grey, fancy silk points, sizes 5½ to 7½. Per pair.. .. .. .. $1.55

Our special 'Le Brabant'—2-dome Kid Gloves, in black, white and shades of brown and grey, fancy silk points, sizes 5½ to 7¼. Per pair, ... $1.25

RINGS FOR GIFTS.

Ladies' 10 karat Gold Ring, set with fine opal, a good, substantial ring that we are selling for.. $2.25

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1765 to 1783 Notre Dame St., 184 to 194 St. James St., MONTREAL.

PERFUME FOR GIFTS.

Rose and Violet Perfume in glass stoppered bottles. Our regular price is $1.15. Monday only 90c

THE FINEST COLLECTION OF GIFT BOOKS.

MONDAY'S SPECIAL.—'The Fortunes of Fifi,' by Molly Elliott Sewell. This is one of the season's successful books, and contains dainty colored illustrations. Published to sell at $1.25. Special price on Monday.. .. .. 85c

GIRLS' BOOKS.

The Wellesley Series—a carefully selected series of books for girls written by popular authors. Bound in ornamental cloth and illustrated. Publisher's price, 75c. The Big Store's price.. .. .. .. .28c each

CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA—

CHAMBERS'S ENCYCLOPAEDIA—the latest and best books of reference, 10 volumes, bound in cloth, that the publishers arranged should be sold for $30. Offered by The Big Store for.. .. .. $25.00

THE FUR SECTION PRESENTS.

A splendid display of givable features. These among the number:

Ladies' black Opossum Ruffs, length of 2 skins, with 4 tails $2.10

Ladies' black Fur Ruffs, length of 2 skins, with 4 tails. $2.95

Children's white Rabbit Coats, good high storm collar, pale blue lining. $6.75, $7.45 and $8.10

ABOUT BANKING.

The principal use of a Savings Bank is to assist people both to save money and to make money. For the convenience of our customers, and to assist them to save and make money, we have rented a parlor in our store alongside the Mantle Department to the Provincial Bank, who have fitted it up, and are using it as a bank for receiving deposits and other banking business. The best rate of interest is allowed on deposits.

The convenience of being able to do your banking in a store where you do your shopping is much appreciated by numbers of our customers.

The Bank is adjoining the Mantle Department, and is open for business from nine o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon.

SCHOOL DESKS.

Fine gift to a studious child.

Children's School Desks, drop lid, inside nicely partitioned off, golden elm finish. Price, including one chair, ... $2.50

LADIES' BROOCHES FOR GIFTS.

Fine gold filled Brooches, with brilliants and pearl settings.. .. .. 49c

LADIES' HAND BAGS FOR GIFTS.

Walrus Leather Hand Bags, newest style, with purse inside, in colors of brown and red, as well as black. $1.50

RUGS FOR XMAS GIFTS.

Mohair Plush Rugs, in colors of crimson, apple green, turquoise blue, old rose and terra cotta, curly centres and plain borders, present a two-tone effect.

1 ft. x 2 ft. 6 in... .. .. $1.30
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3 ft. x 6 ft. 8.95

CHINA SECTION'S GIFT SUGGESTIONS!

Gifts intended for gentlemen.

Tobacco Jars.. .. .. .. 25c to $3.00
Ash Trays.. .. .. 10c to 50c
Moustache Cup and Saucers, ... 16c to 50c
Shaving Mugs.. .. .. 19c to 50c
Match Stands.. .. .. 10c to 50c
Nickel Soap Boxes.
Smokers' Sets.. .. .. .. 25c to 75c

KID DOLLS! KID DOLLS!

Kid body Dolls, with bisque heads, fair or dark hair, glass eyes, shoes and stockings, 15 inches long. Special.. .. .. 22c

NOAH'S ARKS.

Large size Noah's Arks, filled with all kinds of animals. Special, ... 19c

The Daily Witness.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON, DEC. 19

LOCAL SOCIETIES

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR ENSUING YEAR.

Loyal Diamond Lodge, Orange Order, No. 1474, has elected officers as follows: D. M., J. Clark; chaplain, W. Higgins; recording secretary, S. F. James, 114 Grand Trunk street; financial secretary, S. Gosse, Queen's Park; treasurer, J. Crane; D. O. F., F. Sheppard; lecturer, J. Luffan; committee, Bros. French, Scott, Noseworthy, Martin, Shutter, Prose, W. Barrell; physician, Dr. F. W. Gilday, 68 Beaver Hall Hill; inside tyler, W. Anthony. The lodge now numbers 75 members.

The annual election of officers for Loyal Victoria Lodge, I.O.O.F., M.U., resulted as follows: N. G., Bro. J. Laing, V. G., Bro. Dr. R. Wilson; recording secretary, Bro. William Parr.

At the last meeting of Court McGill, No. 404, Canadian Order of Foresters, in Walford Hall, the following were elected officers for the ensuing year: Chief ranger, Bro. E. Landry; vice-chief ranger, Bro. J. H. McNeill; chaplain, Bro. W. W. Smith; financial secretary, Bro. C. C. Cairns, (re-elected); recording secretary, Bro. H. E. Warren (re-elected); treasurer, Bro. W. H. A. Eckhardt (re-elected); senior woodward, Bro. F. C. A. Lyons; junior woodward, Bro. T. Allard; senior beadle, Bro. R. A. Walsh; junior beadle, Bro. C. W. Cree; physician, Bro. W. H. Smythe; auditor, Bro. W. S. Pierce; trustees, Bros. J. G. Burns, P. P. Ritchie, M. Markus.

CALEDONIAN CONCERT.

The third popular concert of the series being given by the Caledonian Society was held in Karn Hall last evening. The president, Mr. J. T. Mitchell, presided over the first part of the programme, and Mr. Arch. McAllister over the latter portion. There was a very large attendance of members and friends, and they were treated to a programme of unusual merit. Among those who contributed to the enjoyment of the evening were Miss Nelson, pianist; Miss Gertrude White, elocutionist; Miss Clarke, soprano; Miss Flossie Forbes, Highland dancing; Mr. Penman, tenor, and Messrs. R. Crawford, A. McAllister and W. C. McAllister, who appeared in a trio.

A greatly appreciated and quite unexpected pleasure was the appearance of Mr. Harold Jarvis, who just before the close of the programme, and after singing at the Windsor Hall, visited his old-time friends and delighted them by singing the song 'Highlanders.' The very excellent programme was arranged by Mr. William McNab, the society's newly-elected first vice-president; Captain Clarke and Mr. R. J. Duguid.

FOR ITALIAN CHILDREN.

The children of the Italian mission are looking forward to the Christmas tree which is to be given for them on Dec. 26, in the school-room of St. John's Presbyterian Church, corner of Cadieux and St. Catherine streets. The parents of most of the children are poor, and about the only Christmas pleasures many of the little Italians will have will come from the tree. The workers in the mission would be very glad of contributions for the Christmas tree, in the form of toys, candy or oranges, and such clothing as caps, mittens, mufflers or other garments, for many of the children are poorly clad. Donations for the purpose may be sent to Mrs. Castellini, wife of the Italian missionary, 198 Laval ave., or to Miss Cerini, 495 St. James street.

FOR THE LOSS OF AN EYE.

An action for $1,999 damages has been entered against the Canadian Pacific Railway by Jospeh Leduc, who, while cutting rails in the company's service, was struck in the eye by a particle of steel, the result being the loss of that eye.

Z. Thibault has taken a similar action against T. M. Morgan. He also complains of the loss of an eye, the result of the explosion of a dynamite cartridge which he struck with his pick while working on the grounds of defendant's cement works at Longue Pointe.

H. J. DART'S MISSION.

To-morrow afternoon the Mission hold their annual Christmas gathering, in their hall, 110 Delorimier ave. All members and friends are invited to be present for the occasion. Mrs. Weir (nee Miss Tildsley) will sing 'Abide with me,' and Prof. Shannon and choir will render 'The Holy City' and other pieces. A special collection will be taken up to assist the poor in enjoying Christmas. Services commence at 3 o'clock.

A REQUEST FROM POPE LEO XIII.

Rome, Dec. 19.—Cardinal Gotti delivered to Pope Pius X. yesterday 34,000,000 francs ($6,800,000) which the late Pope Leo XIII. gave him in trust for his successor, to be delivered within four months after the late Pontiff's death. About nine million francs more were found behind the books in his private library.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Early Shopping.—Gift buyers who shop early in the week and early in the day at The S. Carsley Co., Limited, are on the road that leads directly to 'A Merry Christmas.'

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WESTMOUNT ELECTIONS

PROBABILITY OF COUNCIL BEING PUT IN BY ACCLAMATION.

In response to a numerously signed requisition presented to him yesterday afternoon, Mr. A. G. Cross, K.C., Mayor of Westmount, consented to be a candidate for re-election for Ward No. 2. The requisition was signed by Mr. A. C. Hutchison, ex-Councillor Fred.W. Evans, Councillor P. W. McLagan, Mr. H. A. Hodgson, Mr. John Macfarlane, Mr. A. Ramsay, Mr. J. G. Ross, ex-Mayor Lighthall, Mr. R. Harrower, Mr. Robert Harvie and many others. Up to date no name has been mentioned as a candidate in opposition to the Mayor.

On Thursday afternoon also a deputation waited on Mr. Charles A. Duclos, of the firm of Atwater, Duclos & Chauvin, who resides at 488 Elm avenue, Westmount, and requested him to allow his name to go before the electors of Ward No. 1, Westmount, as a candidate for the seat at present occupied by Mr. James Rodger, who is retiring. The deputation which called upon Mr. Duclos consisted of the Hon. J. K. Ward, ex-Councillors Redfern and Evans, Mr. Matthew Hutchinson, K.C., M.P.P., and Messrs. Edgar Judge, T. H. Christmas, Hugh Brodie and J. W. Palmer. In view of the pressing representations made, Mr. Duclos consented to be placed in nomination for the vacancy. No other name has been mentioned in connection with this seat, and the friends of Mr. Duclos expect him to be elected by acclamation. At the present juncture in the town's history, with the question of a new charter, of annexation to Montreal, and the difficulty between the town and the Water Company to be dealt with, a number of the electors are of the opinion that the council needs some members possessing legal knowledge as well as being generally well informed and interested in the town's welfare.

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THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE

MONTREAL SOCIETY CONGRATULATES NEW ORLEANS.

The next few days will witnes a notable celebration in New Orleans commemorative of the acquisition by the United States of Louisiana and the other former French states from Napoleon in 1803.

The Louisiana Historical Society, a few years ago, founded a museum which is a copy, in its way, of the Chateau de Ramezay of this city. As the founders of the Louisiana society are known to the officials of the Montreal Numismatic and Antiquarian Society the latter has sent the sister society the following telegram: 'Numismatic and Antiquarian Society of Montreal expresses most cordial congratulations to you and New Orleans on inauguration of Historical Museum. G. Baby, president; C. T. Hart, vice-president; W. D. Lighthall, vice-president.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Santa Claus's Reception.—Bring the children to see Santa Claus at the Grotto prepared for him during his stay in Montreal, by The S. Carsley Co., Limited. Admission, 5c for children, 10c for grown people.

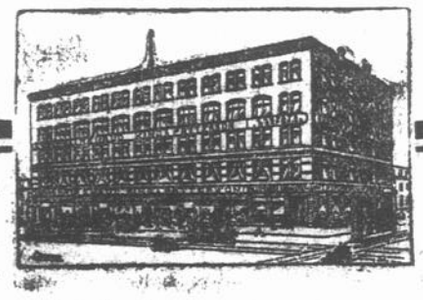
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Gold Baby Rings 75c up, Gold Bib Pins, 75c to $1.50, Gold Hearts $1.00 to $2.50, Gold Necklets $2.50 to $5.00, Chain Bracelets, Hair Brushes, Knife, Fork and Spoon Sets, Rattlers, Drinking Cups, Feeding Spoons, Food Pushers, and many other inexpensive little things in gold and silver for the youngsters the least to be forgotten at Christmas. You can find something in our Christmas stock that will please any child and something that will last. Do you no harm to call now, needn't buy unless you want to.

COCHENTHALER, Diamond Jeweller, 149 St. James street.

OPEN EVENINGS.



The New Store. The New Store.

CHRISTMAS FURNITURE

People get into a gift giving rut. Some favor umbrellas, and year after year buy them. Some neckwear and others toilet articles, and never give a thought to the best of presents—something for the home, that adds beauty and comfort and lasts practically a lifetime.

Unless you've seen this store at Christmas time it isn't possible to comprehend the preparations we make. Don't guess what you'll find here, but come and see. If nothing strikes your fancy or appears entirely suitable, there's no harm done; for, even though you don't buy, our display is worth seeing, and we take pleasure in showing it.

If you are going to give a Christmas gift of real value, don't overlook the many advantages of the offerings displayed at Renaud, King & Patterson's.

Store Open Evenings Till the New Year

A Few Suggestions in Moderate Price Gifts

Children's Chairs	$ .75	Book Shelves	$ 1.50
Children's Kindergarten Sets	2.00	Parlor Cabinets	7.00
Children's Morris Chairs	2.00	Music Cabinets	6.00
Children's Toy Iron Beds	3.50	Plate Racks	2.50
Boys' Desks	3.00	Ladies' Writing Desks	6.50
Parlor Sets—3 and 5 pieces	25.00	Ladies' Writing Tables	8.75
Morris Chairs, our own pattern	$5.00 and $10.00	3-Fold Screens	1.25
		Shaving Stands	10.00
		Smokers' Tables—up from	7.00
		Bachelor Cabinets	18.00
		Card Tables, all sizes	3.75
		Fancy Gilt Chairs	4.00

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Don't fail to visit our new department for Rugs, Mats, Curtains, Portieres, Draperies, Etc.

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They fit as well, look as well as the custom made coat at $18. Long, swagger, graceful, warm overcoats of extra heavy Oxford Grey Scotch Cheviot, flap pockets, silk velvet collars, heavy Italian linings, mohair sleeve linings.

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WM. CURRIE, Men's and Boys' Clothier,

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SUGGESTIONS.

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Fans	from 13c to $2.99
Original Prices	$1.00 to $15.00
Hair Ornaments,	from 25c up
Fancy Combs, all new stock	from 25c up
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CARS PASS THE DOOR.

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In Rugs, Mats, Hall Runners, Hall Squares, 6 x 6, 6 x 7, 6 x 9 ft.; Hall and Door Mats, Cushions, Portieres, Tidies, Table and Piano Covers and Drapes; Carpets Beds and Bedding, everything, specially cheap for the holidays at

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A GREAT CHRISTMAS OFFER.

On MONDAY MORNING, and until cleared out, we will offer a Lot of EXTRA QUALITY CLOTH and SILK JACKETS, also MAIDS' BEAVER CLOTH JACKETS, Satin Lined, at a Discount of

75 PERCENT

AND 5 PERCENT EXTRA FOR CASH.

MANTLE DEPARTMENT.

DAINTY Christmas Presents.

HANDSOME CHINA SILK, CASHMERE and ALBATROSS CLOTH, Lace effect TEA GOWNS.

A Large Range of LADIES' BATH and DRESSING GOWNS, in all shades, styles, and materials.

NEW STYLES IN LADIES' DRESSING JACKETS.

LADIES' JAPANESE GOWNS, DRESSING JACKETS and KIMONOS in the most delicate shades.

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We would call special attention to a very fine display of Shawls and Fascinators, in Silk, Ice Wool, Berlin Wool, handknitted, in White, Sky Blue and Pink.

SILK ROMAN SHAWLS and TRAVELLING RUGS.

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DOWN QUILTS.

Special line of 50 DOWN QUILTS, fine sateen covering, bordered and ventilated; price, $5.00.

Special line 30 DOWN QUILTS, Chintz Covering, $4.50.

Large stock SATIN AND SATEEN DOWN QUILTS, $5.00 to $30.00.

Articles Suitable For Christmas Presents to be Found in the MILLINERY DEPARTMENT.

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TAILORED SHIRT WAISTS.
BABY BASKETS, trimmed.
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LADIES' UMBRELLAS.
CHILDREN'S DRESSES.
CHILDREN'S PINAFORES.
SETS OF FURS (Muff and Stole).
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FANCY SATEENS, for Cushions, 23c, 40c and 65c per yard.

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A few dozen ANGORA MATS in exquisite colors.

A splendid collection of ORIENTAL RUGS.

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FOR ALL THE CHILDREN, from the youngest to the oldest.

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Art Association
PHILLIPS SQUARE.

It is proposed that a 'CLASS IN ILLUSTRATION' be held in connection with the Art Classes, should a sufficient number of applications be received, to commence on January 4th. Instructor, Mr. WILFRID M. BARNES.
Applications should be promptly made to J. B. ABBOTT, Secretary.

Mr. John F. Moore,

Railroad Secretary of the International Committee will speak at
THE MEETING FOR MEN,
ASSOCIATION HALL, Sunday, 4 p.m.
Topic: 'A Talk with Three Men.' Male Quartette will sing.
Week-night Meeting for Men, Saturday, 8 p.m. Mr. H. T. SOMERS will speak.
Sunday Afternoon Bible-class, 2.45 o'clock. Mr. D. A. BUDGE, Leader. Every man heartily invited.
YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, Dominion Square.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

CALVARY CHURCH.
Guy St., above St. Antoine.
Rev. E. H. TIPPETT, Pastor.
CHRISTMAS SERVICES.
11 a.m. Subject—
"A CHRISTMAS GIFT."
7 p.m. The Christmas Story will be told by the Pastor, and illustrated by means of the Stereopticon.
SPECIAL MUSIC.

MEN'S OWN,
CALVARY CHURCH, GUY STREET.
SUNDAY, Dec. 20, 3.00 p.m.
There will be some short Christmas Addresses.
Music by First Baptist Church Choir.
Open day, Ladies admitted. All welcome.

EAST END METHODIST SUNDAY-SCHOOL
—Will Hold—
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICE
SUNDAY, Dec. 20th, at 2.45 p.m.
Friends and Old Members Invited.

DOMINION SQ. METHODIST CHURCH
Rev. C. E. MANNING, Pastor.
SUNDAY SERVICES.
Morning at 11 o'clock.
Evening at 7 o'clock.
The Pastor will preach at both services.
Morning Subject: "Strength and Duty of Christian Character."
Evening Subject: "Life's Battle-ground."
EVENING MUSIC—
Anthem, "The Golden Pathway." Solo and Chorus.
Male Quartette, "The Soft Sabbath Calm."
Strangers welcome.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH.
Morning Service—
REV. C. A. SYKES, B.A.
"The place of Christ in the religious life"
Evening Service—
REV. J. W. GRAHAM, B.A.
"The birthplace of a King."
SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

EMMANUEL CHURCH.
SUNDAY EVENING.
REV. HUGH PEDLEY, B.A.,
Will Preach
—ON—
"The Treatment of the Gospel by the Scoffer."
Everybody Welcome.

INSPECTOR ST. MISSION.
The Gospel of Free Grace at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., on SABBATH, DEC. 20th.
Morning subject—THE BIRTH OF THE SAVIOUR.
Evening Subject—THE HUMILIATION OF THE SON OF MAN.
MR. R. S. AULD will help.
JOHN CURRIE, Pastor.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20.

PLEASANT SUNDAY AFTERNOON SOCIETY.
The REV. J. B. FYKE, M.A., will lecture in the Stanley Hall, 127 Stanley street, on SUNDAY, the 20th, at 3 p.m.
Subject—GOD AND NATURE.
All are welcome.

Westmount Baptist Church.
Corner of Western and Olivier Avenues.
—THE PASTOR—
REV. FRANK S. WESTON,
Will preach at both services.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.
—THE PASTOR—
Rev. J. A. GORDON, M.A.,
Will preach at both services.
Morning—"The Majority and Minority Reports."
Evening—"Individualism and Collectivism."
Special seats reserved for students, who will be made welcome.
FRIENDS AND STRANGERS WELCOME.

CHALMERS CHURCH
Morning Service and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at 11 o'clock.
Preacher, the pastor, the REV. G. C. HEINE.
Evening Service at 7 o'clock.
Preacher, the REV. F. A. STEVEN.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21.

CALEDONIAN SOCIETY
CHILDREN'S CHOIR.
The next rehearsal will be held on Monday evening the 21st inst. in the Natural History Society Rooms. Full attendance is requested. A meeting of the Lady Associate Members will be held in the same place at 8 p.m.
W. C. McALLISTER, Hon. Secy.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22.

Recital of Christmas Music
SHERBROOKE ST. METHODIST CHURCH,
TUESDAY EVENING,
December 22nd, 1903.
The Choir will be assisted by
Mrs. W. H. CREED,
Miss R' TERRILL,
Mr. R DIPLOCK,
Mr. R. DUMBRILL.
Concert to commence at 8.15.
Collection for Choir Fund.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.
CHARITABLE COMMITTEE.
Friends are requested to send their donations of provisions, clothing and money, for the purchase of fuel, etc., to The Home 403 Aqueduct street.
The Christmas Distribution will be made on WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 23rd inst.
Parcels will be sent for on receipt of a post-card or telephone message, Uptown, 1434.
Money may also be sent to the Treasurer, Mr. William Seath, 1817 Notre Dame st.
E. H. COPLAND, Chairman.
ALEX. ROBERTSON, Secretary.

THE McSHANE DINNER.

The following gentlemen have signified their intention of subscribing to the complimentary dinner to be tendered to Mr. James McShane, harbor master: Messrs. Robert Meighen, the Hon. Geo. A. Drummond, Hugh A. Allan, Andrew A. Allan, Ald. Laporte, Wm. Wainwright, Ed. Parker, W. I. Gear, James Reid Wilson, D. A. McCaskill, Robert Bickerdike, M.P., L. A. Cresse, Alexander McFee, Lawrence A. Wilson, Bernard Tansey, George Hannah, Rodolphe Lemieux, ex-M.P., John Torrance, George McNicoll, Alfred T. Bryce, James McLean, Murray Kennedy, Thomas Harling, J. R. Binning, Ald. Sadler, Ald. Robertson, J. H. Semple, Wm. Niven, L. A. Tilley, Arthur Globensky, A. Faucher, the Hon. W. A. Weir, Daniel Gallery, M.P., R. A. Oliver, John Baird, A. Bergevin, M.P.P., Hospice Labelle, Geo. A. Thomson, David Guthrie, Col. A. A. Stevenson, M. Davis, James Rendall, D. W. Campbell, Alfred H. Froemcke, Wm. Mitchell, J. Murphy, M.P.P., Ottawa; F. Fowler, Wm. Cunningham, E. A. Bryce, James Dillon, James Hunter, B. McNally, Duncan Campbell, J. P. Kavanagh, John Kiloran, Dr. Devlin, Frank Green, W. P. Kearney, Wm. Stewart, Wm. Lockerby, F. A. McComb, Thomas Drummond, G. Moncel, J. U. Emard, Wm. Mann, M. Connelly.

The banquet will take place at the St. Lawrence Hall, on Jan. 7.

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The Daily Witness.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1903.

The United States Steel Corporation has announced a reduction of wages all round of from five to twenty percent, beginning the first of January. At the same time, a number of high salaried officials will be dismissed and the offices of the concern consolidated. Altogether, it is estimated, these economies will effect a saving of twenty-five million dollars a year. The principal reason given for this policy is the enormous decrease in the demand for steel owing to the cessation of building operations on account of strikes. The Steel Corporation may have other reasons than this for having to use extreme measures to make ends meet, but this one is important. During the past year strikes in the building trades have been continuous throughout the country. As a consequence, prospective builders and contractors are afraid to undertake new work through fear of being held up and put to heavy expense and loss. Other large concerns, employing many thousands of hands, are following the example of the great Steel Corporation for the same alleged reason. As the reduction of incomes reduces expenditure all industries are affected and depression is becoming general. The only compensating feature in the situation is the prospect of a reduction in the cost of the necessaries of life. A fall in price is expected to occur with the decrease of wages. But that will be poor satisfaction to the many thousands who will have no wages.

Since the year 1782, when the Irish volunteers assembled under arms in Dublin and compelled the government to adopt measures of reform, Ireland has had no volunteer militia. Yet that army was entirely officered by Protestants, chiefly of the landlord class. The disbandment and disarming of the volunteers was not the least among the causes that led to the Rebellion of 1798. Many of the leaders of the United Irishmen were Protestants and aristocrats, like Lord Edward Fitzgerald. Indeed, it is a curious fact that the Irish patriotic party, from the days preceding the union to the death of Parnell, was invariably led by a Protestant, with the sole exception of Daniel O'Connell. We regret exceedingly to find the story denied that, after a hundred and twenty years of suppression, the British government had decided to revive the Irish volunteer system. The continuance of this suppression is necessarily a slur on Irish loyalty, well calculated to provoke the thing it proclaims. It seems to us that the best thing to do with the Irish is to trust them. We cannot imagine them voluntarily donning the King's uniform and assuming all the duties which that means and not being loyal to it. Such a positive exhibition of confidence would have been in line with the proposed reduction in the strength of the Irish constabulary—a body, by the way, always Irish, and always faithful. The superb bravery and loyalty of the Irish regiments in the Boer war might well have warranted this new act of confidence. Irish troops have, indeed, always shown the same indomitable courage in the field. Even the Duke of Wellington, ever chary of praise for those who served under him, told them in the Peninsula that they were 'everything but bad soldiers.'

Legislation at the last session of parliament gave the customs authorities the power, and laid upon them the duty, of refusing the admission to the country of posters picturing crime. We gathered from recent expressions that the Custom House people had regretted the fact that the law did not allow them to exclude these instigators of crime, and that the law was passed to relieve them of this painful disability. Since it was passed, however, the criminal poster has been more in evidence than ever. Indecency having apparently lost some of its power to attract, every second picture has to have a pistol in it and crime appears in every phase. These posters render it plain that the theatres are being made a night school for crime. For that the government is not directly responsible; but for making our streets into a day school for crime they have practically acknowledged that they are responsible; and as all these posters must have come through the custom house, responsibility for them must be laid at the door of the Customs Department. We cannot but admit that the question, what is criminal in a picture, is as hard to define as, what is indecent. Testing his posters by current art the poor Custom House officer would find himself very much at fault to give a valid reason for admitting this and rejecting that. He can easily say, that respectable art galleries, picture dealers' windows and illustrated publications, are replete with scenes which he would have to reject if he rejects anything. There may be, and no doubt are, distinctions which good taste recognizes, but which it might yet be difficult to defend before any tribunal. Pistol violence seems to be at present an epidemic nightmare upon the public consciousness, for here comes to us the Christmas 'Graphic' with a blazing colored picture—for its annual Christmas gift to its readers—of a couple of burglars by the bedside of an old couple and holding them up with a pistol. The old people's waking fright is well depicted for the amusement of the families in whose dining-room or nursery this triumph of oleography will hang henceforth alongside of the big picture of the King which comes in the same number.

That the fashion of ladies' headgear should cause the overthrow of a constitutional government in these days when feminine influence in politics is supposed to be less than what it was when court intrigues swayed the councils of kings, seems absurd. Yet the report comes from Madrid that the theatre hat question played a considerable, if not a principal part, in the wrecking of the Villaverde ministry. The leading society women rebelled against the regulation of the Governor of Madrid, forbidding the wearing of hats at the opera, and are credited with having had sufficient influence to upset the Cabinet which backed the governor. The new ministry, it is stated, has consented to rescind the hat regulation and dismiss the audacious governor. It is curious to reflect that the Government of Spain, threatened with revolution and in sore financial straits, should be overturned by a whim of feminine fashion. Possibly the hat was the last straw, or feather, which broke the camel's back. When a ministry is tottering even a lady's hat may knock it to pieces. This same style of theatre hat has had graver consequences in raising an international question. The wife of the Russian consul at Naples, who was threatened with arrest if she did not remove her hugely expansive head covering while in a theatre, indignantly refused and left the house. Her husband reported the matter to the ambassador, who promised to take steps to have the officials who offended the lady properly punished. Hereafter let nobody sneer at fashion, or deny a lady's right to wear any sort of hat she fancies anywhere she may go. Parisian male theatre-goers have taken their revenge, however, by also wearing high, broad hats in the theatres, so that only the front row can get a glimpse of the stage. And so the merry war of absurdity, bad taste and extravagant contempt for the rights and opinions of others goes on, with no hope of peace save by the movement of the finger of the goddess of fashion.

A CONSCRIPT ARMY.

The wide difference between the German conscript army and the British volunteer army is seen at once, for the vile and cruel treatment of privates in the one is unthinkable in the other. The person of a British private soldier is as sacred from the touch of his superior officer as the officer's is from assault by his inferior. But in the German army the poor private may be kicked, cuffed, beaten, abused, spat upon and even maimed, yet have no redress. He dares not complain, for to complain is a crime in the German army. If now at last the rank and file are given consideration, the fact may be owing to the alarming growth of the social democracy, while the growth of that movement is largely due to the insolence and brutality which the conscription system in the army engenders. The plain people, whose sons are treated worse than slaves, revolt against the system, and resent the insolence of officers, whether they be gentlemen who draw their swords on civilians at the slightest provocation, or petty tyrants selected from among themselves. From the Emperor, who told the troops that they must be prepared to shoot down their fathers and brothers, should they be commanded to do so, down to the youngster who ran a former schoolmate through with his sword for offering to shake hands with him, the whole army is animated with a spirit of overbearing contempt for inferiors and civilians. It is a system in which every officer, from Lance-Jack to Kaiser, is a despot. The soldier's profession is treated by authority as though it were divine. The civilian has to bow before the soldier. If it were not that the army is as a fact very much better than the system which inspires it and which encourages insolence and abuse there would have been a revolt against it long ago. As it is the German people have submitted to this barbarous system for over thirty years, but the transformation of Germany from a feudal agricultural state into an industrial nation has altered the character of its people and developed a conflict between militarism and industrialism, which, if a great war does not occur, must end in the overthrow of the military caste. Baron von Kardorff was on the side of probability when he said in the Reichstag that, 'if nothing happens, a revolution is coming with certainty.'

TYPHOID OFFICIALLY DISTRIBUTED.

A recent epidemic of typhoid fever and diphtheria in the town of Butler, Pennsylvania, was clearly and unmistakably traced to the water supplied to the inhabitants from a source polluted by sewage. It has also been shown that the municipal authorities were cognizant of the fact that the stream from which the water was pumped was polluted, but took no means to purify it, or to warn the people of the danger they were running in using it. Much suffering and many deaths were the result and the newspapers are telling the local authorities that their shameful indifference to well-known sanitary precautions rightly constitutes cause for legal action against them. This question of water supply has become of the gravest importance to all cities and requires more comprehensive treatment than any one municipality can give it. The notorious public indifference to matters of sanitation will have to be met by legislation which will prevent the pollution of lakes, rivers and streams. If pure water is to be obtained, the prevailing custom in all cities, towns and villages, of draining their sewage into the nearest running streams will have to be stopped. No municipality should be permitted to empty its sewers into a stream from which communities farther down must draw their water supply. A striking instance of what follows from this evil custom was seen in Westmount the other day, when intestinal baccilli were detected in the water taken from a waterworks tap. It was not a surprising discovery, however, seeing that Westmount water is pumped from the river below the point where Verdun sewage empties. In several cities efforts are being made at heavy expense to clarify the water by erecting infiltration plants. But it is admitted that while these works remove much deleterious substance, they do not prevent the transmission of disease germs, such as those of typhoid and diphtheria. A better plan is that adopted by many European cities of treating sewage chemically before its discharge, or, as in Paris, of converting it into compost for fertilizing purposes. This system may be costly, but expense should not be considered in a matter which so vitally concerns the public health. The rapid increase of populous communities along our rivers and lakes will soon make the pollution of these a question of national importance. It must be prevented by compelling each municipality to dispose of its own sewage in a manner that will not inflict dirt and disease on other communities. In the case of Butler, Pennsylvania, we understand that there is a filtering plant, whose use had to be discontinued for a time, and thus the polluted stream was turned on into the household taps direct from its source. But the city of Montreal has no pretence to a filtering system, and we are always at the mercy of any germs that chance to infest our water supply. Butler, therefore, is better off than we are.

UNITED STATES NEEDS OUR TRADE.

In the year 1901, the United States sold to other nations commodities to the value of $1,465,375,860, of which $951,628,231 consisted of farm products. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1902, the United States sold to Canada commodities to the value of $120,814,750, or nearly sixty percent of our total purchases abroad, of which $60,879,347 came in free, while the balance paid an average duty of 25 percent. The United States bought from Canada during the same year ended June 30, 1902, commodities to the value of $86,567,784, which amounts to only about thirty-four percent of the total exports, compared with sales to Great Britain amounting to nearly forty-six percent, and to the British Empire nearly sixty-two percent. So that while we found a customer in the British Empire during 1902 for considerably over half of our exports, the United States only purchased about a third of theirs. On the other hand, our purchases abroad were made to the extent of more than a half with the United States (about three-fifths, precisely), and not quite a quarter with Great Britain. It is now, however, the opinion of many intelligent United States observers that this state of things cannot and will not continue. Among many public men who have spoken upon the subject recently one of the latest is Mr. A. M. Cummins, the Governor of Iowa, the trans-Mississippi state which now leads all others in the products of agriculture. The chairman of the ways and means committee in the House of Representatives said a few days ago that the time was inopportune for taking up negotiations with Canada 'because of the hot feeling engendered by the Alaskan boundary dispute,' and more or less he was probably right. There is certainly no burning desire in Canada just now, so far as we can learn, for a reciprocal trade arrangement with our neighbors, while the Conservative party and the influential Canadian Manufacturers' Association are strongly agitating for even higher customs duties against the United States. Governor Cummins, however, is of a different opinion, and is, indeed, deeply convinced that now is the accepted time. 'I agree,' he says, 'that the present session is not the best time for a general revision of our tariff schedules. Earnestly believing as I do that some of them ought to be changed, I know the temper of the partisanship in the House of Representatives too well to expect even fair deliberation and reasonable candor in the heated atmosphere which surrounds a presidential campaign; but this does not apply to the renewal of negotiations for reciprocity with Canada. If the commissioners were to meet now and labor diligently, it is not likely that the outcome of their work would reach Congress until peace and quiet shall again prevail. Mr. Cummins has many countrymen who think and work along the same lines, and especially among those who require to buy cheaply our raw materials such as lumber, minerals, and even our wheat to grind into flour. All the signs are, at present, however, that the United States authorities must make the first move this time, and even Mr. Cummins is not sanguine that this will come about until after the presidential elections. Nevertheless, the United States needs our trade and will probably be forced by public opinion in a period not remote to propose a reciprocal treaty.

THE SAVING REMNANT.

It is a remarkable and encouraging fact that a thoroughly bad man or a thoroughly bad system almost invariably awakens into opposition and so brings into view courage and nobility that might otherwise remain latent and unknown. The recent tyranny and depredations of Sam Parks and his confreres in New York prove no exception to this rule. Robert Neidig is a member of the Housesmiths' Union, to which Parks also belongs. When he joined it he developed an idea rather surprising to many of his associates, namely, that membership in a union was a position entailing duties as well as privileges and, while the majority of the men were content to stay at home and allow Parks and his friends to 'run' the association, he attended every meeting and always threw the weight of his influence on the side of honesty and justice. He saw that the 'Parks policy,' besides being unjust to the employers and to the public, would in the end hurt the union itself, and, therefore, in spite of black looks and hard names on the part of his fellow-members, opposed it by every means in his power. He was elected to the presidency of the union, with the idea that he would make a respectable figurehead, and that his real power would be more or less curtailed. He, however, engaged in the struggle with tenfold ardor. It meant an expenditure of time, energy and money, but this 'Pennsylvania Dutchman' had some of the old stubborn fighting blood in his veins and lived up to it.

He was menaced with the officers of Parks's 'entertainment committee' — a gang of 'sluggers,' who followed at the heels of their chief and at his bidding were ready for anything, from gorging an eye to breaking a head. He was threatened with the loss of his job—a serious thing for a man in his position with a family to support. He was threatened with expulsion from his union, jeered at because he professed to be honest and laughed at because he

went to church. None of these things moved him, however; his very daring proved his protection, and gradually he drew round him a few men of like mind, When the union struck they voted against the move but were outnumbered. When the great exposure came and information was necessary for Parks's conviction, he gave it, although the action was a direct challenge to the lawless element among the men. At the Labor Day parade he again incurred their displeasure by refusing to march behind 'that jail bird,' as he called Parks, who had been released on bail. Again threats were muttered against him, but he obtained permission to carry a revolver, and allowed the circumstance to become known to all whom it might concern. Finally, the tales of blackmail became public property. Parks's conviction was an accomplished fact, and it is now to be hoped that Mr. Neidig will reap the reward of his arduous labors by establishing his union on a sound and honorable basis. Whether he shall be successful in this or not, however, he has done something far greater. He has set an example of courage and honesty which will surely provoke emulation, both inside and outside the ranks of organized labor.

Something more than this has this true unionist done. He has given a demonstration of the only way in which our industrial, commercial and political life is to be redeemed from its present low estate. The great trouble upon this continent just now is not that honest men are few, but that their honesty is not made effective. We have, as has been wittily said of New York, 'too many residents and not enough citizens.' Too many enjoy the privileges of residence while refusing the manifest duties of citizenship. Party caucuses are left in the hands of professional politicians, and when polling day comes the average voter too often finds his choice to lie between two evils. In commerce the stockholder has no scruple in laying the conduct of his business in the hands of a directorate with carte blanche to use what means they please as long as dividends are produced. In labor organizations we are told that affairs are coming more and more under the control of small rings of 'experts' who, like the directors of trusts, are in danger of using them simply for their own ends. There was a wretched class which Dante saw herded with 'that ill band of angels':

—'who nor rebellious proved,
Nor yet were true to God, but for themselves
Were only.'

It would be a thousand pities if it were reserved for this age of democracy to increase their number. We in Canada may certainly take the lesson to heart. In a very little while the general elections will be upon us. 'Good men' must be prevailed upon to act as 'good citizens,' and like Robert Neidig exploit their privileges to the utmost. If not it will be their fault if their representatives prove unworthy of the trust reposed in them and faithless to the spirit of our free institutions.

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ART AND MANUFACTURES

MONTREAL SCHOOLS CONTAIN OVER A THOUSAND PUPILS.

The secretary of the Council of Arts and Manufactures, Mr. J. P. L. Berubé, has just issued the report of the attendance in the various schools for November last, which shows a large increase on the figures of November, 1902. The following is a statement showing attendance in the classes in Montreal, as well as other classes established in seven cities in the province. Montreal school —Freehand drawing, 174 pupils; architecture, 80; sign painting and lettering, 25; modelling, 30; lithography, 26; mechanical drawing, Monument National, 87; mechanical drawing, Point St. Charles, 34; mechanical drawing, East End, 15; boot and shoe pattern making, 31; carpentry and stair-building, 53; plumbing, 42; ladies' dress-cutting and sewing, 248; solfeggio, 204; total, 1,049. Quebec, school, 125; Hull, 68; Three Rivers, 76; Sherbrooke, 76; St. Hyacinthe, 105; Levis, 274; Valleyfield, 39; total in province, 1,812.

The different courses controlled by this institution will close for the holidays on Thursday, Dec. 24, and reopen on Thursday, Jan. 7, 1904. It is hoped the pupils will make it their duty to attend the first lesson next session.

'The Deluge,' by St. Saens, and 'Psalm 136,' by Ropartz, will be rendered in the first fortnight of February next by the pupils of the singing classes under the direction of Professor Goulet. A rehearsal will take place on Monday next.

AT THE BOYS' HOME.

In the Boys' Home, Mountain street, a very enjoyable concert and entertainment was given to the boys in the hall of the institution. The minstrel troupe, composed of Messrs. Davis, piccolo; Vickers, concertina; Daniels, bones; Clinton, tambourine; Dent Good-Whittaker, piano, and Masters Davis and Clinton, opened the proceedings, interesting the crowd of sturdy boys from the commencement to the finish. Miss Bolander, who recited, had to respond to an encore. Misses Clinton and Smith sang a duet. After a song by Miss Irons, there was an imitation of fife and drum band on the piano by Mrs. Samuels and little Master Graffety gave a violin solo in excellent style. This was followed by a laughable sketch entitled 'Black Justice.' Mr. Gawne, who acted as chairman in a neat little speech thanked the performers for their splendid and successful efforts to entertain the boys. The meeting closed with the singing of 'God save the King.'

WESTMOUNT METHODISTS.

At the banquet given by the Quarterly Official Board to the young men of Westmount Methodist Church it was thought advisable to meet again on Thursday last, when officers were elected and plans laid down as to a programme for the winter. After a few opening remarks by Mr. G. H. Cushing, who acted as chairman, it was decided to form a 'Baraca' class. The following officers were elected: Hon. president, Rev. W. G. Henderson: president, W. R. Allen; first vice-president, W. G. Henderson, jr.; second vice-president, W. Tollington; secretary, J. E. Walker; treasurer, W. Chambers; teacher, G. H. Cushing; sports committee, J. S. Walker (chairman), W. Horsman and A. Trenholme; social, W. F. Stewart (chairman), W. Wright and A. Worm. Music, Alf. Bolt (chairman), J. Barclay, W. Phillips.

A JANUARY CONCERT.

In song recitals the average programme has been given by bass and soprano. On Jan. 12 there will be an exception, a contralto and tenor appearing together. Mme. Katherine Fisk is perhaps the greatest contralto in America, and Mr. Kelly Cole one of the coming tenors. His voice is said to combine the warmth and richness of the baritone with the sweetness and purity of the tenor, and is of great compass. Both Mr. Cole and Mme. Fisk are having phenomenal success this season with their work, and are making a special feature of duets, a group of which they will give at their appearance in Montreal.

Suzanne Adams, who is touring in recital this season, will be heard at the Windsor Hall early in February.

THE AMERICAN CHURCH.

A musical composition of more than usual interest is to be sung at the Christmas choral service to-morrow evening at the American Presbyterian Church. It is entitled, 'The Manger Throne,' contains four parts, 'The annunciation,' 'The vision of the shepherds, "The wise men' and 'Bethlehem,' and is by a rising composer, Charles Fonteyn Manney. The soloists are Miss Clementine Varney, Miss Jeanie Rankin, Mr. Fred. Capon, and Mr. Percy Woodley. The organist, Mr. Edward Broome, has a chorus of 25 singers.

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The programmes called for twenty dances, and three extras, and there were many encores.

The scene was a pretty one, and the pleasure of those present was evident, the committee having endeavored to make the event an enjoyable one, as well as to assist a noble project.

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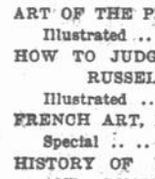
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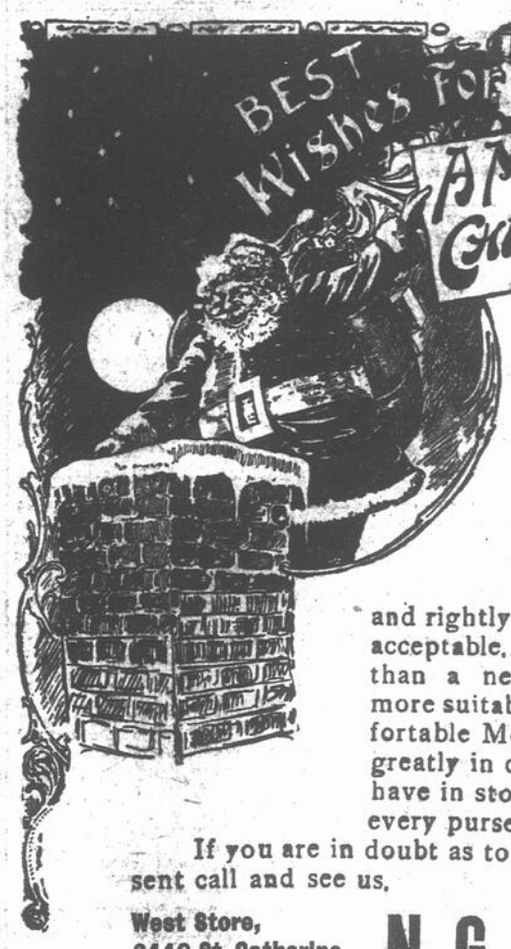


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At a little before six o'clock this morning fire broke out on the sixth floor of the huge building occupied by the Dominion Cotton Mills Company, Limited, Notre Dame and Desery streets. Men ar l apparatus from stations Nos. 6, 8, 11 and 13 under command of Chief Benoit, and Sub-Chiefs Dubois and St. Pierre, reached the scene in a few minutes. The room in which the fire started, and to which it was confined is on the sixth floor at the rear of the building. A stairway built on the outside leads to this department, where are situated numerous electrical machines from which power is distributed throughout the factory. Most of this machinery is ruined, and as a consequence the plant will be closed down for several days, as there is no auixliary power. The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is supposed it originated from the wires, a maze of which enter this room from the high pole at the corner of Notre Dame and Desery streets. While the salvage waggon from No. 1 station was racing along Notre Dame street it collided with a street car, and the driver, Louis Godin, was thrown over the dashboard and seriously injured. He was at once taken to the Notre Dame Hospital, where his condition is pronounced critical.

