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CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES

Special Programs of Music and Excellent Discourses Rendered.

Whilst in the Churches within the parish of St. James', Bridgetown, the festival is always observed on the day itself, the prelude was struck on Sunday the 24th, commencing with a Christmas communion in St. Peter's-by-the-Sea, Young's Cove, at 11 a.m., followed by evening and sermon in St. Mary's, Belleisle, at 3 p.m., and in the parish church, St. James', Bridgetown, at 7 o'clock.

At each of these services the rector emphasized the fact that Christmas is primarily a religious festival to celebrate the giving of God's best and greatest gift to the world; secondly, that at its very cradle, the mysterious and sacramental character of the Christian religions is postulated; thirdly that whereas we now see but dimly at best a time will come when we shall see clearly. From this point of view he suggested that on no day in the year could we more heartily "bless God's holy name for all His servants departed this life in His faith and fear," than on Christmas day, for they now see and know in a way we cannot.

The first service on Christmas day was in St. Mary's, Belleisle, at 8 a.m., and the second in the parish church at 11 o'clock.

These were of a character suitable to the day, the music being fitting in every detail, and well rendered. At each of these services the rector based his address on Ps. 45 verse 1 "My Heart is overflowing with a good matter."

Each Church was tastefully decorated, flowers being contributed for the altar at St. James by Mrs. McAllen (Montreal), Mrs. Uncles, Newcastle, N. B. and Miss K. Prat (town), all in memoriam, and English holly, beautifully berried, was sent from Eketer, England, by Mrs. Ronald Whiteway.

Next Sunday evening the Christmas music will be repeated and carols sung. Rev. and Mrs. Underwood wish to express thanks for the many tokens of good-will which reached the Rectory during the Xmas season. At the morning service the offering was most generous. This, by resolution of synod goes to the rector.

At United Church
The services were well attended and special Xmas music was rendered by the choir with good effect. After the morning service Mr. W. H. Max, on behalf of the members and friends, presented the rector with a substantial purse, the receipt of which was suitably acknowledged by Mr. Freestone. At the evening service a reception of new members took place.

At The Baptist Church
The services were of a most interesting character and the music was a high order. Rev. Mr. Robbins spoke most effectively. At Brotherhood meeting came the presentation referred to in another column.

EXPORT PRICES FOR CONTINUE UNFAVORABLE
According to information received from the Canadian Fruit Commissioner in England, the overseas market is not at all favorable for Canadian apple growers. Prices are comparatively low.

SUSAN PIERCE DIES AT AGE OF NINETY-THREE

The Little "Faith Home" Sees the Departure of Last for Whom It Was Founded.

The funeral took place on Monday afternoon of Susan Pierce and was conducted by Rev. C. W. Robbins, in-terment being in Riverside Cemetery. The late Mrs. Pierce had reached the age of 93 years and come of a long lived family, two members of whom died a few years ago in Wil-lington, one 92 years old and the other 94. The deceased resided for the past thirty years in the house near the athletic grounds, known far and near as the little "Faith Home" and was established by friends for the deceased's daughter, Julia A. Pierce, who died some five years ago and was an invalid for twenty-five years. Here these two women re-sided with Phoebe Weir and the way on which the place came to be called the little Faith Home unfolds a beau-tiful story to which space compels us to give at the moment a passing reference only. These women, or two of them through age and infirmity, had little to hope for from their own personal efforts and while poverty frequently stared them in the face, yet they had that faith "which moves mountains". Always some kind friend near or far came to their rescue and provided their comforts and needs of life. They had faith to believe that this would always be so, and it has been always so up to the very ending chapter which closed life history for this venerable woman of ninety-three. The faith home passes into history with the death of those for whom it was founded. What will be the later history of this little house where fancy became reality time only can unfold.

PARADISE
The B.Y.P.U. semi-annual busi-ness meeting and social will be held in the Church Vestry Thursday evening, Dec. 28th. After the 6.30 supper there will be addresses covering the work and its possibilities. A special business meeting also will follow the social hour.

Many thanks to all those who helped in any way to make the church sale a success Tuesday, in spite of the very cold night. Special thanks also to the friends from across the river whose interest was an inspira-tion. Much credit is due the auction-eer, Mr. Audrey Freeman, who proved not only a good seller, but a good entertainer as well.

