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RIVERSIDE.

Riverside, Albert Co., Jan. 7.—Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Copp returned from St. Stephen Saturday. Miss Freda and Ethel Peck, of Hillsboro, are visiting friends in this locality. Mrs. Solomon Edgett is very ill of pneumonia at the home of her son-in-law, Capt. Edmund Kinnie. Dr. Inkerson is in attendance.

The school re-opened Monday. Mr. Anderson, of St. Martins, has charge of the advanced department while Miss Mary Peck is the primary teacher.

Israel Peck returned to normal school on Monday. William Banks, representing Anderson & Fisher, of St. John, is at the Commercial Hotel, Albert. Miss Clara Moore, of Albert, returned to normal school Monday.

Two of the Holy Ghost and Us society, Messrs. Higgins and Hall, came to Albert Sunday from Shilo, Me., to assist Mrs. S. Murray in her meetings. Sunday morning the rite of Baptism was administered to six candidates, Mr. and Mrs. James Keivor, Mrs. Murray, Gordon Murray, Mrs. Hill and Miss Cram. The last three were not members of any church. Mrs. Keivor has been a member of the Baptist many years, Miss Murray has now been baptised three times and her pastor assured her that by this last baptism she had entered into the millenium.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 9—(Special)—The annual supper of the officers of the 67th Regiment Carleton Light Infantry, Brighton Engineers and Woodstock Field Battery, was held at the Carlisle Hotel last night. Twenty-six officers, from all parts of the county, Mr. Aitken of the first contingent, who enlisted at Fredericton, Mayor Belyea, Warden Cronkhite, and representatives of the Woodstock papers composed the assemblage. Most of the officers were in regimentals. Lieut. Col. Boyer was chairman and Lieut. Kirkpatrick secretary of the committee, which had the affair in hand. The usual toasts were proposed and happily responded to, among the speakers being Major Wood and Mr. Aitken, who gave interesting accounts of campaigning events in South Africa. It was one of the most successful military gatherings ever held in the city.

Tyler Dibblee, an old and respected resident, was taken to the lunatic asylum today by Deputy Sheriff Foster.

W. R. Chapman, of musical fame, has been in town arranging a chorus here. A temporary organization has been formed with Dr. Baker chairman and Rev. F. A. Currier, secretary.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, N. B., Jan. 7—(Special)—Charles Newton, a machinist in the employ of the Milltown cotton mills, died suddenly this morning while at work in the machine shop. Mr. Newton was 60 years of age and popular with his fellow workmen. He belonged in Lewiston, Me., where his wife resides. Heart failure was pronounced as the cause of death.

Rev. M. F. Walsh, who has been pastor of the Calais Catholic church for 14 years, has received the appointment of St. Mary's church, Bangor, succeeding the late vicar-general, M. C. O'Brien. During his pastorate, Father Walsh has built a handsome church and parsonage, besides paying an indebtedness on the convent. He leaves his charge free of debt, and was very popular not only with his own people but with all classes on both sides of the river, who regret his departure.

The Calais branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia, which closed owing to excessive taxes and other considerations imposed by the state, was opened for the accommodation of their Calais patrons, who are indignant at the treatment accorded the managers, solely, as they claim, owing to the part taken against the branch by the local bank, and all are transferring their business to the St. Stephen branch.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, N. B., Jan. 7.—(Special)—The formal opening of the Henderson street school house which cost more than $40,000, took place Monday evening. An orchestra was in attendance. Addresses were delivered by Mayor Snowball, chairman of the schoolboard; Hon. J. P. Burchill, Mr. Fish, Rev. Canon Forsythe, Rev. W. C. Matthews, Rev. Father McLaughlin, Judge Wilkinson, J. L. Stewart and Dr. Cox. It was hoped that Premier Tweedie, Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education; Dr. Harrison, president of the U. N. B.; Hon. Wm. Pugsley and Inspector Mersereau would have been present, but they were unable to attend. During the evening about 1,000 prsons visited the building. R. C. John Dunn, of St. John, was the architect of the fine structure.