It is difficult to estimate the damage to the Dominion Cotton Company's property, but it will probably reach up in the thousands.

LOCAL STOCKS

The market this morning was not very active, with no particular tendency. Sales up to 10.45 were:

M.S.R.—23 at 212, 2 at 215.
Twins—75 at 91¼, 75 at 91½.
Scotia—50 at 77¾.
Telegraph—2 at 162.
Quebec Bank—4 at 119½.
Detroit—50 at 68¾, 25 at 68⅞, 25 at 68¾.
Bank of Hochelaga—8 at 127.

Quotations:

	Asked.	Bid.
C. P. R.	120	118¾
M. S. R.	214¾	213¾
New M.S.R.	205	203
Twins	91¾	91½
Detroit	69	68¾
Toledo	25	23¼
Richelieu	82	80¼
Power	76	75½
Iron	9	8¼
Iron pfd.	27	24
Coal		75¾

NEW YORK STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 19, Wall Street — The opening sale in the stock market of United States Steel preferred was seven thousand shares at a decline of a quarter. Dealings otherwise were in light volume and the variations in price were small.

MILDER WEATHER

Toronto, Dec. 19, 11 a.m.—New Westminster, 40, 33; Kamloops, 32, 24; Calgary, 26, 2; Qu'Appelle, 28, 14; Winnipeg, 20, 12; Port Arthur, 32, 28; Parry Sound, 18, 6; Toronto, 28, 22; Ottawa, 10, 12 below; Montreal, 6, 2 below; Quebec, 2, 6 below; Halifax, 16, 6. South-easterly winds, fair, becoming milder. Sunday, milder, snow or sleet.

1623 Notre Dame street, Montreal, Dec. 19, 1903.—Readings by the Optical & Engineers' Supply Company's Standard Barometer at noon

Yesterday, 30.53; to-day, 30.60.

Temperature.	Max	Min.
To-day	5	—3
Yesterday	3	—5

—Below zero.

FOOTWEAR AS HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

Nothing is More Acceptable than

a pair of new Boots, Shoes, Slippers, Moccasins or Overshoes.

OUR LARGE STOCK affords an excellent choice in any of the above lines. Everything up-to-date in STYLE and FINISH

SEE OUR LADIES' BLACK AND COLORED FELT "JULIET" SHOES, trimmed with Chincilla Fur. They are BEAUTIES. Price $2.25
BEAUTIFUL KID AND PATENT LEATHER SLIPPERS, Steel and Jet beaded, high French heels ..... $2.00 to $3.50
JERSEY CLOTH LEGGINGS, very comfortable ..... $1.25 and $1.50
CLOTH GAITERS, neatly and strongly made ..... 25c to $1.00
MEN'S FINE BLACK AND CHOCOLATE SLIPPERS ..... $1.50 and $2.00
MEN'S VELVET EMBROIDERED SLIPPERS, from 75c
SKATING AND HOCKEY BOOTS of the newest patterns.
BOYS', GIRLS' and CHILDREN'S GOODS in endless variety.
SHOP EARLY and AVOID THE RUSH NEXT WEEK.

RONAYNE BROS.,
2027 Notre Dame Street, (Chaboillez Square).

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS ...In fine Leather Goods

LADIES' POCKET BOOKS.

We have just opened out a very fine line of LADIES' POCKET BOOKS, PURSES, CARD CASES, etc., from five different makers, all in neat and serviceable styles. Our line of POCKET-BOOKS, ranges from 25c to $5.00 and upwards. Fine grade Books in Grey, Brown, etc.
GENT'S POCKET-BOOKS, BILL-BOOKS, BILL FOLDS, COIN PURSES, STREET CAR TICKET CASES, etc., all made up in useful shapes. Fine Leathers, Seal, CALF, WALRUS, ALLIGATOR, etc., at popular prices.

Writing Cases, Portfolios, Blotters, Etc.

The variety we carry in this line embraces all shapes and styles that are useful. Prices from $1.00 to $20.00 each.

Music Cases and Music Rolls,
AT PRICES TO SUIT ALL.

Gent's Collar and Cuff Boxes
Gent's Collar and Cuff Cases.
(FLAT SHAPE.)

Ladies' Wrist Bags. Ladies' Hand ags.

All the Latest English and American makes, in Grey Seal, Grey Walrus, Black Seal, Brown Walrus, Alligator, Grey and Brown Suede, etc. All in FINE LEATHER.
BAGS, from $1.00 to $8.00 each.

G. W. CLARKE & CO., 2270 St. Catherine St.

WELLINGTON BRIDGE

IMPORTANT JUDGMENT CONCERNING EXPROPRIATION FOR THE APPROACHES.

Mr. Justice Robidoux this morning rendered judgment in the matter of the petitions for the appointment of commissioners for the expropriation of properties for the approaches to the Wellington bridge. His Lordship held that each proprietor is entitled to have two commmisioners of his own choice appointed to act jointly with those appointed by the city.

THE CHRISTMAS 'GAZETTE.'

The Christmas number of the Montreal 'Gazette' appeared this morning in very attractive form, and full of most interesting stories. The front cover was taken up with an artistic lithographed Santa Claus head, and the letterpress and border work of the Christmas suplement portion of the paper was very tastefully got up. There were 28 pages in all, and the number is a credit to Montreal journalism and art.

Financial.

EDWD. T. TAYLOR & SON
Insurance Brokers & Agents
438t. Francois Xavier St. Tel M. 2205

BEAUTIFUL FAIRY HEART. Delights every woman. Latest fragrant fancy. Sample, 15 cents. New catalogue free. TRIUMPH MFG. CO., 181 Tremont st., Room 27, Boston, Mass.

OFFICES TO LET, ST. PETER STREET, between Merchants Bank and 'Witness' Office. Apply at 'Witness' Office.

WANTED, BOOKKEEPING FOR EVENings and Saturday afternoons; druggists preferred; 15 years with Parke, Davis & Co., Druggists. J. M. WOLEVER, 724 St. Antoine street.

PLANS WILL BE APPROVED.

It is learned to-day that the plans for the new wharf sheds will be finally approved by th egovernment at an early date.

WANT ADS.

FOR THE 'WITNESS,' may be left with WM. DRYDEDALE & CO., Booksellers and Stationers 2275 St. Catherine Street.

Or with R. TURNER, Grocer, Point St. Charles, 324 Wellington street, West of Railway.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS.

CASH TARIFF.

Situation Vacant. Situation Wanted. Pupils Wanted. Rooms to Let. Articles Found. Secondhand Articles Wanted or For Sale. — 20 WORDS FOR 10 CENTS. 1c for each additional word. Six insertions for the price of four.

Property For Sale or To Let. Other Articles For Sale. — 25 WORDS FOR 25 CENTS. 1 cent for each additional word. Six insertions for the price of four.

Personals. Agents Wanted. — 25 WORDS FOR 50 CENTS.

NOTICE PARTICULARLY.

Postage Stamps will be Accepted.

The above rates are CASH with order. When not prepaid numerous entries have to be made, and the rate is, in consequence, much higher.

No charge made in our books for any advertisement of less than five agate lines space.

Situations Vacant.

WANTED, YOUNG MAN TO DO OFFICE work and shorthand. Knowledge of French required. Apply in handwriting to P.O. Box 2353.

WANTED, GOOD PLAIN COOK; CITY references required. Apply at 311 Stanley street.

WANTED, YOUNG GIRL TO ASSIST IN house work; must have good references. Apply 6 Bishop street.

WANTED, GOOD PLAIN COOK OR GENeral Servant, with city references; two in family. Apply 6 Bishop street.

WANTED, A HOUSEMAID, ABLE TO wait on table; must have good city references. Apply 2746 St. Catherine st.

WANTED, A CARETAKER FOR TAYLOR Presbyterian Church. Apply by letter, giving roferences, to MR. GEO. ROBERTSON, 297 Delorimier avenue.

WANTED, A STABLE BOY. APPLY, 137 St. Monique street.

WANTED, GENERAL SERVANT; REFERences required. Apply evenings after 8 o'clock at 1150 Dorchester street.

WANTED, A YOUNG WOMAN WITH some experience, as Typewriter for an insurance office. Apply to P.O. Box 2326, Montreal.

WANTED, A BOY FOR OFFICE WORK, in a Plumber's Shop. Address BOY 15, 'Witness' Office.

CUTTER WANTED, FOR ESTABLISHED Tailoring Business in Winnipeg; must be first-class man. Address GEORGE B. McNEIL CO.

AGENTS WANTED—BEST MONEY-MAKing proposition of the season. Write immediately for particulars and samples. C. R. PARISH, Toronto.

WANTED, MECHANICS, CONTRACTORS, Clerks and others to see what The Men's Own is like. Good music and a short address. Come to Calvary Church, Cuy street, above St. Antoine, Sunday, 3 p.m. sharp.

Furnished Flats Wanted.

WANTED, SMALL FURNISHED HOUSE or Flat, until May 1, for a family of 4 adults; Westmount preferred. Address, W., 220, 'Witness' Office.

To Let.

TO LET, ELEGANT 7 ROOM FLAT IN West End; everything modern; possession now. H. J. ROSS, 180 St. James street.

Wanted.

WANTED, TO PURCHASE LADIES' AND Gentlemen's Cast-off Clothing, Fur Coats, Capes, old gold and silver, travellers' woollen samples. Best cash prices for good goods. Mail orders promptly attended by MAX FRANK, 493 Craig street, Post-Office Box 422.

Entertainments Given.

CHARLES COOMBES, THE VENTRILOquist, Punch and Judy Shows, continue to delight everyone at Christmas Parties, etc. 115 Leber street.

Notices.

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY GIVE notice that a general meeting of the members of the Cie Equitable d'Assurance Mutuelle contre le feu, is called for the 21st instant, at No. 503 Laurie ave. (formerly St. Louis street), Town of St. Louis, at 10 a.m., to proceed to the election of new directors. Louis Bergevin, Alain Leger, Auguste Lapensee, L. F. Larose, Wilfrid Laurin, Charles Laviolette, Edmond Marechal, Joseph Vailliant, Joseph Ruest, Cleophas Montambault, Elie Dupras, Alphonse Robillard, Emerie Larocque, N. Robillard, Joseph Leblanc, Joseph Roy, Ernest Mireau, Xavier Poirier, Joseph Prejent, Ludger Patenaude, Guilbert Laurier, Donat Deschamps, J. B. Forte.

For Sale.

FOR SALE, BAGATELLE TABLES. Apply, D. NIGHTINGALE, 1742 Notre Dame street.

Money Wanted.

$30,000 WANTED AT 5 PERCENT on first-class central city property; newly erected buildings, first mortgage. Principals only. Address P.O. Box 564.

Bargains.

FOR SALE — $169 CASH BUYS Upright Piano, short time in use, warranted equal to new in every respect; other holiday bargains at LEACH'S, 2440 St. Catherine street.

FOR SALE — 20 NEW MORRIS Upright Pianos, received at LEACH'S, 2440 St. Catherine, for holiday trade; sold for cash or $7 monthly. Exchanges made. Open evenings.

FOR SALE — SNAPS FOR CASH AT LEACH'S Piano Rooms, 2440 St. Catherine street. Williams Upright, $120; Heintzman Upright, $135; Evans Upright, $145; Gabler Square, $150; $5 monthly or $100 cash; Thomas Organ (piano case), $90, $4 monthly or $75 cash. Open evenings.

FOR SALE, AT A BARGAIN, THE FOLlowing Dye Stuffs: 197 lbs. Formaldehyde or Formal 40 percent Solution (known also as Tannigene); three-fourths of a Carboy Solution of Muriate or Chloride of Tin, Sp. Gr., 1.41 or 82 deg. Twaddle. Address, M.P., 380, 'Witness' Office.

FOR SALE—USED NEW ENGLAND ORgan, solid walnut case, 9 stops, cost $75. Our price to immediate purchaser, $45 on easy payments. LAYTON BROS., 244 Peel street. N.B.—Open evenings until 9.30 until the end of the month.

FOR SALE — 100 NEW AND USED Pianos and Organs by the following makers: Behr Bros., Steinway, Chickering, Mason & Hamlin, Haselton, Evans Bros., Estey, Berlin, Layton Bros., Thomas, Doherty, Bilhorn, American Piano Co., Ladd, Morris, Karn, Cornwall, New England, Newcombe, Jas. R. Berry, Brown, Warren, Stoddart, Beatty, Vose, Herbert, etc. Prices from $40 to $1,500, on easy payments. Write for illustrated catalogue and price list. LAYTON BROS., 144 Peel street. N.B.—Open evenings until 9.30 until the end of the month.

CLARK'S, OPEN EVENINGS TO TEN o'clock for sale of Useful and Pretty Christmas Presents at Bargain Prices. CLARK'S, Room One, 210 St. James st.

FOR SALE—NEW REMNANTS, ROLLER and Table Linens, Sheetings, White Quilts, 90c; Lace Curtains, Manufacturers' Samples, Gent's Lined Kid Gloves, 75c up; Men's Rubbers, No. 11, 35c, worth 90c; Fawn Serges, 62 inch, 75c, worth $1.50. ROWELL'S GENERAL BAZAAR, No. 3 Cypress, opposite Windsor Hall.

KINDLING FOR THE MILLION, Kindling, $2.00; Cut Maple, $3.00; Mill Blocks, $1.75, cut any length; also Anthracite Coal; delivered anywhere in the city. J. C. MACDIARMID, No. 2 Canal Basin, cor. of Guy and William street. Bell Telephone Main 463.

FOR SALE, ON VERY EASY TERMS, Kitchen Stoves, Hall Stoves, and everything for the house, at cheapest prices. THE PRINCE CO., 23 St. Lawrence street.

TO STAMP COLLECTORS—I AM BREAKing up a collection of 10,000 varieties and can sell any stamps at half of Scott's latest catalogue prices except unused current stamps. Orders promptly filled. 150 Peel street.

Board and Rooms Wanted.

ROOMS AND BOARD WANTED, FOR A family of four; private family preferred. Address A.F.B., 'Witness' Office.

Lost, Strayed and Found.

LOST, ON THURSDAY EVENING, ON ST. Catherine street, between Victoria and Stanley streets, Hospital Nurse's open-faced Silver Watch. Reward on return to General Hospital.

LOST, ON ST. CATHERINE STREET, yesterday, a Lady's Gold Watch, plain case, with black fob. Kindly return to 417 Mance street and receive reward.

Employment Wanted.

DAY WORK WANTED, OF ANY KIND, by a respectable woman. Address WORK 20, 'Witness' Office.

A YOUNG WOMAN, WHO WAS educated for ten years at Montreal High School, two years at College, and has just finished a course of stenography and typewriting, wants to get a place in the city. Address M.C., 19, 'Witness' Office.

CHURCH NOTICES.

Baptist Churches.

THE BAPTIST TABERNACLES, No. 1060 St. Catherine street. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor will preach at both services.

BERRI STREET BAPTIST MISSION, 738 Berri street, two doors below Duluth ave. —Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p.m. Service of song, 8.45 p.m. Preaching service at 7 p.m. John W. Ede, superintendent.

NORTH BAPTIST MISSION —Sunday, 3 p.m., Sunday school. At 7 p.m., Mr. A. E. Tuddenham will preach. Thursday, at 8 p.m., prayer and praise service. Friends and strangers welcome.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, St. Catherine street. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. J. A. Gordon, M.A., will preach at both services. Special seats reserved for students. Friends and strangers welcome.

OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Dorchester and Guy streets. Services held in school room of new building. Entrance, Guy street. Sunday, 11 a.m., and 7 p.m. Preacher, morning and evening, the pastor, the Rev. J. L. Gilmour, B.D. Sunday school at 3 p.m. Y.P.S.C.E., on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Rev. J. L. Gilmour, B.D., pastor.

WEST END MISSION, in connection with Olivet Baptist Church. Services will be held in the new hall, upstairs; entrance, 96 Fulford street. Sunday morning Sunday school at 9.30. Preaching service at 7 p.m. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. All are cordially invited.

WESTMOUNT BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Western and Oliver avenues. — Divine services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor, the Rev. Frank S. Weston, will preach at both services. B.Y.P.U. service, Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Strangers cordially welcome. Seats free.

Methodist Churches.

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DORCHESTER STREET METHODIST CHURCH:—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

DESRIVIERES STREET MISSION (Colored)—Preaching at 8 p.m. All welcome. Rev. Robert Brown, pastor.

HOCHELAGA METHODIST CHURCH, on Marlborough street, near Notre Dame. The Rev. J. Armstrong, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor will preach at both services. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8.

WESTMOUNT METHODIST CHURCH—Divine services at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Monday E. L. of C. E., at 8. Wednesday, prayer meeting at 8. Friday, Junior Endeavor Society at 4.15 p.m. Rev. W. Goold Henderson, pastor.

FAIRMOUNT AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, corner of Fairmount avenue and Mance streets, Montreal Annex. Rev. J. W. Davidson, B.A., B.D., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. 3 p.m., Sunday school and pastor's Bible class. 8 p.m., Wednesday, prayer meeting. Rev. J. W. Davidson, B.A., B.D., pastor.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH, cor. of Berri and Mount Royal ave. Rev. W. S. Lennon, B.A., B.D., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 3 p.m. E. L. of C. E. on Monday. Young Men's Association on Tuesday, and prayer meeting on Wednesday, at 8 p.m.

MOUNTAIN STREET METHODIST CHURCH, corner of Mountain and Torrance streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Monday, E. L. of C. E. at 8 p.m. Wednesday, prayer meeting at 8 p.m. Rev. Melvin Taylor, pastor.

SHERBROOKE STREET METHODIST Church, cor. St. Charles Borromee street. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor will preach. Morning subject: 'Christ's Peace.' Evening subject: 'Man's Temptation.' E. L. of C. E. on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8. Service on Christmas Day at 11 a.m. Rev. C. E. Bland, pastor.

ST. JAMES METHODIST CHURCH, St. Catherine street, centre. The Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A., and the Rev. Charles A. Sykes, B.D., pastors. 11 a.m., preacher, Rev. C. A Sykes, B.D.: 'The Place of Christ in the Religious Life.' Evening service. Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A.: 'The Birthplace of a King.' Special Christmas music at both services.

DOUGLAS METHODIST CHURCH, corner of St. Catherine and Chomedy streets. Rev. Thomas Griffith, M.A., Ph.D., pastor. The Rev. Thomas Phillips will preach tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock,, and the pastor will preach in the evening. Sunday-school and Bible-classes at 3 o'clock. Douglas Brotherhood at 3 p.m. The Rev. Chas. A. Sykes, B.D., will lecture on 'Knowledge and Service; the Call of the 20th Century.'

Christmas Service—Christmas morning at 11 o'clock. Christmas music. Collection for the poor.

DOMINION SQUARE METHODIST CHURCH.—Rev. G. E. Manning, pastor. Sunday services: Morning at 11 o'clock; evening at 7 o'clock. The pastor will preach at both services Morning subject: 'Strength and Duty of Christian Character.' Evening subject: 'Life's Battle Ground.' Evening music: Anthem, 'The Golden Pathway.' Solo and chorus. Male Quartette, 'The Soft Sabbath Calm.' Sunday-school and Bible-classes at 3 o'clock. Strangers welcome.

WEST END METHODIST CHURCH, corner of Canning and Coursol streets. The Rev. George S. Reynolds, pastor. Class-meeting and Junior Endeavor at 10 a.m. Preaching services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher, at 11 a.m., Rev. Thos. Griffith, M.A., Ph.D. Sunday-school and Bible classes at 3 p.m. Young People's Society of C. E. on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 8. Strangers cordially invited to all of the above services.

ST. HENRI METHODIST CHURCH, cor. St. Antoine street and Metcalfe avenue. Pastor, the Rev. James Lawson. Sunday Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Morning subject: 'The Light which Abraham Saw.' Evening subject: 'Lessons from the Book of Esther.' Evening preacher, the Rev. T. G. Williams, D.D. Missionary service. Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 3 o'clock. Epworth League of C. E. on Monday at 8 p.m. Junior League on Wednesday at 4.15 p.m. A cordial welcome to all the services.

EAST END METHODIST CHURCH, corner of Lagauchetiere and Plessis streets. The Rev. E. W. Crane, pastor. Young Men's and senior classes at 10.15 a.m. Public services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath school and pastor's Bible class, 2.45 p.m. Christian Endeavor, 8 p.m., Monday. Junior Endeavor, 4 p.m., Friday. Meeting for prayer and Bible study, Wednesday, 8 p.m. Strangers and irregular churchgoers are cordially invited. The pastor will preach at both services. Morning subject:— 'Christian Secret of Success and Happiness.' Evening: 'A Great Dinner.'

Avis de Culte Public.

EGLISE DE LA CROIX, Presbyterienne, rue Suzanne—Ecole du dimanche à 10 h Services à 11 h. et à 7 h. R. F. Ducles, pasteur, 168 rue Mance.

L'ORATOIRE (eglise baptiste), 14 rue Mance—Le dimanche à 11 h. et 7 h; le jeudi à 7.30. A. L. Therrien, pasteur, No. 103 Mance street.

MISSION PRESBYTERIENNE, Point St. Charles. Services le dimanche matin à 11 heures. Assemblee le prieres le jeudi à 8 heures p.m. C. A. Doudiet, pasteur. Residence, 76 Coursol street.

EGLISE METHODISTE, au coin des rues Craig et Ste. Elizabeth—Le dimanche à 11 h. et à 7 h.; le mercredi, à 8 h. Ecole du dimanche, 10 h. Rev. Ed. de Gruchy, pasteur, 1 rue Ste. Elizabeth.

EGLISE METHODISTE FRANCAISE, rue Delisle (pres du coin de l'Avenue Atwater). Service le dimanche, à 11 heures et à 7 heures. Ecole du dimanche à 10 heures. Reunion de prieres le mercredi à 8 heures. Rev. W. L. Halpenny, pasteur.

EGLISE ST. JEAN, coin des rues Ste. Catherine et Cadieux. Culte le dimanche à 11 a.m. et à 7 p.m. Reunion de prieres le mercredi à 8 p.m. Ecole du dimanche et classe biblique à 3 p.m. Calvin E. Amaron, D.D., pasteur, 237 rue St. Charles Borromee.

Church of England.

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ST. LUKE'S CHURCH, corner of Champlain and Dorchester streets. All seats free. Rector, the Rev. W. W. Craig, M.A. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

EGLISE DU REDEMPTEUR (Anglicane), Chatham street—The Rev. H. E. Benoit, rector. 11 a.m., morning prayer. 7 p.m., evening prayer. Seats free and unappropriated. Strangers are welcome.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION (Church of England), Outremont. 11 a.m., morning prayer. Preacher, the Rev. Principal Rexford. 7 p.m., evening prayer.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH, corner of Notre Dame and Voltigeur streets. 11 a.m., morning service. 3 p.m. Sunday-school and Bible-class. 7 p.m., evening service; preacher, the rector. Wednesday evening service at 8 p.m. J. Frederick Renaud, rector.

ST. THOMAS MISSION, No. 309 Delorimier avenue. 3 p.m., Sunday school. Mr. W. W. Chipman, superintendent. 7 p.m., evening service. J. Bullick, Lay Reader.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, corner St. Denis and Marie Anne streets. Seats free. Morning prayer at 11 o'clock. Rev. M. Day Baldwin, M.A., rector, preacher. Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p.m. Evening prayer at 7 o'clock. Rev. M. Day Baldwin, M.A., rector, preacher.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH, corner of Coursol and Vinet streets. Rev. Canon Dixon, rector; Rev. J. S. Ereaux, assistant. Sunday, Dec. 20. Morning service at 11 o'clock. Preacher, the Rev. Mr. Ereaux. Evening service at 7 o'clock. Preacher, the rector. Sunday-school and Bible-classes at 3 p.m.

ANGLICAN CHURCH MISSION, Amherst Park and St. Denis Boulevard, corner of St. Zotique and Labelle streets, in connection with the Montreal Diocesan Theological College. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m.. Student lay reader, Mr. J. C. Seaman.

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE corner Bishop and St. Catherine streets. Rev. Canon Ellegood, M.A., D.C.L., rector. Rev. H. A. Brooke, M.A., assistant. Holy Communion, 8 a.m. Choral Communion, 11 a.m. Sunday-school, 3 p.m. Evensong, 7 p.m. Morning preacher, the Rev. H. A. Brooke, M.A. Evening preacher, the rector. Strangers welcome and shown to seats at all services.

CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE MISSION, 236 St. Antoine street. E. T. Cocker, Lay Reader. Sunday school at 9.30 a.m. Bible-class at 3.15. Evening prayer at 7 p.m. Service on Christmas day at 11 o'clock. Seats free. Strangers made welcome.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Church of England)—Anniversary services. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Preacher in the morning, the rector. The Rev. G. Osborne Troop will preach at the evening service. Sunday-school and Bible-class at 3 p.m. Strangers made welcome. Rev. J. H. Jekill, B.A., rector.

TRINITY CHURCH, St. Denis street and Vitre square. Rev. Chas. G. Rollit, rector, 8 a.m., Holy Communion. 11 a.m., morning prayer; preacher, the rector. 7 p.m., evening prayer. Preacher, the Rev. H. E. Horsey, B.D. 3 p.m., Sunday-school and Bible-class. Strangers welcome at all services.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH, corner of St. Urbain and Prince Arthur streets. The Rev. G. Osborne Troop, M.A., rector. 8 a.m., Holy Communion, 11 a.m., morning prayer and sermon. Subject: 'The Image of the Earthy and the Image of the Heavenly.' Preacher, the rector. 7 p.m., evening prayer and sermon. Preacher, the Rev. E. T. Capel. All seats free and unappropriated. Strangers welcomed. All one in Christ Jesus.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH, Weredale Park, Dorchester street and Atwater ave. Fourth Sunday in Advent. Celebration of Holy Communion at 8 and 10 o'clock. Morning prayer at 11 o'clock. Preacher, the Very Rev. Dean Evans, D.D., D.C.L. Sunday-school and Bible-class at 3 o'clock. Evening prayer at 7 o'clock. Preacher, Rev. Prof. Howard, B.D. The Very Rev. Dean Evans, D.D., D.C.L.; Rev. E. I. Rexford, M.A.

CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.— The Venerable Archdeacon Norton, D.D., rector of Montreal; Rev. Herbert Symonds, D.D., vicar of Christ Church Cathedral; Rev. H. T. S. Boyle, M.A., curate. a.m., Holy Communion. 10 a.m., Matins. 11 a.m., Ordination and Holy Communion by the Lord Archbishop of Montreal. Preacher, Rev. W. F. Fitzgerald, M.A. 7 p.m., Cathedral service. Preacher, the vicar. Subject: 'Herbert Spencer and his Relation to Christian Religion and Church.' All seats free at the 7 o'clock service. Vicar's Bible-class for men in the Cathedral at 2.45 p.m. Sunday-school and Bible classes in Synod Hall, 3 p.m. Monday, St. Thomas Day, Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

Rt. Rev. Jas. Carmichael, D.D., Coadjutor Bishop of Montreal, rector.

Rev. H. P. Plumptre, M.A., first assistant minister.

Rev. J. A. Elliott, B.A., second assistant minister.

Fourth Sunday in Advent.

Holy Communion after morning service.

11.05 a.m.—Morning prayer. Preacher, Bishop Carmichael.

3.00 o'clock—Sunday school and Bible-classes for men and young men.

7.05 p.m., evening prayer. Preacher, the Rev. H. P. Plumptre.

Tuesday, Confirmation class (open to all) 8 p.m.

Wednesday, special Advent service, 8 p.m.

Friday, Christmas Day, Holy Communion at 9 a.m., and after morning service. Preacher, Bishop Carmichael. The congregation are specially reminded that the Christmas offerings will be devoted to the relief of the poor of the parish.

THE LONDON SOCIETY for Promoting Christianity Amongst the Jews. Mr. D. J. Neugewirtz, missionary in charge. Public service for Jews and Christians every every Sunday at the Mission house, 374 Lachetiere street, from 7 to 9.15 p.m. Meeting for Jews every Saturday at 4 p.m. Bible class for Jews every evening at 8 o'clock. The reading room is open for Jews every evening from 6 to 9 o'clock. A prayer meeting on behalf of Israel will be held every Tuesday from 4 to 5 p.m. All are heartily invited.

Lutheran Churches.

GERMAN LUTHERAN CHURCH.—Sunday service will be held at 11 a.m., by the Rev. Jestinsky. Sunday-school at 10 a.m.

Presbyterian Churches.

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MOUNT ROYAL VALE—Mr. G. S. Mitchell will preach at 7 p.m.

CRESCENT STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—The pastor, the Rev. John Mackay, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

CALVIN CHURCH (Presbyterian), corner Notre Dame and Seigneurs streets. Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

MELVILLE CHURCH, Westmount Park. The Rev. T. W. Winfield will conduct the services to-morrow at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school at 3 o'clock.

ST. ANDREW'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Westmount, cor. Stanton street. The Rev. G. F. Johnson, B.A., B.D., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

WESTMINSTER CHURCH (Presbyterian) Atwater avenue, near St. Antoine street—Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting. Pastor, the Rev. M. Stewart Oxley, B.A., 369 Clarke avenue.

MONTREAL ANNEX (Pres. Church) — corner Mance street and Bernard ave. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible class at 3 p.m. Young People's meeting on Monday at 8 p.m. Seats free. All cordially invited. Rev. D. J. Graham, pastor.

ERSKINE CHURCH, cor. of Sherbrooke street and Ontario avenue. Rev. A. J. Mowatt, D.D., the pastor, will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday-school and Chiese class at 3 p.m. C.E. on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Strangers welcome.

KNOX CHURCH, corner Dorchester and Mansfield streets—Rev. Jas. Fleck, B.A., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sabbath school at 3 p.m. Sabbath-school for Chinamen at 10 a.m. and 8.15 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Y.P.S.C.E. on Monday evening at 8 o'clock.

INSPECTOR STREET CHAPEL (Presbyterian) — Services on Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903, will be held at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school at 3 p.m. Y. P. Society of Christian Endeavor on Mouday at 8 p.m. Gospel and prayer meeting on Tuesday and Friday at 8 p.m. All strangers in the city will be cordially welcomed and shown to seats. Evangelist John Currie, pastor.

TAYLOR CHURCH (Presbyterian), corner of Papineau avenue and Logan street. Rev. W. D. Reid, B.A., B.D., pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. At 11 a.m. the pastor will preach the thirty-fourth sermon in the series on the parables: 'The Pounds.' Sunday-school and pastor's class for young men at 3 p.m. C. E. Society on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

ST. GABRIEL CHURCH (Presbyterian)— St. Catherine street—The Rev. Robert Campbell, D.D., the pastor, will conduct divine service at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Subject of evening discourse: 'James Killed with the Sword,' Acts xii., 2. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Bible class at 3.15 p.m. Bible reading on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Strangers welcome at all services.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, corner of Drummond and Dorchester sts. Services on Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., pastor, The Rev. Professor Ross will preach at both services. Morning subject: 'The Time and Purpose of the Advent.' Evening: 'The Larger Life Christ came to bring.' Sunday school at 3 p.m.

STANLEY STREET CHURCH, near the Windsor Hotel. Seats free. Service at 11 a.m., Rev. Dr. Amaron. 7 p.m. Subject: 'Abraham—The Trial of Faith.' 3 p.m., Sunday school and pastor's Bible class. 8.15 p.m., Chinese school. Monday, 8 p.m., C.E.S., in church parlor. Wednesday, 8 p.m., prayer meeting. Strangers cordially welcomed. Rev. F. M. Dewey, M.A., pastor.

CHALMERS CHURCH, corner of Prince Arthur and St. Lawrence streets. Morning worship at 11 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, with the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the close. Evening worship at 7 o'clock. Preacher, the Rev. T. A. Steven, late of London, England. Thanksgiving service on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Chinese Sunday school at 9.45 a.m. English Sunday-school at 3 p.m. A cordial invitation to all. Rev. G. Colborne Heine, B.A., pastor.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, Dorchester street. The Rev. James Barclay, D.D., pastor, will officiate at both services. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Bible-class at 3 p.m. Wednesday evening service at 8.15 p.m. Ladies' Aid and Dorcas Society, Tuesday, will not meet till 12 noon. King's Daughters' Sewing Circle, Tuesday, 10.30 a.m., will not meet till 12 noon. Ladies' Missionary Auxiliary, at 4 p.m.; annual meeting, Tuesday, 12 noon. Seats free at Sunday evening services. Young Men's Association, Monday 21, 8.15 p.m. Service on Christmas at 11 a.m.

ST. PAUL'S MISSION, St. Charles street, Point St. Charles. Rev. C. A. Doudiet, missionary. Morning service at 11 a.m. Evening service at 6.30 p.m.; Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Sewing class on Friday at 3 p.m.

Point St. Charles Churches.

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POINT ST. CHARLES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH—Pastor, the Rev. W. R. Harvey. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.

GRACE CHURCH, Wellington street, Point St. Charles. Morning preacher, the Ven. Archdeacon Ker. Evening preacher, the Rev. Fred. Lewis Whitly.

POINT ST. CHARLES BAPTIST CHURCH, corner of Wellington and Liverpool streets. The Rev. J. R. Webb, pastor. Residence, 7 Rushbrooke street. Sunday, Dec. 20, 1903. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., the pastor preaching. Strangers cordially welcomed.

VICTORIA CHURCH, corner Conway and Mepal streets. Services at 11 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Sunday school and pastor's Bible class at 3 p.m. C.E. on Monday at 8 p.m. Week night service on Wednesday at 8 p.m. All welcome. Rev. J. Myles Crombie.

Point St. Charles Churches.

ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH, Presbyterian. Corner of Wellington and Bourgeois streets. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. E. A. Mackenzie, B.A., B.D., pastor. Sabbath-school and Bible-classes at 3 p.m. Christian Endeavor on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

CENTENARY METHODIST CHURCH.— Class meetings at 9.30 and 10 a.m. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday school and Bible classes at 3 p.m. Junior E.L. of C.E. at 4.15 p.m. Senior E. L. of C. E. on Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Everybody welcomed to the above services. Rev. D. Winter, pastor.

HOPE CHAPEL, Ryde street. — Sunday-school at 4 p.m. Adults' Bible class at the same hour. Ladies' Aid every Monday evening at 7.30.

Undenominational Churches.

MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, friends of Zion.—Meeting at 3 p.m. on Sundays. Strangers welcome. 459 Cote St. Antoine Road, Westmount.

A PRAYER CONFERENCE AND BIBLE Reading Meeting in Desrivieres st. school house at 11 a.m. All are invited.

SCANDINAVIAN MISSION, 75 Inspector street. Services at 11 a.m. and 7.30 p.m. John Ohling in charge.

PROTESTANT HOUSE OF INDUSTRY AND HOMES, Longue Pointe. On Sunday, Dec. 20, at 3 p.m., divine service will be conducted by the Rev. Professor Ross, D.D.

HENRY J. DART'S MISSION, 110 Delorimier avenue. Bible class at 3 p.m. Sunday evening service at 7 o'clock. Seats free. All are welcome.

THE EVANGELISTIC HALL, 2424 St. Catherine street. — Christians meet on Lord's Day morning at 11 a.m. for breaking of bread, and 7 p.m., for Bible study.

RAILWAY MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION meets in the R. M. C. A. Hall, corner of Wellington and Richmond (Subway), every Sunday at 4 p.m. Lively talks by railway men. All railway men with their families and friends cordially invited.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF MONTREAL—Dominion square—Young Men's Meeting on Saturday at 8 p.m. Bible classes, Sunday at 9.45 a.m., 3 p.m., and 5.15 p.m. Men's meeting on Sunday, 4 p.m.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION, No. 896 Dorchester street—Union prayer meeting, open to ladies, every Thursday morning from 10.30 to 11 o'clock. Business meeting for members every Thursday morning at 11 o'clock. Y.W.C.A. Circle of the King's Daughters, second and fourth Thursdays of every month at 8 p.m. Service and Bible reading every Thursday evening from 7 to 7.30 o'clock. All young women are cordially invited to each and all of these services.

SALVATION ARMY—Public services will be held in the S.A. Temple, 24 Alexander street, on Sundays, at 7 and 11 a.m.; and at 3 and 7.30 p.m. Also on Monday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 p.m. A public holiness meeting is held on Friday nights. Adjutant Kendall and wife in command. At Point St. Charles, corner Wellington and Bourgeois streets, public meetings are held on Sunday at 3 and 7.30 p.m. Also each week night, except Tuesday at 8 o'clock. Ensign White and wife in command. Gospel services in French at No. 477 St. Lawrence street, on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday nights at 8 o'clock. Ensign Cabrit in charge.

Congregational Churches.

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AMHERST PARK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner of Amherst Park and Belanger streets. Rev. J. R. Lewis, pastor. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The pastor will preach. Sunday-school and Bible-class at 3 p.m. All are welcome.

EMMANUEL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, corner of St. Catherine and Stanley street. Sunday, Dec. 20. The Rev. W. T. Gunn will preach in the morning, and the Rev. Hugh Pedley, B.A., pastor, in the evening. Evening subject: 'The Treatment of the Gospel by the Scoffer.' Everybody welcome.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH (Congregational) cor. Clarke and Western aves., Westmount. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Rev. Wm. Munroe, pastor, will conduct both services. Morning subject: 'Doubt.' Evening subject: 'Jesus, our Mediator.' Strangers cordially welcomed.

CALVARY CHURCH (Congregational)— Guy street, above St. Antoine. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Rev. E. H. Tippett, pastor. The pastor will preach at both services. 11 a.m. subject: 'A Christmas Gift.' 7 p.m., the Christmas Story will be told and illustrated. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Christian Endeavor on Monday at 8 p.m. Prayer meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

ZION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH — corner of Mance and Milton streets—Rev. Horace G. Rice, B.A., B.D., pastor. Public worship at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday-school at 3 p.m. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday at 8 p.m. Young People's meeting Friday at 8 p.m. The pastor will preach at both services next Sunday. Evening theme: 'The Glory of Christ and His Kingdom. Seats free. Strangers welcome.

LIVING CANADA NEXT WEEK.

The living pictures shown by the Bioscope Company with such success for three weeks drew such large houses that the company has decided to present a new programme at the Windsor Hall for three days next week. On Thursday (Christmas Eve), Friday (Christmas Day), and the Saturday following, giving two performances each day, afternoon and evening. A new programme will be presented, which includes a very fine series of pictures known as 'The rise and fall of Napoleon,' also the pantomime in colors of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves,' as well as many new Canadian pictures and other scenes from all parts of the world, also many humorous pictures, forming a most interesting and instructive entertainment. The Victoria Rifles' band perform every evening and popular prices prevail.

Property.

STONE FRONT HOUSE
St. Mark St.
FOR SALE.

Contains 13 rooms, modern open plumbing. One story brick shed. Area of lot, 2386 feet.

PRICE, $5,500. EASY TERMS.

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A comfortable two-story stone front house, in fine order throughout; occupied by owner, who is leaving the city; five bedrooms, open plumbing; between six and seven tons of coal heats the house comfortably; immediate possession. Price, $7,000. Apply at once to

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South-east side between the Drummond and Bennett farms; about six arpents wide and containing about seventy arpents; suitable for subdivision; low price to close an estate. For particulars apply to

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with 82,000 feet of land, prettily situated in the new West End suburb, KENSINGTON; will be sold at a great bargain. Only $500 cash required.

FRANK E. DONOVAN,
Room 225, Temple Building.

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Two solid brick tenements on Richmond square; rental $408; all modern improvements, and in perfect order. Only $2,000 cash required.

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just west of Fort street. Nice stone front cottage, nine rooms, every improvement; 2,400 feet of land, $6,000. Terms to suit.

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DOUBLE MODERN HOUSE
FOR SALE OR TO LET,

formerly the property of Cardinal Vaughan et al., latterly the property of L. J. A. Derome, Esq.,

HEAD OF MONTEE DU ZOUAVE,

near the corner of Sherbrooke and St. Denis.

A rare chance to acquire a homestead. A fine comfortable property, with 22,000 feet of land. House is well built, almost new, and bright, has a good view over the city and facing St. Denis street; contains drawing-room, library, dining-room and ten bedrooms, conservatory, with plenty of ground for garden after disposing of three or four lots, which could be sold without impairing surroundings of the house. It is heated by Daisy furnace and has modern open plumbing, cement basement.

The house is well appointed, convenient, and may be acquired on easy terms, or rented.

Luxurious Place for a Small Outlay.

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That centrally situated property, 776 and 778 Craig street, at present occupied by the Timmis Noble Co.

Size of lot, 60 x 90 ft., with lane in rear and entrance on St. James street. Apply to

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$ on household furniture, pianos, organs, horses and carriages, without publicity or removing the goods. We loan in sums from $10 to $5,000 from 1 to 12 months. We give liberal discount, if paid before due. Your dealings with us strictly private, as we know you would wish. By courteous treatment and Fair, Honest Dealing, we are gaining new customers every day. You should be among them. Call and investigate. We will be pleased to talk the matter over with you, or telephone us Bell 3361 Main, and we will send one of our agents to see you.

MONTREAL LOAN & BROKERAGE CO
Room 204, New York Life Building
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CHAS. E. CAMPBELL, Mgr

FOR SALE, ARTISTIC RESIDENCE,

In the West End of the City, overlooking a public square, a charming, artistic residence, built by an architect for his own occupation, beautifully finished inside, and in first-class order; three stories and basement containing 10 rooms and offices. Would be sold with or without furniture. A rare opportunity.

For permits to view and particulars apply to MR. TAYLOR, Architect, 80 St. Francois Xavier street Montreal.

Property.

Mackay Street Modern House For Sale.

A specially well built stone house on the upper part of this street; bay windows, stone steps; ample bedroom accommodation. . . . Would be sold cheap to a prompt buyer.

H. L. PUTNAM.
1st Floor, Temple Building.

Acre Property For Sale.
$200 Per Arpent and Upwards.

Persons desirous of investing in this class of property for future profit would do well to consult my list. I am offering several choice pieces, ranging from 7 to 116 arpents, at prices that must appeal to investors as certain to yield a handsome profit in the near future.

H. L. PUTNAM,
1st Floor, Temple Building.

CHRISTMAS NOTICES

THE S. CARSLEY CO., LTD.

To see the 'North Pole,' folk need to go no further than St. James street. Up on the fourth floor of the S. Carsley Co.'s well-known emporium there is a region of mystery, labelled the 'Grotto.' At its portals there sit, or flit to and fro, weirdly dressed folk, parrots in many colored raiment, and quaint clowns. These are the genii of the place. Outside the 'Grotto' tempting chances offer themselves to boys and girls to become the owners respectively of a finished little sleigh, or a captivating doll, if they can only guess the name of the sledge or the doll. Many are trying to guess, and some one or other will get the prize. Into the 'Grotto' itself one goes through white and crystalline chambers, in which among surroundings appropriate to his genial nature, Father Christmas is discovered in patriarchial beard and flowing white garments, his hoary head covered with evergreens. He seems to be occupied in preparing for good little girls and boys the good things to which at this season of the year they look forward with confident anticipation, and which are to be found in such bewildering profusion and variety in the numerous departments of the S. Carsley Co.'s great building. With Father Christmas in the 'Grotto' are to be seen several decked little boys and girls in festive attire, enjoying themselves in the characters of 'Santa Claus's Pets' among the delights which he has to bestow. In a region adjoining that of Father Christmas himself the Snow Queen holds sway, and walks about like a benignant white fairy amid the clever crystal imitation of ice and snow, and when we have passed her icy realm we arrive at the 'North Pole.' It is a real pole, and it really seems by an ingenious optical illusion, to go right down, through fathomless depths of crystal, and right up into measureless space. How this is done explorers must discover for themselves. The return from the pole is made through a region which has been conerted for the nonce into a kind of small menagerie, where, ranged in cages alongside of monkeys and other creatures dear to youthful minds, pensive fowls and turkeys meditate upon their impending ends. To the many attractions at Carsley's at Christmas time, the 'Grotto' thus adds an effective novelty.