Mr. Max Munroe, Cyril Starratt, Irving Bishop, Anthony Banks, Chas. Longley, Miss Alice Longley and Miss Leone Banks are among the students home for Christmas.

The Misses Jessie and Charlotte Bowby are pending their vacation with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bowby.

Mr. Ralph Baird is a holiday guest at the home of Mr. F. W. Bishop. Miss Eleanor Longley and Mrs. William Daley, of Halifax, are spend-ing the week with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Longley. Dr. Daley will join his wife for the Christmas celebration.

Rev. and Mrs. W. H. Robinson left Paradise Saturday, the 23rd, to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Short, of Digby. Mr. Gordon Starratt, of Acadia, will visit relatives in Middleton dur-ing the vacation. Owing to sickness in the home he will not spend his Christmas in Paradise.

We are sorry to report that one of our older and most loved resident, Mrs. David Freeman, is in very poor health. Miss Muriel Elliott, who has been teaching in Liverpool, is home for Xmas.

A BEAUTIFUL CUSTOM REVIVED AND SPLENDIDLY CARRIED OUT BY C. G. I. T. GROUP

The editor, after a strenuous week, slept on Christmas eve, the sleep of the just heavy and deep but evidently toward the dawning hours his sub-conscious self become receptive of sweet melodies called into origin and inspired by the beautiful associations of Christmas. Melodies such as Holy Night, Hark the Herald Angels Sing, Noel and Carol Sweetly Carol. The editor, like Bobbie Burns, felt that he had slipped by somehow and ar-rived at a better place than his de-sire accorded. But, no! The wak-ing moment opened to his eyes white and leafless trees, the grey dawn of another Christmas morning and the figures of the sweet singers departing silently to resume else-where the songs divine. Many cit-izens received pleasure from the Christmas songs so finely rendered by the C.G.I.T. group.

Come next Christmas, girls, but let us know a little in advance and we editor and his good wife will await your coming with joy, and maybe something else.

WEDDING BELLS

Marshall-Mallman.
A very quiet wedding took place at the home of Mr. E. N. Dargie, Bridge-town, Friday morning, Dec. 22nd, when Gladys Viola Mallman of New Albany, was united in marriage to Clyde Leander Marshall, of Clarence. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. H. Freestone. The bride was very becomingly "owned in white satin. Miss Myrtle Ritchie acted as bridesmaid and Mr. E. N. Dargie supported the groom. Little Miss Dorothy Dargie attending as ring bearer in her dainty frock of white silk.

The bride was the recipient of many useful and valuable present, includ-ing a set of silver knives and forks presented to her by the Bridgetown teaching staff of which she was a member. Only the immediate relatives and friends were present.

Immediately after the ceremony a dainty luncheon was served and the happy couple left for Boston and New York, where they will spend their honeymoon, after which they will re-side in Clarence, accompanied by the best wishes of their many friends for their future happiness.

BRIDGETOWN ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY

Extension of Service Much Appreciated by Public—Suggestions Welcomed.

The Bridgetown Electric Light Co. is making an improved forward move-ment in its service and this is much appreciated, having power on Monday and Tuesday forenoons.

The management welcome sugges-tions from subscribers as to service and are working along as fast as conditions warrant toward a full twenty-four hour service.

BEAR RIVER

Mrs. A. B. Marshall who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. James Brown of Tantan, Mass., arrived home on Saturday.

Leonard Hoop, of Dalhousie Univer-sity, arrived home Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Irene Rand, of Acadia Univer-sity, is spending the holidays in town, the guest of Mrs. J. T. David-son. Mr. John Morris left on Tuesday for Weymouth. Mr. Vernon Jones is spending the holidays with his mother, Mrs. S. B. Jones. Mrs. William McCormick, accom-ppanied by her son, James, left on Tuesday for Boston. Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gregson and son Roland left on Monday for Mon-treal to spend Christmas with Mrs. Gregson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Diplock. Miss Esther Benson arrived on Sat-urday from Summersville, Mass., where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. and Mrs. Chilton Hynes, of Summersville, Mass., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Clark. Dr. Willard Parker is spending the holidays with his family. Miss Gertrude Byard, of Wainstord, N.B., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Reginald Gooday. Mr. George Ross, accompanied by Samuel Wilkins, left for Boston on Tuesday, of last week. William Henshaw arrived on Satur-day from Boston, where he has been working.