The last test of the town waterworks system has proved satisfactory and Chatham has an abundant supply of water for fire and domestic purposes.

KINGSTON.

Kingston, Kings Co., N. B., Jan. 6—Owing to the bad travelling and the smallpox the usual public dance was not held here on New Year's. Nevertheless the first day of 1902 was celebrated by a number of the young people who met at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Keith and spent a very pleasant evening with dancing and music.

Skating was splendid here for a few days and on January 2, the lake was alive with skaters.

Will Donald and Arthur Paddock, both of St. John, spent New Year's at their old homes here.

A farmers' social is to be given by the Agricultural Society Thursday, January 9; also a public meeting in the evening.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Jan. 9—Judge McLeod this morning sentenced Joseph Patterson, convicted yesterday of common assault on Marion Smith, to two months' imprisonment.

The trial of Burns vs. Atherton, an action for alleged malpractice, was begun before Judge McLeod and a special jury. The plaintiff claims $5,000 damages for amputation of his left arm, alleged to necessitated by the rupture of the main vein by defendant's attempt to reduce a dislocation of the shoulder some five weeks after the occurrence of the dislocation. D. Hazen, K. C., and Dr. A. A. Stockton for plaintiff, and Attorney General Pugsley for defendant.

Dr. Pe[illegible] Moncton, was on the stand the [illegible] afternoon and underwent a lengthy [illegible] examination at the hands of the attorney [illegible]eral. Drs. Walker and Bridges will testify tomorrow on behalf of the plaintiff. The case will likely be finished this week.

WHITE'S COVE.

White's Cove, Queens Co., Jan. 4—The weather of late has been very changeable and at present we have neither good going for sled or wagon.

Isaac and Lemuel Farris, of Houlton, Me., are spending a few days among friends here. Lorenzo D. Farris, of Young's Cove Road, has the contract to carry the mail from his place to Jemseg, four years more, and is making the best time that has ever been made on the road. He is a hustler. Tenders are out also for carrying the mail from White's Cove to Robertson's Point.

The teachers have spent their vacation and are returning to their schools, W. W. Wright going back to Boiestown, Gordon B. Knight to Coal Creek, S. B. Orchard to Robertson's Point, Leila Kennedy to Rothesay, and Mary Orchard takes the school at Mill Cove.

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, Jan. 6—Miss Bessie Seeley, of Havelock, is spending a few days with her friend, Miss Maggie Pratt.

Mr. and Mrs. Scribner spent Sunday in Moncton with friends.

Mrs. Robert Prescot, of Bay Vert, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gray.

The public schools opened Monday after the Christmas holidays. Many of the pupils from the various institutions, who spent their vacation at home, have also returned to school.

Miss Titus, of Wollaston, Mass., is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs. V. E. Gowland.

Mrs. John Kennedy returned Saturday from Elgin, where she had been visiting her mother.

The open air rink is in good condition and many are taking advantage of the skating; the sleighing, also, is excellent.

Miss M. McGowan returned from her home at Hopewell Hill, Monday, to resume her duties as teacher of the intermediate department of the school here.

HARVEY STATION.

Harvey Station, York Co., Jan. 8.—The Farmers' Institute of this place held a very successful public meeting in the Agricultural Hall last evening. Robert Little, president of the institute, occupied the chair and introduced F. E. Sharp, of Midland, who dealt with the subject of Cultivation of Roots, detailing the fall and spring cultivation necessary to insure a good crop. Considerable discusion was caried on through his remarks.

The second speaker was Simpson Rennie, of Toronto. He gave his experience in Buying, Feeding and Marketing of Swine. The subject was an interesting one and was followed by a profitable discussion. At the close of the meeting a vote of thanks was tendered the speakers. The visiting delegates left this morning for Westfield.