LAYTON BROTHERS.

One of the oldest piano firms in Montreal is that of Layton Bros., 144 Peel street. The name of Layton has been associated with the manufacture and sale of pianos for nearly seventy-five years. To-day they represent no less than ten different manufacturers of continental note. Their leaders are the celebrated Behr Bros.' pianos, of New York; Evans Bros., Berlin, and Layton Bros.' pianos, made in Canada. They also sell the Thomas organ, made in Woodstock, Ont., and the 'Angelus' piano player. They recently selected a large and varied assortment of instruments of different makes and in different woods, which make an attractive display in their Peel street warerooms. A prominent and very popular feature in connection with this business is the large circulating library of music for automatic piano players. This fills a long-felt want of piano-player purchasers, enabling them to have the use at once of the latest productions of the most popular composers and at the least monetary outlay.

J. SLOAN & SONS.

The man who wishes to be on a good footing with his friend can scarcely do better than to make him a present of a pair of shoes or slippers for Christmas. The stock of Christmas goods in the establishment of J. Sloan & Sons, on the corner of Mountain and St. Antoine streets, is a large one, and comprises many fancy and staple lines. The firm of J. Sloan & Sons is one of the oldest and best known in the city of Montreal, and those who visit their stores are sure of getting reliable goods at the lowest prices. Now that skating has commenced, nothing will be more appreciated by the average boy than a fine pair of skating boots for a Christmas present. Strong, good quality skating boots can be obtained at Sloan's at prices to suit all classes of buyers. Other appropriate Christmas gifts which are to be had at this establishment are ankle supports, skate straps, moccasins, slippers, gaiters and overshoes. Messrs. Sloan & Sons have recenetly opened a branch store on St. Catherine street, just west of Mountain. The store is bright and attractive, and the goods which are offered for sale are of the finest quality.

McLEOD, HAWTHORNE & CO.

One of the busiest stores in Montreal at this season of the year is that of McLeod, Hawthorne & Co., on Notre Dame street, where leather goods of all kinds are to be seen. Purses and chatelaines are among the articles which are most in demand this year for Christmas presents, and the line which is on sale at this establishment is an extensive one. Other articles which make acceptable Christmas gifts are: Trunks, travelling bags, fitted bags, suit cases, wrist bags, dressing cases, ladies' companions and music rolls. McLeod, Hawthorne & Co. have a branch store on St. Catherine street, which many people will find it more convenient to visit than the Notre Dame street store. Their stock is a large and varied one, and all connoisseurs will take pleasure in seeing the large assortment which they are offering.

J. A. MOONEY.

One of the most progressive establishments in the city of Montreal is Mooney's boot and shoe store, at the corner of St. Alexander and St. Catherine streets. Mr. Mooney's business has developed so rapidly in the last few years that the dimensions of his present premises are rapidly becoming too small to contain his large and attractive stock of footwear. At one time Mr. Mooney handled more of a working class of goods, but on account of increasing demand for better goods, he now carries a full line of the most fashionable footwear. In Christmas goods Mr. Mooney is offering for sale an assortment of slippers, skating boots, snowshoes and moccasins at prices to suit all buyers. He also carries a fine line of men's rubber-sole boots.

PRATTE, NORDHEIMER & GLENDON.

An attractive place is Messrs. Pratte, Nordheimer & Glendon's fine warerooms, 2461 St. Catherine street. Besides doing a very extensive business in many of the leading makes of pianos and organs, stringed instruments, wind instruments, music books and sheet music, this firm are the sole representatives in Montreal of the Aeolian Company, of New York. They sel lthe Pianola, the Aeriol Piano and other members of the Aeolian family. This firm are sole representatives of Messrs. Steinway & Sons, New York; Nordheimer, Toronto; Haines Bros., New York, and Pratte, Montreal. They also recommend the Estey and the Mason & Hamlin organs, as well as the leading Canadian makes. While making a specialty of the best in style and workmanship in all varieties of music and musical instruments, this company can meet the requirements of persons of more modest means, and all who contemplate purchasing anything in their line are cordially invited to inspect their large and varied stock.

G. W. CLARKE.

For curios and novelties in endless variety a visit to Mr. G. W. Clarke's souvenir emporium, 2270 St. Catherine street, is worth while. Such a sight is seldom seen. One is first attracted by the beautiful Austrian ware, Dresden china and Tiffany vases. Then there Rockwood pottery, Italian pottery, something quite new and fancy. The samples of pottery surmounted with brass ornamentation are most beautiful. The Japanese china is also exquisite in design and finish. The pieces of fine jewellery, table silver, French gray silver, candelabra, fancy clocks, toilet articles in glass, ebony, ebonoid and foxwood, brass and sterling silverware, stationery of finest qualities, Christmas cards, leather goods, terra cotta figures, art picture frames, etc., are fairly bewildering in their variety and charming in their richness and beauty. Mr. Clarke has some of the finest jewel cases, cut glass-ware, fine jewellery and novelties to be found in the city.

UNDERGROUND WIRES

Would Cost About a Million and a Quarter for Conduit System

COMPREHENSIVE REPORT FROM MR. CHARLES E. PHELPS, ENGAGED BY THE CITY TO STUDY THE QUESTION.

There arrived at the City Hall yesterday the report prepared by Mr. Charles E. Phelps, chief engineer of the Electrical Commission of the city of Baltimore, who was engaged by the special civic committee to prepare a report on the best plan to put all electric wires in Montreal underground.

Mr. Phelps, in his report, goes into the question of conduits very thoroughly and discusses the various systems in vogue as they appear applicable to Montreal conditions. He summarizes his more detailed recommendations in the following terms :—

In complete layout, the general scheme presents itself as follows :

Main or trunk line conduits would be built by the most direct routes into the respective territory which each is designed to feed, keeping as nearly as may be possible along the line of street railway tracks to facilitate feeding to the trolley wires. It is fortunate that the streets upon which are laid street car tracks, are generally found to be thoroughfares, and therefore the most direct routes away from the centre of the city, and at or near the centre of the city, are to be found the central distributing stations of the different electric companies.

In district A (East, Centre and West wards), would be constructed the distributing system, with the requisite number of service connections into each building wherein service of any character is used.

The distributing system is interconnected at each street intersection, and at the junction points would be situated the feeder junction boxes, if electric light or power distribution were by direct current, or transformer, if by alternating current, the distributing cables radiating thence through the conduits, with taps into buildings.

Telephone distribution may also follow this method, but in the case of the larger telephone company, this district is now almost entirely served through underground connections, and it need not be considered an important factor.

Connections of telegraph companies for branch offices, stock tickers, private wires, etc., would be relatively few in number, and the general system would meet all their requirements fully.

Inasmuch as messenger call boxes are not extensively used in Montreal, this difficult class of wires to distribute underground is eliminated. This class of service is usually free, and the cost of connecting underground would render this free service practically prohibitive.

In district B (the whole of the city outside of the three central wards), distributing poles would be situated adequate for the service conditions required, and wherever practicable, the poles would be in alleys.

The cost of installing the system, according to class C, which Mr. Phelps recommends, would be as follows :—

Main conduit..	$1,005,750
Distributing system..	199,350
	$1,205,100

Mr. Phelps proceeds to a discussion of complete financial details as follows:—

The amount of conduit proposed to be constructed under this report and estimates assumes that we can estimate very closely to the actual occupation of the system for immediate demands and arbitrarily increasing the capacity of the system to meet future demands by twenty-five percent.

This does not necessarily mean that each line to be constructed is to be increased by that percentage, but that the average increase for the whole system is to be twenty-five percent.

Interest is fixed at three and a half percent per annum. It is assumed that the city of Montreal has the powea when it issues city bonds to fix the date of maturity and as the longer the life of the bonds the smaller will be the annual increment to the sinking fund for redemption, it is important when considing the charges against such a permanent improvement, as underground conduits, that the entire burden of making such improvement be not wholly assessed against the present generation, whether in the form of a private corporation or the community at large.

There should be no difficulty in investing the sinking fund increment so as to realize at least three percent interest per annum, therefore a fifty-year bond would require 0.89 percent to be set aside annually to redeem the principal at maturity, while a twenty-five year bond would necesitate an annual charge of about 2.75 percent.

For the purposes of this report we have assumed that fifty-year bonds will be issued.

From the conditions under which this work may be operated and maintained, the expense of operation and maintenance will probably not exceed one-half of one percent on the total investment.

Therefore the total annual charges against the cost of construction will be, interest 3.50 percent; sinking fund, 0.89 percent; maintenance, 0.50 percent.

This is a total of 4.89 percent. With 5 percent of the total capacity occupied, and the proportionate 'idle' expenses of the 25 percent of unoccupied space would require an additional 1.63 percent, making the total charge against cost of 6.52 percent.

CHARGE PER DUCT PER FOOT.

As explained in the main body of this report there are estimated on four classes of conduit, construction upon which total figures are based, known therein as classes A, B, C, D, and further identified by drawings similarly lettered.

The total cost per duct foot is as follows: Class A, 45.9 cents; class B, 43.34 cents; class C, 37.24 cents; class D, 34.68 cents. Under an annual charge against cost of 6.52 percent, as itemized above, represents the following respective rental charges against duct space occupied: Class A, 3 cents per duct foot; class B, 2.83 cents per duct foot; class C, 2.43 cents per duct foot; class D, 2.26 cents per duct foot.

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For Boston, etc., †9.00 a.m., 7.45 p.m. daily.

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8.00 a.m.—Quebec, Sherbrooke, Portland.
8.08 a.m.—Chambly, Marieville, Farnham, Waterloo.
8.40 a.m.—Ottawa, Valleyfield, and O. A. & P. S. Ry
9.00 a.m.—Toronto, Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo.
9.01 a.m.—New York and Boston via C.V.R.
10.00 a.m.—Brockville-Kingston, Toronto, Valleyfield.
11.10 a.m.—New York via D. & H.
1.35 p.m.—St. Johns, St. Albans, Burlington, White River Jct.
4.10 p.m.—Ottawa, Valleyfield.
4.15 p.m.—Sherbrooke, Island Pond and Quebec.
4.20 p.m.—Huntingdon, Ft. Covington and Hemmingford.
4.45 p.m.—St. Johns, Rouse's Point.
5.01 p.m.—Chambly, Marieville, Farnham, Granby, Waterloo.
5.15 p.m.—Brockville and intermediate stations.
8.10 p.m.—St. Hyacinthe, Que., Sou. Ry. points.
6.00 p.m.—Chambly, Marieville and St. Cesaire.
6.20 p.m.—St. Albans.
7.40 p.m.—New York via D. & H.
8.00 p.m.—Toronto.
8.01 p.m.—Quebec, Sherbrooke and Portland.
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10.30 p.m.—Toronto, Detroit and Chicago.

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For St. Hyacinthe, Drummondville, Quebec, Riviere du Loup, Campbellton and intermediate stations, 11.45 p.m. daily except Sunday.

For St. Lambert, Belœil, St. Hyacinthe, Drummondville, Nicolet and intermediate stations, 4.40 p.m. daily except Sunday.

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CHAPTER VI.—Continued.

He was no sooner alone than he gave way to a burst of rage and bitterness. 'So she only sent for me here to make me tell her about that country where her George is. I'll ride home this instant—this very instant—without bidding them good-bye.'

Cooler thoughts came. He mused deeply a few minutes, and then clenching his teeth returned slowly to the little parlor; he sat down and took his line with a brisk and cheerful air.

'You were asking me some questions about Australia. I can tell you all about that country, for I have a relation there who writes to me. And I have read all the books about it too, as it happens.'

Susan brightened up.

Meadows, by a great histrionic effort, brightened up too and poured out a flood of really interesting facts and anecdotes about this marvellous land.

Then, in the middle of a narrative which enchained both his hearers, he suddenly looked at his watch, and, putting on a fictitious look of dismay and annoyance, started up with many excuses and went home—not, however, till Susan had made him promise to come again next market-day.

As he rode home in the moonlight Susan's face seemed still before him. The bright look of interest she had thanked him for his narration—all this had been so sweet at the moment, so bitter upon the least reflection. His mind was in a whirl. At last he grasped at one idea, and held it as with a vice.

'I shall be always welcome to her if I can bring myself to talk about that detestable country. Well, I will grind my tongue down to it. She shall not be able to do without my chat; that shall be the beginning; the middle shall be different; the end shall be just the opposite. The sea is between him and her. I am here with opportunity, resolution and money. I will have her!'

The next morning his mother said to him:

'John, do you think to go to-day?'

'Where, mother?'

'The journey you spoke of.'

'What journey?'

'Among the mines.'

'Not I.'

'You have changed your mind, then.'

'What, didn't you see I was joking?'

'No!' (very dryly).

Soon after this little dialogue Dame Meadows proposed to end her visit and return home. Her son yielded a cheerful assent. She went gravely and quietly back to her little cottage.

Meadows had determined to make himself necessary to Susan Merton. He brought a woman's cunning to bear against a woman, for the artifice to which his strong will bent his supple talent is one that many women have had the tact and temporary self-denial to carry out, but not one man in a hundred.

Men try to beat an absent rival by sneering at him, etc. By which means the asses make their absent foe present to her mind, and enlist the whole woman in defence. But Meadows was no ordinary man. Susan had given his quick intelligence a glimpse of a way to please her; he looked at the end, and crushed his will down to the thorny means.

Twice a week he called on the Mertons, and much of his talk was Australia. Susan was grateful. To hear of the place where George would soon be was the nearest approach she could make to hearing of George.

As for Meadows he gained a great point, but he went through tortures on the way. He could not hide from himself why he was so welcome; and many a time as he rode home from the Mertons he resolved never to return there, but he took no more oaths; it had cost him so much to keep the last; and that befell which might have been expected, after a while, the pleasure of being near the woman he loved of being distinguished by her and greeted with pleasure however slight grew into a habit and a need.

But the surrounding rustics suspected nothing, so calm and deep ran Meadows.

'Dear heart,' said Susan to her father, 'who would have thought Mr. Meadows would come a mile out of his way twice a week to talk to me about Geo—about the country where my heart is—and the folk say he thinks of nothing but money and won't move a step without making it.'

'The folk are envious of him girl—that is all. John Meadows is too clever for fools, and too industrious for the lazy ones; he is a good friend of mine, Susan; if I wanted to borrow a thousand pounds I have only to draw on Meadows; he has told me so half-a-dozen times.'

'We don't want his money, father,' replied Susan, 'nor nobody's; but I think a great deal of his kindness, and George shall thank him when he comes home—if ever he comes home to Susan again.' These last words brought many tears with them, which the old farmer pretended not to notice, for he was getting tired of his daughter's tears. They were always flowing now at the least word, and she used to be so good-humored and cheerful like.

Poor Susan! she was very unhappy. If any one had said to her 'to-morrow you die,' she would have smiled on her own account, and only sighed at the pain the news would cause poor George. Her George was gone, her mother had been dead this two years. Her life, which had been full of innocent pleasures, was now utterly tasteless, except in its hours of bitterness when sorrow overcame her like a flood. She had a pretty flower-garden, in which she used to work. When George was at home what pleasure it had been to plant them with her lover's help, to watch them expand, to water them in the summer evening, to smell their gratitude for the artificial shower after a sultry day, and then to have George in and see him admiring them with such threadbare enthusiasm, simply because they were hers, not in the least because they were Nature's.

These were Susan's happy days: now all was changed: she hated to water her flowers now: she bade one of the farm-servants look to the garden. He accepted the charge, and her flowers' drooping heads told how nobly he had fulfilled it. Susan was charitable. Every day it had been her custom to visit more than one poor person; she carried meat to one, soup to another; linen to another, meat and bread to another money to another; to all, words and looks of sympathy; this practice she did not even now give up, for it came under the head of her religious duties: but she relaxed it. She often sent to places where she used to go. Until George went she had never thought of herself; and so the selfishness of those she relieved had not struck her: now it made her bitter to see that none of those she pitied, pitied her. The moment she came into their houses, it was, 'My poor head, Miss Merton: my old bones do ache so.'

'I think a bit of your nice bacon would do me good. I'm a poor sufferer, Miss Merton. My boy is 'listed. I thought as how you'd forgotten me altogether: but 'tis hard for poor folk to keep a friend.'

No one of them looked up in her face, and said, 'Lauks how pale you ha got to look, Miss; I hopes as how nothing amiss haven't happened to you, that have been so kind to us this many a day;' yet suffering of some sort was plainly stamped on the face and in the manner of this relieving angel. When they poured out their vulgar woes, Susan made an effort to forget her own and to cheer as well as relieve them: but she had to compress her own heart hard to do it; and this suppression of feeling makes people more or less bitter: she had better have out with it, and scolded them well for talking as if they alone were unhappy.

It happened one day while Susan was in this sad and I may say dangerous state of mind, that the servant came up to her, and told her a gentleman was on his horse at the door, and wanted to see Mr. Merton.

'Father is at market, Jane.'

'Yes, Miss, but I told the gentleman you were at home.'

'Me! what have I to do with father's visitors?'

'Miss,' replied Jane, mysteriously, 'it is a parson, and you are so fond of them, I could not think to let him go away without getting a word with anybody.'

'Where is he, Jane?'

'In the front parlor.'

'I won't be a moment.'

She went upstairs. There was no necessity; but it was a strict custom in the country, and is for that matter, and will be till time and vanity shall be no more: a girl must go up and look at herself in the glass if she did nothing more, before coming in to receive company.

Susan entered the parlor; she came in so gently that she had a moment to observe her visitor before he saw her. He had seated himself with his back to the light, and was devouring a stupid book on husbandry that belonged to her father. The moment she closed the door he saw her, and rose from his seat.

'Miss Merton'

'Yes, sir.'

'The living of this place has been vacant more than a month.'

'Yes, sir.'

'It will not be filled up for three months, perhaps.'

'So we hear, sir,'

'Meantime, you have no church to go to nearer than Barmstoke, which is a chapel-of-ease to this place, but two miles distant.'

'Two miles and a-half, sir.'

'So, then, the people here have no Divine service on the Lord's day.'

'No, sir, not for the present,' said Susan, meekly, lowering her lashes, as if the clergyman had said, 'This is a parish of heathens, whereof you are one.'

(To be continued.)

BIBLE WORDS.

SATURDAY, DEC. 19.

GOOD TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY.—LUKE ii., 11.

The Church on earth sings, 'Joy to the world the Lord has come, let earth receive its King,' for His coming was to release the captives of Satan, to give spiritual sight, and to set at liberty sin-bound souls. (Luke iv., 18.) There is one other message which should give greater joy, 'the Lord is risen,' for the resurrection is the assurance of Christ's victory over Satan, sin, and death. It is also the pledge of the rising of sleeping saints, and the transforming of living ones at Christ's second coming. Great as is the fact of the incarnation, Christ's resurrection is greater still, and His coming in glory is greater than all. Thus from His first coming to His coming in the glory of the Father we have, or should have, great joy. See Tit. ii., 13; Heb. iii., 6; 1. Pet. i., 3-8. Mary rejoiced in God. Zechariah exulted at the revelation that his son was to be a prophet of the Most High, to prepare Jehovah's ways. (Luke. i.) All heaven was moved at Christ's first coming, the whole body of believers will be glad at His second. As Scripture was fulfilled at His birth, so shall be its predictions of His coming in glory. 'I will come again, and will receive you unto myself.' (Jno. xiv., 3.) If the first coming brought joy, how much greater should present joy be in hope of His coming in glory. (Phil. ii., 20; Heb. ix., 28.)

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CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.
Christmas Day.

Morning—'The Chimes' on the Celestial organ. Processional Hymn, 'O Come all Ye Faithful'; Kyrie, Gloria Tibi and Credo, A. Ingham in E; Sermon by the Vicar; Offertorium, 'Cavatina,' J. Raff; Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' Mendelssohn; Sursum Corda and Sanctus, A. Ingham, in E; Hymns, 'Angels, from the Realms of Glory,' H. S. Irons; 'While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night,' Este; Gloria in Excelsis, A. Ingham, in E; Final Amen (fourfold), Chas. Gounod; Recessional, Nunc Dimittis, Gluck.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

11 a.m.—Prelude, 'Placidamente in A,' E. J. Hopkins; Processional Hymn, 'O Come, all ye Faithful'; Ely Confession and Tallis's Versicles; Venite and Psalm 19, to Chants, Cathedral Psalter; Te Deum, H. H. Westbury, in A; Benedictus, the Rev. H. H. Woodward, in D; Anthem, 'And the Glory of the Lord,' Handel; Hymn, 'Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn,' Wainwright, Mus. Doc.; Sermon by the Rev. J. Stannage Boyle, M.A.; Offertorium, 'Chansonette, in G,' Heinrich Steihl; Final Amen (fourfold), Charles Gounod; Recessional Hymn, 'While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night,' Este; Postlude, 'Gloria in Excelsis Deo,' (12th Mass), Mozart.

Evening, at 7.—Prelude, 'Overture' to the Messiah, Handel; Processional Hymn, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing,' Mendelssohn; Ely Confession and Tallis's Versicles; Psalm cxxxii., to Chants, Cathedral Psalter; Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, J. C. Marks, jr., in D; Anthem, 'For unto us a Child is Born,' Handel; Hymn, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory,' H. S. Irons; Sermon by the Vicar; Offertorium, 'And the Glory of the Lord,' Handel; Final Amen (fourfold), J. B. Norton; Recessional Hymn, 'The God of Abraham Praise,' Sir John Stainer, Mus. Doc.; Organ Recital, Concert Overture in C minor, A. Hollins; 2, 'Andantino in D flat,' E. H. Lemare; 3, March,' Mendelssohn.

Mr. John B. Norton, Organist and Choirmaster.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Morning Prayer and Holy Communion, at 11.05. Prelude, 'Pastoral Symphony' (Messiah), Handel; hymn (before service) 60, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' Mendelssohn; Versicles, Plain Song; Venite, Dr. W. Crotch, in A; Proper Psalms, 19, 85 and 55, Plain Song; Te Deum, Oliver King, in D; Benedictus, Sir J. Barnby, in E; Quinquaque Vult, Plain Song; anthem, 'Calm on the listening ear of Night,' H. W. Parker; Communion, Tours, in F; hymn 62, 'While Shepherds Watched,' Winchester old; Offertory, anthem, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory,' Percival J. Illsley.

Preacher—The Right Rev. Bishop Carmichael, D.D., D.C.L.

Sunday after Christmas.—(Festival of St. John.)—Hymn before service, 60, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' Mendelssohn; Versicles, Plain Song; Venite, W. Savage; Psalms, Plain Song; Te Deum, Sir C. V. Stanford, in B flat; Jubilate, Ouseley (chant); Anthem, 'Cradled all Lowly,' Gounod; Hymn 59, 'O Come all Ye Faithful,' John Reading; Offertory solo, 'Nazareth,' Gounod.

Preacher—The Rev. H. P. Plumptre, M.A.

Postlude, 'March for a Church Festival,' W. T. Best.

Evensong, at 7.05—Hymn before service 428, 'For all the Saints,' Sir J. Barnby; Versicles, Tallis Festal; Psalms, Tuble, Goss and Purcell; Magnificat, Basil Harwood, in A flat; Nunc Dimittis, Basil Howard, in A flat; Anthem, 'Calm on the Listening Ear of Night,' H. W. Parker; Hymn before sermon 62, 'While Shepherds Watched,' Winchester, old.

Preacher—The Rev. J. A. Elliott, B.A.

Offertorium carols (a) 'A Cradle Song of the Virgin Mary,' Sir J. Barnby; (b) 'Sleep Holy Babe,' Rev. J. B. Dykes; Hymn 58, 'God from on High.'

Percival J. Illsley, B.Mus., F.R.C.O., Organist and Choirmaster.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Venite, Baraby; Te Deum, West, in B flat; Benedictus, Field, in D; Anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens,' Gaul; Kyrie, Eyre; Hymn, 'O Come, all ye Faithful'; Christmas Carol, 'Once in Bethlehem,' Maunder.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning—Hymn, 'While Shepherds Watched'; Venite, Barnby; Te Deum, West, in B flat; Benedictus, Field, in D; Anthem, 'Sing and Rejoice,' Barnby; Hymn, 'God from on High had Heard'; Offertory Solo.

Evening—Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Glorias, Barnby; Magnificat, Stainer, in B flat; Nunc Dimittis, Stainer, in B flat; Anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens,' Gaul; Hymn, 'O Come, all ye Faithful'; Offertory Solo, Miss Pearl Ulley; Hymn, 'A Few More Years Shall Roll'; Vesper Hymn, Bruce Steane.

Mrs. Allan Macduff, Organist. Mr. Allan Macduff, Choirmaster.

ST. JUDE'S CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Voluntary, Prelude, Guilmant; Opening Hymn, No. 23, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Venite, Handel, in F; Te Deum, J. L. Hopkins, in G; Jubilate, Ouseley, in D; Anthem, 'O Zion, that Bringest Good Tidings,' Sir J. Stainer; Gloria Tibi, Short, in C; Hymn before sermon, No. 18, 'Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn'; Sermon, preacher, the Rev. Canon Dixon. Offertory, Voluntary, 'Chanson d'Ete,' A. H. Lemare; Closing Hymn, No. 22, 'O Come, all ye Faithful'; Postlude, Festal March, J. Baptiste Calkin.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

11 a.m.—Opening Hymn, No. 18, 'Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn'; Venite, Handel, in F; Te Deum, J. L. Hopkins, in G; Jubilate, Turner, in A; Hymn, No. 23, 'God from on High hath Heard'; Gloria Tibi, Short, in C; Hymn before sermon, No. 24, 'Mercy Triumphs, Christ is Born'; Sermon; preacher, the Rev. James S. Ereaux; Concluding Voluntary, Alex. Guilmant.

Evening—Voluntary, Evening Hymn, Dudley Buck; Opening Hymn, No. 23, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Magnificat, Jacobs, in A; Nunc Dimittis, Haverpal, in E flat; Anthem, 'O Zion that Bringest Good Tidings,' Stainer; Hymn before sermon, 'While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night'; Sermon; preacher, the Rev. Canon Dixon; Offertory solo, 'Nazareth,' Gounod; Closing Hymn, No. 22, 'O Come, all ye Faithful'; Concluding Voluntary, 2nd Sonata, Mendelssohn.

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GRACE CHURCH, POINT ST. CHARLES.
Christmas Day.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion. Processional Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Kyrie, Nares; Gloria Tibi, Tours; Adeste Fideles, 'O Come, all Ye Faithful'; Communion Hymn, 'Draw Nigh and Take'; Sursum Corda, Old Plain Song; Sanctus, Camidge; Gloria in Excelsis, Old Plain Song; Post-Communion Hymn, 'Jesus, Gentle Saviour'; Recessional, Nunc Dimittis, Davies.

11 a.m.—Matins. Processional Hymn, 'Christians, Awake'; Venite, Stainer; Te Deum Laudamus, Naylor; Benedictus, Bennett; Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Adeste Fideles, 'O Come all Ye Faithful'; Anthem, 'Rejoice in the Lord,' Hollins; Aria, from 'Messiah,' 'He Shall Feed His Flock.'

12 a.m.—Holy Communion. Communion Hymn, 'I Am not Worthy'; Kyrie, Nares; Gloria Tibi, Tours; Sursum Corda, Old Plain Song; Sanctus, Camidge; Gloria in Excelsis, Old Plain Song; Post-Communion Hymn, 'Jesus, Gentle Saviour'; Recessional, Nunc Dimittis, Davies.

The Ven. Archdeacon Ker, rector; Rev. F. L. Whitley, M.A., assistant; F. Vincent Duckworth, Organist and Choirmaster.

ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE.
Christmas Day.

First Celebration, 7.15 a.m.; Celebrations at 8.00 and 9.40 a.m.; Holy Communion (choral), 11 o'clock—Organ Prelude, 'Pastoral Symphony,' Handel; Processional Hymn 59, 'O come, all ye Faithful'; Kyrie, Gloria and Gratias, Service in E flat, Alfred J. Eyre; Hymn 60, 'Hark the Herald Angels'; Offertorium, 'He Shall Feed His Flock, Messiah'; Hymn 62, 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks'; Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei, Service in E flat, Alfred J. Eyre;; Hymn 311, (during Communion) 'The Heavenly Word Proceeding Forth'; Gloria in Excelsis, Service in E flat, Alfred J. Eyre; Recessional Nunc Dimittis, Chant in E, Barnby; Organ Postlude, 'Christmas Offertory,' Batiste.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

Matins at 11 a.m.—Organ Prelude, Pastoral in E Sharp, E. Townshend-Driffield; Processional Hymn 60, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Festival Responses, Tallis'; Venite, Chant in A, Crotch; Proper Psalms, xix., xlv., lxxv., to Chants by Ouseley, Monk, Macfarren and Turle; Te Deum Service in B flat, Sir C. Villiers Stanford, Mus. Doc.; Benedictus, Chant; Carol-Anthem, 'See Amid the Winter Snow,' J. F. West; Hymn 61, 'Christians Awake'; Offertary, 'Nazareth,' (Anthem. for Baritone Solo and Chorus), Gounod; Recessional Hymn 62, 'While Shepherds Watched their Flocks'; Organ Postlude, March on a theme of Handel.

Evensong—Organ Prelude, 'Quem Vidistes Pastores,' W. T. Best; Processional Hymn 58, 'O Come,all ye Faithful'; Proper Psalms cx., cxxxii., to Chants, Woodward and Monk; Magnificat Nunc Dimittis, Service in A flat, Dr. A. H. Mann; Hymn 60, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Offertory, Carol, 'In the Fields with their Flocks Abiding,' (Sop. Solo and Chorus), Farmer; Christmas Cantata, 'The Holy Child.' 1. Instrumental Introduction and Chorus, 'There Were Shepherds Abiding in the Fields.' 2. Recitative (Tenor) and Solo (Bass), 'And lo, the Angel of the Lord.' 3. Recitative (Soprano), 'And Suddenly there was with the Angel.' 4. Chorus, 'Glory to God in the Highest.' 5. Hymn, (No. 62, A. & M.), 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night.' 6. Recitative (Soprano) 'And it Came to Pass.' 7. Chorus (or Soli) for Men's Voices, 'Let us now go even unto Bethlehem.' 8. Recitative (Soprano), 'And they came with Haste.' 9. Hymn, 'At Last Thou Art Come, Little Saviour.' 10. Carol-Chorus, 'Sleep, Baby, Sleep!' 11. Hymn (No. 56, A. & M., verses 1, 4, 8 and 9), 'Of the Father Sole Begotten.' 12. Chorus, 'He Shall be Great.' Recessional Hymn 166, 'All People that on Earth do Dwell.' Organ Postlude, 'Hallelujah,' Handel.

ST. MARTIN'S CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Processional Hymn, 'Christians Awake'; Responses, Tallis 'Festal'; Venite and Psalms, as set in Cathedral Prayer Book; Te Deum, Garrett in D; Jubilate, Ouseley; Anthem, 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear,' Stainer; Kyrie, Monk; Gloria and Gratias, Plain Song; Credo, Monk; Hymn, 'O Come All Ye Faithful'; Offertorium, Pastoral Symphony, 'Messiah,' Handel; Sursum Corda, Sanctus and Gloria in Excelsis, Monk; Recessional Hymn, 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'; Postlude, Noel, 'Chant du Roi Rene,' Guilmant.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

11 a.m., Choral Matins— Processional, 'Christians Awake'; Responses, Tallis 'Festal'; Venite and Psalms, Cathedral Prayer-Book setting; Te Deum, Garrett in D; Jubilate, Goodson; Anthem, 'See Amid the Winter's Snow, John E. West; Hymn, 'While Shepherds Watched'; Offertorium 'Noel-Languedogien,' Gulimant; Recessional, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'; Postlude, March, A. Leprevost.

Choral Evensong.

Processional, 'O Come All Ye Faithful'; Responses, Tallis 'Festal'; Psalms, as set in Cathedral Prayer Book; Magnificat, John B. Dykes, in F; Nunc Dimittis, John B. Dykes in F; Anthem, 'It came upon the Midnight Clear,' Stainer; Offertorium, Pastorale Op. 26, Guilmant; Hymn, 'Hark; the Herald Angels Sing'; Recessional, 'Angel from the Realms of Glory'; Postlude, Grand Chorus in G, Salome. John M. Walkley, organist and choir master.

ST. THOMAS CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Morning, 11 a.m.—Hymn, No. 60 (A. and M.); Venite, Chant in A, Dr. Crotch; Te Deum in E, W. Russell; Benedictus, Chant in G, Barnby; anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens,' E. A. Clare; hymn, No. 59 (A. and M.); Kyrie in F, Tours; Gloria Tibi in A, Dr. Crotch; Offertory, 'Give Alms of Thy Goods,' etc., Saunders; hymn No. 62 (A. and M.). S. W. Martin, Organist and Choirmaster.

The Rev. Canon Renaud will officiate at all services.

ST. LUKE'S CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Morning, at 11.—Processional Hymn, 60, A. and M., 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Venite, by J. Turle, in G; Gloria, Humphreys (grand chants); Te Deum, Sullivan, in D; Jubilate, J. Troutbeck, in G; Hymns, 'Christians, Awake,' 61, A. and M.; 'O Come, all Ye Faithful,' 59, A. and M.; Carol, by Farrar, music by Farmer; Gloria Tibi, by Tallis, in C; Recessional Hymn, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory,' No. 482, A. and M.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.
Christmas Day.

Choral celebration at 11 a.m. Kyrie in E; Anthem, 'Glory to God,' Pergolesi.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

Choral celebration. Kyrie in E. Evensong—Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis, Dr. Charles Villiers Stanford; Anthem, 'Glory to God,' Pergolesi.

TRINITY CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Agutter's Choral Communion service in F; Anthem, 'O Come all ye Faithful,' by Vincent Novello; Hymns A. and M.

Sunday After Christmas.

Morning service same as Christmas Day, Evening service—Woodward's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; Anthem, 'Nazareth,' by Gounod; Hymns, A. and M.; Selected Carols.

PRESBYTERIAN

ERSKINE CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

11 a.m.—Pastorale in E major, E. Lamare; 'O Come all ye Faithful Joyfully Triumphant' (arranged by Vincent), Novello; Special Hymns, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; 'It Came Upon the Midnight Clear'; 'As with Gladness Men of Old'; Anthem, 'Mercy and Truth are Met Together,' Sir John Stainer; Offertory solo, 'All ye Sad and Weary Souls, Cease from Care and Sorrow,' Harry Rowe Shelling; Postlude, 'Fanfare,' Lemmens.

Evening—Prelude, Pastorale, Brahms. Opening sentence, 'While Shepherds watched their Flocks by Night,' W. T. Best; Anthem, 'Sing, O Heavens and be Joyful,' Perthold Tours. Offertory solo, 'Noel,' Chaminade.

Soloists—Miss Mills, Miss Herron, Mrs. Perriton, Messrs. Andrews, Clibbon and Duquette.

Organist and choirmaster, G. W. Cornish.

KNOX CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning, at 11.—1, Organ prelude, Pastoral Symphony, Handel; 2, opening sentence, 'We have seen His Star in the East'; 3, hymn, 'Joy to the World, the Lord is Come'; 4, anthem, 'Unto us a Child is Born'; 5, psalm, 'O set ye open unto Me'; 6, anthem, 'The World is made Incarnate,' Adams; 7, 'O'er the gloomy hills of Darkness'; 8, Te Deum in E flat, Mendelssohn; 9, hymn, 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'; 10, postlude, 'Marche Triomphale,' Lemmens.

Evening, at 7.—1, Prelude, Andante in D, Guilmant; 2, opening sentence, 'Sing, Sing, O Heavens'; 3, hymn, 'Ye Gates, lift up your heads on High'; 4, tenor solo, 'O Holy Night,' Adams, (Mr. A. E. Battle); 5, hymn, 'It came upon the Midnight Clear'; 6, anthem, 'O Come all Ye Faithful,' Novello; 7, hymn, 'As with Gladness Men of Old'; 8, postlude, 'Processional in G,' Clarke. R. F. L. Picard, Musical Director.

CHALMERS CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

Evening—Anthems, 'Arise, Shine, by Maker; 'The First Christmas Morn,' by Newton; Hymns, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' by Charles Wesley, to tune 'Bethlehem,' arranged from Mendelssohn; 'O Come all ye Faithful,' to Adeste Fideles, by Webbe; 'As with Gladness Men of Old,' by W. C. Dix, to tune 'Dix,' by Kocker; 'It Came upon the Midnight Clear,' by E. H. Sears, to 'Noel,' arranged by Sir Arthur Sullivan; 'O Little Town of Bethlehem,' by Bishop Phillips Brooks, to 'St. Louis,' by Lewis H. Redner; 'Once in Royal David's City,' by Miss Alexander, to tune 'Irby,' by H. J. Gauntlett.

Hubert A. Baker, Choirmaster.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

The Christmas music will be rendered at St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Beaver Hall Hill, on Sunday next, and on Christmas morning the Sunday evening programme will be repeated.

Morning service—Organ Prelude, 'Andante,' W. H. Adam; Opening Sentence, 'The First Xmas Morn,' Newton; Anthem, 'Christmas,' Shelley, comprising soprano solo, duett, quartette and chorus; soloist, Miss Rachel Dawes; Response, 'Thou art Worthy,' Gilbert; Offertory solo, 'My Redeemer and My Lord,' Newton; soloist, Mr. J. Warner; Organ Postlude, 'Fanfare,' Lemmens.

Evening service—Organ prelude, 'O Sanctissimo,' Sup; Opening Sentence, O Zion, that Bringest Good Tidings,' Stainer, comprising solo, duett and chorus; soloists, Mr. Warner and Mr. Dugan; Anthem, 'Sing O Heavens,' Tours, comprising solo, quartette and chorus;. Response, 'Lord, Have Mercy,' Barnby; Offertory Solo, 'O Divine Redeemer.' Gounod; soloist, Mr. Roland Paul; Organ Postlude, 'Hallelujah Chorus,' Handel.

Frederick H. Blair, Organist and Choirmaster.

MELVILLE CHURCH, WESTMOUNT.
Christmas Morning.

Opening Voluntary, 'Pastorale,' Messiah; Hymn 34, O Come all ye Faithful,' Adeste Fideles; Te Deum, by Woodward in D; Hymn 31, 'As with Gladness Men of Old'; Soprano Solo, 'O Babe Divine,' Dressler; Hymn 32, 'Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love'; Anthem 'Nazareth,' Gounod, choral arrangement; Closing Hymn 28, 'It Came upon a Midnight Clear'; Voluntary, 'Hallelujah Chorus,' Messiah.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

Voluntary, 'He Shall Feed His Flock,' Messiah; Opening Sentence, 'Awake up my Glory,' Barnby; Hymn 35, 'Joy to the World'; Anthem before sermon, 'I was Glad,' Elvey; Hymn 34, 'Adeste Fideles,' 'O Come all ye Faithful'; Anthem, 'Sing and Rejoice,' Barnby; Closing Hymn 50, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Closing Voluntary, 'Improvisation,' Clarke.

Evening—Opening Sentence, 'Arise, Shine for Thy Light Has Come'; Hymn 364, 'Who are those Like Stars Appearing'; Anthem, 'Sing, oh Heavens,' Gaul; Hymn, 'Hark! the Herald'; Solo, 'First Christmas Morn,' Newton; Hymn 31, 'As With Gladness'; Anthem, 'Nazareth,' Gounod, choral setting; Closing Voluntary, 'Marche Triumphale,' Gladstone. Organist and choir director, Mr. Harry Rees.

ST. GILES CHURCH.

Morning—Anthem, 'The Love of all the Ages,' Bullard; Solo, 'Nazareth,' Gounod; Anthem, 'Glad Tidings,' Hugg; Hymns, 'Joy to the World,' Handel; Hymn, 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing,' Mendelssohn; 'Adeste Fideles,' 'Come all ye Faithful,' Webbe.

Evening—Anthem, 'Sing and Rejoice,' Danks; Anthem, 'And there were Shepherds,' Chappell. Organist, Miss A. E. Denman; choir master, Mr. James Mackie.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

Morning, at 11 o'clock—Organ Prelude, 'Christmas Offertoire,' Lemmens; Carol, 'The Prince of Peace,' Clough-Leighter; Anthem, 'Arise, Shine for Thy Light is Come,' James H. Rogers; Organ Offertory, 'Pastorale,' Hopkinson; solo, contralto and soprano, 'He Shall Feed His Flock' and 'Come unto Me,' 'Messiah,' Miss Jeanie Rankin and Miss Clementine Varney; Postlude, 'And the Glory of the Lord, Messiah.

Evening—The Christmas Cantata, 'The Manger Throne,' for soprano, contralto, tenor and bass soloists, chorus and organ accompaniment, by Charles Fonteyn Manney.

Part I.—The Annunciation. Carol, 'O Little Town of Bethlehem'; Introduction; Baritone Recitative, 'The Angel Gabriel was sent'; Tenor solo, 'Hail Thou'; Chorus, 'And the Ransomed of the Lord.'

Part II.—'The Vision of the Shepherds.' Alto and baritone duet, 'While all things were in quiet silence'; chorus, 'There were Shepherds'; baritone recitative, 'And lo, the Angel of the Lord'; soprano solo and chorus, 'Fear Not'; chorus, 'Glory to God in the Highest.'

Part III.—'The Wise Men.' Baritone Recitative, 'Now when Jesus was Born'; chorus of men, 'Where is He?'; soprano recitative, 'And lo, the Star went before them'; choral, 'As with gladness men of old.'

Part IV.—'Bethlehem.' Baritone recitative, 'And thou, Bethlehem'; alto solo, 'Beside Thy cradle here I stand'; chorus, 'No pomp of earthly kingdom.' Postlude, 'Hallelujah Chorus,' Messiah.

Soloists—Soprano, Miss Clementine Varney; contralto, Miss Jeanie Rankin; tenor, Mr. Fred. C. Capon; bass, Mr. Percy Woodley.

Organist and choir director, Mr. Edward Broome.

BAPTIST

POINT ST. CHARLES CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Morning—Organ Prelude, 'Christmas March,' Mendelssohn; Anthem, 'Hosanna to Our King,' Beirley; Offertory, Anthem, 'Magnify the Lord,' Mason. Organ Postlude, Hallelujah Chorus, Handel.

Evening—Organ Prelude, Christmas Pastoral, Handel; Offertory, Anthem, 'Ye Nations all be joyful,' Beirley; Bass Solo, 'Nazareth,' Gounod, Mr. E. F. Pratt; Organ Postlude, Beethoven's 'Hallelujah.'

The pastor, the Rev. J. R. Webb, will preach morning and evening.

OLIVET CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

Morning—'Hark, While Shepherds Watched their Flocks by Night'; 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; 'Hark, What mean these Holy Voices,' and 'Joy to the World, the Lord is Come'; Morning anthem, 'Arise,

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Evening—Hymns, 'As with Gladness men of Old'; 'Hark, the Glad Sound'; 'Bright was the Guiding Star'; and 'Watchmen, Tell us of the Night'; Anthem, 'The Hymn of the Angels,' West; soprano solo, 'Glory to Heaven's Eternal King,' Meyer-Helmund; male quartette, 'Lead Kindly Light' and Carol, 'Christmas Bells,' Lunghuret.

Organist and Choirmaster, Mr. Ernest F. Kerr.

METHODIST

ST. JAMES CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

Morning—Organ Prelude, Andante Gracioso (Tours); Doxology, 'Praise God from Whom all Blessings Flow'; Hymn, 'Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning'; Anthem, 'Cradled and Lowly (Gounod); Hymn, 'Come, Thou long-expected Jesus'; Offertory Song, 'The Birthday of a King,' (Nevin); Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; Organ Jubilant, March (Stainer).

Christmas Day.

Evening at 7—Special Christmas Service of Song, commencing with the following selections from The Messiah; Pastoral Sympnony; Recitatives, 'There Were Shepherds,' 'And the Angel said unto Them,' 'And Suddely there was with the Angel'; Chorus, 'Glory to God'; Aria, 'Rejoice Greatly O Daughter of Zion'; Hymn, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'; Anthem, 'Like Silver Lamps' (Barnby); Male Quartette, 'Christians Awake' (Carol); Hymn, 'It Came upon the Midnight Clear'; Offertory, Song, 'O Holy Night' (Adam); Hymn, 'Stupendous Height of Heavenly Love'; Organ Festal March (Calkin). Preachers—Morning, Rev. C. A. Sykes, B.D.; evening, Rev. J. W. Graham, B.A. Soloists and quartette, Miss Mabel Barker, soprano; Mr. J. C. Landry, Mr. Geo. Best, tenors; Mr. J. D. Ouellette, baritone; Mr. F. D. Carter, bass. Mr. E. F. Waterhouse, choir master. Mrs. Alice Nunns Keough, organist.