PRESENTATION TO REV. C. W. ROBBINS

Purse From Men's Brotherhood Expressing Appreciation of Mr. Robbins Work Among Them

The Brotherhood of the Bridge-town Baptist Church met as usual on Sunday morning, but before the class exercises commenced, the Vice-Pres-ident, Mr. E. O. Hall, who was pres-ident in the absence of Mr. Peters, the President, called upon O. S. Miller who was present, and who with some appropriate remarks presented the pastor, Rev. Clyde W. Robbins, with a neat little box, as a Christmas gift from the Brotherhood. The box contained a nice sum of money.

In presenting the box, Mr. Miller called the pastor's attention to the wish of the class to express to him in some way their appreciation of his self-sacrificing and kindly efforts in establishing the Brotherhood and be-ing its teacher. With the usual com-plements of the season Mr. Miller said he felt that this branch of pastor Robbins' work, although done in ad-dition to his ordinary pastoral duties, would have a great and far-reaching influence on the future Christian thought of the community.

"There is," said Mr. Miller, "a nat-ural tendency, especially in the Christian world, to cling to the old ideas, but you, addressing Mr. Rob-bins, in your teachings have had the courage of your convictions, and in presenting the lessons have not failed to bring out the full expression of the truth as it was taught in the lesson. We regret your resignation of the pastorate of the Bridgetown Baptist Church, but you will always live in the hearts of this Brother-hood, and your efforts on their behalf to lead them in the way of all truth is appreciated by them and must bear fruit.

"This box," said Mr. Miller, "is not presented to you in payment for your services, you will some day have a better reward than more money for these, but it is presented by the mem-bers of this Brotherhood to you, as a small token or expression of their appreciation of your self-sacrificing efforts on behalf of the Brotherhood during your pastorate.

Rev. Mr. Robbins, in reply, expressed his great appreciation of the token of remembrance and of the spirit be-hind it. He had greatly enjoyed his work among the Brotherhood and this would always be a happy memory of his work and labors in Bridgetown.

A DIME SILO—CHEAP AS DIRT

A great many farmers are interest-ed in silos in Nova Scotia. Some think the expense of building is too high. The Western farmers have tried a silo built in a bank. The Nova Scotia Agricultural College has one of these French Silos filled with corn this will be fed during the Short Cattle, Jan. 8-12 at Truro. Come to the College and see if the silage has been kept properly and whether or not the cheap silo is going to prove a real saving. It may turn out the wrong way. Reduced rates on all railways available for the whole of the year or for a single day. Write for further information.

Mail was unusually heavy at the Bridgetown post office his Xmas package list on one day some 83 or 84 bags were handled by the staff who, it must be said, have had a very successful holiday work-day.

Mrs. Wortha Lantz, of St. John, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Lantz, Tupperville.

WOMEN'S INSTITUT AT CHRISTMAS TIDE

Many Made by Their Work to Feel the Reality of the Christmas Spirit.

Last Thursday afternoon the editor had the pleasure of visiting the Board of Trade room and witnessing how swiftly, methodically and with ac-curate selection with the officers and members of the Women's Insti-tute prepared boxes of Xmas goodies for those in town who were sick or in necessitous circumstances. Some thirty nice boxes were packed and these taken to their destinations brought pleasure and Xmas cheer to over ninety children and others who saw in these kindly deeds the spirit of Christmas in concrete forms.

LAWRENCE TOWN

On Dec. 18th Mrs. Elliott, mother of Mrs. E. Whitman had her 93rd birthday. This lady in her good health, bright and happy.

Rev. L. and Mrs. Wallace are in town, guests at the home of Dr. W. Shaffer.

Mrs. Pearson, (Dr. Pearson has taken the house lately occupied by Dr. Phinney.

Mrs. West has been rather poorly, but is now better.

College men and women are home for Lawrence town vacation.

Wedding bells may be heard in Lawrence town in the near future.

The kindergarten department of our school had a noble Christmas tree, gay with presents. All the chil-dren must have been very good, as each one had a gift. The blackboards were prettily decorated with ever-green and colored crayon pictures, real work of art. Songs and graceful musical plays were given. A pleas-ant time was spent, all wished they could have been members of Cor-cum's class. Alas! vain wish.

Rev. W. and Mrs. Rackham and other visitors were present. The good order and happy faces of the dear little children told plainly how they enjoyed the occasion.

The stores look gay and business seems on the whole pretty good.

