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HARTFORD

[From Our Own Correspondent] The pulpit next Sunday will be occupied by Rev. Senior of Toronto. The annual church meeting will be held in the church Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. J. Bridges of Saskatoon, are the guests of the former's sister, Mrs. Morgan Vanloon. Mr. J. Wilcox is spending the holidays with friends in Chicago. A number of the boys called on Mr. Wm. Overholt one night last week. The annual Christmas dinner of the Simington family was held at the home of Mrs. L. Beemer, Brantford. Miss Edna Bowman of Welland is visiting friends in this place. Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Cooper of and little son are calling on friends in this place. The annual Christmas tree and concert was held in the church on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd. A good program was given to a well filled house, consisting of songs, recitations, dialogues and drills. A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. G. Lutes, under whose leadership the program was given. The proceeds, which were given in behalf of the Belgian fund, amounted to \$51. Mr. D. Scott and family spent Christmas with Mr. Wm. Snively, Boston. Miss Myrtle Walker is visiting at Port Dover. Mr. Geo. Vanloon and family have returned to their home in Scotland after spending a few weeks with friends in the village. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lewis of Campden, were calling on friends in the village Sunday.

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Nigel

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"See yonder, fair sir," he cried, with gleaming eyes, "there where the wastrel walks with the great fardel upon his back! Who is he who marches behind him?" Nigel looked, and was aware of a stunted peasant who bore upon a stunted back an enormous bundle very much larger than himself. Behind him walked a burly broad-shouldered archer, whose stained jerkin and battered headpiece gave token of long and hard service. His bow was slung over his shoulder, and his arms were round the waist of two buxom Frenchwomen, who tripped along beside him with much laughter and many saucy answers flung back over their shoulders to a score of admirers behind them. "Ayward!" cried Nigel, spurring forward. The archer turned his bronzed face, stared for a moment, and then, dropping his two ladies, who were instantly carried off by his comrades, he rushed to seize the hand which his young master held down to him. "Now by my hill, Squire Nigel, this is the fairest sight of my lifetime!" he cried. "And you, old leather-faced May Simon, I would put my arms round your dried herring of a body, if I could but reach you. Here is Pommeris too, and I read in his eye that he knows me well and is as ready to put his teeth into me as when he yowled in my father's stall. It was like a whiff of the heather-perfumed breezes of Hankley to see his homely face once more. Nigel laughed with sheer joy as he looked at him. "It was an ill day when the King's service called you from my side," said he, "and by Saint Paul! I am right glad to see you once more. I see well that you are in no wise altered, but the same Ayward that I have ever known. But who is this varlet with the great bundle who waits upon your movements?" "It is no less than a feather-bed, fair sir, which he bears upon his back, for I would fain bring it to Tilford, and yet it is overlarge for me when I take my place with my fellows in the ranks. But indeed this war has been a most excellent one, and I have already sent in a wagonload of my gear back to Bordeaux to await my homecoming. Yet I have my fears when I think of all the rascal foot-archers who are waiting there, for some folk have no grace or honesty in their souls, and cannot keep their hands from that which belongs to another. But if I may throw my leg over yonder spare horse I will come on with you, for indeed it would be joy to my heart to know that I was riding under your banner once again." So Ayward, having given instructions to the bearer of his feather-bed, rode away in spite of shrill protests from his French companions, who speedily consoled themselves with the peace of the Prince's army. They passed a narrow and winding track, through the great wood of Nouaille, and found before them a marshy valley down which ran a sluggish stream. Along its farther bank hundreds of horses were being watered, and beyond was a dense block of wagons. Through these the comrades passed, and then topped a small mound from which the whole strange scene lay spread before them. Down the valley the slow stream meandered with marshy meadows on either side. A mile or two lower a huge drove of horses were to be seen assembled upon the bank. They were the steeds of the French cavalry, and the blue haze of a hundred fires showed where King John's men were camping. In front of the mound upon which they stood the English line was drawn, but there were few fires, for indeed, save the horses there was little for them to cook. Their right rested upon the river, and their array stretched across a mile of ground until the left was in touch with a tangled forest which guarded it from flank attack. In front was a long thick hedge and much broken ground, with a single deeply rutted country road cutting through it in the middle. Under the hedge and along the whole front of the position lay swarms of archers upon the grass, the greater number slumbering peacefully with sprawling limbs in the warm rays of the September sun. Behind were the quarters of the various knights, and from end to end flew the banners and pennons marked with the devices of the chivalry of England and Guienne. With a glow in his heart Nigel saw those badges of famous captains and leaders and knew that now at last he also might show his coat-armour in such noble company. There was the flag of Jean Grailly, the Capital de Buch, five silver shells on a black cross, which marked the presence of the most famous soldier of Gascony, while beside it waved the red lion of the noble Knight of Hainault, Sir Eustace d'Ambrelecourt. These two coats Nigel knew, as did every warrior in Europe, but a dense grove of pennoned lances surrounded them, bearing charges which were strange to him, from which he understood that these belonged to the Guienne division of the army. Farther down the line the famous English ensigns floated on the wind, the scarlet and gold of Warwick, the warm rays of the golden cross of Suffolk, the blue and gold of Willoughby, and the gold-fretted scarlet of Audley. In the very centre of these one flag which caused all others to pass from his mind, for close to the royal banner of England, crossed with the label of the Prince, there waved the silver flag with the red wedge upon the golden field which marked the quarters of the noble Chandos. At the sight Nigel set up his hair, and a few minutes later had

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