DOMINION SQUARE.
Christmas Day.

Morning—Organ Prelude, 'Adoration,' Callaerts; Doxology and Invocation; Hymn, 'Angels from the Realms of Glory'; Prayer, Antuem, 'There Were Shepherds,' Thomas; Responsive Reading; Quartette, 'Hail, all Hail the Glorious Morn,' Old Bohemian Carol.* ; Second Lesson; Hymn, 'To Us a Child of Royal Birth'; Sermon by the Pastor; Offertory, 'Pastorals,' Hazler; Anthem, 'Hark, What Mean These Holy Voices, Patty Stair; Hymn, 'It Came upon the Midnight Clear'; Benediction; Postlude, Stern.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

Organ Voluntary, 'Christmas Pastorale,' Correlli; Chorus, 'Safely Through Another Year'; Doxology and Invocation; Hymn, 'Hark, the Glad Sound'; Prayer; Anthem, 'Hark What Mean Those Holy Voices,' Patty Stair; Responsive Reading and Second Lesson; Hymn, 'Brighest and Best of the Sons of the Morning'; Sermon by Pastor; Offertory, 'Andante, Sosternuto,' Baptiste; Sextette, 'The Angels and the Shepherds,' Old Bohemian Carol*; Hymn, 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'; Benediction; Postlude, 'Scherzo, Lemaigre.

Evening—Organ Voluntary, 'Variations of Ancient Christmas Carol,' Dethier; Doxology and Invocation; Hymn, 'It came upon the Midnight Clear'; Prayer; Anthem, 'The Sun is Sinking o'er Judah's Hills,' Harry Rowe Shelley; Scripture Lesson; Quartette, 'Let all Men Sing God's Praises,' Old Bohemian Carol*; Hymn, 'O Saviour, Precious Saviour'; Sermon by the Pastor; Offertory, 'Barcarole, Dethier; Anthem, 'O Holy Night,' Adolphe Adam; Hymn, 'Love Divine all Loves Excelling'; Benediction; Postlude, 'Marche Solennelle,' Lemaigre;

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DOUGLAS CHURCH.
Christmas Day.

11 a.m.—Organ Voluntary, Pastoral Symphony, Handel; Hymn, 'Angels From the Realms of Glory'; Anthems, 'There Were Shepherds,' 'And lo the Angel of the Lord,' 'And the Angel said unto Them,' 'And Suddenly there was with the Angel,' 'Glory to God in the Highest,' Handel; Quartette Carol, 'The Virgin Stills the Crying'; Offertory Solo, 'King Eternal,' H. W. Harris; Hymns, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing,' 'Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning.' Soloists, Miss Irene Hanson, Miss Minnie Laughton, Miss G. Overend, Mr. F. Richard and Mr. Wm. Lister.

Sunday, Dec. 27.

11 a.m.—Doxology; Hymns, 'Hark, the Glad Sound, the Saviour Comes,' 'To us a Child of Royal Birth,' 'Celebrate Immanuel's Name'; Anthem, 'Behold a Virgin Shall Conceive,' and 'O Thou that Tellest,' Handel, Offertory Solo, 'King Eternal,' Harris.'

Evening—Doxology; Hymns, 'Come Thou long-expected Jesus,' 'It Came upon the Midnight Clear,' 'Sing, all in Heaven at Jesus' Birth'; Anthem, 'For unto us a Child is Born,' Handel; Second Anthem, 'Hallelujah Chorus,' Handel; Offertory, quartette, 'The Virgin Stills the Crying,' Barnby; Vesper, 'Lord, Keep Us Safe this Night,' Reyner. Horace W. Reyner, Mus. Bac. A.R.C.O., organist and director of music.

CENTENARY CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning—Prelude, 'L'Esperance' Thayer; Opening Anthem, 'Behold I Bring You Glad Tidings,' Hugg; Hymn 139; Anthem, 'Brightest and Best,' Schnecker; Hymn 143; Offertory Anthem, 'Songs of Praise the Angels Sang,' Shelley; Hymn 145; Postlude, 'Grand March,' Merkel.

Evening — Prelude, 'Evening Prayer,' Smart; Opening Anthem, 'O Come, all Ye Faithful,' Reading-Novello; Hymn 148; Anthem, 'There Were Shepherds,' Dudley Buck; Hymn 111; Offertory, Recit., 'Comfort Ye My People' (Messiah); Anthem, 'And the Glory of the Lord' (Messiah) Handel; Hymn 141; Postlude, 'Festival March,' Guilmant. Soloists, Miss May MacMahon, soprano; Mr. Edwin Shaw, tenor; Miss Edith Powles, organist; J. T. Mattice, choir master.

SHERBROOKE STREET.
Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning—'Sing unto the Lord,' Novello; 'Behold I bring you Glad Tidings,' Smith.

Evening—'Sing, O Heavens,' Tours; Soprano Solo, 'The First Christmas Morn'; soloist, Miss Murison. Mrs. A. G. E. Ahern, organist.

MOUNT ROYAL AVENUE CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

11 a.m.—Anthem, 'Calm on the Listening Ear,' Ashford; Carol,, 'Never Shone a Light so Fair" Lowry.

7 p.m.—Anthem, 'Nazareth,' Gounod (Root's arrangement), Bass and Alto Solos; Offertory, Solo, 'Night of Nights,' Vanderwater. Soloists, Miss Luttrell and Mrs. Allan, soprano; Miss Sampson, contralto; Mr. W. Bray, tenor; Mr. R. A. Tarlton, basso. Christmas music will be repeated next Sunday. The Rev. W. S. Lennon, B.A., B.D., will preach at both services.

CONGREGATIONAL

CALVARY CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

Morning—Doxology; Gloria, Mornington; Hymn, 'Christians awake, Salute the Happy Morn'; Kyrie; solo, 'Dream of Bethlehem,' Rodney; Hymn, 'Sing, oh Sing, this Blessed Morn'; Anthem, 'Oh Zion, that Bringest Glad Tidings,' Stainer; Hymn, 'God from on high hath Heard.'

Evening — Magnificat, Bennett; Hymn, 'Hark, the Herald Angels Sing'; solo, 'Nazareth,' Gounod: Hymn, 'Hark, the glad sound, the Saviour Comes; Anthem, 'Brightest and Best of the Sons of the Morning,' Rubenstein; Hymn, 'Joy to the world, the Lord is Come.'

Soloists—Miss Kneen and Mr. W. J. Moule.

Organist and Choir Conductor, Miss H. M. Wright.

ZION CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning—Hymns, 'Come all ye Faithful,' 'Christians Awake,' 'As with Gladness Men of Old,' 'Sing, O Sing this Blessed Morn,' 'Hark the Glad Sound; Anthem, 'Arise, Shine,' Elvey.

Evening—Special praise service—Hymns, 'Come all ye Faithful,' 'Thou didst Leave Thy Throne,' 'Of the Father, Sole Begotten,' 'Once in Royal David's City,' 'A Thousand Years Have Come,' 'It came upon the Midnight Clear,' 'Hail to the Lord's Anointed,' 'Hark! the Herald Angels Sing'; solos, 'Nazareth,' Mr. Stoneman; 'Star of Bethlehem,' Mr. W. W. O'Hara. Anthems, 'O Wisdom that Comest,' Kinross; 'Arise, Shine,' Elvey; 'There were Shepherds,' Vincent. J. T. Edward, organist.

BETHLEHEM CHURCH, WESTMOUNT.
Sunday, Dec. 27.

Morning music—Organ Prelude, 'A Silent Prayer,' Kullak; Hymn, 'O Come All Ye Faithful; Anthem, 'There were Shepherds,' Vincent; Hymn, 'As with Gladness Men of Old'; Hymn, 'Joy to the World'; Organ Postlude, Op. 83, No. 1, Francis Wickede. Evening music—Organ Prelude, 'Largo,' Handel; Hymn, 'Our God Our Help in Ages Past; Anthem, 'Send Out Thy Light,' Gounod; Hymn, 'O God of Bethel'; Solo, 'The Lord is My Shepherd,' (Liddel), by Miss Jo Climie; Hymn, 'Days and Moments Quickly Flying'; Postlude, 'Pontifical March,' Gounod. Organist, Miss Florence Watson; conductor, Mr. F. Pashley. Christmas service will be observed on Sunday 27.

ROMAN CATHOLIC

CHURCH OF NOTRE DAME.
Christmas Day.

At 10 minutes before midnight Adam's 'Noel,' tenor solo, Mr. C. Laurendeau, and choir; prelude on the organ; symphonie variations on 'Adeste Fideles; 'Dominus dixit ad me,' plain chant, by the choir; Kyrie on a melody prepared by the Rev. Abbe Sentenne and Professor G. Guillaume, first time heard, by the choir; tenor solo by Mr. C. Laurendeau; bass solo by Mr. Jos. Tremblay; Bro. Albert's Gloria' on old Christmas carols. Tenor solos by Mr. E. Godin; baritone solos by Mr. R. Laurier; bass solos by Mr. A. Dansereau; Organ, 'Triderel,' Jos. Tremblay; Alleluia, plain chant, by the choir. Credo, from Haydn's 2nd Mass. Tenor solos by Messrs. G. Comte and A. Laurendeau; bass solos by Messrs. F. Lefebvre and A. J. Dansereau; 'Laetenture Coeli,' plain chant by two young children; 'Jesu Redemptor,' C. Gounod. Bass solo by Mr. J. Tremblay; Pilot's 'Sanctus' on Christmas carols, by the choir. Pilot's 'O Salutaris,' old Christmas carol. Tenor solo by Mr. Gust. Comte and choir. Bro. Albert's 'Agnus Dei,' old Christmas carol: Tenor soli by Messrs. G. Comte and R. Bissonnette; 'Christmas Night,' J. Rheinberger, by the choir; 'In Splendoribus Sanctorum,' plain chant, by the choir; C. Gounod's 'Noel,' baritone solo by Mr. R. Laurier; French Christmas carols, by the choir boys; Postlude, organ, Tocata, by W. Faulkes.

At the forenoon service, there will be a repetition of the Kyrie, Gloria, Credo, Sanctus, Agnus and Jesu Redemptor; Postlude, organ, 'Cornelius March,' by Mendelssohn. At 3 p.m., Kretchner's Vespers, by the choir; baritone solos, by Mr. R. Laurier.

At the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament—Rheinberger's 'Christmas Night,' by the choir; 'Ave Maria,' Gounod; tenor solo by Mr. C. Laurendeau; Bendell's 'Tantum,' by the choir; Postlude, organ, Tocata, by W. Faulkes.

Organist, Professor J. D. Dussault'.
Choir leader, Mr. E. McMahon.

ST. ANTHONY'S.
Christmas Eve.

Midnight Mass—'Kyrie' and 'Gloria,' from Mozart's Mass in C, arranged for male voices, Fr. Riga; 'Graduel, Organ, 'Rejoice,' Messiah; 'Credo,' Mozart; Offertory, 'Nato Nobis Salvator' D. Van Reysschoot; 'Sanctus and 'Benedictus,' Trio and Chorus, Mozart; 'Agnus Dei,' Mozart; Communion, Organ, 'Ancien Noel,' A. Marty.

Second Mass—Organ, 'March of the Magi Kings,' Theo Dubois; 'O Holy Night,' Adam, tenor solo and chorus; Organ, 'Chorale,' J. S. Bach; 2, Variations on 'Christmas Carol,' Bethier; 2, 'Adoremus in Aternum,' E. Gigout.

Christmas Day.

Vespers and Benedictions—Organ Offertory in C Minor on Christmas Hymns Alex. Guilmant; Benediction, 'Sanctus' and 'Benedictus,' Mozart; 'Alma Redemptoris,' Gounod; 'Tantum Ergo,' De Merlier; Sortie, 'Toccata,' J. Callaerts. Soloists, Messrs. Proulx, Bissonnette, Charlebois and Hamilton; Organist, Miss Donovan; Choir master, Mr. E. F. Casey.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.
Christmas Eve.

The service will open with the singing of old Christmas carols by the choir: The Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus and Agnus of Nini, and the Credo of Mozart's Twelfth Mass, will be given. The soloists will be Messrs. Lamoureux, T. F. Walsh; G. A. Carpenter, W. J. Walsh, F. Cahill, J. Quinn.

At the Offertory Master Michael Delahanty, the boy soprano, will sing the Pastoral.

During the Second Mass Adam's 'Noel,' Gounod's 'Nazareth,' Novello's Adeste Fideles, and other Christmas hymns will be sung or played on the organ.

Mr. G. A. Carpenter is the conductor, and Prof. R. A. Fowler, organist.

ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH.
Sunday, Dec. 20.

Organ Entree Marche, 'En Fa., Guilmant; Mass, 'St. Louis,' Theo de la Hache. Soloists, Messrs. Wm. Daly, J. Kelly, J. Deegan, P. Russell, M. McCarthy, J. J. Shea. Offertory, Pastorale (4 parts), by Lambillotte. Soloist, J. J. Shea.

During Masses after midnight the following anthems will be rendered: 'Glory to God,' 'Gloria in Excelsis,' Novello; Adeste Fideles,' 'Long ago a Midnight Strain,' S. Hawthorne. Soloist J. J. Shea.

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This programme will be repeated on Christmas Day at the 10 o'clock Mass.

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION.
Christmas Day.

Midnight—Christmas Hymn, 'O Holy Night,' Adolphe Adam; baritone solo by Mr. Joseph Saucier; Kyrie, Gloria and Sanctus of the 4th solemn Mass of Gounod; Credo of the 'Messe des Orpheonistes,' of the same composer; Benedictus from the 'Oratorio de Noel' of Saint-Saens; duet by Mr. Edward Baxter-Felton, tenor, of New York, and Mr. Saucier, baritone; Agnus Dei from the Mass of Dom Adolpho; soloist, Dr. J. E. Marchildon. The above programme will be performed by a powerful choir composed of 40 male voices and 60 well trained children's voices under the leadership of Mr. Joseph Saucier. At the offertory, a Pastorale for oboe, violin, harp, organ and contra-bass, to be performed by the best artists in this city.

At 10 o'clock a.m. the same programme as at midnight; solemn Vespers and Benediction at 7 o'clock. Cor Jesu, Letondal; Sanctus, from Gounod's 4th solemn mass; Ave Maria,' Gabriel Faure; solo, Mr. Jos. Saucier; Tantum Ergo,' chorus by Samuel Rousseau.

Mr. E. N. Hebert will preside at the organ.

ST. LOUIS DE FRANCE.
Christmas Eve.

Midnight Mass—First hearing of the Solemn Mass, by E. Paladilhe, given by the Choir, under the direction of Mr. Alex. M. Clerk; before the Mass 'Minuit Chretien,' of Adam; Solo, J. E. Monday. The soloists during the Mass are Messrs. Dr. F. Fleury, J. E. Monday, Geo. Bertrand and C Charbonneau, N.P., tenors; Ed. Dufresne, N.P., and R. Dionne, baritones; D. Bertrand, H. Landry, and Edm. Desaulniers, N.P., bassos. At the Epistle, Mr. Richard Beaudry, organist, will play the 'Pastorale' of Lefebvre-Wely. At the Offertory Mr. Ed. Dufresne will sing 'Adeste Fideles' of Th. Dubois, with full choir.

Second Mass—The Choir will give the Christmas Carols as newly harmonized for this occasion by Professor Alexis Contant. Mr. Albert Theberge, tenor, will be the soloist. At the end of the mass, 'Noel,' of Gounod, will be sung by the Choir. Soloists: Messrs. Dr. F. Fleury, tenor; and Jules Clement, basso.

Morning Mass, at 10 o'clock—The same programme as at midnight.

Vespers, at 3.30 p.m.—'Adeste Fideles,' of Th. Dubois; Solo by Mr. Ed. Dufresne baritone; 'Magnificat,' of Haydn, by the full Choir; 'Sanctus and Benedictus' of E. Paladilhe; Soloists: Messrs. J. E. Monday, C. Charbonneau, tenors; R. Dionne, baritone; and D. Bertrand, basso; 'Ave Maria' o' Gounod; Soloists: Dr. Fleury and J. Clement; 'Tantum Ergo' of Mendelssohn by the full choir. This programme will be given at Vespers on Sunday, Dec. 27, at 7.30 in the evening.

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GAMES, 10c to $10.00.
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MOCCASINS, 85c to $1.00.
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VENETIAN WARE, $3.00 to $12.00.
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EBONY SETS, $1.25 to $8.00.
LEATHER COMPANIONS, $2.25 to $12.00.
WRITING PADS, $1.50 to $6.00.
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BOOKS, 25c to $2.00.
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WANTS TO BE A DOCTOR.

Mr. Kinton Dorion, through his attorney, Mr. M. Honan, has taken a mandamus to force the College of Physicians and Surgeons of the Province of Quebec to grant him a license for the practice of medicine. The petitioner's pretension is that, having successfully passed his examination for such practice, he cannot be refused his license. The college refuses the license on the ground that Mr. Dorion did not pass his examinations for admission to the study.

RAILWAY Y. M. C. A.

The Rev. E. A. Mackenzie will address the Railway Y. M. C. A. on Sunday afternoon.

SEAWANHAKA CUP.

Agreement Between the Two Yacht Clubs Interested Ready for Signing.

MINNEAPOLIS SAILORS' REQUEST FOR SHORTER TIME LIMIT REFUSED

All arrangements have been completed for the signing of the agreement between the White Bear and the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Clubs for the international yacht races to be sailed on Lake St. Louis next summer for the Seawanhaka cup.

It is learned to-day that one change has been made in the rules governing these races, and that is, that the weight limit for the bilge boards in the yachts competing in the races is to be reduced to three hundred and fifty pounds.

Then, again, the White Bear Yacht Club sailing committee made a suggestion, in fact, recommended to the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club executive, the advisability of reducing the time limit allowed for covering the distance of each race for the cup.

To this suggestion the local sailors refuse to reduce the time allowed, and it will remain the same as last summer.

From this suggestion of the White Bear Yacht Club it would appear that it is the intention of the club to send a heavy weather boat to meet the local defender, as experience has taught challenging clubs that light weather racers are of little service on Lake St. Louis, as invariably the former type wins out.

The executive of the Royal St. Lawrence Yacht Club held a special meeting last evening to further complete arrangements for the annual club ball to be held in the Windsor Hall on Jan. 8 next.

From present indications the affair this season will be highly successful, and those in charge are determined to have all particulars so arranged that those who attend will be ensured of an enjoyable time.

CURLING

MONTREAL WON.

The second half of the friendly match between the Montreal and St. Lawrence Curling Clubs took place last night. At the close of the first night's play Montreal was 25 shots ahead, and this was added to last night by 14 shots, making Montreal a winner by a total of 29 shots. The following are the details of last night's play:

On St. Lawrence Ice.

St. Lawrence.		Montreal.	
R. Irving		D. McLellan	
John Henderson		S. Howard	
Jas. Cunningham		P. Barton	
D. Anderson, skip,	8	S. McMurtry, skip,	12
H. Fortier		G. Brock	
T. W. McAnulty		C. J. Saxe	
E. H. Amand		C. Dean	
J. McK. Rose, skip,	7	Geo. Walker, skip,	16
Total	15	Total	28

On Montreal Ice.

St. Lawrence.		Montreal.	
R. Allan		J. M. Cornell	
J. C. Walsh		T. Brown	
W. Middleton		Geo. Darling	
F. J. Kearns, skip,	13	Col. Miller, skip,	14
Laz. Rubenstein		E. Darling	
A. I. Rice		C. W. Tyre	
L. Rubenstein		F. C. Wilson	
H. Drysdale, skip,	12	H. E. Suckling, skip,	9
John Allan		J. Brierly	
Jas. Henry		A. W. Shearward	
J. B. Clearihue		A. Hodgson	
Wm. Kearns, skip,	12	J. N. Southam, skip,	25
Total	37	Total	38
Grand Total	52	Grand Total	66

BOWLING

THE JUNIOR SERIES.

Several junior series games were played last night. The Colonials defeated the M.A.A.A. team by 3 pins, scoring 2,782 to Montreal's 2,779. Ste. Cunegonde was defeated by Royal, the score standing: Royal, 2,776; Ste. Cunegonde, 2,455.

ON THE VICS' ALLEYS.

The home team won the match in the senior series played last night on the Vics' alleys between Victoria Rifles' Reserves and M.A.A.A.

CLUB ST. JACQUES WON.

The following is the score of an interesting match played on the alleys of the Club St. Jacques last night:

CLUB ST. JACQUES.

				Total.
Mainguy	124	127	136	387
Lesperance	125	173	140	438
Lefebvre	133	141	159	433
St. Jacques	158	151	164	513
Trudeau	112	143	190	445
Belanger	159	156	164	479
Club St. Jacques				2,695
Club Prince Arthur				2,668
Majority for Club St. Jacques				27

CLUB PRINCE ARTHUR.

				Total.
Lajeunesse	124	174	140	438
Dagenais	166	140	162	468
Trudeau	119	135	129	383
Brouillet	160	155	114	429
Prieur	140	174	164	478
Howard	112	228	126	466
				2,668

HOCKEY

CORNWALL'S DOUBLE-HEADER SCHEME.

Cornwall, Dec. 18.—The fact that Cornwall has entered a team in the O.H.A. senior series will not affect their standing in the F.A.H.L. in the least, for the O.H.A. team will be practically intermediates, although in the Ontario senior series. The intention is to run two separate teams, one in each league. Of course, it is quite possible that the Federal League team will be recruited from time to time from the other. In the O.H.A. Cornwall is mated with Prescott, Morrisburg and Iroquois.

CORNWALL VS. MONTREAL STARS.

Cornwall, Dec. 18—There will be a hockey match in Cornwall on Christmas night between the Cornwalls and seven gentlemen from Montreal who reside in Lachine, and are pleased to turn out for this match under the nom de plume of the Lachine club. Every man of the seven is a senior, and belongs to one or the other of Montreal's senior clubs. It is doubtful, indeed, if a stronger team could be picked in the city. This match will enable the experts to get a line on Cornwall's ability when tested with the fleet-footed men of the C.A.H.L.

THE OARSMEN WON

ROWING CLUB HOCKEY TEAM DEFEATED THE WINNIPEG VICTORIAS IN FIRST MATCH.

Winnipeg, Dec. 19.—Before a large audience at th auditorium last night the champion Rowing Club hockey team of the city defeated the Winnipeg Victorias in a fast and well contested match. The contest had been awaited with much interest on account of the fact that the Rowing Club seven will travel to Ottawa shortly in quest of the famous Stanley cup. The play was exceptionally fast and clever for the initial contest, and the sore of six games to four is a fair criterion of the relative merits of the contesting teams.

The victory of the Rowing Club team was a popular one, and the players were pleased at the final result.

WOMEN ACT ON CHICAGO JURY.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—For the first time in the history of the United States, so far as local records show, a jury composed of six women sat on a case before Judge Honore in the Juvenile Court to-day. The jury passed on a petition to have Mary McGann, eight years old, declared a delinquent, and placed in an institution. The mother of the girl declared that her child had been with her all her life, and would die if taken away from her. The jury sympathized with the mother, and returned a verdict that mother and daughter should be sent to Dunning. The verdict was concurred in by a jury of six men in order to make the verdict legal.

CHARGE WILL BE MURDER.

London, Ont., Dec. 19.—Patrick Upton, of Strathroy, who was murderously attacked by his niece, Fanny McGarvey, on Nov. 6, died at that place at an early hour this morning. A charge of murder will be laid against Miss McGarvey, who has been confined in the jail here ever since the occurrence.

ENGLISH LUTHERANS.

The English Lutheran Church, formerly worshipping in Stanley Hall, has secured very comfortable rooms for their meetings at 276 Guy street, corner of Guy and St. Antoine. They will hold regular services as frequenetly as possible until a Lutheran minister can come and take pastoral charge. As the result of the visit of the missionary superintendent, the Rev. J. C. Kingman, D.D., several months ago, the Luthern Board of Missions will send a missionary to Montreal during the winter or spring.

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WHOLESALE GROCERS

MR. L. E. GEOFFRION ELECTED PRESIDENT OF THE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Montreal Wholesale Grocers' Association was held yesterday afternoon, at the Board of Trade, Mr. Albert Hebert presiding. The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:—President, Mr. L. E. Geoffrion; vice-president, Mr. J. E. Quintal; treasurer, Mr. Alex. Orsali; directors, Messrs. H. A. Archambault, S. J. Carter and L. O. Demers.

The retiring president, Mr. Albert Hebert, was unanimously chosen as the association's nominee for election to the council of the Montreal Board of Trade.

Mr. Hebert was tendered a hearty vote of thanks for the services he had rendered the association as its president during the past two years, and the members expressed gratification at Mr. Hebert's acceptance of nomination for election to the Council of the Board of Trade as their representative.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC RECITAL.

Next Tuesday evening a recital of Christmas music will be given in Sherbrooke Street Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. A. G. E. Ahern, the organist. The choir has prepared a number of suitable anthems, and will be assisted by Mrs. W. H. Creed, Miss R. Terrill, Mr. R. Diplock and Mr. R. Dumbrill. Sherbrooke concerts are always good.

CENTRE WARD

REQUISITION PRESENTED TO MR. GASPARD DE SERRES.

Mr. Gaspard De Serres, financial agent, has received a requisition from the electors of Centre Ward to be their representative in the City Council. Out of about 800 municipal electors upwards of 700 citizens have signed the requisition.

Ex-Ald. Thomas Kinsella has been invited by the electors of St. Joseph's Ward to become a candidate for No. 2 seat of the ward.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD.

(By Fred Myron Colby.)

The Christmas festivities vary in different countries. In our own land there are the giving of presents, the church going, the dinners and the festive joy that prevail both among the high and the low. But there is one part of our country where the Christmas customs are signally diverse from those of any other portion of America, and that is in that great northern territory called Alaska. The people of Alaska are nearly all Russians and Indians, and they belong nominally at least, to the Greek Church. They also count time by the Julian calendar, or 'Old Style,' as it is sometimes called, instead of the Gregorian calendar by which we and most of the European nations reckon. This method of computing time brings all the fixed holidays twelve days later than our customary dates. Thus the Russian Christmas occurs on the sixth of our January.

One of the most interesting ceremonies outside of the church service practiced in Alaska is what they call 'Going around with the Star.' A large star with six or more points is made on a light wooden frame, somewhat gaudily painted and decorated with bright-colored tissue paper, and this is borne round from house to house by a party of boys and girls. Wherever they stop they are invited in, for everybody keeps 'open house' at this season, where they sing some of the musical Russian Christmas carols, after which they are regaled with what bounties are upon the table.

This going around with the star is practiced three nights, and is supposed to typify the quest of the wise men who followed the star in search of the Infant Christ. The first night the 'Starbearers' are more or less disturbed by bands of maskers, who go around and try to catch the 'Star parties,' and destroy the star. These maskers are believed to represent the soldiers sent by King Herod to destroy the young children in hope that the Infant Jesus would perish in the slaughter.

The Christmas festival in Mexico is one long, hilarious holiday. Long before the Holy Night, the Mexicans, young and old, men and women, are preparing for the Christmas season. First come the rehearsals for the 'Pastores,' sometimes called the Mexican Passion Play. The Pastores follows night after night, passing even into the climax of the solemn midnight mass of the cathedral. The 'passadas' next claim the attention of the people. This is a home observance something similar to the Christmas tree of the German people. Every family has one of these trees, and the children hang their gifts upon it, and a figure in a mask to resemble Santa Claus, gives all the presents away, adapting his gift and his speech to the wishes and necessities of each one. After the distribution of presents, there follows the week of worldly enjoyment, the contests over the gaming tables, the revelry of balls and fetes, and the brutal sports day and night in the bloody little arena where gamecocks are pitted against each other with gaffs and slashes.

Nowhere, perhaps, does Christmas wear so strange a garb as in the half-Indian and half-Spanish countries of South America. For a typical South American Christmas we will glance at the festival as it is kept in Lima, the capital of Peru. On Christmas Eve—noche buena—the Good Night, as the natives call it, the whole city is alive with preparations for the approaching festivity. The public walks are crowded with pleasure-seekers and the great square is filled with a motley crowd. Numerous ice stalls surrounded with chairs and benches are scattered over the square and drive a busy trade, for to the Limans ice is a necessary of life and never is it more welcome than during the sultry Christmastide. As the night wears on, the crowd increases, and above all the noise, sounds the wild chantings of the Peruvian waifs. These are bands of Negroes and Negresses dressed in flowing robes of red, and their black faces often disguised by ugly and still blacker masks. They carry in their hands calabashes filled with pebbles, which they rattle to mark time to the monotonous music of the guitar and clattering castanets, and singing guttural songs. After the blacks follow groups of Indian women, their long, black hair unbound, in their hands long slender wands fluttering with ribbons. To the music of flute and harp, they move in circles, singing sweet melodies and keeping time with their fantastic batons.

In Montenegro every Christmas night a fire is kindled on the big hearth, each member of the family lighting a piece of wood and placing it thereon. In every fireplace hangs a great kettle chain, which is directly above the blaze. Of course, as the fire progresses this chain becomes intensely heated. On Christmas night, however, the iron chain does not heat at all, but remains cool to the touch. At least, this is what every Montenegro peasant believes, and he will tell you he has made a test of it on every succeeding Christmas night. To explain the fact they claim that a similar chain hung over the fire built on the floor of the stable at Bethlehem, and that at the birth of Christ, the virgin mother grasped it for support. It became cool at her touch lest it burn the saintly hand, and from that day to this, there is no fire hot enough to heat the fireplace chain on Christmas.

Christmas in Norway is a day devoted to exchanging calls and good wishes. In every house a table is kept furnished all day with wine, cake and sweetmeats, for visitors, who talk, flirt, compliment and sip wine and nibble cake with remarkable perseverance. Even the birds are not forgotten, and every Norwegian hangs out a sheaf of corn or wheat for their Christmas dinner. The carolling of these birds about the gables and roofs of the peasants' cottages makes a Norwegian Christmas cheery. The burning of the Yule log is common to every Christian country, but in the Black Mountain there is a 'great log of Christmas,' and there are smaller logs for each member of the family. The wood must be cut before sunrise Christmas morning. The head of the house followed by his family goes into the forest and cuts down a standing stump. He then takes off his cap to the log, turns towards the east, crosses himself and offers up this prayer: 'Give to me and to Christmas abundantly, O Lord.' If by chance the log falls the wrong way, they cut another, unless, indeed, they choose to be unlucky for a year. The logs are drawn to the house and leaned against the wall, with the cut ends uppermost. If one by mistake is reversed, the whole thing must be done over again, or else misfortune will be sure to come to the family. When the fire is lighted, there is great joy in the household, but no one on any account must speak of witches after the great log is placed on the hearth, for they are supposed to be flying around on Christmas night as 'plentiful as sparks.' —New York 'Observer.'

HOME-COMERS' EXCURSIONS.

To give the Canadians who are now living in the New England States an opportunity of visiting their homes during the holiday season, the Grand Trunk Railway system has arranged to run a series of home-comers' excursions, from points in the Eastern States to Montreal, Quebec, and other Canadian points. They are allowed the cheap rates to leave starting point on Dec. 28 to 31, inclusive, and will be good to return until Jan. 25. It is expected that these excursions will be very successful.

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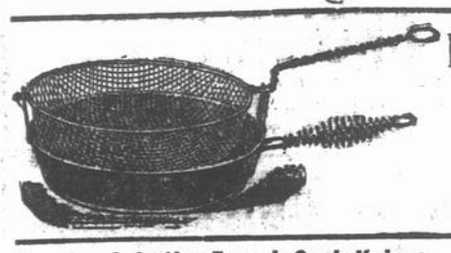
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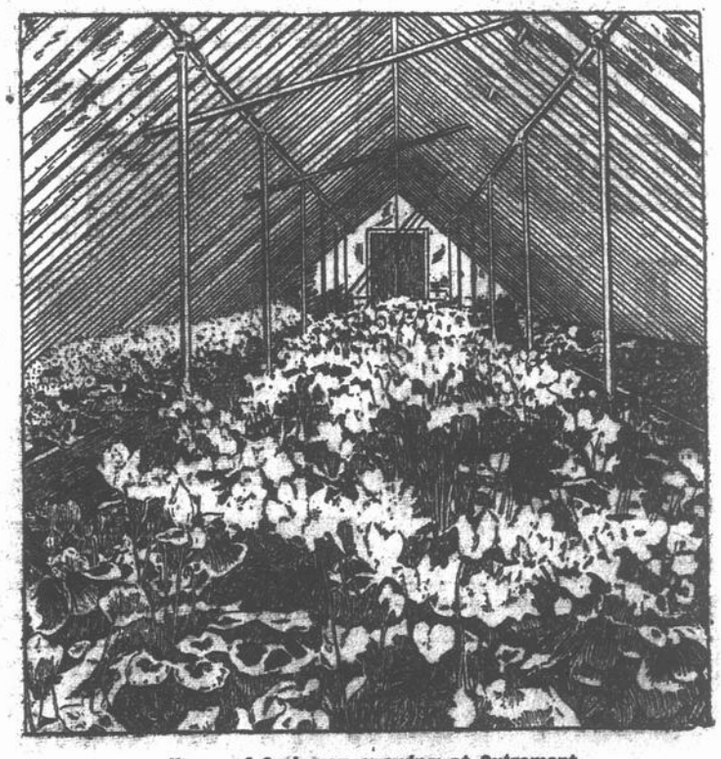
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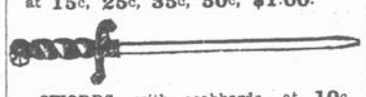


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(Rev.) P. LINDSAY.

Cottonwood, Assa., Nov. 10, 1903.

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I can assure you 'World Wide' is appreciated. As an old Ontarian boy, I wish the proprietors of the 'Witness' and 'World Wide' success for their stand on public matters. J. H. MACCALLUM.

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Yours sincerely,
(Rev.) J. MOYLE.

Dawson, Yukon.

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H. J. WOODSIDE.

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(Signed), HARCOURT W. PECK,
Pastor Meth. Epis. Church.

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LOUIS RENNIE.

Cookstown, Ont.

In a few words I wish to say that the arrival of the 'Witness' each week is welcomed as the visit of a friend. We could not do without the 'Witness' very well.

I remain, yours truly,
THOS. ELLIOTT.

Beachburg, Ont.

Enclosed find three dollars for renewal of my subscriptions. I wish you great success in your bold stand for truth and righteousness. Yours truly,

W. KNOX,
Methodist Minister.

Ashville, N.C.

Enclosed please find one dollar to renew my subscription to the 'Weekly Witness.' I cannot afford to do without the 'Witness' on account of the reliability of your editorials. Respectfully,

THOS. M. HENRY.

Orillia, Ont.

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(Rev.) JOHN GRAY.

Madoc, Ont.

Herewith I enclose a P.O. note for $1.50 for the 'Weekly Witness' and 'World Wide.'

The 'Witness' was the first paper I ever read, at least, so far as I can remember, and I wish my children to read it. My father was intimately acquainted with the founder of the 'Witness,' and never ceased to regard him with affection and respect. May the 'Witness' long continue to flourish. Yours truly,

W. MACKINTOSH,
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THE 'SPANISH PRISONER'

A HOARY SWINDLE DEVISED FOR ENGLISH MIDDLE-CLASSES.

(London 'Leader.')

Once more has the ghost of the alleged Cocos Islands Treasure arisen from its dank and squashy grave, and alluringly waved its shadowy arms to another party of treasure seekers; who, like all their predecessors, have had the usual experience, and have returned to San Francisco —rich in mmories.

And in another five years os so, the swindle will again arise at the bidding of the astute Americans who engineer such enterprises, again wave the shadowy arms, and—after the promoters have 'skinned' their credulous victims of all the dollars they possess—once more subside into its unattainable grave in the sploshy, rain-soaked soil of the Cocos; and the carefully-drawn parchment maps, stained with age, and made duly undecipherable in unimportant details, are returned to the clever German draughtsmen who designed them, so that a fresh set may be compiled, with necessary alterations.

Then, after the documents have been duly 'aged' chemically—like the sham pictures by 'the old masters'—the game is in process again, though it may take some years ere it is played, for the rooks are looking out for the pigeons, aided by a section of the intelligent American press, always ready to be gulled—for a consideration.

The 'Cocos Islands Treasure Game' is older, much older, than the 'Spanish prisoner' fake. The latter was devised to swindle the English middle-class person of means, who would receive a mysterious communication from a captive, languishing in a Spanish dungeoen, who had discovered that he (the addressee) was either 'the sole remaining relative or connection' of the writer—except 'one hapless young girl of seventeen.'

In a few months the writer would, in all probability, be garrotted by the Spanish Government for the part he had taken in the Cuban insurrection, and 'with the cold finger of death all but touching my forehead, I reveal to you my secret, imploring you, in the name of the Holy Virgin and the blessed Saints of God, to be true to the trust I place in you, and divide equally with my grandchild, Senorita Maraquita Gonsalez, a fortune of a hundred and seventy thousand pounds in gold, which you are entitled to share with her, inasmuch as your grandfather, Senor Peter Thomas Wilkins, married in the year 1785 (when he was in Mexico) the Senora Paquita Diaz, etc.'

Then the descendant of Mr. Peter Thomas Wilkins, who little imagines that his family history has been carefully exploited by the Spanish Prisoner Corporation (head office Barcelona, with branches in Paris, London, City of Mexico, New York, and Melbourne), 'falls into the soup,' as the refined Amerian press would say, and eagerly devours some solemnly-worded instructions regarding the manner in which he is to obtain the 'hundred thousand pounds in gold, with seventy thousand pounds in silver, dispatched by the cruel government of Spain for the pay of the soldiers who are slaughtering the bleeding Cubans, the guard conveying which was surprised by my comrades and myself after great slaughter on both sides, and concealed in a place known to but one other person than myself. May God grant that you and he meet safely. He is a blood relation of yours and mine through Paquita Diaz. His name is Manuel Garcia, and his blood has flowed on Cuban soil.

'Wrie to him to—' (an address to some Freench or Spanish city is given)—'and make an appointment with him. Go there and take rooms at the best hotel in the place, and pretend that you are an ordinary English tourist. Do not, I implore you, be impatient to see him. He will await your coming, and call upon you at your hotel. Bring with you two thousand pounds in gold, and hand it to him freely and without question. One thousand pounds of this he will expend in bribing the minions of the Spanish Captain-General Weyler (the butcher of Cuba); the other thousand you, as an English Caballero, will, I think, agree with me he is entitled to for his services, for what is two thousand pounds out of a hundred and seventy thousand pounds! And this man Garcia is deserving of more.'

That is the 'Spanish Treasure Fake,' altered according to the nationality and pecuniary condition of the victim. The descendant of Senor Peter Thomas Wilkins or Samuel Henry Jordan, of 'the county of Kent, England,' falls into the trap, and corresponds with the writer of the agonized letter, or voyages to France, Spain, or America, meets a gentlemanly, bronzed, semi-Spanish person, who tells him that instead of £2,000 only £1,500 will be required for the recovery of the £170,000—and the descendant of Peter Thomas Wilkins or Henry Thomas Jordan 'falls into the soup,' and is so thoroughly immersed in it that he insists on Senor Manuel Garcia taking the whole £2,000. And Senor Manuel Garcia takes it (under protestation), and goes off to Cuba to get the treasure—and somehow forgets to come back.

. . . . . .

Some years ago, the writer of this article and the editor of a New Zealand newspaper were the means of preventing a man from being swindled of £700 by the 'Spanish Prisoner' game. He was a well-to-do butcher, and was not only an intelligent but an educated man. Yet, despite this, he was actually on the point of remitting this large sum of money to Melbourne to an agent of the gang. He showed us a letter, emanating, of course, from 'the prisoner,' in which the family history of the recipient's grandfather, who had been a ship's doctor, was narrated so minutely and circumstantially that the worthy butcher was quite satisfied as to the bona fides of the letter. I particularly remember one passage, which, after translation from the Spanish, was to this effect:

'When your grandfather, Doctor Henry Milligan, so carefully tended my father, and saved his life after the fearful injuries he sustained in falling down the hold of the ship 'Golden Fleece,' at Port Darwin, in June, 1863, he little knew that the poor Spanish boatswain was a member of one of the noblest families in Spain, and had to flee from his country for participating, as a naval officer, in the Carlist rising,' etc.

Now this incident was absolutely true. Dr. Milligan was at Port Darwin at the time mentioned, and was employed as a medical man by the constructors of the overland telegraph line from Adelaide to Port Darwin; and did attend the young boatswain of the British ship, the 'Golden Fleece,' which had arrived there with telegraph material. The man, who was so seriously injured that his life was despaired of, told Dr. Milligan that he had been an officer in the Spanish Navy, had been concerned in the Carlist rising of that time, and had had to leave the country. He recovered from his injuries, but died, a few months later, at Batavia, from fever.

Now, as far as the good butcher knew, his grandfather, who had often spoken of his experiences at Port Darwin, and had mentioned his 'case' of the Spanish boatswain of the 'Golden Fleece' to several people, had never ascertained the man's name. But—and here, possibly, the clue for the swindling gang came in—the Batavian hospital authorities wrote to Dr. Milligan, enclosing a letter from the Spanish ex-officer, in which he expressed his heartfelt thanks to the doctor who had so carefully attended him at Port Darwin. This letter Dr. Milligan placed in a handbag with other correspondence, and whilst in Edinburgh a year later the bag was stolen from his hotel.

The Spanish Prisoner Fraud is evolved from the brains of some of the most astute scoundrels in Europe, and although the Spanish police authorities have occasionally prosecuted some of the gang, whose headquarters are at Barcelona, English detectives assert that in several instances the Spanish police were themselves acting in collusion with the swindlers. And the game still goes on merrily, and whilst no one can pity the victims of their own greed, there are cases in which the plundered persons have acted from no unworthy motive—they really believed that they were entitled to the treasure.

LOUIS BECKE.

AMERICAN ANCESTRAL HOMES.

(Philadelphia 'Record.')

Now that the American millionnaires have had time to look about them and have contracted the habit of visiting Europe, where they are received by royalty, it is not surprising that they should be taken with a desire for ancestral homes. In the first impulse several of them have bought up the ancestral homes of impoverished English aristocrats and attempted to enjoy the emotions which are commonly ascribed to the man who inherits baronial halls, oil portraits, tombs and vast game preserves. It has been noted, however, that after a very brief experience, most of them have turned up again in the neighborhood of Wall street, where their most exciting and happiest days have been spent. The fact is that life in the foreign ancestral home is too like a pioneer existence to please the American millionnaire for long. To equip the place with electric lights or even with gas; to install a hard coal furnace and hot air pipes, and all such modern improvements as hot and cold water, dumb-waiters, electric bells, swift footed young servants, telephones, soft carpets and whatever makes living comfortable—the things for which the millionnaire labored in his most active days—would be ridiculous. No man can experience or pretend to experience the state of mind of a born aritocrat in his ancestral home without submitting to ancient conditions.

The shrewder American millionnaires propose to build their own ancestral homes in their own country within easy reach of the busy cities and where no traditions bind them to the life of privation which its the lot of the foreign aristocracy.

THE LATEST TRICK.

Some time ago a rumor went round that astute publishers had in their pay a large number of the most attractive diners-out. Your neighbor at table would lead the conversation to the latest novel—quite the easiest of conversational openings between strangers who lay their heads together over the menu and hav to entertain each other for an hour. You are interested in the description of the book of the hour, you are a little ashamed of not having read it, and going home you sit down and order the book—for the circulating library. Every publisher, every theatre manager, every deviser of a patent medicine knows that the device of a friend is a more concentrated and personal pull than the opinion of a critic from the emprean. And if the idea was ever carried out, it deserved to succeed. But no one ever spotted the paid diner-out. There was the artistry of the thing.—London 'Daily Chronicle.'