Loads of pressed hay are being taken to the freight trains for ex-port abroad.

Apples are being taken to the var-ious warehouses. We hope good prices will be obtained.

Much good hard wood is obtainable in Lawrence town at reasonable prices.

Rev. Canon James, Rector of St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, is very popular. This gentleman is the son of our esteemed postmaster, Mr. N. James, who has for many years held the position in Lawrence town, and we hope will hold it for many years to come.

Mrs. Walters, formerly Miss James, of this town, resides in the neighbor-hood of Calgary. Thoughts of home, in the old town, will no doubt mingle with the pleasant home gathering in the West.

A Christmas tree in the Baptist Church, also one of the Methodist Church, will be seen in all their glory on Friday evening, Dec. 28th.

Mrs. and Miss Kinney have gone to Berwick for Christmas. They will spend New Years with Mr. N. Kinney, Grand Pre.

Col. Bent seemed as much at home in the pulpit as in camp. He spoke serious solemn words about scenes and the brave soldiers who did their part, gave their all. Then in a moment of intense feeling and almost breathless attention Col. Bent pre-sented a wreath of poppies. It was reverently placed upon the new organ. We hope to hear Col. Bent again. This memorial meeting will, we know, not soon be forgotten.

CORRECTION

In W. E. Genser's ad last week the letters used D. C. I. H. E. R. A. O. T. N. G. M. Y. E. B. R. O. L. A. A. free suit or overcoat to the one who can find the largest number of the above letters in their full name "using each letter as often as it ap-pears only." You buy a suit or over-coat and give Mr. Genser your name in full. When 30 suits or overcoats are sold the purchaser who is lucky as above gets the prize free.

REV. DR. TOMPKINS TO LEAVE ST. F. X.
Antigonish—Rev. Dr. J. J. Tompkins, Vice-President, and for many years on the staff of St. Francis Xavier University here, has been ap-pointed parish priest at Casco, N. S.

CHRISTMAS TREE ENTERTAINMENT AT RECREATION HALL

We would again remind our read-ers of the annual Christ-tree enter-tainment to-morrow (Thursday) eve-ning in the Recreation Hall. As al-ready stated, this year, each of the different Churches of the town has become responsible for a portion of the programme, which will consist of vocal and instrumental music, and readings. Quartettes and duets will be a strong feature on this occasion. The Bridgetown orchestra, under the direction of Mr. C. B. Longmire, will also take part in the programme. Ad-mission 35c., children 12 and under, 25c.

BELLEISLE

The many friend of Mr. Howard Troop will be glad to know he is re-covering from his recent illness.

Miss Jennie C. Bent, who is one of the teachers at Truro Academy, is spending her vacation with her par-ents, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bent.

Dr. and Mrs. M. P. Nichols, with their two daughters, were Xmas guests of Mrs. Nichols' mother, Mrs. G. J. Parker.

Miss Nan Chipman of Nictaux West, is spending the holidays with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. D. Parker.

The chicken supper held in Belle-isle Hall for the Methodist Church was a success in spite of bad weather. A goodly number attended. The sum of \$38.65 was realized for church purposes.

The Xmas concert given in Belle-isle Hall by the children of Belle-isle school Wednesday evening, was a decided success. The programme consisted of music, dialogues, read-ings, drills and tableaux. Much credit is due their teacher, Miss Susie A. Bent, for her painstaking efforts. She was assisted in the music by Miss Hattie E. Troop, as organist. Miss Troop also sang a solo "From Shore to Shore" which was much enjoyed by all. After this part of the entertain-ment was finished a beautiful Xmas tree was displayed, hanging full of Xmas gifts for one and all the scholars. Conspicuous on the top was a nice package for the teacher from the school. About this time old Santa arrived on the scene and ably assist-ed Miss Bent in distributing the gifts, old Santa himself being remembered. The Hall was filled with parents and friends of the children who all en-joyed this splendidly prepared enter-tainment. The sum of \$15.25 was realized for school purposes.

The following is a list of the teach-ers who are spending their holidays at their homes here:—Miss Kathryn Fraser, Principal of Weston, Kings County; Miss Vera Hudson, Hants County; Miss Gladys Troop, Avon-port, and Miss Flossie Kearns, who is teaching at Upper Granville, is at her home in Granville Centre.

Mr. Lawrence Lively, of Shuben-acadie, spent Christmas at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Berry.