New Year's eve witnessed a large gathering in the church at Harvey, at the annual Christmas gathering of the children postponed a week on acount of weather. The exercises specially prepared by the young people under the leadership of Mrs. McLean were of a high order. Among them were: Ye are the Light of the World, in which representatives clothed in the costume of India, China and Japan appealed to Canada for the gospel; the Christian Soldier and his Armor, by boys in sandals and helmets, and bearing swords and shields and enlisting new recruits and marching on to win Canada for Christ; the Canadian Flag Drill by 12 girls glad to sing of Canada and her greatness; also the Useful Knowledge Class. A reading was given by Miss Emma Smith. The choir, Miss Lizzie Robinson, organist, delighted every one with their rendering of Christmas anthems. At the close fourteen diplomas from the general assembly were awarded to the successful candidates, prizes distributed and each child received a gift of some kind. The church was tastefully decorated with mottoes, ferns, flowers and two Christmas trees laden with gifts. It was a pleasant evening for both young and old.

Harvey Station, York Co., Jan. 5—C. M. McCann, of Westfield, who has been principal of the superior school here for the past year, has resigned and is succeeded by Mr. Bulyea of Gagetown. Miss Emily J. Hunter, of Upper Kingsclear, who has taught the primary department for three terms to the satisfaction of all has been engaged for another year. The school re-opened Monday.

R. M. Belyea and D. F. Kirkpatrick, representing Manchester, Robertson & Allison, of St. John, came here Saturday and have their samples displayed in Taylor Hall. Mr. Kirkpatrick remained here over Sunday, while Mr. Belyea returned to St. John.

Mr. T. A. Speedy, the mail carrier, began at the New Year to carry the mails to Brockway on the new route. The mails were previously carried by way of Tweedside, but now go by way of Little Settlement, York Mills and Upper Brockway. The Tweedside mail is taken from the Manner Sutton office by an extra carrier. The mails on the new route are carried three times a week instead of twice as formerly. The new arrangement is much better for the people of Little Settlement, Wilmot and adjoining districts.

PORT ELGIN.

Port Elgin, N. B., Jan. [illegible]—Councillors Fred Magee and William M[illegible] Spence are attending the county council at Dorchester.

The winter service between Cape Tormentine and the Island is proving a great convenience, much traffic and travel daily passing over the N. B. and P. E. I. Railway, and the special trains running for connections with the island boat (the Stanley), which train makes runs from Sackville in one hour and a half and provides an accommodation to passengers along the line from the intermediate stations.

The union services which, during this week are continuing here, are being largely attended and much interest is taken.

The Roman Catholic people have lately purchased a lot on Church st[illegible] and will build a home church.

BLISSVILLE.

Blissville, Sunbury Co., Jan. 7.—The Farmers' Institute of this place had a visit from Simpson Rennie, of Toronto, and F. E. Sharp, of Midland, N. B., last evening. The meeting held in the agricultural hall was well attended and there was a very interesting discussion. The chair was occupied by Vice-president Hubert Smith. Rev. T. O. DeWitt was first called and welcomed the visiting gentlemen. Mr. Rennie next dealt ably with the subject of "Rotation of Crops and Fall Cultivation," after which F. E. Sharp spoke on "The Summer Care and Feeding of the Dairy Cow." Amongst those taking part in the discussion were Rev. T. O. DeWitt, Councillor F. C. Taylor and Messrs. D. Smith, Geo. Seeley, W. D. Nason, John Murphy, David Seely, T. Alexander, Geo. Thomas, J. S. Hayward, Dr. Mordaut Dundas, of London, England, was in the audience. The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the speakers, and which was acknowledged by Mr. Rennie.

Blissville, Sunbury Co., Jan. 7—The cause of suicide of Thos. Wooden at Patterson Settlement, was despondency from the effects of an accident sustained while working in the lumber woods some weeks ago.

A farmers' institute meeting was held in the agricultural hall Monday. The speakers were S. Rennie, of Ontario, and F. S. Sharp, of Midland. A fair audience listened to the addresses.