HOW THE INDIAN TREATS A COLD

Charles Gibson, the Indian editor, claims that consumption was never known by the Indian until he began to try to live like the white man, in a house. 'To cure a cold the Indian went to a mountain to camp, and hunted and ate wild meat for forty-eight hours, which is now the easiest way to cure a cold on earth. You never contract a cold in a camp. It is curious but is nevertheless true. Try it and be convinced. No one ever saw a tepee Indian with a cold or cough. Nature will cure you if you are not such a coward, and will go into camp and give nature a chance.'—Kansas City Journal.'

AN ADVENTUROUS BARON

A ROMANTIC CHAPTER OF PEERAGE HISTORY.

(London 'Tit-Bits.')

The story of the British peerage has many chapters as romantic as any you will find in fiction, but it is doubtful whether any one of them all is as crowded with strange experiences and vicissitudes as that which gives the life-story of the third and present Lord Lyveden.

Now that His Lordship's wanderings are but a memory he loves to recall them, and a very remarkable story it is that he himself tells of the twenty years that separated his school days from his accession to the Barony, three years ago, on the death of his uncle.

When Mr. Courtney Percy Vernon, son of a country rector, failed to pass his examination for the army, he took his fate boldly into his hands and enlisted as a private in the Royal Artillery. 'I put my pride in my pocket,' he says, 'and shared and thoroughly enjoyed the lot of the Tommy, whom I found to be a splendid fellow in all ways and a thorough gentleman at heart.'

But there was a restless, roving strain in Mr. Vernon's blood, and after eight months of soldiering we find him on the London stage, playing a utility part at the Haymarket Theatre. From this modest start he had risen within two years to the dignified position of 'second lead,' when he abandoned the footlights and made his way to America.

Landing at New York with but a few pounds in his pocket, he served for a time as waiter in a Bowery restaurant, enlarging his acquaintance with humanity and thankfully pocketing his tips; and then he suddenly transported himself to North Carolina, where he tempted Fortune as a nurseryman.

A little later he wearied of the life of nurseryman and engaged himself as steward on a vessel running between North Carolina and New York, making in this, as in all his other callings, hosts of friends by his geniality and entire absence of 'side.' But again, after two years of life aboard ship, his love of the stage re-asserted itself and he spent some adventurous months travelling through the United States with a touring company. From America he returned to England, and we find him playing the leading part in 'Diplomacy,' and playing it excellently, too; and, emboldened by his success, the embryo peer started a company of his own and toured with it, with very success, for a year.

He had now had ten years of roaming and, thinking it was time to rest a little, he married, in 1890, a charming lady, the daughter of an army officer, and settled down to nursery work again—this time near Higham Ferrers, where he spent four years of hard work and happiness, and incidentally introduced to the world a new tomato known by his initials as the 'P. V.' But Fortune was not kind to him, and he secured an engagement as third steward on a vessel trading between London and Dublin.

After eight months of this experience he exchanged to the 'City of Paris,' and later became bedroom-steward on a mail boat sailing to South America; and it was during this last term of service that Mr. Vernon contracted yellow fever, and for some weeks lay betwixt life and death at Buenos Ayres.

Another swift transition brought this nomadic aristocrat back to England, and for two years he acted as steward on a vessel plying between Barrow and the Isle of Man, a post which, during the holiday season, was, perhaps, not so pleasant as it was lucrative. Then followed a more agreeable spell as principal steward on a holiday yacht, the 'Ceylon'; and this paved the way to Lord Lyveden's last enterprise, which was that of caterer to a line of vessels belonging to the General Steam Navigation Company. This was the work on which His Lordship was engaged when news reached him that his uncle, the second lord, was dead, and that he was 'Baron Lyvedon,' and owner of several thousand acres of land.

This is but a bare outline of Lord Lyvedon's kaleidoscopic life. Its full story would fill volumes of thrilling interest; for he tells countless stories of adventure and of hairbreadth escapes on sea and land, not the least startling of which was when his boat was upset in a heavy sea off North Carolina, and after being rescued at the very point of death he was taken ashore just in time to experience one of the worst earthquakes that had ever devastated that coast.

The hero of this eventful life is today a tall, handsome, resolute man of forty-six, with much of the breeziness and unconventional charm of a sailor; and now that he is a peer of the United Kingdom e is as absolutely free from affectation as during the many years when he made countless loyal friends as plain 'Percy Vernon.'

SIR WALTER RALEIGH

A NOTE ON THE PRONUNCIATION OF HIS NAME.

(From 'Notes and Queries.')

According to Mr. Adrian Wheeler, 'the pronunciation of "Raleigh" seems to be "rawley."' Whether this only means 'seems now to be' is to be surmised. The question is, What was the pronunciation at the period indicated? And surely that is much a matter of surmise also. 'When Sir Walter Raleigh's name was told ('Ralegh'), said the King, "on my soule, mon, I have heard rawly of thee"' (not 'rawley'). The conjecture presumably must be that King James, with a labored joke founded on the sound then given to Raleigh (or Rawly), meant 'I have heard "really,"' with the 'rale' sound that the Irish still give to the word 'real'; or, 'rarely,' with the meaning, 'I have heard "rare" things of thee'; or, the same word with its present meaning, 'I have heard seldom of thee(of late).' The asumption that King James must have souned the letters 'raw' as we now do surely requires some proof. Now, in old Northern records one may find the name Maitland (and even Maytland) spelled also 'Mautland.' It is conceivable to the present writer that the men who wrote 'Mautland' may have pronounced the word 'Ma-utland,' but it is inconceivable to him that the men who wrote 'Maitland' (and 'Maytland' could have sounded the name 'Mortland,' for that is what our modern tongues have brought the 'au' and the 'aw' to, as to sound.

Is there known to be any other origin for the surname 'Raleigh' than the place name 'Rayleigh? If not, that place name stands to this day in the way of the 'Rawley' ('Rorly') pronouncers. En passant, it may be worth remarking that 'rare meat' and 'raw meat' are much about the same thing. Can it be proved that 'rare,' with the 'raw' meaning, is anything more than a phonetic spelling of the sound given of old to the combined letter 'raw'? It may be recollected by some 'Notes and Queries' readers that it has been allowed that the proper sound of 'Ralph' (often spelled 'Rawfe' in old deeds) is 'Rafe,' rhyming with 'safe.'

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A THREEFOLD CORD

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

(E. Burrowes, in the 'Sunday At Home.')

'A threefold cord is not quickly broken.'

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This story was told me by a nurse from a great hospital; it has the hall-mark of truth in its simple illustration of the great facts of love, and the power of a threefold cord which is not quickly broken.

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There were just the three of them: Godfrey Lester, his wife Hilda and the boy—little curly-headed Dickie. And I doubt whether there was another trio in the whole of the kingdom whose happiness could compare with this one's. Not that they had much in the way of worldly goods or position; but they were all the world to each other, and their horizon was bounded north, south, east and west by the greatest thing in the world—love.

Lester was a solicitor by day and an author by night; he had all the hopes and aspirations of the man of letters, and the determination and perseverance which should bring him success some day; but that, like many another thing, was slow in coming, and by degrees his dreams seemed as if they were only illusions of his imagination—doomed to end in disappointment.

Hilda of course believed in him as a good wife should. To her the world just then held but two creatures: Godfrey and Dickie. And that the latter might grow up with all the perfections—physical as well as mental—which the former possessed was her constant and most earnest prayer. After this it is not superfluous to add that they were supremely happy.

It was when Dickie was emerging from frocks into the most ridiculous of sailor-suits, that a little cloud no bigger than a man's hand rose slowly on the horizon of Hilda Lester's happiness.

It occurred in this wise.

Lester had been strangely busy and preoccupied of late: even in the evenings, when he was wont to spend some hours writing, and then talking to his wife between the whiffs of his pipe, he began to spend his time making elaborate calculations with a pencil, over which he would knit his handsome brows fiercely, and then refer to various speculative journals which he brought home with him from the City.

Hilda watched him with growing anxiety. Was it possible that he was bitten with the speculating mania which was sweeping just at that time over many homes? Was he being beguiled into believing the specious tales of company promoters and sharpers, who professed to make men's fortunes at no risk and only a nominal outlay. She had heard of such things, and she trembled lest Godfrey should have been drawn into the dangerous game.

'What am I doing, old chap?' he said gleefully one night when Dickie in his little trailing nightgown trotted in to say good-night, and asked what Daddy was doing with a pencil and all those funny little figures. 'What am I doing, Dickie? Trying to make a fortune for you and Mummie. Think of it, Dick! Rocking-horses and soldiers galore, and a real pony to ride in the Park, and—what else shall we have? A real engine that goes by steam, and a great big box of chocolates from Buzzard's, eh?'

Dickie shrieked with joy and nodded his curly head vehemently.

'And some for Mummie!' he said.

Lester looked across at his wife, who had put down her sewing, and was watching him with anxiety in her pretty eyes.

'Something for Mummie, of course!' he said gaily, tossing the little white figure high in the air in his strong arms, while the paper and pencil fell unheeded to the ground. 'A carriage and horses, my son, and a sable cape like a duchess, and twinkling diamonds, and anything she asks for that money can buy. What a time we'll all have, Dick!'

Hilda got up.

'Go to Nurse, Dickie darling,' she said gently, 'she is waiting for you—run along, pet. There's a good boy.'

'And we'll have all those things, Daddy, when? To-morrow?'

Lester laughed.

'You're in a hurry, old chap! No, not to-morrow—but some day!'

'Some day!' said the little voice with a trilling laugh, and then he trotted off to bed, and husband and wife were left alone.

'What do you think of the scheme, little woman?' said Lester, coming back to his chair.

Hilda looked up.

'Godfrey—you're not speculating, dear, are you?'

'Why not?'

'Because—I don't like it, Godfrey! Men have been ruined by it before now; it is nothing more nor less than gambling on a gigantic scale, after all, no good will come of it, dear. Don't be led into it—for my sake—for Dick's.'

Lester laughed a little uncomfortably.

'Nonsense, dear. I know a good thing when I see it. And there is a fortune to be made here. It's as safe as a church, and in a few months— Hilda, have you never thought what it would be like to be—rich? Really rich?'

'My dear—I've had silly dreams, as most girls have. But I've never honestly wanted to be richer—except perhaps for Dickie's sake when he grows up. For myself, as long as I have you both, I am rich indeed. I feel like Cornelia and her jewels, you see!'

'Dearest heart! Well, you see it is just for Dickie that I am doing this; for him and for you. And truthfully, Hilda dear—I'm not a fool, you know—and this is going to be a colossal success. It's bound to be. I've—I've embarked as much as I could scrape together in it, and now—it's only a question of a few months and you may wake up to find yourself a rich woman and your Dickie an heir!'

'Or—a beggar!'

Lester got up irritably.

'Hilda, you're a regular Job's comforter!' he said. 'Haven't I told you it's as safe as a church?'

But Hilda only sighed.

She had heard that phrase—and she distrusted it.

But in this instance the prophecy which Lester made so eagerly was destined to come true.

Weeks, months of anxiety passed, and then one great, never-to-be-forgotten day the climax came.

Lester and his wife woke to find themselves rich beyond the dreams of avarice. For the first time in his life Lester had—to use a common expression—struck oil.

The great fortune was made, and Dickie found himself the proud possessor of as many soldiers as his heart desired, and more chocolates than were really good for him.

But Hilda—when the first bewildering burst of surprise was over—sat herself down and looked into the future before them with fearful eyes. Wealth great and boundless had come to them by one of the twists of the whele of fortune; was it to bring them increase of happiness as well?

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The Christmas bells were ringing gaily through the snow as Dickie sat up in bed and listened to their soft chiming with bright, eager eyes. The nursery was still dark, the shutters and curtains closely fastened, and Nurse was sound, sound asleep. He knew that the row of stockings which he had hung up before he went to bed on Christmas Eve must have been filled by Father Santa Claus; he crept to the foot of his little white bed and felt cautiously. Yes—they were full and bulging out with all manner of lovely parcels; the paper round them rustled as he felt them, and he snuggled down in his warm bed again as Nurse turned over and sighed. Then he lay with his eyes wide open looking into the darkness, and thinking how nice—how very nice it was to be a rich little boy in a beautiful country home, with a pony to ride, and a sleigh in which to drive through the snow, with tinkling bells on the pony's neck. And not so very long ago he remembered that he had had none of these lovely things. They had lived in quite a small house near London, and Daddy had hurried away to his office every morning by an early train, and he and mother had lived a very quiet life. Then suddenly something wonderful had happened to make them very, very rich. He remembered the exciting move into a large house in a beautiful square, where carriages flashed past the nursery windows, and big trees grew in the middle, and Daddy had bought horses, and a lovely carriage with red wheels, and Mother had suddenly come out in such pretty frocks every day, and went driving in the Park like a grand lady in a fairy book. And then they had come down into such a pretty country house which Daddy had said was his Christmas present to Mother. And all this had happened so quickly that it was very bewildering to find a house full of soft carpets and lovely furniture and pictures, and everything that could be wanted, and to be waited on by footmen and silent-footed maids. It was like a dream!

Dickie's speedwell-blue eyes closed sleepily, and he dreamed he was once more a poor little boy trolling a hoop along the roads of a London suburb, and looking with wondering eyes at a lucky child riding a long-tailed pony with a groom behind him.

Dickie was not the only person who wondered sometimes whether all this magnificence was not merely a dream. Hilda Lester, the wife of the most fortunate man who had ever made a big coup on the Stock Exchange—a coup which transformed him from a nonentity into a power; from a poor solicitor and would-be author into a man sought after and deferred to by the greatest in the land—had not yet grown accustomed to her new estate. She was strangely quiet and reserved; and Lester himself, when he had time to think about such things, discovered that the old gaiety which had been so delightful a thing in her seemed to have gone foreevr. Did she feel a stranger in her own magnificent palace? The thought irritated him; surely she of all people should appreciate the wonderful stroke of good fortune which had fallen to him; surely she should be grateful to the kind fate which had lifted them to such a height in a moment.

For the last year Lester had entertained and been entertained in the most lavish fashion; encouraged by his success, he plunged heavily on the Stock Exchange, and, perhaps intoxicated by his former luck, grew somewhat reckless. The expenditure of his household under its new régime of a housekeeper, and chef, and large staff of servants, allowed of no limits, and Hilda was obliged to allow things to go as they pleased. Lester had expressed a wish that she should leave all household matters to the housekeeper, and he did his best to turn his wife into a woman of fashion. But this brought her no happiness; she seemed to drift day by day further from her husband and child; there was no longer that sweet interchange of hopes and fears and ideas for Dickie's future. Lester was too busy a man to waste time talking nonsense—as he called it now—with his wife. She had her social and charitable duties to perform. Dickie must of necessity be left much to governess and nurse. And so things went on, and hardly a day passed that Hilda did not look back with bitter feelings at those happy days when her circle had consisted of just the happy trio, those days which were gone for ever, trodden underfoot by the ruthless march of success.

She annoyed Lester by her indifference to the flatteries and adulation which were showered upon her; her beauty, which was of so little account in her own eyes, was quite enough to attract others without the glamor of wealth which surrounded her like a halo. This Christmas, when custom and Lester's wish had forced her to fill the house with guests, when she would have preferred to spend the day of days quietly with her husband and child, the weight of wealth seemed to lie upon her with a horrible load. Was it a presentiment of coming evil and sorrow, or merely a passing depression? She strove to shake it off, and exerted herself to the utmost—for Lester's sake. He glanced at her from his end of the brilliant table with its superb silver and Venetian glass appointments, and its priceless pink roses grown in their own houses, with pride as her laugh rang out, and he caught the flush on her lovely face and the brightness of her starry eyes. What man was happier than he?—with everything which money could give him, and the ball of fortune at his feet.

But a change was destined to come over the spirit of his dream, and that before long. The house party had just dispersed and Hilda was breathing more freely when she found the house quiet and more her own, when Lester announced his intention of going up to town for a few days on business.

He waved his hand to the two faces pressed against the nursery windows, and drove off down the avenue behind his high-stepping horses in the smart phaeton which was the latest addition to the stables.

Three days passed and he did not return, nor were there any tidings of him. At this Hilda wondered, for Lester was always in the habit of writing her a few lines even when he was only absent for a day or two. And the presentiment of evil which had oppressed her amid all their gaiety at Christmas grew deeper and heavier as the days dragged by and he did not return.

And then one never-to-be-forgotten-day, when the snow was falling softly, beating with a gentle thud against the windows, a letter came from him at last.

Hilda tore it open with eager fingers, while Dickie watched her, and asked when Daddy was coming back, and would he be sure to bring that wonderful little bicycle with him which she had promised to order as a New Year's present?

'Dearest Wife,—You were right and I was wrong. Everything has come to an end, and I am—ruined. There is enough for you and the boy; I have seen that all is secured to you, but I can't face it. I leave England to-night, and you will be better and happier without me. Forgive and pray for your wretched—Godfrey.'

II.

Two years ago!

A little time and yet an eternity. To Mrs. Lester in her quiet room it seemed a lifetime of memory and remorse, of suffering and suspense—which would never end except in the grave. Since that dreadful day when ruin descended upon them, and she found herself bereft of husband, friends, and the vast wealth which had been more of a burden than a pleasure to her, she had been able to get no tidings of Lester. He had vanished as completely as if he had been swallowed up by the sea, and yet she would not believe that he was dead. Hope dies hard in the human breast; she believed that some day he would come back to her; some day when the first agony of sorrow and bitterness had passed from him he would remember that there were left to him two treasures, and he would return to them and be comforted. In this hope she was strong and patient, and though the time of waiting was weary and endless, yet she struggled on bravely for his sake and for Dickie's.

Out of the wreck of the fortune which was as easily lost as it had been made, by another twist of fortune's wheel, enough had been saved to secure a modest and very slender competence for Mrs. Lester and her boy. They lived in a small flat high up among the roofs and chimneys of London in a quiet unfashionable part, and were as happy as their circumstances allowed them to be. It was hard to satisfy Dickie's eager questions about Daddy and the beautiful home which they had left in such a hurry, but he was a contented little fellow, and he accepted these new conditions without a murmur, looking upon the tiny flat and the scarcity of amusements as rather a funny change from the luxurious life he had led for a time—and rather an amusing one, too.

It only wanted a week to Christmas—such a different Christmas from those which had delighted Dickie in years past. To be sure there was plenty of snow outside, and wonderful frost flowers on the windows; and there was a bright fire and warmth and cheerfulness in the pretty though simple room which was their one and only sitting-room. And Mrs. Lester had been shopping in a mysterious way, bringing home sundry little parcels which were carefully hidden away until the day of days came. But it was very, very quiet, for they knew but few people, and there were no parties for Dickie to go to as on former occasions. Last year he had asked the why and wherefore of the sudden change, but he was accustomed to it now and ceased to bring the little cloud of sorrow to his mother's pretty eyes by his eager queries about their friends who had so suddenly disappeared. The friends—so called—of the lucky Godfrey Lester and his beautiful wife had forsaken them, as rats would a sinking ship, when the news of their disaster was burst upon the world in general.

But when everything looked its blackest a gleam of light came to illumine Hilda Lester's dark place. It has already been said that in the days before his sudden access of wealth, Godfrey Lester had been something of an author. In turning out some of his papers before leaving their palatial home for the tiny flat, Hilda came upon a great bundle of unfinished manuscript in his writing. She put it by, and months later, when she had nothing else to do of importance, she took it out and began to read it. She saw at once that it was powerful and well written—a novel of modern life, with a strong appreciation of the patience and sufferings of the cultured poor, and possessing picturesqueness of style and freshness of idea. This was the great work on which Lester had been engaged before the speculating mania usurped all his time and attention. It was unfinished, but—a sudden idea came to her. Could she finish it? She had had yearnings towards the literary life herself, and now—could she not reawaken her old longings and finish the work which Godfrey had begun so well? At any rate it was worth trying, for it would give her occupation and a new interest, and for months she wrote and re-wrote and altered till at last the book was finished.

In feverish hope and fear she dispatched the manuscript to a publishing-house of which she had been told, and awaited the result with impatience. If it was good and it was accepted, then—then when Godfrey came home there would be work ready for him to continue. There would be an interest and an occupation the joy of which no man could take from him, and when the answer came she had scarcely the strength to open the letter with her trembling fingers.

Was it to be success or—failure?

It was—success.

That was three months ago, and the book was to appear in the New Year, and now Christmas was fast approaching once more, and the sad memories of the past rose up before her as she sat by the fire and dreamt wonderful dreams, in which Godfrey played always the most important part.

The opening of the door roused her.

'That you, Dickie dear?'

'Yes, Mummie. May I go out just round the corner? I want to do some shopping of my very own—and quite alone, Mummie.'

'Quite alone, dear? But—will you promise to be very careful of crossings, and to come back directly you have done your shopping? You must not go far, Dickie.'

'I won't, Mummie, only round the corner, really. And I'll be back d'rectly. I have threepence, and I want to get a—Christmas present for somebody.'

Mrs. Lester smiled at the gallant little figure in his red coat and cap, and the sunny blue eyes which were so like Godfrey's.

'Well, make haste, darling, and we'll have tea as soon as you come in.'

Dickie nodded, and ran out of the room.

It was very cold out in the brightly-lighted street, but he had not far to go. Just round the corner there was a lovely cake-shop, and in it Dickie had seen some wonderful sugared cakes, one of which he was sure Mother would like. It was all pink and white, and so pretty, with a big cherry on the top, and they were only threepence each, although they were quite a good size. His precious threepence, carefully saved up for the purpose, would just buy one, and in three days it would be Christmas Day. He thought he had better get one at once for fear they might be all gone later on.

There were such a lot of people about busily shopping, and such a number of cabs and omnibuses, and now and then a beautiful carriage with prancing horses flashed by, just like the carriage mother used to drive in when they lived in the big house in the grand square.

Dickie stopped short to watch one of them pass, and then set out over the crossing, carrying the little sugared cake he had bought with such care in a paper bag.

Some one shouted—perhaps it was a policeman—and he stopped—then hurried forwards, and something loomed darkly at his side . . . there was a shout . . . . a shriek . . . . and then a little red-coated figure was down under the feet of a pair of prancing horses.

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When Dickie woke up out of a dreadful dream he found himself in a long, long, room with rows of white beds in it, and white-capped nurses flitting about. It was a very bright and cheerful place, and some one had been decorating it for Christmas, for there were holly-wreaths over all the pictures and mantel-shelves, and there seemed to be quite a stir of excitement in the whole place. He looked round, and wondered why he felt so tired and achy; and then he suddenly understood what this place was. He remembered the falling, falling under the cruel feet of those big horses . . . . and after that all had seemed dark and blank.

And now here he was in a hospital.

He turned his bright eyes towards the next bed. There was a man in it—a man with fair hair and such a white, tired, worn face. His eyes were shut, and now and then he muttered something to himself in such a hoarse, faint voice. Dickie watched him with fascinated eyes. How dreadfully ill he looked!

Then one of the nurses came and spoke to him in a soft voice. She told him he had been very ill and quite unconscious, and that his mother had been in to see him, but he was asleep when she came, and she was coming again to-morrow, which would be Christmas Day. And he was to lie very still and quiet, for the horses had kicked him, and he would have to be very careful, but he would be quite well before long if he was good and patient.

'Please,' said Dickie, 'please may I ask something?'

'Yes, dear; what is it?'

'What is the matter with that poor man in the next bed? He looks so dreadfully ill and so unhappy.'

'He is very ill, dear; they only brought him in to-day. He was knocked down by a hansom . . . so it was the same kind of accident as yours, you see. And now go to sleep, Dickie, and you will see your mother to-morrow.'

The nurse went away, and Dickie still lay and watched the man in the next bed. There was something so familiar about him, and yet, of course, he had never seen him before.

All at once the man moved and opened his eyes, and looked across at Dickie.

Two pairs of blue eyes . . . . two fair heads . . . . so like and yet unlike . . . . what could it mean? Dickie tried to sit up in his white bed, but he could not move, and an inarticulate exclamation broke from the man.

'Dickie!' he said in a hoarse whisper, 'my little Dickie!'

And the next moment one of the nurses was hurrying towards the corner in which the two latest accident cases had been placed. For one of them had fainted, and the other was crying excitedly, with outstretched hands and such brilliant tear-wet eyes:—

'It's Daddy—my Daddy come back.'

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'Dickie! My darling Dickie!'

The Christmas bells had been ringing all the morning; the air was full of good wishes, peace and goodwill towards men, and Hilda Lester was kneeling beside Dickie's little bed in the ward of the hospital. A screen had been placed between him and the next bed, and its occupant seemed very quiet.

'Mummie . . . I've got a present for you,' said Dickie, holding her tightly round the neck, 'such a wonderful present, Mummie dear.'

'And you went out to get it, my precious, that dreadful night when I lost you and found you here,' said Hilda, holding the little head to her bosom.

Dickie laughed.

'No . . . . I found it here,' he said, confidentially, 'and . . . . there is Nurse. Oh! Nurse . . . . mayn't mother see my present?'

The nurse smiles. She had met many tragedies in her life; she had wept over many sad scenes, but never had she encountered such a romance as this . . . . in which husband, wife and child were to meet so unexpectedly . . . . in an accident ward.

'I think she may,' she said, with a glance round the screen, and took away the barrier. Then with one glance at the trio she turned away and left them.

'Hilda!'

'Godfrey! Thank God. . . . Oh! Thank God! I have found you at last.'

And husband and wife were clasped in each other's arms once more.

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What a Christmas that was!

As Hilda listened to the story of her husband's flight . . . . his remorse and hardships . . . . his resolve not to return to England until he could right his affairs and begin again on a steady and secure foundation . . . . her heart was full of thankfulness.

'I ought to have stayed away longer,' he said, 'for I'm not quite clear yet, but . . . . I simply couldn't do without a peep at you and the boy any longer. The exile was killing me, Hilda.'

'Dearest heart . . . . a threefold cord is not quickly broken,' she said, through the tears which filled her eyes; 'we could not have lived without you very much longer either—Dickie and I. And, Godfrey, there is work waiting for you to take up now, work which you will do and can do. Work which will bring honor to your name and grist to the mill at the same time. Can you guess what it is?'

Lester shook his head.

'I have begun, to think that whatever I touch brings sorrow with it,' he said. 'What is this work, dearest?'

And then she told him of the success which had crowned his writings; of the book which, finished by her, was to appear under his name in the New Year.

'And it only remains for you to carry on the work in the future, and I know you can do it, Godfrey!'

'With your help, dear—only with your help,' he said, looking with mute adoration at her earnest face. 'Hilda, we will collaborate for the future in that and everything else.'

Both Lester and Dickie came out of the hospital together, and once more there was a trio as happy as any that could be found under the sun.

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'Phew! but I'm hot!' exclaimed Athelbert Dearborn as he entered his mother's room, clad in a linen suit looking very limp from perspiration.

He had been watching a native carpenter construct a large cage for his pet birds; his parrots, magpies, cockatoos and other birds he had collected, but he was too hot to continue overseeing the work.

'Where is Eugene?' inquired Mrs Dearborn, looking up from the book she was reading.

'Oh! he's all right; he's curled up in the hammock on the south veranda reading that new book about Australian animals, he is going to give Louis for a Christmas present,' replied the lad. 'Queer old Christmas we'll have in this topsy-turvy place, anyhow! I feel just as though I was standing on my head all the time,' he continued.

The Dearborns were an American family from the western part of the United States. Mr. Dearborn had been sent to western Australia by his firm to be absent for two or more years, so he took his wife and two boys with him.

Athelbert was in his tenth year, and Eugene in his eighth, when they established themselves in their new home at Perth, a large, flourishing city on the western coast of Australia.

'I'll bet Joe Trask is having a coast to-day! only I suppose it's night there, everything is so upside down off here. I'll have to learn my geography all over new,' said Athelbert. 'Why, mamma, even the equator is out of place! and just think of its being almost Christmas, and the thermometer at 105 degrees this very minute.'

'Will we have a truly Christmas, mamma?' asked Eugene, who entered the room with his garments very generally disarranged; his pretty cravat was untied and hanging loosely from his unbuttoned blouse and his moistened hair curled as closely over his head, as the hair of a water-spaniel does when he emerges from the water.

'Yes, dear! we will have a tree as usual—and invite a few of your friends to enjoy it with us.'

'But it's too hot to stay indoors,' remarked Athelbert.

'I think we will have the tree on the south veranda; as that is the most comfortable place, and since we have had it encased in netting the gnats and insects are not very annoying, especially if I have it fumigated with tobacco just after sunset,' said Mrs. Dearborn.

'Are we going into the bush for flowers to-morrow?' inquired Eugene.

'Yes, dear! We expect to; and we must be up and off by three o'clock in the morning, in order to avoid the heat,' replied his mother.

'It won't seem much like Christmas anyway!—'cause it's no kind of a time to have it right in mid-summer,' remarked Athelbert, throwing himself on to a rug where he soon forgot Chritmas, heat and other affairs in sweet, peaceful sleep.

The next morning early the Dearborns, with a few of their friends, started in the cars for a station some distance north of Perth, where they took a conveyance to a neighboring 'bush,' or forest, where they found a variety of gay wild-flowers growing in profusion. The boys had often been with their father to cut a Christmas tree, and once they were staying where they gathered armsful of bright green holly—but this year they were gathering wild-flowers, strange looking ones at that—and cutting off the crowns of trees unlike any they had ever seen before. They found queer looking insects—saw strange birds and animals; and found such a variety of delicious ripe fruit that Athelbert declared it must be the Fourth of July, instead of Christmas, and was quite disgusted to learn that that very important holiday was not observed by the people, and comes in mid-winter.

'Just what I'd expect out here, where folks go north to find warmer weather and down south for cooler weather,' exclaimed Athelbert. 'I tell you everything is upside down.'

On Christmas Eve, soon after sunset, some twenty boy and girl friends of the children assembled on the parched lawn, where they enjoyed a number of games in the moonlight, which was so bright that every color was as clear and varied as by daylight. Through the fine netting, encasing the south veranda, the children could view the tall tree lighted with waxen tapers and adorned with garlands of flowers and pretty gifts to be distributed among the guests.

It was the first tree of the kind that some of the children had seen, and it greatly astonished them, but the most astonishing feature of the occasion to these little Australian-born boys and girls was the story Mr. Dearborn told of how they spent Christmas in his old home; of the snow, the ice, the coasting, the skating and the sleighrides. The children listened with intense interest to all he told about a country so unlike their own, and could not imagine any one wishing to live where it was so cold and dreary.

Christmas day proved clear and intensely hot. Most of the houses were prettily trimmed on the outside with boughs and garlands of flowers over their entire fronts, but drooping beneath the force of the sun's rays.

Mr. Dearborn and the boys accepted an invitation to go on a picnic into a bush where they spent the day feasting on fruits instead of roast beef.

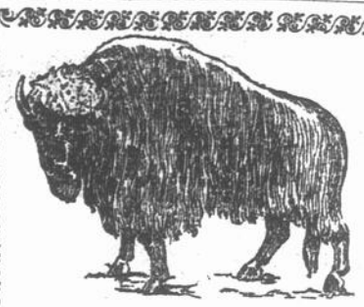
Eugene was permitted to light a few 'black boys,' a species of resinous trees, which stand erect with a crown of green leaves rising upward from a cluster of drooping dead, dry leaves which blaze readily and ignite the resinous flakes that surround the pith of the tall upright stem, or trunk.

The clear, blue, salt sea washing in over the fine sand at the edge of the bush afforded a delightful spot for bathing; but Eugene, unfortunately, came in contact with an occupant of the sea, of a dangerous nature, who threw forth a poisonous liquid, causing the boy's face and parts exposed to become terribly inflamed and painful. He was taken home and placed in care of a physician. Athelbert declared that it was just what might be expected where folks went in bathing on Christmas day.

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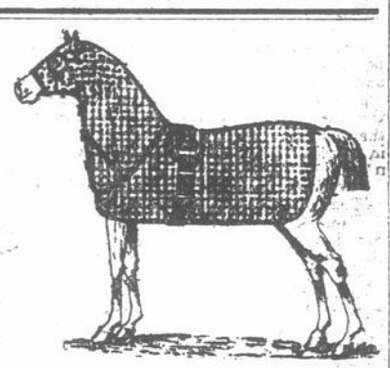
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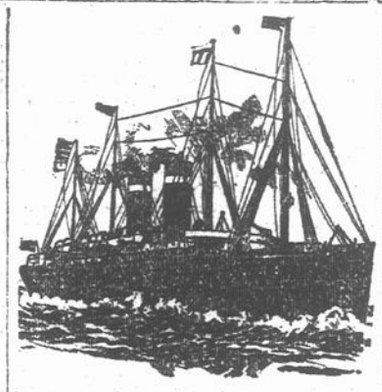
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LITERARY REVIEW.

THE FISCAL PROBLEM.

'Elements of the Fiscal Problem,' by L. G. Chiozza Money, Fellow of the Royal Statistical Society, and author of 'British Trade and the Zollverein Issue,' is published by P. S. King & Son, Orchard House, Westminster, London. The author calls it 'an elementary treatise upon a very difficult and complex subject,' and he makes his points very plain as he proceeds. There are six chapters on imports and two on exports, and among other topics, we may notice 'The taxation of food and materials,' 'The special case of America,' 'The population of the British empire,' 'Dumping,' 'Most favored nation,' 'Ships and shipping,' and 'Wages.' He says that the true claim for Free Trade is not that it has given England all the wealth that she enjoys, but that by favoring no private interest at the expense of the state, it has given the nation free play for its energies. No unsuitable industry has been artificially fostered, but the consumer has been left free to exchange the products of his labors for the best value that the world has to offer. Full advantage has been taken of the geographical position and the extensive seaboard, and there has been an extra advantage in the fact that other nations have chosen in part to waste their gifts by tariff modifications of their natural development. In the chapter on imports of raw and crude materials, he asks if a bricklayer would be any better off if he insisted upon mixing his own mortar and carrying his own bricks, and says:

It may be noted here that we were sent £116,000 worth of bounty-fed pig iron by our colonies last year; needless to say it came from Canada, and I hope it will not be the last to come from the same quarter. One of the most considerable items in this group is unwrought steel, which we import to use as a material in sheet and wire making, and other higher forms of industry. Under this heading we also find yarns, whether of cotton, wool, or linen, which are but materials; and we have also recorded manure, yet another form of material. The closer the list is examined the more clearly it will be realised that one manufacture is but the raw material of another. The importation of this £30,000,000 worth of products, upon which a certain amount of human skill has already been exerted, means that we take up these articles at the rough state to which they have been carried and manufacture them into more highly finished products. If through the fear of imports we shut them out by duties, we should have no more work to do than before. We should be simply refusing to allow other people to hew wood and draw water for us.

With regard to imports of manufactured materials, he calls attention to the large proportion of these used personally, and in domestic operations, and says:

We should not forget that the work carried on in a private dwelling is as important to the nation as the manufacture of worsteds in a Bradford factory. The housewife has as much right as the manufacturer to access to the best goods in the world at the cheapest price. To fine a private individual for buying an American domestic appliance is as senseless and wasteful as to fine a manufacturer for buying foreign material or plant. Above all ranks the consideration that our small importation of domestic articles, although it only amounts to about 10s per head per annum of the population, protects the consumer from the exactions of the home producer. The Germans cannot justly be accused of want of devotion to the Fatherland, but they ruthlessly fleece each other under the wing of the tariff. Let us not expose human nature in this country to similar temptations.

With regard to Canada, Mr. Money expresses his profound belief in her right to shape her own destiny. He says: 'Let Canada pursue her own path, let her open her ports or close them, as may seem good to her. It is not for us in the Mother Country to question her judgment or fetter her ambitions. But when it is suggested that by a preference which is largely a sham, she has placed us under obligation to tax foreign food for her benefit, then, and not till then, we have the right to point out that her tariff has not been devised for our benefit, but her own.' The book is full of clear argument and striking illustrative comparisons. Mr. Money holds that Mr. Chamberlain's policy being impracticable, amounts to a 'counsel of despair.' The United Kingdom and the Britains beyond the seas have kept together and prospered in freedom since the old colonial preferences on timber, coffee and sugar were abolished, now some sixty years since, and it would not be wise to substitute for that freedom an appeal to pecuniary and sectional interests. The conclusion of the book is interesting:

For ourselves, in Little England, there is much to do if we are to be worthy to continue to lead the great British confederacy, which we dream may hold the peace of the world in the days to come. There are great deeds behind us, we have wrought well, we are rich, but we must strive still with holy discontent. What men can do that must we. Educational reform cannot give us a fresh native supply of iron ore or conserve our coal, but it can fit our people for the stern work before them, in the work-shop, in the office, in the laboratory—and I must not forget to add—on the road. The removal of freight disabilities and the improvement of our waterways cannot bring cotton bales to Lancashire, but it can give fresh life to many a British manufacturer defeated, not by the foreigner, but by the cost of transport to tidewater. The adoption of the metric system cannot double our population, but it can make it possible to quote quantities and measurements to be understood of the benighted foreigner who has not the good fortune to know how many ounces to the pound, nor whether the result be a pound troy or a pound avoirdupois. The application of science to industry cannot increase our area, but it can do much to keep us where we have been, in the front rank of the world's peoples. In some of these things legislation can help us, but, for the greater part, the work must be done by individual effort. It will be a sorry day for British progress when we take for our motto: 'The Government will provide.'

THE ENGLISHMAN IN CANADA.

'Two Country Walks in Canada' (Morang, Toronto, $1.25) is the title of a volume in which Mr. Arnold Haultain describes this country as he sees it, for the benefit primarily of Old Country people. The two papers in the volume, 'A walk in winter' and 'A walk in autumn,' were published in 'The Nineteenth Century,' and in 'Blackwood's Magazine,' and now in book form they will be found useful as giving a view of Canada not to be found in guide books. The author's main thought in the essays is to point out the opportunities Canada affords to the emigrant, and for the investment of English capital, and to give to Englishmen an idea of the kind of thing which they may expect to see in this country. For instance, he says:

It is not a little strange how in this English colony English customs provoke a stare. Among all but the educated and travelled classes in Canada an Englishman is a foreigner. His speech is matter of merriment, his apparel matter of comment; and not altogether good-humored merriment or comment; it seemed to me, but smacking rather of scoff and scorn,—a modified, or rather citified, form of the proverbial desire to 'eave 'arf a brick.

Mr. Haultain came to Canada more than twenty years ago and has had abundant opportunity for observation, but his point of view in these essays is from Ontario rather than from Quebec, as for instance in his statement that 'in all single-horse sleighs in America the shafts are placed to one side.' 'The Canadian,' he says, 'is super-eminently quick-witted. He thinks fast; very fast. It is his boast too that he can put his hand to anything. And so indeed he can. But with his quick-wittedness goes a self-consciousness and a restlessness which he shares in common with his brethren to the south.' All Canada needs is men, money and time, but a word of warning is not inappropriate:

And yet—and yet, one thing, we seem inclined to say to her, thou lackest. This is, a high standard of public morality. Her politicians are not always characterized by singleness of aim or by disinterestedness of purpose. Power for themselves and place for their supporters too often sway their councils. With huge and complex problems of national import clamoring for solution, too often they fritter away their time in party feuds or petty frivolities.

RECENT FICTION.

'On the Road to Arcady' is a story by a new writer, Miss Mabel Nelson Thurston, who has an editorial connection with the 'Youth's Companion.' It is a book of nature study with a romance woven in. The scene is laid on the hills overlooking the Potomac, just outside Washington, and the main topic is the joy of outdoor life in the rapturous season of spring. There is a little philanthropy in the book in the form of a sewing school and a culminating picnic. This was a great success, but unfortunately an admirer of the heroine wrote it up for a daily paper with unfortunate results as concerned the pet pupils.

Glancing over the school we saw that all Angelina's flock were in their usual places, so evidently, it was not family cares that kept her at home. The question puzzled us, but there was no opportunity then to think it over. We began the old struggle with dingy pieces of cloth, and moist needles that refused to go through, and elusive knots that 'went through' too easily. Suddenly something, some electric note in the air, made us look up. Angelina had come. She had not taken her seat, but was standing in front of the class. Her eyelids were red, and her thin brown throat was working, but her eyes were unflinching in their determination. Standing so, she gave Ethelwyn one sharp, reproachful, agonized glance; then turning hastily, she faced the school, her voice ringing shrilly above the loud hum of the room.

'Sadie, Hattie, Maggie, Nora, Alfreda, you all come here this minute!'

A breathless silence smote the room. In the silence five children, with timid glances at their teachers, left their places, and ranged themselves behind Angelina. She glanced over the band with the eye of a general, then, giving the first one a push, she started the line towards the door, herself bringing up the rear. At the threshold she stopped, her eyes full of an entreaty she would have spurned could she have seen it, and turned for one last look at Ethelwyn. Then with a shriek of defiance, she hurled her farewell at us.

'There ain't any of my children coming any more where we get called names. We ain't no slums!' she screamed.

There are more than one hundred sketches, by S. M. Palmer, on the wide margins of the book. (Revell Co., $1.50.)

'Sons of Vengeance,' a tale of the Cumberland Highlanders, by Jos. S. Malone, pictures the simple life of the Kentucky mountaineers and the desolation wrought among a pious and affectionate people by the family feuds and doctrines of revenge which have an aspect of duty to their minds. Here, for instance, is a striking description of a noted character:

Pete Finley was not a happy man on that fatal morning when he swung himself away from his wife and plunged down the mountain path over the stones and roots, while it was yet so dark that he could not see his way. He was an affectionate man, and loved with the whole power of a passionate nature, his family and the place where he had been born, and where his father's family had lived for generations. The land was very poor and rocky, and it was hard to grow enough corn to bread the family, and feed the few specimens of what he called his stock. Whenever he went to musters or elections, or to the county seat as principal or witness in some case before the court, he looked straight in every eye, and was as independent in his feelings and ways as if he owned the State of Kentucky in fee simple. He stood six feet one inch in his bare feet, as straight as one of the mountain pines on his farm, and hardened in life and muscle by a life of toil and freedom in the air of the mountains, until he could handle ordinary men as if they were playthings. He always went armed, and it was a saying throughout the mountains, as far as he was known, that the 'craps 'ill fail whenever Pete Finley misses what he draws a bead on 'ith his ol' gun.' He would give away the last thing he had to help those poorer than himself, and get up before day to cut wood for the sick or to 'tote' a bag of corn to the mill for a widow. A deeply religious man, after the mode of his country, he was always relied upon by the elder to be present and help by singing and prayer in every meeting. Now he is on his way to the place of meeting of those on his side of the feud, and if he comes in contact with one of the other side, he will shoot him without remorse or giving him an instant to prepare or defend himself, or to think about eternity.

(Revell Company, $1.25.)

PROGRESS IN THE EAST.

It is not so long since it was almost impossible to find a missionary book even in a superior book store, but within the last few years interest in missions has become so intensified and the demand for missionary reading on the part or Christian societies, Sunday-schools, woman's boards, etc., so great that missionary books follow each other from the press with great rapidity on both sides of the Atlantic. Among recent books not yet noticed we find the following: 'The Educational Conquest of the Far East,' by Robert E. Lewis, M.A., said to be the first adequate representation in any language of the educational contest now waging in China and Japan and the relationship thereto of Christianity. Part of the matter was prepared for the State Department in Washington, and having been translated into Chinese is now being circulated for the information of the officials of China. Mr. Lewis, after years of work in connection with the Student Volunteer Movement, is now engaged in building up a Y. M. C. A. in Shanghai, which at present numbers over a thousand members. (Revell Company, $1.00.)

Many books have been written concerning the sufferings of the missionaries during the Boxer massacres, but it has been left to Miss Luella Miner, author of 'Two Heroes of Cathay,' to tell the story of the faithfulness of the native church under persecution. 'China's Book of Martyrs,' (Jennings and Pye, Cincinnati), records in detail the numerous heroic martyrdoms and marvellous deliverances of Chinese Christians during the summer of 1900. That it effectually disproves the charge that the native churches were composed of 'rice Christians' is saying little. It reveals an astonishing story of faith and love and self-sacrifice such as is only found to a very limited extent in home churches and is an uplifting narrative of the sustaining power of faith. (W. Briggs, $1.50.) Another style of missionary book is published by The London Religious Tract Society. It is a series of brief but bright readings and dialogues for use at missionary working parties, children's meetings, etc. Those who have tried to interest such parties in clippings from current magazines will best appreciate the methods of the work. It is entitled. 'What Can I Do? or How to Help Missions,' and is by Annette Whymper, author of 'Effie's Temptation,' etc. Another book from the same publishers which we may mention here, treats of systematic giving, a matter of vital importance for the advancement of missions. It is entitled 'Jill's Red Bag,' and is by that charming writer, Miss Amy Le Feuvre, the author of 'Probable Sons.' As a holiday gift book this will delight any child.