Mrs. Wm. Harding Spurr is home from the Sanatorium, Kentville, for the holidays. Her many friends are glad to know she is much improved in health.

Miss Ethel Purdy is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Purdy.

Mrs. E. H. Collins, of Digby, was a recent guest of Mrs. Jane Hoyt.

St. Matthew's Guild held a Christ-mas sale in the Baptist hall Thurs-day evening, 21st inst., which was well attended even though the weather was rather unfavorable. The various booths were well patronized and the sum of thirty-five dollars realized for church purposes. The Society wishes to thank all who helped make this affair successful.

Friends here heard with deep re-gret of the death last week of Mrs. A. A. Dechman, Bridgetown, and ex-tended their sincere sympathy to the bereaved family.

OBITUARY

Arthur Andrew
The death took place on Dec. 19th of Arthur Andrew, the twelve year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Millegde Rice, after an illness of four weeks follow-ing an operation for appendicitis. The little boy who was a general favorite, bore his illness with the greatest patience.

The funeral took place on the after-noon of the 21st and the services were conducted by Rev. C. W. Rob-bins. The pall bearers were Ralph Davis, Waldron and Morley Rice, and interment was in Riverside Cemetery.

CHRISTMAS DAY IN BRIDGETOWN

New Rink Opened With Splendid At-tendance --- Good Program at Theatre---Other Notes.

Christmas Day was spent most pleasantly and agreeably by the cit-izens in general. Many enjoyable family reunions took place and there was everywhere the spirit of cheer and good will.

The outstanding novel event was the opening of the new skating rink which had an excellent patronage through the afternoon and evening. During the evening Mayor Warren de-livered the formal opening speech in the course of which he referred to the value of athletics, the splen-did grounds just opposite the rink, the new lawn tennis grounds, and to round out the programme and pro-vide amusement for the Winter he skating and curling rink. High-marks were in happy vein and re-generously applauded.

About 250 persons were in atten-dance at the rink during the evening and proceedings were enlivened by selections from Bridgetown's re-sily re-organized band whose music was very favorably commented on.

The new rink has been described in a general way several times in THE MONITOR. Suffice it at the present to say that it is a substantial struc-ture, well planned for its purposes, and with excellent dressing room ac-commodation. The curling rink under the same roof adjoins the skating area and is separated from it by the south promenade.

The skaters enjoyed themselves immensely and look forward to a good Winter's sports and are making pre-parations to go to the carnival on Friday night. The kiddies will have their turn at a carnival on the Fri-day following.

On the streets and through the country the snow on the roads was well packed down and many owners of horses had a good work out and a number of speed dashes with their respective favorites.

In the afternoon there was a free matinee at the Princess Theatre and in the evening "A Virgin Paradise". A tale of the Southern Seas was pre-sented to a delighted audience.

All in all, the day was spent in a most satisfactory manner.

VICTORIA BEACH

B.Y.P.U. held its regular meeting Monday evening, Dec. 11th. Deacon Casey taking the lead, which after-wards was followed a short enter-tainment.

On Wednesday evening a ten cent tea was held at the home of Mrs. John McGrath, Sr. Mrs. McGrath being the lucky winner in the Guess Cake, the sum of three dollars and twenty-five cents being realized.

The Willing Wokers held their circle Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Hester Casey. B.Y.P.U. held its regular meeting, Guy Hamilton hav-ing the lesson.

On Thursday evening a concert was held in the school, Miss Thurber being highly praised for her skilful training. At the close of the concert Santa Claus entered and gave out the presents from the Christmas tree.

Friday morning our school teachers left for their homes to spend Christ-mas. Their return will be expected after New Years.

Saturday evening, Dec. 8th, the friends of Mrs. Abbie Ellis surpris-ed her, it being her birthday. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all. J. D. Malcolm was the guest of M. A. McGrath, Jr., for over Sunday, leaving Tuesday for his home in Truro.

A ple social was held Friday night in the school house.

Mrs. Amos Everett gave a party Saturday evening, Dec. 23rd, in honor of her Sunday School class. The class presented her with a pair of bed room slippers.

Miss Evelyn Beattie, teacher at West Paradise, is spending the holi-days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Beattie.

Mrs. Chas. Brown has returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Bennett, Canning.

If you burn elder on Christmas eve, you will have revealed to you all the witches and sorcerers of the neighborhood.

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