HISTORY OF HYMN TUNES.

'We do not know when Marot began to versify the psalms. Thirty of them were in manuscript form, in 1537, and became the fashion of the hour.' With this highly unpuritanic introduction, (for Marot's version contained 'classified allusions and references to the members of the French court'), the singing of psalms began in France while the modern hymn was rising in Germany. England felt both impulses. The Genevan psalter, based on Marot's, was translated and the Puritans favored the exclusive use of the psalms. On the other hand, an Anglican hymnbook was published as early as 1560. For about a century little progress was made, but after that the composition of English hymns began in earnest. 'The History and Use of Hymns and Hymn Tunes,' by the Rev. David R. Breed, D.D., (Revell Co.), gives an instructive classification of the church hymns now in use. Those written between 1650 and 1780 are doctrinal and didactic, while from 1780 to 1850 the prevailing feeling is evangelistic and missionary, and hymns of the last half-century have a definitely devotional character. It will be seen that this division makes no count of the modern 'gospel songs,' as they do not come under the strict definition of 'hymns' in this book. A sketch of the development of church music by St. Ambrose, St. Gregory and Palestrina forms an interesting part of the book for students. It is followed by a study of the modern hymn-tune as developed by Thomas Tallis, Lowell Mason and Dr. Dykes. Among various practical observations on adapting tunes to words, it is remarked that a tune may be in the right metre and yet have the accent in the wrong place for a given hymn. An uncomfortable effect is thus sometimes produced when the leader is attending only to the music and not to the sense. (Price $1.50.)

MANUFACTURERS' LIST.

A large and handsome volume contains the 'Manufacturers' List Buyers' Guide Book of Canada' in its fourth edition, which is more fully representative in character than any of its predecessors. It appears to be admirably arranged. There are four parts, the first giving a complete index to all articles manufactured in Canada, the second giving classified industrial towns with their power plants, the third the classified manufacturers of each article, and the fourth an alphabetical list of manufacturers so that any required information is easily found. There are many displayed manufacturers' announcements and views of the Canadian cities. The compiler suggests that it would make a suitable Christmas present for manufacturers to send abroad. As a book of reference 'The Manufacturers' List and Buyers' Guide' will be found invaluable. The book was printed at the 'Witness' office, for The Manufacturers' List Company.' (Price $10.)

COST OF ENGLISHMEN'S SHOOTING.

(From the 'St. James's Gazette.')

The extent to which the letting of moors and forests has become recognized as a regular source of income to lord and laird alike in the highlands may be judged from the increase in the number of deer forests now annually let. Twenty years ago there were ninety recognized forests. A recent report from the Crofter Commission showed 109 of these forests. To-day there are 150. Shootings and forests which let for upward of £400 or £500 a year may be counted by hundreds. In the two counties of Argyll and Inverness alone there are a dozen forests whose rentals average £2,000. Here the cost a day will work out at over £40, exclusive of wages of attendants. The tendency of price is constantly upward. Captain Heywood Lonsdale will be interested to know that Coignafearn, the 40,000 acres of which he rented last year for £2,000, was originally let by the Mackintosh of the 30's for £30, with £5 return as 'luck penny.'

The foregoing is typical of the rise in rents which has resulted from the eager competition for forests and moors. Invereshie, when it was good enough to afford a bag of seventy-five brace to one man and a dog, the shooter armed with only an old flintlock, fetched £50; now it is a four figure shooting. George A. Cooper is paying £5,500 for his forest, £4,700 to Sir G. Macpherson-Grant for his share of Glenfeshie, and £800 to The Mackintosh for his portion. M. Achilles Fould has Invermark at £3,850; William Weir, Achanacarry for £2,000; Lord Burton, Glenquoich for £3,022; Frank Bibby, Mamore at £2,500. For Inversauld, £5,000 for the season is asked. For £3,000 less Runecht is let. At about £2,000 many moors and forests are now being used. Then, to this must be added cost of travelling, £1 a week for each of the gillies, £1 a week for ponies, beaters and drivers, of whom there may be thirty or forty, at 4 shillings a day. Dogs cost from £5 to twenty times that figure; guns from £7 to £70. The game shot may, with luck, be sold for half its cost per head. The deer which has cost £50 to kill may be sold to a dealer for its carcass for £3. Its head, if a fine one, may realize anything up to £25.

A SACKLESS CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. Homer—John, if Mrs. Neighbors gets a new sealskin sack this winter I must have one also.

Homer—Well, don't worry about it, dear. Neighbors and I formed a protective union to-day, and neither of you is to have one.—Chicago 'News.'

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LETTERS FROM READERS.

THE ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS LEAGUE.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—Permit me to ask the attention of your readers to the object, successes and claims of the above-mentioned association. The report contained in your issue of Dec. 12 should be carefully studied by every humanely disposed citizen of our country. Thousands of intelligent people will be astonished to learn that in the words of this league tuberculosis, or consumption, as it is ordinarily termed, is 'communicable, preventable and curable.' 'That Montreal and its adjoining suburbs pay an annual tribute of about a thousand lives; that diphtheria, smallpox, scarlatina, measles, typhoid fever and whooping cough combined do not cause as many deaths as tuberculosis alone.' These are startling facts, and yet in our individual lives what an array of such facts meet us.

Many of our medical men are devoting their fine talents and wide professional knowledge to the struggle now, I may say, only fairly begun to stamp out as far as possible the terrible 'white plague.' They have done much, but their usefulness is limited by the want of financial aid. This reproach—for reproach it is—should no longer be laid at the door of the thrifty citizens of our prosperous country. A mere moiety from every adult would give life to many who are slowly but surely going to an early grave, with no means of extending their lives to their natural limits. What is needed is education regarding the prevention and cure of this awful scourge. Literature on the subject should flood every home. The pulpits and the schools should be incessant in preaching and teaching this gospel of humanity. Science has brought her wonderful aid to lead the way in what we may call 'applied Christianity.' After listening to the admirable reports and the commente on them at the meeting of the league in the Art Gallery, I felt condemned that I had shown so little actual sympathy with the great work carried forward by the efforts of the humane gentlemen who are leading this movement. Frequent public meetings of the league would arouse all philanthropists in this undertaking. The league needs financial and moral aid, and there are plenty of men and women in this city who will gladly respond when the necessities of this claim are presented to them.

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Are there not five thousand persons in Montreal who will gladly respond and put this movement on a sound financial basis? It has no denominational or ecclesiastical limitations, but spreads its blessings indiscriminately on suffering mortals. I plead in the name of our common humanity. Let us have an earnest response from our whole community and make a Christmas offering for the sufferers. T. G. WILLIAMS.

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A SUGGESTION IN ASSESSMENT.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—A few days ago, at Stratford, Ont., Judge Barron, addressing the grand jury, said in part: 'That it was a strange custom which would penalize a man for making improvement to his property. No wonder people were averse to beautifying their homes when the assessor heaped on taxes wherever it was done. While every one could not agree with the whole propaganda of the Single Tax Association, their opinions were certainly gaining ground in the province. To tax the land only seemed to be the adequate remedy for the present condition of affairs.'

It is something like the 'window tax,' of a hundred years ago, and men built houses like dungeons, with as few windows as possible. Now, our assessment laws, while furnishing a municipal revenue, ought, incidentally, to promote rather than depress improvements. But they do depress!

I believe some remedy can be found. How would this work? Let the law be such that the value of all property should be fixed only once in five years; the annual 'assessment' only taking notice of sub-divisions and changes of ownership. Then, a person building, or making improvements on his property, would have, say, four years free of taxation on his improvements; equal to a considerable 'bonus.' And I contend that no municipality ought to give any other or higher 'bonus.' And it would be equally a benefit to all—to the man who put up a nice verandah to his cottage, and to the man who put up a good block of dwelling-houses, as well as to the manufacturer who put up a mill. And the former classes never had any 'bonus.'

This matter was forced upon my attention many years ago. It was in Owen Sound, Ont. Harrison Brothers had a flour mill, which they replaced with a much larger one; probably putting their last dollar into the new structure; and, before they had time to have a dollar of profit out of their new venture (and we had all been praising them for their enterprise, and the 'benefit to the town') they were down in the collector's roll for a hundred and twenty dollars extra taxes! It seemed like 'fining' them for their enterprise. Had it been a new firm coming into town, a 'bonus' probably would have been demanded, and received. I wish I could remember who it was—a member, I think, of the old Canadian Parliament—talking this very matter over with me, suggested what I have briefly sketched this 'quinquennial assessment.'

All moral and social laws should encourage virtue and well-doing, and all economic laws should encourage thrift and progress. Our assessment laws discourage the latter. And, thus condemning themselves, should be amended. The proposed law would give every man who improved his property the encouragement of four or five years freedom from taxes. And it would be a boon to all alike!

There is one objection; and only one. 'It would,' says somebody, 'make a boom in building every five years; and then would be a stagnation after.' There is nothing in this world entirely perfect; but when a town or city is sub-divided into as many (and as small) districts as is thought best, and the five-year period computed differently in the different districts—then the scheme very nearly approaches perfection. I leave the subject for political economists to further elaborate.

WILLIAM WYE SMITH.

St. Catharines, Ont.

A PECULIAR CHARTER LAW.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—The charter law governing taxation as amended reads in part: 'The assessors shall insert in the assessment roll the actual value of real property, also the bona fide rent, if they consider it compatible with the actual value of the property; if otherwise, they shall insert in the roll the actual annual value.' Here, high-sounding phrases are substituted for entities, and under their cover facts are displaced by opinion or sentiment. The value of property is computed by capitalization, that is, if a property yields $1,000 a year, in bona fide rent, and ten percent is a fair return for house property, it is valued at $10,000; but, discard the bona fide rent value and substitute therefor, say, $1,200 as the actual annual value, whatever this means in contradistinction to the annual value derived from rent, and the property assumes a nominal or supposed value of $12,000, technically designated the actual value. What a flexible and cunning little rule this is whereby the revenue can at all times be regulated and adjusted so as to keep pace with the expenditures of whatever character. We find that prior to our aldermen acquiring the habit of adjusting the laws, in secret meetings, to suit their capacities and schemes, the assessors were required to assume the bona fide rent as the basis of their proceedings and estimates, and to determine the assessment to be made on all such property thereby or thereon—a fair and equitable arrangement—but under the law now in force they are no longer required even to 'value and assess,' but may insert in the roll an arbitrary amount, any odd figure will do, and ipso facto it becomes the 'actual value.' Formerly these values were qualified by the word 'assessed,' implying an act subject to controversy and contestation, but as the law now declares the amount thus imposed the 'actual value,' no discussion can arise as to the equity of the amount imputed against us. It is the law, and we must pay the amount demanded or be sold out and disfranchised as regards civic elections. This seems somewhat arbitrary and inimical to the electors, and withal an insult to our intelligence and a menace to the common weal, that should be strenuously resisted. I would suggest that the various municipal clubs, committees and leagues throughout the city join issue and prepare a petition for presentation to the Legislative Assembly as soon as it convenes demanding the immediate abrogation of all charter laws affecting the rights, liberties and prerogatives of the people. Meantime they should study this work of art—the city charter—and they will realize how vain and silly it is for them, while subject to these laws, to sing 'For Britons never, never shall be slaves.'

DUNLOP CALDWELL.

5 Dorchester street.

WELLINGTON AND GUY STREET ROUTES.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—It is often stated that the residents of Point St. Charles are a long-suffering and a patient people. The latter appellation may not be true, but the former is certainly correct if one is to judge by the street car service. Some time ago I wrote to the Road Committee suggesting the advisability of a change in the Wellington and Guy street routes. The committee received and considered the letter, for the papers noted a reply from the Street Railway Company offering a connection up Bleury street, without transfer. Immediately upon this I wrote to the company and the Road Committee suggesting what, I said, would be a route much to be preferred to the Bleury one, namely, a belt farther west, as follows: Wellington to McGill, along McGill to St. James, west on St. James to Windsor, up Windsor to St. Catherine street, then east on St. Catherine to University, down University and Beaver Hall Hill to McGill and Wellington, and so return.

My reasons for this route are, I think, obvious. The proposed line would take the people to and from the G. T. R. and C. P. R. offices, Victoria square, Bonaventure and Windsor stations, all the central churches, Y. M. C. A., Windsor Hall, the theatres, High and Senior schools, all the largest stores, including Carsley's, Hamilton's, Ogilvy's, Murphy's, Scroggie's and Morgan's, the Masonic Temple, Normal and Model schools, the nearest possible approach to McGill University, etc., all without transfer; also, by transfer, east and west on Notre Dame, St. James, Craig, St. Denis and St. Catherine. This would give a route that would encourage all classes to travel in all weathers, seeing that nine-tenths of the destinations, other than special individual ones, could be reached without delay and in comfort. I feel sure that I know the wishes and requirements of the south end of the city as well as most, having worked there for over twenty years, during all that time being in constant and intimate touch with people of all classes, and, having spoken with many of them on this question, I confidently assert that the route as herein outlined by me would suit far more people than any other extension of the present Wellington line could do.

Now a word in regard to the so-called Guy street line. As run at present it is a delusion and a snare. It runs only because the City Council compelled its opening, but it begins nowhere, runs nowhere and accommodates only the people who live there. My proposal is to make it a service of some real use to a section at present without sufficient accommodation. Bring the track from Centre along Richmond to Wellington; then run the cars as follows: Beginning at the Tail-race, run north on Wellington to Richmond, along Richmond to Centre, west on Centre to Shearer and Seigneurs, thence, as at present, to St. Catherine, and as much farther as desired; return by the same route to the Tail-race. This would give a real, in place of an imaginary, line, and would be a direct benefit to the people west of the Wellington subway. Both the foregoing routes were suggested to the gentlemen of the Road Committee and to the Street Railway Company, but, as yet, there is no result. I trust that there will be no further delay, but that the company may be directed to operate both these routes at once. W. A. KNEELAND.

Riverside School, Dec. 12, 1903.

A PARODY ON CIVILIZATION.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—I have been reading a letter printed in a paper, not the 'Witness,' deploring the barbarity of taking a drunken woman to jail in an open waggon. The writer does not go deep enough. This woman had spent some of her money over the bar which helps the saloon-keeper to pay his license, and the city will take the rest of it, or punish her for not having 'the fine.' This will reform her, no doubt, or teach her to carry her liquor like a gentleman. She never comes back, does she?

By all means, take a covered waggon next time, lest you corrupt our sons and daughters by a sight at the naked truth, the entrancing spectacle of the actual effects of the legalized sale of the drug alcohol as a beverage. They may chum with the wealthy distiller, importer or wholesaler (we draw the line at the lower retailer), and be taught to vote for those who insist on a majority of voters on the list, dead, absent and indifferent, to carry a plebiscite, and who, if there were that majority, would trump up any old excuse except that they 'need the money.'

A majority of actual voters was good enough to go into power on, and under false pretences at that. The old 'N. P.' trimmed over and rechristened 'Liberal Revenue Tariff,' reminds one of the fable, only now the lion is in the ass's skin. The people like to be humbugged,' and care little for principles while times are good. And the temperance people swallow the bluff and go on damning the retailer, and damming the stream at the mouth instead of insisting that their public servants shut it off at the source. We allow our paid servants to become our masters, such is the power of gall. And by-and-bye the poor woman dies and her children go on helping to pay the licenses with part of their wages, and with the balance to pay the powers that be for not being able to carry their liquor like ladies and gentlemen. And many of those who were ladies and gentlemen when the woman rode in the open waggon will have found that they, too, could not always carry their liquor and have gone down and been counted out.

But the power behind the 'thrown,' the silent partner in the whiskey business, must have the votes and influence of the manufacturers of the stuff we will not have sold to 'our' Indians, of the licensed victuallers, of the saloon-keepers, etc., and—it needs the money.

And who pays? Who pays the kerosene duty, or the tobacco duty, that absurd duty of 50 cents per pound, and so made by the Liberals after eighteen years of free trade preaching? The farmer, the laborer, the 'common people,' the users can tell.

And manufacturers grown wealthy where wages are one dollar per day, donate largely to public schools, in which are text-books to teach children the evils of alcohol and tobacco.

And so of parodies and paradoxes there is no end, and the fools pay the fiddler. dler.

ONE OF THE FOOLS.

CANADIAN BEAUTY LIBELLED.

(To the Editor of the 'Witness.')

Sir,—An article bearing the above title in to-day's 'Daily Mail,' of London, states that the ladies of Canada are up in arms against certain remarks of an English lady visitor upon their beauty, which are not only unjust but opposed to my own experiences of them. I note also, in the same journal, Mr. Edgar Wallace's letter from Vancouver containing his opinions of them, which, by the time he reaches Victoria and returns to the east, will be more fully confirmed.

When, for the purpose of gaining information for my book, 'Three Thousand Eight Hundred Miles Across Canada,' and also lectures, I traversed the Dominion from ocean to ocean, I critically observed everything and everybody, the fair sex especially, and therefore think it is only right that I should refute the above libel as completely as possible. During the whole of my life the ladies have been my best friends. I know them well and value them highly. In Canada I found them delightful associates everywhere. I perseveringly questioned and cross-examined them with the object of obtaining trustworthy facts about themselves, their relations, and their country, and I shall ever gratefully remember the charming manner in which they so frankly and kindly responded.

Beauty of mind and manner, amiable expression, and a healthy and natural complexion, are always attractive to those who know how to value them, and generous enough not to be jealous of them, and in the ladies of Canada I found all these attributes fully developed. In one very important respect they set us a noble example, through the absence of that chilling reserve which in the British Isles so greatly hinders engagements, by preventing both sexes from knowing each other sufficiently, before taking the first steps towards what may prove a wretched, instead of a gloriously happy marriage.

In the first chapter of my book I showed the difficulty of obtaining correct information about a country when the people are so mentally diversified—pessimistically, optimistically, self-interestedly, generously, ignorantly, ill-naturedly, and so on. While doing this, I sketched amongst other characters, those of two ladies fictitiously named Miss Helen Macgregor, the 'Beam of Light,' and Miss Squirmie, of 'Sour Grapes Cottage,' London, who, during her brief self-blighting stay in the Dominion, hated everything and everybody in it, and at last left it in disgust. As this volume has been highly commended by the press and people of Canada, I hope that my numerous remarks concerning the settlers, as I found them, will be considered not only authoritative but complimentary enough to please even the most exacting of my readers.

Let me only add, that those met during my travels conferred so much happiness upon me that I look forward with delight to the time when I shall see them again in the flesh, and renew our most instructive and charming associations.

J. W. C. HALDANE, C.E.

43 Mulgrave street, Liverpool, England, Dec. 3, 1903.

SPEAKING WITHOUT A TONGUE.

The power of speech can be retained after a complete, as well as after partial, removal of the tongue. W. H. A. Jacobson, writing in the 'Practitioner,' cites one of his own cases. A former army surgeon had his entire tongue removed, and some few months after the operation he was able to speak so distinctly as to give an interesting account of one of the most striking episodes of the Indian Mutiny. He had been one of the surgeons in the force with which Sir Colin Campebell relieved the garrison of Lucknow.

THE DEAD SEA'S ONLY BOAT.

Since the earthquake in Palestine last April some one circulated the story that the mouth of the River Jordan had been so affected by the shock that the level of that river had been altered to such an extent that at the place where the historic river goes into the Dead Sea there was now a waterfall of considerable depth and strength. This is altogether false, and no change whatever has taken place at or near the mouth of the Jordan. The writer has just spent some days there, and made it his special business to investigate this matter. Much has also appeared from time to time in papers and periodicals about steamboats navigating the Dead Sea. This, too, is a fabrication. The only boat on the Dead Sea is a small sailing boat about twenty feet long. This vessel makes trips, as the wind allows, from the north end of the sea to the bay on the eastern side of the tongue that divides the water near the middle. Here at this terminus some Jews are settled. The whole concern is, in fact, in the hands of Jews, who, at a low rate, buy wheat and barley from the Arabs, to be delivered on the seashore. From there it is shipped to the Jericho side and carried on donkeys to Jerusalem, where it finds a ready sale at a good price. When adverse winds blow the little craft is in danger of being swamped, for the so-called Dead Sea becomes a living mass of waves. The writer recently spent four nights such as never will be forgotten on these waters, and the smartness of the old man at the helm and his boy with the sails saved us from being wrecked again and again. A charge of one mejedie (three shillings and fourpence) a trip is made for each passenger, and for such a unique voyage it is not exorbitant. There is some talk about a small steam tug being put on the sea, but the authorities are loath to grant permission. It will be a great boon when, if ever, it does arrive, as it will bring the east and west sides of the Jordan nearer to one another for communication and trading purposes.—London 'Graphic.'

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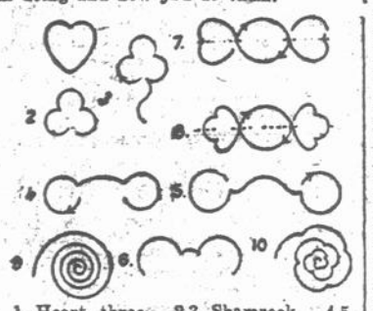
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Can You do These?

TRY THEM ON CHRISTMAS AFTERNOON.

Are there any of our readers who cannot skate? We suspect that if there are there will be skates in their stocking this year. But of all who skate how many can do more than go straight forward and backward and dodge for hockey? How many can do these ten figures? Write and tell us how many you succeed in doing and how you do them.



1. Heart, three. 2-3. Shamrock. 4-5. Spectacles. 6. Cupid's bow. 7, 8, 9, 10. School figures.

In the English fashion of skating the rules are—rigid employed knees, legs kept close together, arms hanging by the side of the body; but with the Continental skaters, who excel in forming small, intricate figures, the knee of the employed leg is always slightly bent, and may be so considerably, when such extra bending assists to preserve the balance; the arms are carried away from the body about waist high, and are used to produce rotation in the required direction; the unemployed leg is hardly ever still, but moves backwards and forwards as is required, smoothly and without jerk. On a simple edge the unemployed leg moves from behind to in front of the employed foot in the direction of motion. In a change of edge the unemployed leg moves forward on the first edge, is drawn firmly bent, and is turned outwards, while the toe of the foot is also turned outwards and pointed downwards, the hands should be held upward from the wrist.

THE DOLLS THE BOYS MADE.

The children were waiting to see the Christmas tree, and the time seemed so long that grandma had to tell them a story. 'Well,' she began, 'when I was a little girl there were no toy-shops, and my mother used to make my dolls herself. I remember one Christmas Eve she was called away to see a sick neighbor, and left my big brother to keep house. "I have nothing finished for Patty's Christmas stocking," she said as she drove away. "It's too bad." That evening my brothers were in a great hurry to get me off to bed, and after I had gone up-stairs I could hear them whispering and fussing about a long while. Next morning, when I put my hand into my stocking, what do you think I found? First, a little doll cut out of a potato; its face was painted black, and with bead eyes and a bit of wool from our black sheep, it made the most comical little darkey that you ever saw. Then I pulled out a pretty little figure whittled from a shingle. My brother Ralph was something of an artist and he had given her the blackest of hair and eyes, and the reddest of lips and cheeks. And last of all came an Indian doll made of corn cob and husk. The corn leaves were the Indian's long, flowing blankets, his head was covered with bright feathers, and his ink features were very fierce indeed. My brothers were quite proud of their work, and really,' said grandma, 'I have never seen any toys since, that seemed to me so pretty as those queer little dollies.' Just then mamma opened the parlor door. All the children rushed to see the tree, so that was the end of grandma's story.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS FROM ONE OF OUR BOYS.

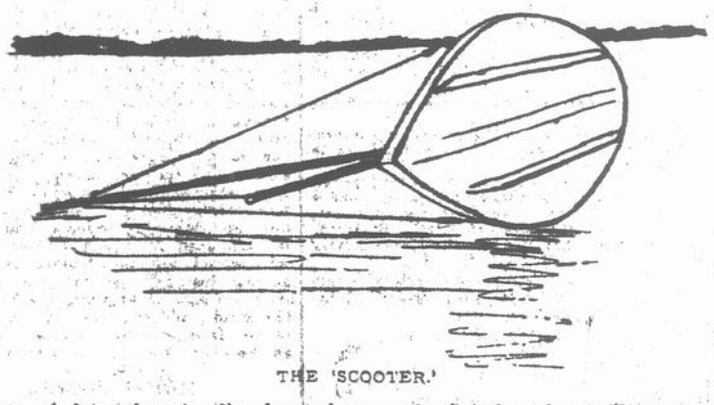
Just as the Boys' Page goes to press a large envelope has come with all sorts of good wishes and Christmas greetings, and colored pictures of Christmas bells and holly, and a fire-place with all the stockings waiting to be filled, though the clock on the mantel only points to five minutes after six, which looks as if some one had gone to bed early to hurry Santy up. These all come from one of Our Boys, Willie J. Eastman, who is eleven years three months and sixteen days old, and who has been in bed sick for ten days. We all join in wishing Willie a very merry Christmas, and sincerely hope he will be well enough to get up for Christmas dinner. Fortunately, stockings can be hung on the bed post as well as in the chimney, so he will be able to enjoy that part, even if doctors scowl at the idea of turkey and plum pudding.

In Our Work Shop.

The 'Scooter.'

(The New York 'Tribune.')

Now that water freezes and winds blow cold, the 'scooter' has made its appearance again along the coasts. On the Long Island shore 'scooters' are coming out into the open by dozens and scores. And should there be ice or clear water, or should the ice floes barricade the shore with one row after another, of intrenchments, the 'scooter' is to be seen flying over them or skimming on before the wind with the speed of a railway train.



THE 'SCOOTER.'

The 'scooter' is at home on water or ice. It is not a bird or a beast, but a boat. It is built with a bottom and a deck which are duplicates of each other, and no matter whether it be on water, ice or snow, the 'scooter' travels ahead



just the same. No matter whether the wind blow fierce or mild, the 'scooter' takes advantage of it and speeds on.

The sport of 'scooting,' as it is called, was born on Long Island, and, although the 'scooter' may be found elsewhere, along shores to which the winter brings half frozen water and treacherous floes, it is on the Long Island coast that 'scooters' are to be seen in the greatest numbers. As the 'scootist' sits in the cockpit of his pumpkin seed craft as it springs out of the water



on to the ice or dives from the ice into the water he is bound to make the land-lubber envious.

When the life-saving station was established on Fire Island the members of its crew endured many a hardship in winter in going to and from the Long Island shore. A life-saver oftentimes ran greater dangers in crossing the channel, interspersed as it was often with ice floes or patches of clear water, than in rowing out to a foundering wreck. After a while some ingenious life-saver strapped an ordinary row-boat to a sled, and made the journey across with this cumbrous craft. Yet the trip was still one of tremendous exertion. To row a boat with a sled hung beneath its keel was like treading water in the face of a wind or a tide, and many a life-saver in attempting to push his sled over the ice had the surface suddenly crumble away and plunge him into the icy water.

In their efforts to make this craft more practical the life-savers tried a sail, but the stretch of canvas proved more of a hindrance than a help when the wind was tempestuous. Then came the first 'scooter,' a special form of vessel, which combined in its construction both sailboat and sled. The deck was made flat and broad, and the flat bottom bore runners armed with steel. At the present time the 'scooter' builders have worked on the problem so earnestly that they almost all agree on its lines and dimensions.

A 'scooter' of the most modern type is fourteen feet long, and its greatest width is four feet. Its cockpit is 5½ feet long and 2 feet by 3 inches wide. The depth from the deck to the hull is 12 or 14 inches, and the ridge around the cockpit to prevent the water rushing over the deck and wetting the 'scootist' in the pit is 3 inches high. Both the deck and the hull are of turtle back fashion. The runners are 10 feet long, 20 inches apart and 1 inch in width. They extend down 1 3-4 inches from the surface of the bottom and are sheathed with brass. The bowsprit extends about 3 feet beyond the hull. A mast 9 feet high and 3 inches thick is big enough to carry a sufficient area of canvas for the stiff winter winds.

As told by H. B. Fullerton, in 'Country Life in America,' 'scooting' has now evolved from the winter ferryboat of the life-saver to the racing craft of the sportsman. 'Scooting' last season became such a fad on the Long Island shores that its chief enthusiasts last February held a 'scooter' race. It was the first of its kind in the world. There were seven contestants, and the winner proved that 'scooting,' like every other means of locomotion, depends not alone on the 'horse,' but also on the 'jockey.' 'Scooting' over ice is far faster than over water, and the 'scootist' who uses the most judgment in selecting his course on ice or water is the victor. On ice one can go thirty miles an hour. Mr. Fullerton has made some admirable pictures of 'scooters,' three of which accompany this article.

There is little doubt that 'scooting' will become one of the popular winter sports in the Northern States. Wherever water surfaces freeze over partially or the ice at seasons of the year crumbles treacherously, the 'scooter' may sail where the ice yacht dare not venture. On the Hudson River it is becoming no uncommon occurrence for a 'scooter' to go to the rescue of an ice yachting party whose skeleton craft has cut through the ice into slushy water. Even in the summer time the 'scooter' is a handy vessel to have about. It is thoroughly safe, even in a squall, because of its flat, broad bottom. A 'scooter' is available for all classes of sportsmen, for its cost is moderate. A 'scooter' costs anywhere from $75 to $125. There are several 'scooter' manufacturers on the Long Island coast, and the chief centres of the industry are Bellport, Patchogue, Baypoint and Sayville.

No rudder is used in the guidance of a 'scooter,' but instead the steering is done easily by the jib. In addition, the 'scootist' has always at hand a six-foot spike, made with a hickory haft and armed with a steel point and a hook. When his vessel butts against too high an ice floe he simply hooks on to the sledge with his pike, and pulls himself up over the obstacle. He also has a pair of oars in the cockpit ready for use should he lose his sail.

'There is more fun in a "scooter,"' says Mr. Fullerton, 'than in anything else under the canopy. The "scoofer" seems especially designed to contribute to the gayety of nations, and I predict that this idea will scoot around the world.'



One Squirrel's Christmas.

(By R. B. Buckham, in 'Presbyterian Banner.')

Hal Doubleday's parents were very poor, indeed. His father was a laborer in a great shoe manufacturing establishment, when he was able to secure work at all, and his meagre earnings, but a few dollars a week at best, were barely sufficient to support his family in the plainest manner. The Doubleday household was, in consequence, a humble and lowly one. Such privations as were necessarily theirs, seldom come, I trust, to the readers of this journal. Very few of the luxuries of life ever fell to the lot of little Hal, and many a necessary was wanting with him.

And all this, too, was the state of the case in prosperous years, but the season of which I am about to write was a year long to be remembered for its dull times and lack of business. 'Hard times,' everybody called it, and hard indeed it was with John Doubleday and his family. It was only with the greatest difficulty that food and fuel sufficient for their wants could be secured, as day after day passed by, bringing the bread winner of the household little or no opportunity to labor for their maintenance.

And, probably as keen a sorrow as any with him that year was to see Christmas gradually approaching, and not a dollar in his pocket with which to suitably commemorate the day. Now, it must be admitted that there are those who are inclined to make light of Christmas. 'What is the sense,' they argue, 'of making such ado over this particular day in preference to any other, and for what possible reasons should one on that occasion go about greeting his friends and wishing them well, and descend to such nonsense as giving and receiving gifts?' But John Doubleday was most certainly not of this class. His views upon this subject were decidedly different. He maintained that that was indeed a day above every day, upon which God gave his only son for man's redemption, worthy of all reverence and regard, and well and appropriately to be devoted to good wishes and good deeds, and the giving of one's best to his fellows. The writer is inclined to agree with him, too, in this view of the day. How is it with you, kind reader?

Never, heretofore, had John Doubleday failed, in one way or another, to brighten Christmas for Hal, and to associate it with pleasant reminiscences for him. As his means had enabled him, he had consecrated the day for them both with suitable gifts and mementoes, but now his heart was sore, as he reflected that the day he had come to love as dearly as his boy, must, on this occasion, pass unhallowed by the giving as much as a single gift, for his want would not permit of it.

His good and thoughtful wife endeavored to console him, as far as she was able. Surely, he who in his bounteousness, gave the day itself and the blessed cause for its remembrance, would not fail to provide the means for its observance. The Giver of all good gifts would give the opportunity of giving also, if he would but trust in Him.

Christmas eve arrived, however, with not a single present of any kind in the house for little Hal, or the means with which to purchase any. What was to be done? The little fellow had hung up his stocking in the chimney corner, as usual, and retired full of hope and anticipation for the morrow, little realizing what heartaches his pretty ardor brought his sorrowful parents, who could not summon the courage to tell him that Christmas gifts must be abandoned on that occasion, hoping to the last that some fortunate circumstance might yet fall out to their assistance.

When, at length Hal had been safely tucked away in his couch in the attic, what an earnest and anxious consultation then ensued below. Now and again the sound of indistinguishable exclamations could be heard by the anxious listener in the loft, who felt that he knew full well that dear old Santa Claus and his mysterious ways must surely be the subject of that guarded conversation. What would he find in his stocking in the morning, he wondered again and again. Something nice, he was sure, for it had never failed to prove so yet.

And what should be put in the stocking? That was the question which was being debated so seriously below. One suggestion after another was considered and abandoned, until at last an idea was hit upon which might do better by far than nothing at all. They would go to the edge of the wood, not far away, and gather some of the fir boughs and bright red wintergreen berries, so abundant there, and fill the stocking with them. They would serve to some extent, at least, as fit reminders of the sacredness of the day.

Quietly the two left the house, and turned their steps toward the wood, just distinguishable in the distance, the sombre spruces seeming almost black in contrast to the sparkling purity of the background of snow. The moon shone out from a cloudless sky with an almost unnatural brightness, that night, and its rays penetrating even the solemn shades of the wood enabled them, without difficulty to secure in abundance, the objects of their quest. It seemed to them that in the clear moonlight they could plainly distinguish every object about them as readily as though it had been day. Little did they realize that there were others in the wood, that night, as well as themselves, who passed by without once being noticed in the deceitful moonlight.

Christmas is quite as likely to be trials, now and then, to the rich as the poor, and such it brought at this time to Harold Gray, as well as to John Doubleday and his wife. What should be given Harold in the way of Christmas gifts had been as seriously considered by Mr. Gray, the banker, though he was very wealthy, as though giving was beyond his means. 'The house is full of presents of all kinds, already,' he declared, 'and unless Harold is willing to part with some of the things he already has, I don't see how we can possibly give him any more. Now there is his pet squirrel, if he will consent to release him go, I will give him a new saddle pony, and $50 in other things, and really, I don't see why he should care to keep him any longer.'

But Harold did care for the pet squirrel, with his cunning tricks and his soft fur coat, and to part with him would be a sore trial. However, a pony was preferable to a squirrel, and his consent to his release was at last reluctantly given. 'Yes,' he said, at last somewhat consoled by the thought 'Jackey may go, and we will give him his liberty on Christmas eve! I, myself, will then carry him to the woods and let him go! That will make Christmas a merry time for him, too.'

And so it came about that on this bright night before Christmas, a sleigh dashed up to the very edge of the dark wood, just outside the town, and while its driver restrained the spirited horse to which it was attached, a boy jumped out, carrying something tenderly in his hands, and running in among the shadows of the firs, deposited his charge upon a fallen tree trunk, and was back to the sleigh and gone almost in an instant.

Now, life in the woods is all well enough when one has had opportunity all through the pleasant summer and autumn to select a suitable retreat, furnish it well with warm carpetings and linings and coverlets, and lay by an abundant store of nuts or other suitable food, but when it comes to being out in the cold all alone, with no home to go to and no prospect of anything to eat for months to come, the outlook is not altogether pleasant. At least, so mused Jackey, the squirrel, as he shivered with the cold and drew his tail tightly about him.

Idleness is never in order under such circumstances, and Jackey began looking about him to determine what should be done next. His sharp eyes soon detected the forms of two individuals not far off, gathering boughs, and away he whisked over the snow to have a look at them, with his head cocked now on this side, now on that. Evidently he was not altogether displeased with their appearance, for, as they left the wood that evening, unbeknown to them, he followed on; and, when once back of their doorstep, they opened the door of their home, he skurried in unseen in the darkness, and hid himself in a corner.

When his two companions of the evening had at last retired and all was quiet about the house, Jackey proceeded to improve his circumstances still farther, and began racing around the room from end to end, in search of a warm and comfortable bed. Up on the chairs and the sofa, and around and around the table he went, and into the coalhod and up on the mantel, and finally brought up—well, we shall see where.

Early the following morning Hal was up and hastening down stairs, to see what had been placed in his stocking; his father and mother following him, though with many a misgiving as to how their humble offerings would be regarded. Imagine, then, their surprise at the excited exclamations which were borne to their ears as they stood hesitating in the doorway. 'Oh, you dear, good papa and mamma! Such a Christmas present! Where in the world did you get it? Something for me to love and care for at last, this is the best gift that I ever had in my life!'

In utter consternation, the parents hurried forward. What could their son mean? Nor was their curiosity in the least abated by what they then saw. Jackey, perched on Hal's knee, was performing all sorts of ludicrous antics and chattering and whisking his tail in manifest delight.

'How did you ever get him into my stocking, anyway, together with the pretty evergreen, and who is he from?' cried the delighted boy; but his father in reality, as puzzled as himself, could only look at his wife enquiringly, and reply, 'I can simply say that the Giver of all good gifts sent him to you, my son, be grateful to him for all that you have.'

'You are always so mysterious about Christmas gifts,' was Hal's reply. 'But then, I suppose that is a part of Christmas, anyway, yet I must say I think this is the most mysterious Christmas that I have ever known.' And in this latter opinion his parents fully agreed with him.

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PEACOCKS AS WATCHDOGS.

(Philadelphia 'Press.')

Bird fanciers are predicting a fashion for the peacock such as no other feathered creature ever before enjoyed. They say that people who can afford it have been lately having many of them for their country places. Ornament is one consideration. Nothing could be more dazzling to the eyes than a lot of peacocks strutting leisurely across a velvety lawn in the summer sunshine. But there is another thing that recommends the brilliant creature in a more practical way.

Some one discovered not long ago that there is no watchdog equal to the peacock as a guardian against thieves of an arbor or outbuilding of the estate, a peacock will announce in shrill, discordant notes that can be heard a mile away the presence of suspicious looking strangers within the grounds. Their eyes are always open, and, like others of the bird family, they have the ability to see at almost any angle.

A dog makes a better friend than a peacock, but, too secure in his master's affection, he goes to sleep in his comfortable kennel and dreams pleasant dreams while thieves make away with property.

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Saturday, Dec. 19, 1903.

PROBLEM NO. 793.

(By G. Heathcote, in 'Football Field.')

Black—11 pieces.



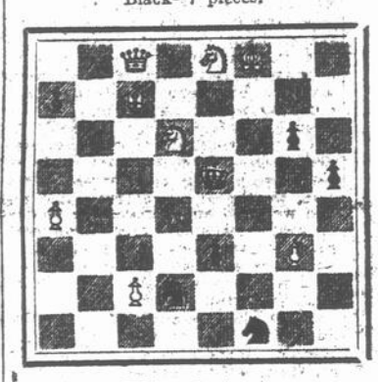
White—7 pieces.

White to play and mate in TWO moves.

PROBLEM NO. 794.

(By M. Feigl, first prize in 'Leisure Hour.')

Black—7 pieces.



White—8 pieces.

White to play and mate in THREE moves.

Solutions same time as those for special set.

SOLUTIONS AND COMMENTS.

No. 787. Pinhey. Two moves. Key: Q—R 2.

Correct from Pawn, George Patterson, Tyro, Mrs. F. J. Pentelow, St. Leon Water Chess Club (also 783, 785).

No. 788. Reverberations. Three moves. Key: Q—R.

Correct from Pawn, George Patterson, Mrs. F. J. Pentelow.

Owing to unavoidable causes the special set of problems is held over until next week.

GAME NO. 764.

A FINE 'FRENCH.'

Played in the Pillsbury N. C. C. A. Masters' Tournament, between J. E. Narraway, of Ottawa, and W. P. Shipley, of Philadelphia.

French Defence.

Narraway. White.	Shipley. Black.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 3
2 P—Q 4	2 P—Q 4
3 Kt—Q 2	3 P—Q B 4
4 P x B P	4 B x P
5 B—Q 3	5 Kt—K B 3
6 Q—K 2	6 Kt—B 3
7 K Kt—B 3	7 Kt—Q Kt 5
8 Castles	8 Kt x B
9 Q x Kt	9 Castles
10 P—K 5	10 Kt—Q 2
11 Kt—Kt 3	11 B—K 2
12 B—B 4	12 P—Q Kt 3
13 K Kt—Q 4	13 B—Kt 2
14 Q R—Q sq	14 R—K sq
15 Q—R 3	15 Kt—B sq
16 B—Q 2	16 P—K B 4
17 P—K Kt 4	17 P x P
18 Q x P	18 Q—Q 2
19 P—K B 4	19 B—Q B 4
20 P—K R 4	20 P—Q R 4
21 B—B 3	21 P—R 5
22 Kt—Q 2	22 Kt—Kt 3
23 Kt—B 3	23 Kt—K 2
24 K—R 2	24 Kt—B 4
25 Kt x Kt	25 P x Kt
26 Q—Kt 3	26 Q—K B 2
27 B—Q 4	27 R—R 2
28 R—K Kt sq	28 B—B 3
29 Q—B 2	29 Q—B sq
30 R—Kt 3	30 R—K 3
31 P—Q R 3	31 R—K R 3
32 K—R 3	32 R—Kt 2
33 R—Q 3	33 B—K 2
34 R—B 3	34 B—Q sq
35 Kt—Kt 5	35 Q—K sq
36 Q—K 2	36 B x Kt
37 R x B	37 R—Kt 3
38 R x R	38 Q x R
39 P—K 6	39 Resigns.

If 39.., B—K sq; 40, R—K Kt 3, Q—R 8; 41, P—R 5, Q—Kt 5 ch; 42, Q x Q, P x Q ch; 43, R—Kt 3 dis. ch, Q—K 4; 44, B x Q mate.

If 40.., Q—R 3; 41, P—K 7, P—Kt 3; 46, Q—K 6 ch, B—B 2; 43, P queens, mate.

If 39.., B—Kt 4; 40, R—B 8 ch, B—K sq; 41, P—R 5, Q—Kt 5 ch; 42, Q x Q, P x Q ch; 43, K x P, R—K 2; 44, P—B 5, P—Kt 3; 45, B x P, P x R P ch; 46, K—Kt 5, R—Kt 2 ch; 47, K—B 6, etc.

If 39.., Q—K sq; 40, Q—K 5, R—K 2; 41, R—K Kt 3, Q—B sq; 42, B x P, etc.

GAME NO. 765.

The following interesting game was recently played at Moscow, M. Tchigorin playing against three strong amateurs consulting:—

('Max Lange' Attack.)

White. Tchigorin.	Black. Allies.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K 4
2 Kt—K B 3	2 Kt—Q B 3
3 B—B 4	3 Kt—B 3
4 P—Q 4	4 P x P
5 Castles.	5 B—K 2 (a)
6 Kt x P	6 Kt x P
7 Kt—B 5	7 P—Q 4 (b)
8 Kt x P ch	8 K—B sq
9 B—R 6	9 K—Kt sq
10 B x P	10 Kt—B 3
11 Kt—B 3 (c)	11 Kt—K Kt 5 (! (d
12 Q—Q 2	12 Kt x B
13 Q x Kt	13 B—Kt 4
14 Q—R 4	14 K x Kt
15 Q—R Q sq (e)	15 Q—K 2
16 Kt—K 4	16 P—K R 3
17 K R—K sq	17 Kt—K 4 (g)
18 P—K R 3	18 B—B 4
19 Kt—Kt 3	19 B—Kt 3
20 Q—K 2 (h)	20 K R—K sq
21 B x Kt P	21 Q R—Q sq
22 R x R	22 Q x R
23 R—Q sq	23 Q—K 2
24 B—Q 5	24 P—Q B 3
25 B—Kt 3	25 P—K B 4
26 P—Q B 3	26 P—B 5
27 Kt—K 4	27 P—b 6
28 P x P	28 B—R 4
29 Kt x B	29 Kt x P ch !
30 Q x Kt (j)	30 Q x Kt ch
31 Q—Kt 3	31 B x R (j)

Resigns.

(a) Evading the well-known and very difficult 'Max Lange' attack. With the best play, however, White ought to obtain an advantage in position, as the result of this move.

(b) If castles, White wins by 8 Q—Kt 4.

(c) Seems the natural continuation, but a mistake probably. Better is 11. B—B 3, and if then Q x Q, 12. R x Q, B—B sq; 13, B x Kt, P x B; 14. R—Q 8, etc. Or, 11, B—B 3, Q x Q, 12. R x Q, Kt—K 4; 13. R—K sq, B Q 3 (if Kt x B ch, 14. P x Kt, B—B sq; 15. Kt—K 3); 14. B—Q sq, B K—Kt 5; 15, B x B, Kt (K 4) x B; 16. Kt—B 5, B x P ch; 17, K—R sq, B Q 3; 18. B—K 3, etc.

(d) This move wins a piece ultimately.

(e) Perhaps this is stronger than Q x B P ch, but we confess to being unable to divine the point.

(f) And may be, this is better than 17. P K—B 4, followed by R—Q 3, but we fail to see why.

(g) An excellent move, threatening B—Kt 5.

(h) White's attack has completely failed, and all Black has to do now is to 'go in and win.'

(i) There was, of course, nothing better.

(j) Remaining with a Rook ahead, and a simple position. The game was ably conducted by the amateurs, MM. Bojarkoff, Bontchiroff and Pawloff.—Hereford 'Times.'

GAME NO. 766.

Played in the Russian Masters' Tournament at Kiev, between Messrs. Tchigorin and Schiffers.

Irregular Defence.

White. E. Schiffers.	Black. M. Tchigorin.
1 P—K 4	1 P—K Kt 3 (a)
2 P—Q 4	2 B—Kt 2
3 B—K 3 (b)	3 P—Q 3
4 B—Q 3	4 K—Kt B 3
5 P—K R 3	5 Q—Kt Q 2
6 Kt—K 2	6 P—K 4
7 P—Q B 3	7 Q—K 4 !
8 Kt—Q 2	8 Castles.
9 Q—B 2	9 R—K sq
10 Castles (Q R (c)	10 P—Q 4 !
11 P—B 3	11 K P x P
12 B P x P	12 P x P
13 P x P	13 Kt—Q 4
14 P x Kt	14 Q x B
15 K—Kt sq	15 Kt—Kt 3 (d)
16 Kt—Q B 4	16 Kt x Kt
17 Q x Kt	17 P—Q B 3 ! (e)
18 P x P	18 P x P
19 Q x Q B P	19 R—Kt sq
20 Q—B sq	20 Q—B 7
21 K R—B sq	21 Q x Kt P
22 R x P (f)	22 K x R
23 Q—B 7 ch	23 B—Q 2
24 B—B 4 ch (g)	24 K—K 2
25 R—K sq	25 Q—K 5 ch
26 K—R sq	26 B x P
27 B—Kt 3	27 Q—K 4
28 Q—B 4 (h)	28 B x P ch
29 K—Kt sq	29 B— B4 ch
30 B—B 2	30 B—B 3 6 (dis. ch

Resigns.

(a) Tchigorin in a brand new role?

(b) Better is 3. P—Q B 3, or, perhaps, P—K B 4.

(c) Always dangerous in positions of this kind. The adverse B on K—Kt 2, generally finds his way into an attack on the King in a most unexpected manner, and often with surprising force.

(d) If B x Q P, then 16. Kt—Q B 4, Q—B 7; 17. R—K B sq, Q—R 5; 18. R—B 4, etc.

(e) Black can well afford a pawn, for the privilege of obtaining the open Kt file for his Q R.

(f) An unsound combination.

(g) There was now nothing better than Q x B, ch.

(h) White might just as well have resigned at this point, his game being absolutely hopeless.—Hereford 'Times.'

SIR JOHN MOORE'S DEATH.

I suppose, says M. A. P., there isn't a single human being who has ever read anything who doesn't know the poem describing the burial of Sir John Moore. The immortal verses cannot be read even for the hundredth time without a quickening of the breath. There is among the books published during the last week a prose account of the last hours of Sir John Moore which are in their way almost as touching as even Wolfe's poem. The words are to be found in the biography of Sir John Colborne (Lord Seaton) just published by John Murray:

'On my entering the room where he was you may conceive my situation. I saw that all was over. The surgeons were examining the mangled wound. It is impossible to imagine a more horrid one. The ball had carried away his left breast, broken two ribs, shattered the shoulder, and the arm was scarcely attached to it—the whole of his left side lacerated. One would have supposed that the first gushing out of the blood would have instantly caused his death or made him insensible—most resolute minds and firmest of nerves when thus assailed sink under pain, and nature, exhausted, yields: but he, cool and collected, continued talking, recollecting the most minute and trifling circumstances till the last moment. His lungs were affected, and his voice from this was rather hoarse. He knew every one, and while conversing was suddenly suffocated by internal bleeding, and who would not have wished to be him at that instant? No distorted countenance, no sign of anguish, the picture of the mind could be traced by the serenity of the face, the one calm and dignified as the other was pure and heroic.

MOTOR SCOWL.

(London 'Court Journal.')

There is one great deterrent to motor cycling for women, ever becoming fashionable, and that is that the strain upon the nerves produces the motor-scowl, which is distressing to contemplate, and destroys the sweetness of the most mobile face.

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COLORING OF AUTUMN LEAVES.

Dr. Keegan, of Patterdale, Westmoreland, England, has been investigating some of the variations in the color of autumn leaves, and he finds that they depend on the mineral matters, especially the silica, or flint, and the lime which the leaves inclose. Thus the leaves which become red in the autumn are those where the silica is under ten percent, while in those that become yellow or brown ten percent or over. The reds include the Norway maple, wild cherry, rowan, scarlet oak, dogwood, and the elder; the yellows or browns comprise the wych elm, sycamore, oak, beech, larch, weeping willow, poplar, hornbeam and linden. The rationale of the differences seems to be that the mineral matters of the plant flow to the dying leaf in a quantity directly proportionate to the decay of its vitality. Dr. Keegan observes that 'the soft, mild, and yet glowing climatic conditions of the American woodlands sustain the vitality of the deciduous leaf to a degree not possible with us; we are rarely blessed with an Indian summer in the fall.—London 'Telegraph.'

At the close of the Boer war 24,000 British soldiers sought employment as coachmen, grooms, porters, carmen, etc., and places were promptly found in England for 18,000. Lately the number of unemployed former soldiers has increased, owing to the present service of three years with the colors instead of seven, as heretofore.

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When Mary Kissed the Child.

(By Charles G. D. Roberts.)

When Mary the Mother kissed the Child
And night on the wintry hills grew mild,
And the strange star swung from the courts of air
To serve at a manger with kings in prayer;
Then did the day of the simple kin
And the unregarded folk begin.

When Mary the Mother forgot the pain,
In the stable of rock began love's reign.
When that new light on their grave eyes broke
The oxen were glad and forgot their yoke;
And the huddled sheep in their far hill fold
Stirred in their sleep and felt no cold.

When Mary the Mother gave of her breast
To the poor man's latest and lowliest guest—
The God born out of the woman's side—
The Babe of Heaven by Earth denied—
Then did the hurt ones cease to moan,
And the long-supplanted came to their own.

When Mary the Mother felt faint hands
Beat at her bosom with life's demands,
And nought to her were the kneeling kings,
The serving star and the half-seen wings.
Then was the little of earth made great,
And the man came back to the God's estate.

Her Majesty and Prince Royal.

(By I. McRoss, in 'Ledger Monthly.')

'Her brain has succumbed to the force of three blows—the loss of husband, child, and home. She thinks she's a queen, and insists upon being addressed as "Your Majesty," but she's harmless if she isn't crossed: just humor her a little and you'll have no trouble in getting along with her.'

This was the doctor's introduction of Ruth Elliott to Mrs. Law, the matron of the Dorr County poorhouse.

Mrs. Law received the new inmate cheerfully.

'She looks pretty strong; I'll get her broken-in to the work, then I'll let the hired girl go.'

But the hired girl did not go; for when Mrs. Law conducted Ruth to the large iron sink, filled with dirty dishes, Ruth drew her slender figure to its full height, and her large eyes flashed, as she asked, scornfully:

'Do you expect me—the Queen of England—to wash dishes for a herd of paupers?'

All other attempts to make her work were met in the same way, until one day when an orphan baby was brought to the poorhouse.

'Your Majesty' (Mrs. Law had learned diplomacy in dealing with Ruth), 'there is a little prince in the nursery; don't you think you had better go and attend to him?'

'Has the Prince Royal come at last?' Her Majesty asked, eagerly, as she accompanied Mrs. Law to a room where a baby lay, crying lustily.

Quick as a flash, yet tenderly, Her Majesty seized the child, and kissed, and fondled, and crooned over him until his cries ceased; and from that moment Her Majesty had something to do, for, sleeping or waking, the child was hardly out of her arms or away from her side.

He grew to be a handsome, sturdy child, with sunny brown curls and a dimple in each rosy cheek. His first step was toward Her Majesty, where he fell, laughing and crowing, into her outstretched arms. His first name for her was 'mamma,' though later he always called her 'Mamma Majesty.'

As soon as he was old enough to understand, she began to tell him stories—nursery rhymes, fairy tales, fables, old legends and Bible stories, interwoven and mingled with her own strange fancies.

Evenings, after the stars came out, she would sit with Prince Royal upon her knee and talk to him about them:

'They are angels with their lamps, Prince; that beautiful bright one in the east is St. John the Beloved; those two bright ones to ther south are St. Peter and St. Andrew, the fishermen; their lamps are always burning, for they watch over all who sail the seas.' So she called eleven of the brightest stars by the names of the apostles, and talked to Prince Royal about their beautiful lives, but of the twelfth she said, pityingly:

'Poor Judas! He has no lamp, but must go wandering in darkness forever.'

'Who holds the teeny, weeny lamps, Mamma Majesty?' Prince Royal asked.

'Children, whose little hands are not strong enough to hold large lamps. And those other bright stars are mothers, who are watching over all little children.'

Of all the stories that Her Majesty told Prince Royal loved best that story of the Nativity. Over and over she told it in her own words, and read it from the Beautiful Book; and whenever they watched the stars they looked first for the brightest one of all, and called it the dear Lord's lamp, and talked of his wonderful life and love.

By the time Prince Royal was six years old he could, because he knew it almost by heart, read the story to her, for she had then grown too weak to read to him, and whenever she tried to walk a fit of coughing stopped her words.

As she grew weaker physically, Her Majesty became stronger mentally, and only a few of her strange fancies clung to her: it was more to please him than because she believed it that she continued to call the stars 'angels' lamps.'

'Soon I'll be there, too, my Prince,' she told him one evening, 'and I'll hold my lamp so steady, and keep it so bright that you'll not fail to find the way to me.'

Her one trouble now was: What would become of Prince Royal when she could no longer care for him? She had kept him singularly sweet and pure, and had guarded him so jealously that no taint of evil had ever come to him. How could she leave him—a waif in the county poorhouse. Her whole mind was concentrated upon providing a home for the child, yet she did not dare speak of his future for fear that he would be taken from her and given to some one else.

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Her Majesty and Prince Royal 2.. —.. s

The poorhouse stood upon a hill, about a mile from the town that lay in the valley below. At night Her Majesty and Prince Royal would sometimes watch the lights as they apeared in streets and houses. During the week preceding Christmas a new electric light—an immense Arc—was suspended above the main street.

'Look! Look, Mamma Majesty!' exclaimed Prince Royal, the first time he saw it, 'there is a new lamp, and it is so near I can almost see the angel who holds it!'

'That is Santa Claus's lamp,' she told him, 'and after I go away you may go to him; he will take care of you.'

'Does he live down there?'

'A part of the time; he is there now.'

'Will he love me, Mamma Majesty?'

'Yes, indeed! Wherever Santa Claus goes he carries love for children.' A fit of coughing left her too exhausted to say anything more, and it also told her how nearly she had approached the end of her life.

For a few days she kept very quiet, husbanding her strength for one great effort, which she made the night before Christmas.

About eight o'clock that evening the matron looked in at the door and asked, hurriedly:

'How is Your Majesty this evening?'

'Better; much better,' Her Majesty assured her.

'Do you want anything? Wouldn't you like some one to stay with you?'

'No! no!' cried Her Majesty, in alarm. 'I have Prince Royal. I do not want anyone else'

As soon as the matron had gone, Her Majesty began dressing Prince Royal in his best and warmest clothes. Upon his feet she put two pairs of woollen stockings, then his shoes and rubbers; then she put on his warmest jacket and overcoat; she pulled his cap down over his ears and tied a thick muffler over it, and put two pairs of mittens upon his hands.

'Where am I going, Mamma Majesty?' he whimpered.

She strained him close to her breast for a moment, and her breath came in weak sobs; then she pointed to the lamp below:

'Down there to Santa Claus. I am going away to-night, but every night you can look up into the sky and see me holding my lamp for you, and by and by you will come up there to me.'

She kissed him again and again, stole softly out to the side door with him, and bade him go straight to Santa Claus's lamp.

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When Her Majesty shut the door upon him, Prince Royal's first thought was to pound upon the door and cry to be let in, but he had always implicitly obeyed her, and now he set his little face resolutely toward the great white light in the valley. It did not occur to him to follow the road that wound around the hill to town, but he made his way down the hill and across the meadow beyond.

The sky had become overcast, and the snow was falling in fitful gusts. Prince Royal looked up at the sky and murmured:

'All the lamps are out except Santa Claus's.'

He struggled along, bravely buffeting wind and storm, until he reached the main street of the town. People with their arms full of Christmas purchases were hurrying home, and rudely jostled the little fellow; but he kept his eyes upon the big light, and was soon almost beneath it.

'Here's his lamp, but where's Santa Claus?' he whispered.

At that moment an old man with long, grey beard, came out of a toy-store close by, and began closing the shutters of the window.

'Here you are!' Prince Royal exclaimed joyfully, grasping one of the man's hands. 'I've come, Santa Claus! I've come to be your boy. Is this your house?'

'Why—why! What do you mean, child?' the man gasped.

'Mamma Majesty sent me, because she's going away off, up into the sky, and she told me to come to be your boy, and—and—I'm so co-cold and ti-red.' He sobbed and stretched out his arms: 'Please, please take me, Santa Claus.'

'Well, well! Come in and see Mary.' He took the child by the hand and led him into a store filled with toys, holly and evergreens, bright tinsels and candles. To Prince Royal it was like a peep into fairyland, though he caught only a glimpse, they passed through so quickly into the living-room beyond.

'Mary, see what you can make of this boy's story. He was right by the door when I went out to put up the shutters, and he called me Santa Claus, and said he had come to be my boy.'

Mary Culver looked at the boy, smiled, and held out her hand. She had a face and a smile that no child had ever been able to resist—a face and smile that had made the little store the most popular and prosperous one in town; when Prince Royal looked into her face and saw that smile he gave one sob and was in her arms.

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She drew her chair close to the big heater and let him cry, unrestrained, for a few minutes, while she removed his cap, overcoat, mittens and rubbers. Then, little by little, she drew the story from him, and by the time she had pieced the fragments together, and eked them out by what she had heard about 'Crazy Ruth,' she understood why the boy had come there.

She rocked him gently, and he was soon asleep in her arms; still she kept on rocking him, thinking how many, many times she had prayed for a child! Yet her prayers had never been answered, unless—could this be his answer?

She raised her eyes questioningly to her husband; he understood, and answered by an emphatic negative shake of the head.

But Mary Culver had not lived fifty years without understanding something of the hearts of humanity, and particularly of the heart of James Culver, and she was far too wise to put her question in words, or to argue the question with him; she simply said:

'He cannot be taken back to the poorhouse to-night; you hold him, James, while I go out and borrow a nightdress for him.'

So gently that he did not waken, Prince Royal was changed from one pair of arms to the other, and Mary Culver went out, smiling confidently.

'Ah!' she breathed to herself, 'no one ever yet cuddled a little child within his arms without getting a warm heart for him.'

When James Culver took Prince Royal into his arms, his only feeling toward him was indifference, but as he sat with his arms about the child, and looked at the head pillowed upon his breast, old memories awoke, and he remembered that he, too, had had dreams of merry children laughing and romping about his home, and climbing over his knee. He had supposed that he had forgotten, and that he had long ago ceased to care that no children came to his home, but now he discovered that the old wound could still feel pain.

He gathered the child close within his arms, and rested his cheek against the soft, silky hair. And it was thus that Mary found them, when she stole softly in.

Her husband started guiltily, then met her eyes with a smile.

'There's just one Christmas tree left, Mary; I don't suppose the boy ever had one.'

'No, James, and we never trimmed a tree except for the store; do you think we could trim one to please him?'

'We'll try, Mary.'

So, after Prince Royal had been undressed and put into bed, James Culver got the tree and set it into a block, then these two old people began to trim it.

'What will we put on top, Mary?—this plaster-of-Paris Santa Claus?'

'No, indeed, James!' she laughed happily; 'you are the child's Santa Claus.'

'A bright globe, then—or one of those pretty little statues?'

'No, no; nothing but a star will do for the Prince Royal. There is a large star somewhere, that was so expensive that we could never sell it; that is the very thing.'

The large, shining star was found and fastened to the top of the tree; then came festoons of colored candies and tinsel, pictures and ornaments, glittening and sparkling. It took dozens of candles to satisfy them, and as they worked, James Culver's love and interest in the task grew so fast that he wanted to put them upon the branches every toy left in the store.

'What a pity that we sold things out so close!' he kept, exclaiming.

At 'ast they could not find room on the tree for even the little toy lamb that he held in his hand.

'Well,' he sighed, regretfully, 'I suppose I can put this on his pillow, where he can see it the first thing when he wakes.'

Their task completed, they stole, hand in hand, into the room where Prince Royal lay sleeping

Mary stooped to kiss the warm, rosy cheek, and whispered:

'I suppose it will be his first real Christmas; we must teach him what it all means. I can hardly wait for morning to come, and I do hope he'll wake early! Won't he be a happy child?'

'Not happier than you and I, Mary; it will be our first real Christmas, too.'

'It is quite a mistake to believe that people who live by themselves find every day a lonely one. Many solitary persons could assure us that it is very seldom that they feel their lack of companionship. As the habit of living alone grows more fixed, it becomes confusing to have other people about, and seems more or less bewildering to be interfered with by other people's plans and suggestions. Once in a while does the feeling of solitariness become burdensome, or a creeping dread and sense of defencelessness absorb one's comfort.'—Sarah Orne Jewett, in 'The King of Folly Island.'

Santa Claus and the Oriental Orphans.

Old Santa sat down by my fireside last night and talked as follows:

'Well, I'm just back from quite a tour. Some of my American children wished to send Christmas boxes to orphans in Turkey and India, and Miss Wheeler, secretary of the Armenia and India Relief Committee, was so afraid the boxes would not get there in time that she called me down to Worcester and asked me if I would not be willing to start a bit earlier than usual, and take a look at these Industrial Orphan Homes, for which she is working so hard, and leave the gifts there all ready to be marked in those foreign tongues, so there need be no delay when I finally appear for distribution.

'Having plenty of time I agreed to go, and I'm glad I went. It has given me a new idea, for you see I had time to look over the work that is being done for those poor little massacre and famine orphans.

'God bless the children, these poor orphan lads and lassies, and all who give for their support; they are a lesson to us all. Every one of them, from the babies up, is learning to like work, and it is a wonder to see the animals and dishes they can make from clay, and the toys they have made from wood with their cheap jack-knives. Then, as I watched the older ones at their trades, building houses, raising sheep, making looms, chairs and tables, carving, designing tiles and draperies, hammering copper and brass, making rugs and embroidery, clothing and shoes; as I examined their nice, clean homes, and learned that they themselves weave many of the sheets and towels, dresses and jackets, I declare I was amazed.

'I visited the schools where most of them study, either half a day or in the evening, and it was good to hear those teachers and missionaries tell of the good scholarship and good behavior of these dear children. I had time to visit some who have left the homes, and it was fine to see what good teachers, housekeepers and weavers, the girls are making, and to notice what an honorable position most of the boys are taking in the community.

'These thousands of children are going to be a power for good one of these days, in Turkey and India. Now, my idea is that these children are surely a paying investment; and nothing would so please me as to get a lot of our good people to send in Christmas offerings for them, though it is too late for boxes. Then will they have a truly Happy New Year; for there are about nine hundred of these orphans who will have to go to the streets unless money can be secured for their support before February.

'You see the younger ones must be cared for till they are old enough to learn their trades; and if you are realizing what streets are in the Orient, you would not want a dog to sleep there, not to mention children, though alas! there are many now who live there, for only a part have been saved. We must not turn out those who are now so happy in the cheery homes, to wander again and be lost.

'Can't we all have a hand? It's a Christmas gift to Christ, to care for his children. As we save them, we give them back to him. I for one shall send a cheque right off to "Mister" Brown Bros. & Co., 59 Wall street, New York, N.Y., for they are the treasurers, and will notify the secretary, and I shall get a glowing letter of thanks from her. I don't feel as though I could give those children toys when right after Christmas they are in danger of being turned away.' Just then Santa Claus rose to write his cheque. 'Go thou and do likewise,' and don't forget that if you are not rich enough to send a cheque, 'every little counts,' and a post-office money order will carry a gift to Christ almost as well as a cheque.

Miss Wheeler's full address is Emily C. Wheeler, 40 King street, Worcester, Mass., U.S.

Trimming the Christmas Tree.

In purchasing a Christmas tree be careful to select one adapted to the room in which it is to be placed. Remember also to obtain one which is well rounded and symmetrical, as such a tree can be more easily trimmed both as regards cost and labor. The shops are filled with pretty conceits, and one can trim a tree for as much or as little as one pleases.

If the tree is very tall it is better to trim the upper branches before placing it in an upright position. First, there is the 'tip-top' point to be adorned. If one desires to trim it at a very small cost, a small figure of Santa Claus may be bought for ten cents, or instead of Santa Claus one may find a glass horn for the same price.

Although old fashioned, pink and white popped corn, strung and festooned on the upper branches, always looks pretty. A large amount of it can be bought for a few cents. Cranberries can be used in the same way.

For ten cents one can buy a yard of tarletan—pink and yellow are always prettiest upon the tree—which will make a large number of little shoes and stockings, or bags. These, sewed with gaily colored yarns, and filled with candies, nuts, raisins or popcorn, are very ornamental. Colored candles may be bought for six cents a dozen, and the tin holders for three cents.

For a snow effect, make snowballs of white cotton and fasten them to the ends of the boughs and twigs and scatter small pieces of the cotton over the tree. In this way a tree may be prettily trimmed at from one to two dollars.

If a more expensive tree is wanted the shops are filled with the flowers and jewelled fruits of the good fairies. On the topmost twig place the largest gold glass ball to be found, and hang shining balls of hollow glass all around the tree from top to bottom.

Gilt stars, sold at any stationer's, should be used in abundance. Do not be sparing of china and candy angels and cherubs. To make the tree patriotic, place on it here and there tiny flags.

Tinsel trimmings help to brighten the tree. For this reason as much gilt as possible should be disposed about the foliage. Threads of gold and silver tinsel, strung from limb to limb, brighten the tree wonderfully. Apples or oranges covered with tinsel paper and tied to the tree with bows of bebe ribbon can be removed on Christmas Eve and distributed to the little ones about the tree. Hearts of gilt may also be made of paper, with a dainty picture on the centre of the heart. Little sachets in the shape of hearts may be covered with red and yellow satin, and tied to the tree with jaunty satin bows.

To frost a Christmas tree strong alum water is sprinkled over it with a whitewash brush or by a hand-spray. The solution, indeed, should be a saturated one, so much alum being put in a pail of water that it finally will no longer dissolve, but remains in crystals on the bottom. When the water dries, as it does quickly, it leaves a trail of diamond drops on every bough. Frost powder, too, may be had at the toy shops where Christmas ornaments are sold. This, when sprinkled over the tree, also gives the glistening appearance desired.

It is a florist's suggestion that the Christmas tree will keep fresh and green much longer if it is placed in a pot of water. The pot should be set in a large jardiniere, or if that is not at hand, a pail, which can be concealed with moss or other greens. The pail must be constantly refilled as the tree drinks up the moisture. By this treatment the shedding of the dry twigs will be considerably delayed, and Twelfth Night will come with the tree in excellent condition.

To make a holly ball a wire frame should be got at a florist's or wire-shop. The wire ball, which may be from ten to fifteen inches in diameter, is first filled with moss before the holly twigs are thrust into it until it seems a solid ball. Sprigs of mistletoe are added, and the ball suspended by red ribbon from the chandelier or between folding doors.

Cotton wool is an ideal material for Christmas decorations, but, at the same time, a most dangerous one to use on account of its highly inflammable nature; a single spark will, in a moment, ignite a deadly fire that spreads like lightning. No one should use cotton wool for decoration where there is the least chance of its coming in contact with gas, or fire of any kind, unless the wool is so prepared that it will not burn. This may be done without spoiling the light appearance of the wool, and with very little trouble or expense, as follows: Dissolve one ounce of sodium tungstate in one pint of hot water; when cold soak the cotton wool in the solution, lightly press out a little of the moisture, but do not squeeze; hang it up to drip, then hang on a line in a current of air; if wanted quickly it may be drained in front of the fire, or on plates on the rack of the kitchener, but it is advisable to allow plenty of time for it to dry in the air. The wool will be a little flattened, but it must be well shaken when partly dry, and may be made light looking by pulling it out with the fingers.

We must be here to work;
And men who work can only work for men.
And not to work in vain, must comprehend
Humanity and so work humanely,
And raise men's bodies still by raising souls,
As did God first.
—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

THE SUNSHINE

GOOD CHEER.

Have you had a kindness shown?
Pass it on.
'Twas not given for you alone—
Pass it on.
Let it travel down the years,
Let it wipe another's tears,
Till in heaven the deed appears,
Pass it on.

SUNSHINE THOUGHT.

'Is thy cruise of comfort failing?
Rise and share it with another,
And through all the years of famine
It shall serve thee and thy brother.
Love divine will fill thy storehouse,
Or thy handful still renew,
Scanty fare for one will often
Make a royal feast for two.'

WILL HAVE THEIR LIBRARY.

What a library means to the settlers in a new country can hardly be fully understood by those who are accustomed to books and magazines as a part of their home furnishing. Mr. H. Lawrence, the school teacher at Vegreville, Alta., who recently asked through the Sunshine column for books to help in starting a Sunday school library in the district, writes on Dec. 7, that by the last week's mail he received twenty-five beautiful volumes. He says:

'I had to go twice to the post-office to carry in my arms all these books, and I can tell you our hearts filled with joy and thankfulness to be so kindly favored. Will you please acknowledge in the Sunshine column the following gifts received up to present date: Six volumes from Mrs. J. H. Kerr, Cowanaville, Que.; several volumes from the Sunshine committee of the First Baptist Church, Montreal, and several new volumes, chiefly 'Ralph Connor's' and 'Pansy's' works, from Mrs. Alex. Murray, Montreal; a large parcel of papers were sent by Mrs. E. N. Donkin, of Winnipeg; promises of magazines have been received from other kind friends and a box of books from Mr. Rowley, of Montreal. We are indeed truly grateful to all for such great kindness and hearty sympathy. We gladly look forward to opening our new library early in January, 1904, with at least a hundred books.'

SEND GIFTS TO CHILDREN.

Several members of the Westmount Sunshine Society met at Victoria Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 16, and packed a Christmas box and barrel. The box was sent to the Italian mission, the barrel to the Rev. A. Anderson, Deal Lake, Warren, Ont. A box of toys is being sent to the General Hospital.

The society wish to acknowledge with thanks toys from Ruth Hutton, 2676 St. Catherine street; a parcel of children's books from Mrs. John Morrison, 4154 St. Catherine street; a parcel from Miss Ross, Quebec; magazines from Dr. F. W. Campbell, Mrs. J. W. Long, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. J. Westgate, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Marson. Mrs. Hutchinson, the president, wishes to acknowledge one dollar for the children at Deal Lake, one dollar for the Italian Mission from 'Sympathy.'

NEWSBOYS' TREAT.

The Boys' Sunshine Club of Westmount are making preparations to give a Christmas treat to a number of newsboys of the city in Victoria Hall, on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Cards of invitation will be sent, and sleighs sent to the place of meeting to take the visitors to the hall, where tea, cake, etc., will be served at 7 o'clock, after which a musical programme of songs and piano music will be given.

The girls of Standard B., Queen's School, send some things to be 'passed on,' which they thought might give pleasure to others, and they accompany their contribution by a nice little note of encouragement. Twenty-five cents from a friend, and $2 from H.S.S., are acknowledged.

At the regular fortnightly meeting of the club on Tuesday afternoon, the vice-president, Mr. Percy Mason, presided. A report from the treasurer, Spencer Barnard, showed a balance on hand. A letter was read from an invalid thanking the club for selling five pairs of crochet slippers for him at their bazaar.

Mrs. Swail, Cote des Neiges, sends a hundred new Christmas cards.

ORGANIZED IN LONDON.

A new branch of the Sunshine Society has been organized in London, Ont., with a membership of forty. His Worship the Mayor of London has consented to become honorary president. Mrs. J. Scollick is president; Mrs. Guest, treasurer, and Miss E. Green, secretary. A concert is being arranged, the proceeds to help a woman in great financial trouble.

THE MONTREAL BRANCH.

The secretary of the Montreal Branch acknowledges with thanks, magazines from Mrs. Benjamin Davis; a parcel of clothing from Mrs. Barlow for the Christmas box sent to Nova Scotia; papers from the Epworth League, Toronto. The society also wishes to thank Mr. A. T. Chapman for packing cases.

The rummage sale held a couple of weeks ago was successful.

SENDING SUNSHINE.

The scholars in a small school at Shawinigan Falls will have a little Christmas treat from the Sunshine workers of the First Baptist Church, who are sending three dozen fancy bags, filled with candy, for distribution in the school. They also send, from time to time, magazines to invalids and others, and the Young People's Union of the Church are going to send a dozen or so of books for the library at Vegreville. One of the members, who is an active and sympathetic Sunshine worker, is sending some things for Christmas to two little girls near Lake Dauphin, and also corresponds with a young girl who is 'shut-in.'

JUNIOR WORKERS.

The girls of the Junior Westmount Branch have been working well, and were able to help with the gifts to the Italian and Deal Lake children by contributions of dolls and clothing. At their meeting on Dec. 14 the girls were addressed by Mrs. Hutchinson, president of the Westmount Branch.

Communications regarding Sunshine work should be sent in not later than Thursday morning. Address Editor Sunshine Column, Witness' Office.

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GARDEN TALKS

This department is conducted by Mrs. Annie L. Jack, Chateauguay Basin, Que., to whom all questions should be sent. All questions answered through the 'Witness.'

BY THE FIRESIDE.

It is a large old-fashioned double stove set in a partition between two rooms, that sings its flame music to me to-night.

It takes in a big log of wood by its generous door, that is a fitting emblem of the wide and open hospitality of the home where it has seen long service. The opening and closing of its iron door when the fire must be replenished is in itself a tone music, as we listen in comfort to the roar of the flame along the stovepipe, the heat soon penetrates to the rooms overhead, and there is a drowsy content in feeling that the fire has taken a new lease of life.

How comforting the warmth that radiates from its old-fashioned sides, calling up memories of the past to the older generation who can tell of its perennial usefulness in the early settlement of the country, when wood was in abundance throughout the forest primeval.

In the depth of its oven the housewifely grandmothers baked the barley bread, the potato scones and oatcake, that were eaten with the sauce of contentment in homes that knew the meaning of 'privation. There the barley was browned to make coffee that knew not Java, and the kettle and frying-pan made music side by side. As prosperity came, the younger generation can remember the Christmas turkey that has never so delicious a flavor as it had when carefully basted and browned in the capacious oven of the double stove when youth and hunger combined to enjoy it. On this broad iron surface the children placed their apples to cook, that sputtered and sizzled and sent forth a vinous burnt flavor into the room. How good they tasted, bursting the rosy skin, and picked up gingerly by the stalk for fear of too hot finger tips. Scorched sometimes on one side, but what matter? the flavor was fine, and amateur cooks satisfied with the demonstration. Associated in my heart and thoughts with this old-fashioned fireside is one whom I call reverently an every day saint. For in the old home where I first saw this hospitable double stove of my dreams to-night, she was to me the central figure, and her presence blended with the warmth and glow of that fireside.

Her life was a round of homely duties performed unquestioningly, and through many bitter trials since she has walked bravely, bearing her own sad burdens, and those of all who came within her circle. Self was always kept from becoming dominant, by an absorbing interest in the welfare of others. The pride of place, the will o' the wisp of petty ambitions could not lure her from duty, and no life given under vow, and wearing the garb of the cloister has been more consecrated to the service of humanity.

Childlike in spirit, seeing good in everything, she exercises a rare and uplifting influence upon all who come within range of her comforting presence. Are we in trouble? to her we turn for consolation. Has happiness by some unexpected tide of affairs come our way? we think of the every day saint beside the old double stove and want her to share our joy.

Do we need counsel and support in any emergency? We feel that her spiritual insight and clear grasp of life's meanings will help to explain its mysteries. For her the higher life is not simply a form of faith or creed, it is living without question the life of self-abnegation, and the golden rule with no thought of reward or merit.

When weary of the tumult, the restlessness, the selfish jealousies that beset us on every side, we seek this fireside, ever sure of a welcome, the roar of the birch log, as its white bark starts into flame, adds its music to her voice, and both tell of warmth and glow at heart.

As we listen, 'the world, the flesh and the devil,' seem but an unpleasant dream, while we gain strength to go once more out into the battle of life.

Happy are they who have memories of such a restful fireside, and an every day saint, canonized before the light of immortality has set its seal. The hair may be silvered, the step slow, and eyes dimmed by years of burden bearing, but the spirit of self-abnegation shines within them, and all who have ever known her are indeed her children, for they 'arise up and call her blessed.'

THIRSTY PLANTS.

During this long season of sunny days and moderate cold it is interesting to get accounts from readers of the plant-growth and blossoming, in their window-gardens.

For the holidays the bloom of Roman hyacinths and paper white Narcissus fills the windows with beauty and fragrance, while the older plants seem to have felt the effect of the genial weather. Within sight of my writing an old box of heliotrope is trying to bloom in rather adverse circumstance for not being waterproof we are careful in watering, and the newly-formed buds get discouraged and dry off.

Now and then a spray comes into rich purple bloom, but sometimes there is a day of sunshine and at the same time a day of forgetfulness of this treasure in an unworthy environment, and then they droop.

My daily admonisher tells me that heliotropes like water little and often, and that if one wants flowers they should carry water. Then there will be a gentle ripple seeking the thirsty soil, the rattle of a tin dipper, and a drip, drip into a vessel underneath, while a voice murmurs loud enough to be heard:

'In all the long hot hours,
She never leaves her spinning
To bear water to the flowers.'

SEVERAL QUESTIONS.

J.H.—Your crocus and tulip bulbs are a little late, but the best thing to do is to look out for a thaw, and if it comes have holes punched in the ground with a crowbar and the bulbs dropped in and covered with earth. Crocuses do well in a lawn among grass on a terrace and are a delight when they come up in early spring in such unexpected places. But the tulips must be in the earth and would do well along the edge of a bed.

But if no thaw comes till Christmas your bulbs will be better planted in the house. If you have no box take an old apple basket, line it with a bit of bagging, and put a layer of broken potsherds next, then fill with sandy earth. Plant the crocus bulbs around the edge and the tulips in the middle, water it well and put away in the dark for a month. Keep them cool and moist, and when brought to the light you will feel that spring has come to you as they open up their delicate blossoms.

BUTTERNUTS.

Your other question in regard to procuring and managing butternuts with the view toward planting a grove, requires a private answer, as it is not practicable to give here the names of those who keep nuts for sale. If purchased, they are best put in sand, and kept out of doors in the frost all winter, planting as early as possible in the spring.

Nut fruits, such as hickory and butternuts, have been plentiful this season, and there will not be any difficulty in getting fresh seed.

It is a step in the right direction when landowners are beginning to set a value on a nut orchard, and to think it a good investment to plant these nut bearing forest trees. Too much work has been done in cutting them down, and it will take a generation to repair the waste, even with untiring industry.

I know of some uneven corners in suburban homes where it would be an advantage to plant a few nut trees, and provide a shelter belt for the rest of the garden, besides the nuts that will supply the children and the squirrels of the future.

AMATEUR'S ROSES.

Mrs. R. B. — Thank you very much for your letter, with its encouraging assurance. It is sometimes doubtful whether amateurs can make roses blossom successfully in this part of our province; that is, in the ordinary windows of our living rooms.

The best florists' roses are grown in Ontario, at least, they profess to have more sunshine, and to be able to attain perfectness, and quantity as well as quality, having more sunny weather in early winter than we can lay claim to.

PALMS.

Mrs. H.—The trouble must be scale, if you look closely, you will find the enemy all up and down the stems and branches. Take an old tooth brush, and plenty of soap-suds, and scrub well with it, for the brieties seem to reach all the cracks and corners. Give the palms plenty of air, for they do not enjoy being close together, and require both air and light, though not strong sunshine. But a palm will contract disease if left in the dark and unwashed. There is little doubt, however, that your plants are infected with the scale insects.

A BALM.

Mrs. A.R.C.—Your plant, of which you send leaf, is really a balm, and unless you have plenty of window room, it is no object to keep, as the flowers are inconspicuous, and it is not a very usable plant for foliage.

Many of our scented geraniums are sweeter in fragrance, and of finer foliage, and in your windows would be more satisfactory. Thank you for pleasant words, and kindly sentiments.

WOOD ASHES FOR APPLE TREES.

'Novice' asks if hardwood ashes are of any value as a fertilizer for apple trees. They can be bought where he lives for $8 per ton. Ans.—It is an uncertain purchase unless you are sure of the quantity of potash they contain. This, in turn, depends upon the place where they are kept, and, of course, hardwood ashes are the most valuable, but if they have been allowed to get damp, the weight will be increased, and the value lessened. It also depends upon the expense of cartage, as most people have to take that into consideration.

Better get a sample and send to the chemist at the Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa. If the ashes will rate at five per cent potash, with forty pounds to the bushel, you might ask nine or ten dollars per ton, if near by. Potash is a valuable ingredient in the soil, and very desirable as a fertilizer for apple trees, especially if by testing the other elements there is proved to be a lack of that property.

UNEXPECTED BLOSSOMS.

A correspondent asks if carnations raised from seed during the past summer should bloom this winter, and in answer a bit of experience may be useful.

In October some seedling Marguerite carnations were lifted and put into boxes, seeming so strong and full of buds that it was a pity to leave them out of doors and risk a total loss.

The habit of hoarding and thrift is strong in many of us, as they were lifted carefully and planted in rough boxes, though more than one cynic predicted that moth and rust would soon corrupt, for carnations are favorite food for the aphis, and very subject to rust on the foliage. But in a sunny window the carnations still live and blooms, sometimes semi-double and white, resembling my favorite white pinks, and again, pink or crimson, as double as as any carnation.

They require a cool room, and enough water to keep them from drying up, but not too much moisture around the roots. So it is very likely your carnations will give some flowers during the winter months.

ROSEBUDS DRYING OFF.

R.E.T. has a hybrid rose that has not with buds when brought into the house, but they have dried off, and turned yellow, but will not open. Ans.—Worms at the root will cause this trouble, but you do not say whether the rose was in a pot all summer, or if just lifted in autumn. If the former, perhaps the earthworms have taken possession, and are destroying the roots; if the latter method, it is probable that the root growth has been disturbed, and though the buds did not wilt, they may lack vitality. Better let the leaves come off now and start afresh if they seem so inclined. Set the plant in a cool place, work a tablespoonful of wood ashes into the soil, and water sparingly for a while. When the new red growth starts take it into more warmth and sunlight.

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An Allentown, Pa., despatch says:—Some sportsmen think that it looks as if the experience with the imported English sparrows and the German carp were going to be repeated in a minor degree in the case of the English pheasant.

The English sparrow has practically driven out of the districts where it has established itself the native insectivorous birds, and the carp is working havoc among the game and food fishes. The English pheasant is now charged with deliberately killing the native pheasant at a rate which threatens to exterminate it in a few years.

The Pocono Mountains in Monroe county have always been a favorite resort for gunners. A few years ago pheasants were very plentiful there. Then the English pheasant was introduced.

About twelve miles from Scioto, in the Pocono Mountains, a region famed for its fine pheasant shooting, a party of wealthy sportsmen, mostly from Philadelphia, purchased a tract of several hundred acres and stored it with game, including about a hundred English pheasants. According to those in a position to know, the English birds are breeding rapidly and are killing the native pheasants.

One sportsman, who lately returned from a hunting trip to Scioto, says that in a day's tramp he found seven dead pheasants, all apparently killed by other birds. On comparing notes with other hunters he found that they had had much the same experience, one of them saying that he had found three dead pheasants within a hundred yards.

Woodsmen say there is intense hostility between the English and the native pheasant, and the former hunt the latter with persistence. When they meet it is a fight to the death. As the English bird is much the heavier and larger, the finish is nearly always disastrous to the native pheasant.

The English pheasants are difficult to shoot. They are swift and erratic in flight, but they do not owe their lives so much to that fact as to the wisdom they display in steering for a field or a large open space the second they detect the presence of an enemy; and they can detect one a long distance off. Once in the field they are pretty safe. Hiding themselves as well as possible in the grass, they keep so sharp a lookout for danger that neither man nor dog can come within gunshot without the birds flushing. To bring down one of these birds requires the quickest and most expert snapshooting.

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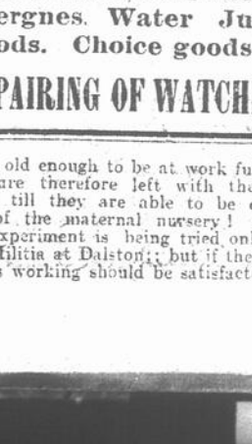
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RELIGIOUS NEWS.

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The German Christian Endeavor Union has offered to support one or two German missionaries in the Caroline Islands, under the care of the American Board, thus filling the places of the English-speaking missionaries whom the German government removed.

The innumerable hosts of friends and admirers of the Rev. Andrew Murray, of South Africa, will regret to learn of the greatly impaired state of his health at the present time. It is safe to say that thousands upon thousands of people have been spiritually benefited by the spiritual writings of this saintly man.

The Evangelical Alliance has been so deeply stirred by the news of persecution received from Macedonia that a special vote of £100 has been made for relief, one-half being paid to the Bible Lands Missions Aid Society and the other direct to the Bulgarian Evangelical Society.

Viscount Peel has accepted the presidency of the Central Temperance Legislation Board, which has for its object the uniting of all classes of the community in an endeavor to secure further legislation on the lines of Lord Peel's report, and be secure the effective administration of the licensing laws.

The Rev. Stephen Gladstone has intimated his intention of resigning the rectory of Hawarden next summer. He will then have completed thirty-two years in the living, and he thinks the parish now needs a change. Mr. Stephen Gladstone is patron of the incumbency of Liverpool, which is now vacant.

Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm, of the Canadian Presbyterian mission, have returned to Canada from China. Dr. Malcolm fears that they will be unable to return. They left Weihuifiu, Honan, on Oct. 4, but Mrs. Malcolm was taken seriously ill on the voyage and they were compelled to enter a hospital in Japan until her recovery.

Miss Annie Macpherson, much against her own desire, is spending the winter away from her beloved work at the Home of Industry, Bethnal Green Road. Her many friends will rejoice that she is now in a fair measure of health. Dr. Merry writes: 'It is her delight now to remember her old comrades-in-arms at the Throne of Grace, and ask for rich blessing on those who continue the fight.'

A mass meeting in Park Street Church, Boston, in the interests of the Anti-Profanity League, gave its secretary, the Rev. R. D. Sawyer, of Hanson, an opportunity to tell of the rapid growth of this commendable organization, which with no blare of trumpets but in a modest way is doing excellent work. Letters from President Roosevelt and Governor Bates indorsing the movement were read.

The experiment of holding noonday religious services on Thursdays in one of the prominent theatres of the city for the benefit of all men and women who care to devote the noon hour in part, or in whole, to religious worship, is to be made in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, during the coming winter. This work is to be conducted under Presbyterian auspices and everything is being done which will tend to make the meetings attractive and serviceable.

The Livingstone Memorial Hospital, erected at Zomba, British Central Africa, by Mrs. A. L. Bruce, daughter of Dr. Livingstone, in memory of her parents, has been opened. It is nearly fifty years since Dr. Livingstone visited this district, and since then the slave-trade and native wars have been almost abolished. Eight of the twenty beds in the hospital have been endowed, and an appeal is made for further support.

Sir George White, speaking at Gibraltar, expressed the opinion that nearly all the crime of the British army might be traced directly or indirectly to intoxicating drink, and a great proportion of the disease also. To the same cause, too, might be attributed a loss of social status. But in the matter of drinking he denied that soldiers were worse than civilians; they were, indeed, better, as they were more disciplined.

Cardinal Gibbons calls on Baltimore women to support the Consumers' League and put an end through it, so far as they can, to 'sweating' methods in making clothing. Bishop Brewster, of Connecticut, preaching in Boston last Sunday, warned eminent and rich Bostonians who draw dividends from Southern cotton mills where child labor is used that they will have to meet a day of reckoning with God. 'As surely as there is a living God, his curse is on money coined out of flesh and blood.'

At a public-house near Sutton (Surrey) the landlord has a curious way of collecting pennies for the local hospital. Pieces of cork are cut into thin slices, a tintack put through the cork, and then a piece of paper is put over the cork. Customers who are willing are invited to wrap a penny in the paper and stick the penny on the ceiling on the cork and tintack. In three nights over 400 pennies were collected on this ceiling, and the weight of the pennies brought part of the ceiling down. It is now doubted it he will try that way again of collecting money.

The leading manufacturers of cloth, silk and cotton goods in Venice, some of whose places of business were opened all Sunday and other parts of the day, have just undertaken to close their works, warehouses, shops, and offices from Saturday night till Monday morning, and so to observe in its entirety the Day of Rest. This resolution was to take effect from Sunday, Nov. 15. Some time ago resolutions were passed by the Sunday Closing Societies urging upon parliament the immediate passing of the Sunday Closing Acts. All over Italy an agitation in favor of the observance of Sunday is being systematically carried on, and with good results.

Unseemly brawling took place on a recent Sunday at the Church of St. Silas, Liverpool. The vicar, the Rev. J. McKinney, prominently identified with the Protestant cause in that city, has recently repudiated the methods of those who have taken extreme courses in the controversy. Preaching on Sunday, he held up the ideal of true, lofty Protestantism as opposed to the 'degrading tactics of illiterate and self-seeking demagogues.' In the course of his sermon he was interrupted by such cries as 'Traitor' and 'Liar.' The vicar ignored the brawlers, and finally the greater number of them trooped out of the building. At a Protestant meeting held in Liverpool on Monday resolutions were adopted condemning the unseemly conduct at St. Silas's Church.

One of the missionaries of the American Board, writing of a visit to Bitlis, Turkey, says: 'During the year a new department of Endeavor work has been opened—that of the middle-aged and elderly women in the Armenian and Syrian Protestant congregations. We find it very helpful as a training-school for Christian work, and while it is our aim to reach all the church-members and enlist them in some form of systematic work according to the ability and circumstance of each, we have as yet enrolled but forty of the Armenian members and twenty of the Syrian. Many have their tongues loosed for prayer who were silent in the regular church meeting for women, and some have changed from long, sad, moaning prayers to earnest, direct petition much mingled with praise.'

Dr. Frederick B. Price, a missionary in Burma, says that many signs encourage the belief that Buddhist Burma will soon witness an awakening toward Christianity such as recently visited Japan. He reports that in Rangoon the Burmese Girls' School is steadily growing. Many of the children, with the consent of their parents, and after careful instruction, have received baptism, giving clear evidence of saving faith. One little girl, eight years old, was so urgent that her father gave consent to her baptism, and though a life-long Buddhist, he, with his wife, attended the service. Afterward he expressed the hope that his family might not be divided, but all become Christians, adding that 'Prayer to Guatama is like taking one's case before the bench-clerk, and not the judge.' The Sunday-schools are well attended, and Scripture portions are easily sold in the bazaars and other quarters.

The American Church in Berlin has just been dedicated, Prof. W. A. Brown, of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and the Rev. Dr. Van Slyke officiating. Ambassador Tower and his wife, the Crown Prince Frederick William, and the court chamberlain—representing the Empress—were present. The Emperor William, owing to his throat trouble, could not be present. A letter of congratulation from President Roosevelt to the present pastor of the church, the Rev. Dr. Dickey, was read. This admirable enterprise, due so much to the labors of the late Prof. J. H. Stuckenberg and his wife, and carried to completion by Dr. Dickey, serves a valuable social as well as spiritual purpose in the German capital. There are teachers of the arts and sciences scattered far and wide over this land who now look to the American Church as a harbor of faith and idealism, enabling them to pass through a period of study in a foreign land without drifting on the rocks or being blown out to sea.

An interesting Protestant work, says the 'Ram's Horn,' is being carried on among the Spanish-speaking people of Southern California. There are Spanish Protestant churches in Los Angeles, Azusa, and San Gabriel, with a total membership of 142, and about five hundred adherents. They carry on four Sunday-schools, two Women's Missionary and two Christian Endeavor societies, and have a Spanish Home for Girls in Los Angeles. The entire work is under the management of the Rev. A. Moss Martin, with the aid of two Mexican helpers, licensed to preach. Services at regular intervals are held in five stations in as many towns, and irregularly in several others. Open-air meetings have been carried on in the plaza in Los Angeles and at the Mexican camps of the Southern Pacific Railway. An extensive tract distribution is also carried on in connection with this work. There is a little company of sixteen in Los Angeles who have taken the name of 'Obreros de Cristo,' who pledge themselves to special prayer and effort to win their fellow Mexicans to Christ. They hold open-air meetings, visit from house to house, and bring many to the services in the church or the mission station in the suburb, Sonoratown.

A MILLION DOLLAR CHRISTMAS GIFT! WHY NOT?

(By Don O. Shelton, secretary of the Young People's Department, Congregational Home Missionary Society.)

Very happy is the suggestion made to the Christian families of America by twelve of the large denominational missionary boards. These organizations, in response to the suggestion of the Young People's Missionary Movement, request that during the Christmas season, as presents are being purchased for friends, a family Christmas gift be made for widening the kingdom of Christ. Attractive gift-boxes, printed in colors and gold, are to be put in Christian homes and kept there during the Christmas season for the reception of the offering. On the Sunday following Christmas they are to be brought to the churches and the total gift, to be presented to Christ with appropriate exercises, is to be forwarded to the denominational missionary societies.

The far-reaching influence of this suggestion is indicated by the number of Christmas gift-boxes that the various missionary boards intend to distribute. The Presbyterian Foreign Board will use 50,000; the Baptist Board, 50,000; United Brethren, 10,000; the Methodist, South, 20,000; the Methodist, North, 75,000; the Free Baptist, 5,000; and the Congregational Missionary Society, 150,000.

The celebration of Christmas in this manner, it is believed will make the season more salutary and more sacred to multitudes. It is another forward step in the method of the observance of this most delightful festival. There have been periods when Christmas Day was observed by the wearing of ludicrous costumes, by fantastic and dramatic exhibitions, by dances and by rough behavior. These boisterous customs are now, in nearly all nations, of the past. For the most part, quiet, happy family reunions, and dignified, inspiring church services mark the celebration of the day. The plan proposed by our American missionary boards puts it within the power of Christian people to give this seasno an even deeper, truer meaning than it has had.

This method, by which gratitude for the birth of Christ can be shown in a very practical way, will be of vast instructional value to young people in Christian homes. The making of such a Christmas offering to missions will not lessen the joyousness of the celebration of the season, but will add incalculably to the sacredness of the celebration. It does not necessarilp involve the lessening of the number of gifts that are to be exchanged by Christian people, but rather a decrease in their costliness, to the end that more real devotion to Christ may result.

This Christmas gift to missions will promote enlarged views of the world-wide significance of the coming of Christ. The gift itself, if as generous as it is expected it will be, will promote a deepening sense of the import of the Christmas season, emphasizing the dominant purpose of Christ, the redemption of mankind.

The plan calls attention in a forcible way to the real meaning of the coming of Christ. The making of a Christmas gift for the increase of his kingdom will be a silent, but also an effective way of repeating the message of the angels.

Such an offering will be another proof of our loyalty to our Lord. On that first Christmas morning the supreme motive of the three wise men were the doing of homage to Jesus. Their gifts were an expression of their real feeling. Now by our Christmas offering we shall bear witness to our love for him and extend his sway.

A generous Christmas gift to missions will relieve financial burdens resting on the missionary societies, and will help to open the way for new Christian enterprises.

The thought of the possibility of such progress will bring joy and gladness to all true followers of Christ. The hope of progress is included by Sir John Lubbock among the pleasures of life. Surely the hope of the great moral and spiritual advance that is promised by the enlargement of the capacity of our missionary boards through this liberal Christmas offering will add to the joy of all who contribute. Some will find it possible to give largely, others only a little; but, whatever the amount may be, each gift, according to the giver's ability and spirit, will be a source of happiness and blessing.

How large shall be this Christmas gift to missions? The capacity of the Christian people for making it very large is great. If we take fifty cents a day as representing the average daily income of members of the Protestant evengelical churches, the total income of the eighteen million church-members in the United States for the first twenty-five days of December would be $225,000,000. Estimating that the 360,000 Christian homes in which these Christmas gift-boxes are this year to be placed contain on an average three persons, the total income of these for the first twenty-five days of December on the foregoing basis would be thirteen and one-half millions of dollars. An average offering of five cents a day from each of these for this short period would amount to one million three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Surely all that is needed for the securing of a munificent gift is a forceful appeal to the loyalty of Christian people.

It is confinedtly expected that many thousands of ardent members of the great Christian Endeavor movement will respond to this unsurpassed opportunity. Each member co-operating by means of a personal gift and by inviting others to make gifts will largely promote this loftier conception of the manner of celebrating our Lord's birth.

To the very uttermost our Lord gave himself for the redemption of the whole world. For this, though he was rich, he became poor. No act of ours can be more fitting than one which will make possible to multitudes the reception of himself, the greatest of all gifts. The responsibility for making it possible for the world to receive the gift of his only begotton Son, our heavenly Father has placed on us. We who already know of his coming, and who rejoicingly recognize him as our Lord and Master, have it in our power at this Christmas season to pass on to multitudes the knowledge we possess. Each follower of Christ, giving to world-wide missions according to the measure of his ability, will make possible a magnificent Christmas offering.

Shall we not make at least an offering of one million of dollars for the widening of the kingdom of him whose glory the Eastern shepherds acknowledged long ago. There at Bethlehem the long-promised day-star began to gleam. Through self-sacrifice, through the giving of unnumbered lives and of worldly possessions, whose value no man can estimate, that light has been made to travel down the centuries to us. At this Christmas time let us each help to open the way for it to pass on.

'Westward, all along the ages,
Trace its pathway clear and bright;
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THE ORIGIN OF 'GET RIGHT WITH GOD.'

Millions of little cards with the words 'Get right with God,' have been circulated during the Torrey-Alexander missions in different parts of the world. It will interest many workers who have helped to know the origin of the idea. One day Major Cole, one of the veteran helpers of D. L. Moody in days long ago, was conducting a mission in a town in America where it seemed hopeless to try and touch the hearts of the people. He went out for a walk alone, and flinging himself down on the grass he pleaded with God to tell him how he might break down the spirit of indifference. As he prayed the thought came to him of printing on a little card the simple words, 'Get right with God.' He rose from his wrestling with God with a new hope in his heart. He began to hand the little card about; then he printed more, and persuaded others to do the same. Numerous instances can be narrated of how the words have arrested the careless.

The other day a woman who was converted at one of the Torrey-Alexander meetings said that she had come to the service because she heard a ring at the door, and, thinking it was the postman, she looked in the letter-box. She found two cards, with the words, 'Get right with God.' 'At first,' she said, 'my husband and I laughed at them, but the words got to burning themselves into our minds, and we both came to the meeting and got saved.'—The 'Christian.'

THE REV. F. B. MEYER ON 'THE GREAT BEER LORDS.'

Mr. Meyer, addressing a largely attended meeting of men in Christ Church, Westminster Bridge Road, said nothing could be better than for the churches to speak with one voice, on the same day, against the drink trade, which was a serious menace to the well-being of the nation. There was no doubt that the tied-house system had greatly augmented the power of the great Beer Lords and spirit manufacturers. The increasing power of this pernicious system was evident from the way in which the Lord Chancellor, the Prime Minister and other members of the government hastened to conciliate the publicans when the magistrates' action threatened to be too drastic. If the Church did not arise to deal with this evil, there was nothing to save our country from rapid deterioration, which all the fiscal changes on earth would not be able to avert. The Church had measured herself against gigantic evils and mastered them, but her supreme conflict was at hand, a conflict in which she would come into a death-struggle with drink. Let them stop the enormous waste of money and time caused by the drink trade, and all the mills of Lancashire and the factories of Sheffield would at once begin to work full time! Legislation was not enough; behind the law there must be the moral and spiritual dynamics which were in the special province of the Church. Proceeding, Mr. Meyer deplored the spread of the drink traffic in India, where, he said, shops for the sale of intoxicating liquor were being multiplied by the government with a rapidity which was nothing less than alarming. This system, he urged, was a suicidal policy, which could only end in the still greater impoverishment of that country.—'Alliance News.'

YOUNG SMOKERS.

An English Church vicar writes as follows to the London 'Christian': 'Much has been said and written lately on the deterioration of the English race, especially of certain classes. Our government may well utter a warning cry and complaint in finding so large a proportion of the candidates for the army obliged to be rejected in consequence of insufficient stamina and other physical requirements.

'Bearing in mind this acknowledged deterioration, I would earnestly ask every true patriot if it be not his luty seriously to consider whether the alarming amount of cigarette smoking, now so universal amongst boys, will not increase the deterioration we deplore, and produce in the coming manhood of our race a terble harvest of evils.

'America has become alive to the threatened dangers. Forty-two states have enacted anti-cigarette laws, and many towns and cities have passed prohibitive or restrictive by-laws. Five American railway corporations have forbidden their employees to smoke cigarettes.

'I have before me a list of other witnesses from Canada against the evil. It consists of twenty newspapers, twenty railways and business houses, thirty medical men, thirteen school inspectors, and 789 teachers and heads of schools and colleges.

'A bill has lately been introduced into the Canadian Parliament, with a large and influential backing, 'to prohibit the importation, manufacture, or sale of cigarettes.' Surely it behoves every patriot—clerical, medical, and civilian—to unite in one solid phalanx to try and save the present and coming generations.

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APPENDICITIS

AN ABLE AND SOMEWHAT CAUSTIC ESSAY BY A FRENCH PHYSICIAN.

(From the Paris 'Matin.')

It is a long time since appendicitis has been discussed at the Academy of Medicine. True, we have had vacations, and though appendicitis is not idle, the Academy supposes it ought to rest during the months of August and September. And besides, it begins to become difficult to say anything new on a question which for ten years past has made so much ink and blood run. It is Dr. Chauvel, medical inspector of the army, who has belled the cat by a study on the frequency of appendicitis in the French army.

A little detail in passing. During the year 1902 the military hospitals received six hundred and sixty-eight patients afflicted with appendicitis. Out of this number a hundred and eighty-eight have been treated according to the surgical rite, and four hundred and eighty have received a purely medical treatment, although, according to a celebrated 'mot,' 'the medical treatment of appendicitis does not exist.' Of the hundred and eighty-eight operated on with the knife, twenty-three died; while the four hundred and eighty not treated with the knife furnished but five deaths—scarcely one percent. Thus, theoretically, medical treatment cures ninety-nine out of a hundred. This is vexatious for the theorists, but not to be treated with contempt by the sick.

The interesting point in the statistical study of Dr. Chauvel is the comparison which he institutes between the figures furnished by the army of the metropolis and by the army in Algeria. In 1901 the Nineteenth Corps of the Army of France had four hundred and sixty cases of appendicitis, very nearly one to every thousand of the effective—to be precise, 0.95; while the Nineteenth Corps in Algeria and Tunis had but thirty-two cases or 0.44 per thousand, twice less. In 1902 these figures are larger, 619 cases in France or 1.27 per thousand, and 49 in Algeria, or .63. The proportion is smaller in Algeria than in France, and the difference, which is from simple to double, remains exactly the same in 1902 as in 1901.

These statistics not having been manufactured 'pour les besoins de la cause,' we may consider the deductions exact and admit that as a general rule appendicitis is more rare in Algeria than in France. Besides that is the opinion of all the physicians who practice in our African colony. And M. Chauvel cites the example of a surgeon in very active practice, of a rather enterprising character, who, during a sojourn of five years at the civil and military hospital of Blida, found but a single occasion for operating for appendicitis. Unlucky surgeon!

M. Chauvel pushed yet further his inquiries. Our army in Africa includes Europeans and natives. Legionaries, soldiers of the line and Turcos, are they equal before appendicitis? Or Mohammed, does he kindly extend his protection over the appendixes of his followers? In five years, from 1898 to 1902, out of effective 14,000 men we have among the French and Europeans, 137 cases of appendicitis, or 0.64 per thousand, while in the same space of time out of an effective of 17,000 natives we find but thirteen cases, that is 0.14 per thousand.

By this it appears that appendicitis is two times less frequent among the French soldiers in Algeria than among the French of France, and it is ten times more rare among the native Algerians. The difference is much too great to be accidental. It should have a cause. What is it? Is it an affair of race, of climate, of religion? M. Chauvel thinks it is a question of amelioration.

The Arabs are very sober; they eat little and are above all vegetarians; when they do eat meat they eat it very much cooked. Accordingly, among the native tribes living their ordinary life, appendicitis is almost unknown. If one observes it more frequently among our auxiliaries, sharpshooters and spahis, it is because the régime of the latter is no more the régime of the Arab, but nearer to that of the French trooper.

This explanation perhaps is not absolutely satisfactory, inasmuch as it does not tell us how and why this relative immunity extends to Europeans transplanted to the soil of Africa, where their alimentary régime hardly differs from the régime of the metropolis; but one may suspect that it has much truth in it. Other observers have signalized this rarity of appendicitis among people less carnivorous than ours. Dr. Snyder, who for ten years past has been attached to the Court of the Shah of Persia, has had to treat but five cases of this malady at Teheran, three of which were Europeans and only two Persians. Dr. Snyder also attributes the rarity of appendicular accidents to the mode of alimentation of the Persians. At Teheran abstinence from pork is obligatory, and the meat of cattle is almost unknown. They hardly eat any meats but mutton and chicken, and those always very much cooked. One of the two Persians attacked by appendicitis was a student recently returned from Paris, and he had continued to feed himself in the European style.

On the other hand Dr. Matignon, who for five years was physician at the French Embassy at Pekin, has not met a single case of appendicitis, either in the missions or in the hospital of Nantang, during the whole of his sojourn in the north of China. Now the Chinese, according to Matignon, eat very little meat. The European alone eats beef. Meat is a luxury which only people in easy circumstances can indulge, and its consumption is very limited. The great majority of the Pekin population are nourished mainly by millet simply boiled in water, rice, cabbage, sweet potatoes, pickled turnips. The Chinese eat much Indian meal and wheat, of which they make cakes with dough not leavened and cooked by steam. Thanks to this régime the Chinese enjoy an admirable 'liberté de ventre,' and that undoubtedly is the cause of their appendicular immunity.

The carnal régime, then, the abuse of meat, appears to be the true cause of this evil. No meat no appendicitis. And the vegetarians triumph. If appendicitis is less frequent in our rural districts than in cities it is because our peasants are nourished more upon farinaceous food. Dr. Championnière knew a physician practising in Brittany, where little meat is consumed, who for a number of years has seen but three cases of appendicitis. In the religious communities where the use of meat is forbidden appendicitis is unknown.

Compare with this the frequency of the disease among Anglo-Saxons, the great eaters of beefsteaks and bleeding roasts. In England they do not hesitate to organize insurance companies against appendicitis. In the United States the disease is so common that a Philadelphia surgeon, Dr. Deavers, has recently published under this suggestive title, 'A Year of Work in Appendicitis,' a personal statistic of 500 cases operated upon by him in one year, from Sept. 1, 1902, to Sept. 1, 1903, or two appendicitis cases per day, supposing that the indefatigable surgeon rests on Sunday!

DR. OX.

LORD KELVIN ON JOHN P. NICHOLL.

Lord Kelvin has been telling a deeply interesting Glasgow audience something of his earliest teacher in natural philosophy—John Pringle Nicholl, LL.D., to whom a memorial stained glass window was unveiled recently. Nicholl was the author of a famous book, 'The Architecture of the Heavens,' and he exercised a powerful influence on young William Thomson. His Lordship says:—'The work on which I am engaged this day is work to which I was initiated in 1837, 1838, and 1839, when I was a child. The summer of 1846 is for me a memorable summer, a year of brightness in my memory.' Nicholl then became his regular teacher, and he adds: 'In his lectures the creative imagination of the poet impressed youthful minds in a way that no amount of learning, no mathematical skill alone, no amount of knowledge in science could possibly have produced.' 'I have to thank what I heard in the natural philosophy class for all I did in connection with the submarine cables. The knowledge of Fourier was my start in the theory of signalling through submarine cables, which occupied a large part of my after life. The inspiring character of Dr. Nicholl's personality and his bright enthusiasm live still in my mental picture of those old days.' Here we have a great teacher and a still greater pupil.—London 'Telegraph.'

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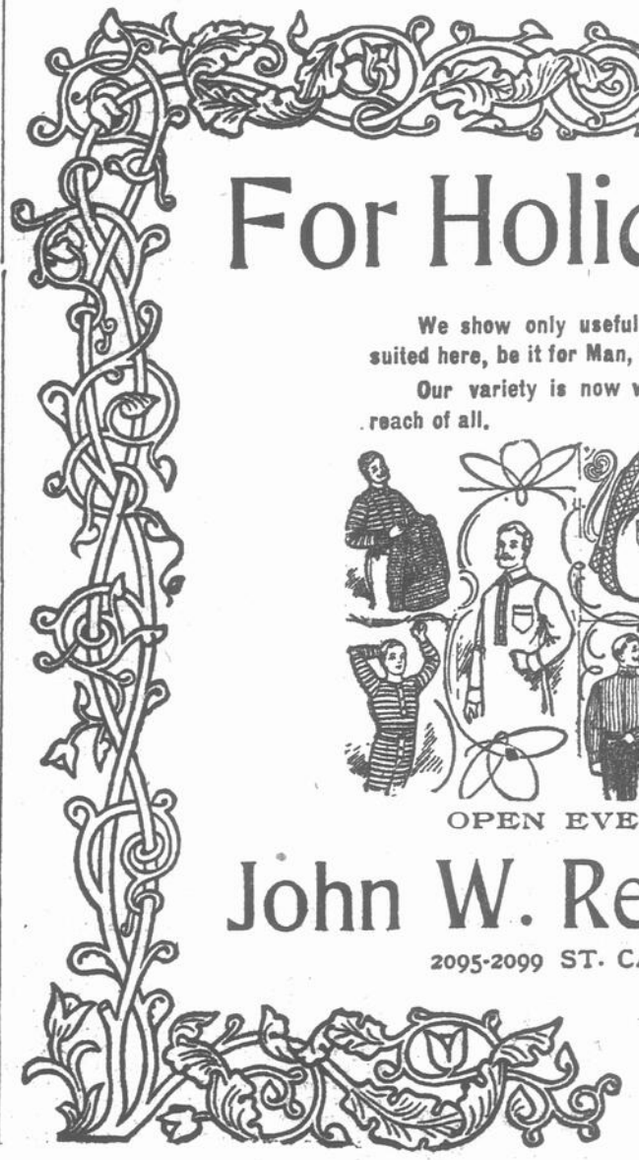
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On all sides we have received the warmest appreciation of our offers of special Groceries. And why? BECAUSE WE CARRY THE BEST. No stale or damaged goods are here to be sent out; but the newest of everything in Dried and Green Fruits, and Vegetables and Provisions. If you cannot call on us, just phone or mail. Your orders will have prompt attention and delivery.

SUGAR.

We are still selling Best Granulated Sugar BELOW COST this week:

Best Granulated Sugar	4c
Light Brown Sugar	3½c
Paris Lump Sugar	6c
Pulverized Sugar	6c
Colored Powdered Sugar	10c
Pure Maple Sugar	10c
Rock Sugar	12½c

FLOUR.

Ocean Flour, in bris	$4.60
Ocean Flour, in 7 lb. bags	.20
Hungarian Flour, in bris	5.25
Hungarian Flour, in 25 lb. bags.	.65
Hungarian Flour, Household's Best, 25 lb. bag	.75
White Frost Flour, 25 lb. bag	.60c
First Prize Flour, 10 lb. bag	25
Fine Pastry Flour, 100 lb. bag.	2.25
Fresh Roll Oats, 7 lbs. for	.20
Fresh Gold Dust Cornmeal, 7 lbs. for	20
Fresh Buckwheat Flour, 7 lbs. for	.20
Fresh Scotch Oatmeal, 7 lbs. for	.25
Benson Corn Starch, 1 lb. pkg	.7½
Columbia Corn Starch, 1 lb. pkg.	.5
Dominion Baking Powder, 1 lb. box	.10

CEREALS.

Quaker Oats, 3 pkgs. for	25c
Vim Food, per pkg	10c
Force Food and Malta Vita	12½c
Shredded Wheat Biscuit and Malt Breakfast Food	12½c
Grape Nuts and Germ Wheat Meal.	12½c
For your Breakfast try a tin of Bensdorp's Dutch Cocoa— for	6½c
½ lb. tin for	12½c
Bendrap's Dutch Cocoa— 2-16 lb. tin for	10c
1-4 lb. tin for	25c
Epps Prepared Cocoa, in 1-4 lb. tin, per lb.	35c
Fry's Homoeopathic Cocoa, in 1-4 lb. tin, per lb.	35c
Baker's Unsweetened Chocolate, in ½ lb. tablets, per lb.	39c

VEGETABLES.

Choice Dakota Potatoes, per bag.	65c
Fine, large Beauty Potatoes, per bag	75c
Fine Quebec Turnips, per brl.	$1.15
Turnips, per basket	25c
Carrots, per basket	25c
Beets, per basket	25c
Onions, per basket	60c
Spanish Onions, 7 lbs. for	20c
Sweet Potatoes, per lb.	2½c
California Celery, just in.	

APPLES.

Another carload of choice THREE XXX Apples, to be sold below the market price.

Choice Spies.
Choice Baldwins.
Choice Golden Russets.
Choice Fameuse.
Choice Sweet,

$2.50 Per Barrel.

HAMS AND BACON.

Rose Brand Hams, all sizes, per lb.	14½c
Rose Brand Bacon, sugar cured, per lb.	16½c
Wicht & Co.'s Bacon, English cured.	16½c
Ingersoll & Co.'s Cooked Hams, Beaver brand, per lb.	28c

EVERGREEN EVERGREEN

500 Rolls of Fine Evergreen, 10 yards each, sold for 15c

Christmas Trees.

NEW DRIED FRUITS.

Best Cleaned Currants	6½c
Best Cleaned Currants, natural Fruits	7½c
Best Cleaned Currants, Olympius, 1 lb. pkg.	7½c
Best Sultana Raisins, per lb.	7½c
Best Sultana Raisins, cleaned, per lb.	10c
Best Sultana Raisins, cleaned, in 1 lb. pkg	11½c
Best Valencia Raisins	7½c
Best Valencia Raisins, selected	9½c
Best Seeded Raisins, Coronation Brand, 12 oz. pkg.	10c
Best Seeded Raisins, Gazelle Brand, 16 oz. pkg.	12½c
Best Loose Muscatels, selected	10c
Best Table Raisins, Imperial Cluster, 7 crown	12½c
Best Table Raisins, Imperial Cluster, 8 crown	15c
New Figs, in 1 lb. box	7½c
New Figs, 4 crown, per lb.	10c
New Figs, 5 crown, per lb.	15c
New Cooking Figs, 5 lbs. for	23c
Lemon and Orange Peels	11c
Citron Peels	15c
White Moss Grated Cocoanut, per lb.	20c
Fresh Shelled Walnuts, per lb.	22c
Fresh Shelled Almonds, per lb.	25c
Fresh Walnuts (Grenoble), per lb.	12½c
Fresh Walnuts (Malbot), per lb.	10c
Fresh Filbert Nuts, per lb.	10c
Fresh Almonds in soft shell, per lb.	12½c
Fresh Pecan Nuts (large)	15c

All Country and City Orders promptly attended to.

GREEN FRUITS.

	per doz.
Large Messina Lemons	10c
Large Jamaica Oranges	15c
Extra large Jamaica Oranges	20c
Extra Large Valencia Oranges	10c
Fine Green Grapes, per lb.	10c
Large, ripe Bananas, per doz.	20c

CHASE & SANBORN COFFEE.

Pure Mocha and Java, per lb.	35c
Pure Mocha, ground to order, per lb.	40c
Seal Brand Mocha and Java, 1 lb. tin	40c
Seal Brand Mocha and Java, 2 lb. tin	75c
Pure Mocha (special brand), 1 lb. tin	25c
Vienna Coffee, 1 lb. tin	25c
Ground Chicory, per lb.	15c

CANNED GOODS, 1903.

Clark's Beans, 3 lb. tin, with sauce, 3 tins for	25c
Red Cross Beans, 3 lb. tin, plain, 3 tins for	25c
Clark's Beans, with sauce or plain, small	4½c
Corn, Lynn Valley Brand, 3 tins for	25c
Log Cabin Peas, Early June, 3 tins for	25c
Red Salmon, flat tins, per tin	10c
Tomatoes, Victoria Brand	10c
Marshall's Kippered Herrings, in sauce or plain	12½c
Little Chief Strawberries, 2 lb. tins	12½c
Little Chief Raspberries, 2 lb. tins.	12½c
New Jams, 7 lb. crock; regular price, 55c, for	40c
New Jams, 2 lb. box; regular price, 15c, for	12c
Pure Gold Jelly Powder, 3 pkgs for	25c

CANDIES.

Royal Mix, per lb.	6c
Halifax Mix, per lb.	7c
Lang's Special Mix, per lb.	7½c
French Cream Candy, per lb.	10c
Premium Cream Candy, per lb.	15c
Columbia Mix, French Cream, per lb.	25c
In 5 lb. box	$1.00
Cream Chocolate	12½c
Cream Chocolate, assorted flavor.	15c
Clear Toy Candies, per lb.	15c
Cream Almonds, per lb.	15c
Maple Burned Almonds, per lb.	20c
Peanuts Burned Almonds, per lb.	15c
Acid Drops, per lb.	10c
Mint Marbles, per lb.	10c
Seventy other varieties to be sold at the lowest prices.	

Christmas Speeial Sale

NOW GOING ON.

Nothing can be worse than Stale Provisions or Fruits, specially for your Christmas order.

We cannot keep them to get stale.

Our trade turns out too fast to allow that. We have just put in a large consignment of this season's fruits, both green and dried.

Just phone us if you cannot call.

You will be satisfied in every detail with our goods.

BUTTER. BUTTER.

Choice Creamery Butter, per lb.	23c
Choice Creamery Butter, 1 lb. block, per lb.	23c
Very Choicest Township Roll Butter, per lb.	20c
Very Choicest Township Roll Butter, 1 lb. block, per lb.	20c
Fine Cooking Butter, per lb.	18c
Good Lard, 20 lb. pail, per lb.	10c
Pure Leaf Lard, 20 lb. pail, per lb.	12c

PICKLES.

	Bottle.
Crosse & Blackwell's Assorted Pickles,	25c
Morton's Assorted Pickles	22c
Rowat's Assorted Pickles, 40 oz.	25c
Rowat's Assorted Pickles, 16 oz.	15c
Rowat's Assorted Pickles, 10 oz.	10c
Heinz's Assorted Pickles	12½c
Bourque Catsup	10c
Queen Brand Catsup	10c

Crosse & Blackwell's Marmalade, 7 lb. tin for	75c
Crosse & Blackwell's Marmalade, 1 lb. bottle	15c
Clark's Mince Meat, per lb.	10c
Pure Gold Mince Meat, 2 lb. glass bottle	25c
McCormick's Mince Meat, per lb.	10c
McCormick's Pure Jams, assorted, 1 lb. bottle	10c
Crosse & Blackwell's Jams, assorted, 1 lb. bottle	20c
Gurd's Fruit Syrup, large bottle, for	20c

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EDUCATION IN JAPAN

COMPARISON BETWEEN ANCIENT AND MODERN SCHOOL CONTROL.

(From 'Harper's Weekly.')

If you can imagine a long room in a long house with thatched roof, dark plastered walls, broad doorways closed with paper covered latticed frames which slide in grooves, bare floors covered with perfect fitting straw mats, some tiny tables one by two feet in size and eight inches high—if you can imagine this, then you can conceive of an ancient schoolroom in Japan.

Again, if you can imagine a patriarchal old gentleman, with sparse beard, a head half bald, a small twig of hair turned back on the top of his head, then seated on a little cushion behind one of the tiny tables on which is a flat stone inkstand, a manuscript school book and a long bamboo pencil, at one end of which is a fine pointed brush for writing; then think of some tiny children—a half dozen, probably—the boys' heads shaved, except for a circular bunch of hair exactly at the crown, the girls with long tassels of straight black hair hanging in front of each ear, all dressed in little flowing garments with sleeves like the wings of birds—these children sitting behind other little tables, their brushes in hand, and writing, from the teachers' dictation, strange shaped characters on coarse copybooks—imagine this and you have an ancient Japanese school in session, both teacher and pupils sitting upon the floor.

They never went beyond reading and counting upon the soro-ban (abacus).

Things have changed now. The old has utterly passed away. A most efficient educational system, western in theory and practice, is now in full operation throughout Japan. Commodious common school houses and imposing college and university buildings are dotted all over the country. A thoroughly graded system operates from the primary school to the imperial university, which ranks with the highest American institutions. The official or government schools are worked out to cover the whole field of education except the religious feature, and this they are endeavoring to supply by an eclectic system of morality, both Oriental and Occidental.

Besides the regular course, which extends from the common school through the high common school, the middle school, the high school to the university, there are government technical schools for every branch of trade and the professions—commercial, army, navy, agriculture, textile, mechanics, law, medicine, normal, language, etc.

The government maintains a special school for the teaching of every modern language of importance—English, French, German, Russian, Spanish, Italian, Chinese and Corean. But the English language precedes all other languages, and it is making such rapid progress that it is destined to become the spoken language of the nation.

One serious criticism against Japan's educational system is that it discourages private schools. Pupils of private schools of equal grade and efficiency with the government schools cannot pass on to the upper official schools with the same facility as pupils of the government schools. When we remember that the government schools are not free schools, and that many excellent private schools supported by foreign capital give students an education practically free, this discrimination of the government would seem unwise, and it is likely to be corrected in the near future.

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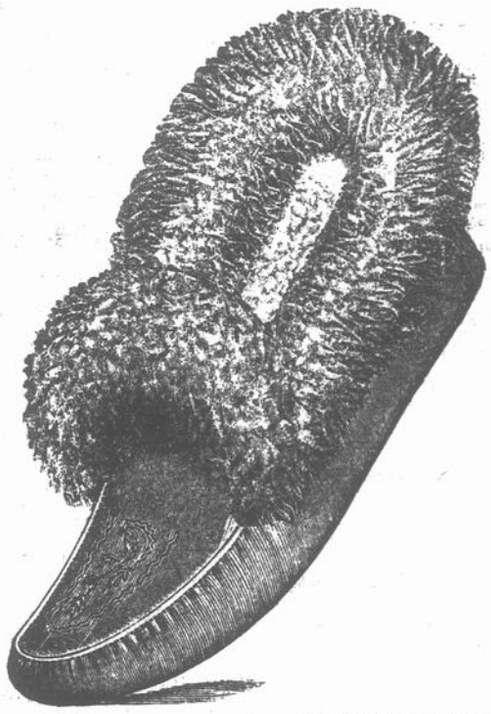
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A PAIR OF REINDEER SLIPPERS.



Ladies' Reindeer Slippeas,	$1.75		
Men's do.	do'	$2.00	

A great variety to choose from.

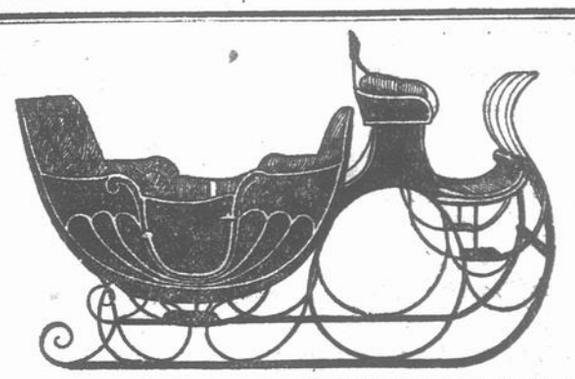
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Boy's Skating boots,	$1.50 up
Girl's do. do.	1.50 up
Ladies' do. do.	1.50 up
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OGILVY DAILY STORE NEWS.

CHRISTMAS CLOSE AT HAND!

Christmas is the talk everywhere, at every corner, in every home. In every department of the store it is suggested to you by the Large and Most Exclusive Showing of Christmas Novelties we have to show you.

Only four more days left at your disposal, and you will have to hustle round to make all your purchases in that time, because those by mail will have to go right away.

MAIL ORDERS.

Out-of-town customers will receive the best attention if they order their Christmas Goods from Jas. A. Ogilvy & Sons. We have a full assortment to select from. Your orders are filled and sent by mail or express as if you selected them personally.

Samples of all the newest materials for Blouses, Dresses, Skirts, Wrappers, etc., etc.; also Lace Trimmings and Footings for Handkerchiefs; also Neck Ribbons will be sent you on request for same.

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MEN'S FURNISHINGS.

In every line we have something suitable as a Christmas gift. No matter how small, your friends will be sure to appreciate them.

Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, with large negligee collar, pearl buttons, large roomy bodies, not skimpy goods, sizes 14½ to 17. Special assortment of patterns. Regular $1.00, Special 75c. each.

Men's hemstitched lawn handkerchiefs, size 19 x 19 inches, 1¼ inch hem. Special 5c. each, or 60c .a dozen.

Men's Cardigan Jackets, in black, brown, mohair binding, cuffs, buttoned, single and double breasted.

Regular price $1.25, for $1.00; $1.75, for $1.25.

Regular price $2.00, for $1.50; $2.25, for $1.75; $2.75, for $2.00.

Four-in-hand ties, flowing end ties, and puff ties. Prices 50c., 75c., and $1.00.

All in exclusive designs, new colors.

Special lines in fancy weave, plain colors, all the very latest.

Men's hemstitched pure linen handkerchiefs (seconds). Regular 25c., Special for 12½c.

Special lines at 12½c., 15c., 18c., 20c., 25c.

Tape border handkerchiefs, 12½c., 15c., 18c., 20c. and 25c.

PUT UP IN FANCY BOXES.

Men's pure linen hemstitched intitialed handkerchiefs, 25c., 35c., and 45c. each.

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CHILDREN'S DRESSES.

We have a full assortment of Children's Silk, Muslin and Lawn Dresses.

Lace trimmed, smocked yokes, shirring, frills, etc., etc.

Muslin Dresses, nicely trimmed with insertion and embroidery, different sizes and styles.

Silk Dresses, in sizes from 6 months to 7 years. Prices $3.00 to $10.00.

Children's Silver Bear Coats, in different styles, nicely trimmed, with round cape, others plain, with pearl buttons and ribbon. Different sizes and prices.

LADIES' GLOVES.

A full assortment of ladies' kid gloves, put up in fancy boxes, all sizes, in black, white, mode, tan, brown, grey. Prices $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00.

Christmas Handkerchiefs.

Handkerchiefs are always acceptable as Holiday Gifts, you can never give too many handkerchiefs.

We have a full assortment of every style to select from. The patterns are dainty and the qualities the very best.

We have a full assortment of Real Lace Handkerchiefs to select from, from the first to the very best quality.

We have some special lines in Fancy Embroidered and Lace trimmed Handkerchiefs. Prices range from **10c to 75c.**

Another special in Pure Linen Handkerchiefs, with different widths of hems, fancy embroidered initials. These are good value at $2.50, Special **$1.50 a Dozen.**

Let It Be an Umbrella.

Never has a man or woman yet complained of having too many Umbrellas, except one, and he always stayed in when it rained. So, you're safe in giving an Umbrella, safe in choosing it here.

We have a full assortment to select from, in every style of handle. Something very dainty put up in fancy boxes.

Novelties for Christmas.

All the Very Latest Novelties in Ebony Sets, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Vases, Ink Stands, Clocks. Whisk Holders, Photo Frames in Oxydized Silver and Gilt.

Sterling Silver Novelties.

Our assortment of Sterling Silver Novelties is complete in every respect. We have different styles with Smoked Pearl, Cream Pearl, Ebony and Sterling Silver handles.

Novelties in Cushions and Cushion Tops.

We have a full assortment of Cushions all ready made up. This is a most suitable gift for a gentleman or lady. Others all ready for mounting with frill or cord to match.

A full assortment of Pin Cushions in pretty shades and styles, trimmed with lace, insertion and ribbon, others fancy embroidered.

Ladies' Christmas Neckwear.

This is what every lady delights in, namely—receiving some sort of Neckwear that was got from Ogilvy's, for they know that in getting it from there they can depend on it to be exclusive, stylish and of the best quality.

A full assortment awaits you in Fancy Stocks, Jabots, Crepe de Chine Ties, Lace Ties, Lace Turnovers, Lace Collars.

Ladies' Belts.

Every style you could think of is represented in our assortment of Ladies' Belts. We have them in different qualities and different prices.

Leather Goods.

See our large display of Leather Goods in glass show case (near elevator). The assortment is complete in every detail, and the styles the most exclusive and dainty. Prices to suit all.

Store Will Be Open Every Night Until Christmas.

EIDERDOWN QUILTS.

This is always a most acceptable Christmas Gift. English and Canadian, made with the best of materials and in the daintiest of designs and perfection of colorings.

Down Quilts, in Satin, silk and sateen coverings, plain and ruffled.

Down Quilts from $3.79.

Generally acknowledged to be the prettiest and most useful Christmas present which could be given.

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Just put into stock, 100 pairs of blankets, specially for the holiday trade. Purchased at old prices and marked to sell accordingly. Every size required can be selected from our immense stock, whether for children's or adults' beds.

Our special line, large heavy blankets, $2.75 per pair.

BLOUSE FLANNELS.

We have something in Blouse Flannels which would make a very dainty Christmas Gift.

Fancy Blouse Flannel lengths, put up in fancy boxes, all ready for sending by delivery or mail.

BOYS' CLOTHING.

Is always a very acceptable gift for the boys. Here are a few of our many lines in Overcoats.

All-wool heavy winter weight Raglan, in fashionable pin stripe. Price $6.75.

All-wool dark grey, diamond check tweed Raglan, black velvet collar. Price $6.00.

All-wool heavy winter weight, English Cheviot Raglan, black velvet collar. Price $7.50.

All-wool English Dark grey Melton, velvet collar, lined with farmer's satin. Price $8.50.

Boys' 3-piece Suits, to fit ages from 6 to 15 years, Price $7.50, for $3.99.

AXMINSTER RUGS.

27 x 54 inches, $3.75.

Smyrna Reversible Rugs, in beautiful soft shades and two-toned green effects. 30 x 60 inches, $3.25 and $4.00.

LARGE AXMINSTER RUGS.

In all sizes made. A complete stock now on hand in a large variety of colors, deep rich shades, blending to fine soft light effects.

A full assortment of lace curtains, which would be very acceptable as gifts.

Nottingham Lace Curtains, $1.25 to $4 a pair.

Sash Net Curtains, 20c. to $1.25 a yard.

MILLINERY ITEMS.

We have made some special reductions in the millinery department for this last week.

A special line of untrimmed, all this season's latest styles, 75c.

One of the best selections of flowers and foliage in the very best qualities, for decorating purposes. Prices $1.25 to $5.00.

ALL HALF PRICE.

Latest novelties in Feather Boas, $5.00 up. 20 percent off marked prices.

LADIES' SILK BLOUSES, $4. 6

We are showing a special line of Ladies' China Silk Blouses, suitable for evening wear, and would be very much appreciated as a Christmas Gift.

They are made with pretty embroidered fronts, some have also rows of Valenciennes insertion, clusters of tucks in back and sleeves, collar and cuffs tucked. These blouses are worth $7.50. For the end of the week your choice for $4.69.

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