J. Berlin Roberts, who is in his junior year at Mt Allison, has returned to his studies there. S. Bertram Smith, who is attending the provincial normal school, has returned to his studies. Miss Jennie Smith, of this place, has entered upon her duties as teacher of a school at Centreville, Carleton county.

APOHAQUI.

Apohaqui, Jan. 7.—A few days ago there was quite a scare here over a suspected case of smallpox. It was not the disease, however.

Mrs. John Heffer has been seriously ill for some few days.

Geo. Fenwick and Hazen Adair left yesterday for Fredericton to continue their studies.

The young men's club so called "stock exchange" is being carried on with good success. At present William Griffis has command and leads a happy band.

Everett Fenwick and James Ryan leave tomorrow for Cranbrook, B. C.

DORCHESTER.

Dorchester, Jan. 7.—The January session of Westmorland County Council opened here at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon. Quite a change has taken place in the personnel of the council since its meeting in July last, many of the old councillors retiring or being defeated at the election held last fall. It has been the endeavor of the Conservatives to run the council on party lines and two years ago, owing to neglect of Liberals, they secured a majority of two. Last fall, however, the Liberals exerted themselves and as the council now stands, have a majority of six or seven.

After the reading by Secretary Wilson of the minutes of the July session, which were adopted, the council proceeded to select a warden. Councillor Trueman, of Westmorland parish, was unanimously elected..

The new warden has been a member of the council for many years past, and is one of the oldest members of the board. He is thoroughly acquainted with the business of the county, careful, painstaking and fair, and his appointment was alike satisfactory to Conservatives and Liberals.

POINT WOLFE.

Point Wolfe, Jan. 7.—James Hyslop is confined to his house with a sore knee.

At a recent meeting of Union Brothers, L. O. L., No. 137, at Point Wolfe, the following officers were elected and installed: Thos. P. Kelly, W. M.; W. J. Elliott, D. W. M.; H. J. Widbur, secretary; James Hyslop, financial secretary; W. B. Heuston, treasurer;; Thos. Matthews, chaplain; Joseph Carr, D. of C.

W. V. Milton, millwright of this place, received the sad news on Monday of the death of his brother in Westbrook, Me.

Frank Bardon, who has been here on a short visit to his home, returned to his work in Sydney, Cape Breton.

Dr. Coates, of Alma, was in town Monday vaccinating some of our citizens.

Schr. Garfield White, Capt. Matthews, is in port deal laden for St. John.

DIGBY.

Digby, Jan. 7—The Digby Comedy Company left town today for Brighton to give their initial performance in Morehouse's Hall. It will consist of negro sketches, songs, banjo, violin solos, duets and trios, concluding with a farce, "The Haunted House." They have been to considerable expense importing music and specialties from abroad for the benefit of the theatregoing people of this county. Their next performance will be given at North Range. The company is composed of W. T. Bacon, H. L. Beaman and William Lewis, with Mrs. W. T. Bacon as violinist and accompanist. Mr. Bacon is a comedian of experience, while Mr. Beaman is a musician of ability.

Digby, Jan. 8—(Special)—A heavy northeaster, accompanied by a blustering snowstorm, prevailed here all day. The S. S. Prince Rupert, which arrived at noon, from St. John, is anchored off Granville waiting for the weather to moderate before crossing the bay. No vessels are anchored off Digby tonight. Considerable sea is running in the basin.

The streets of the town are drifted and business is at a standstill this evening. A number of vessels are at the wharves in the Weymouth river, but there is no shipping in St. Mary's Bay. The Boston boat did not arrive at Yarmouth until noon. A special train passed through Digby with the steamer's passengers at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

TRURO.

Truro, Jan. 8—Last night the Metropolitan rink was opened for skating and a large crowd took advantage of the excellent ice. The 78th Band furnished a fine programme of music. During the evening H. C. Fulton, clerk in Superintendent Jarvis' office in the I. C. R. department, accidentally fell and smashed his knee cap. The injury was very painful and will leave Mr. Fulton with a stiff leg to carry through life. Dr. J. W. Paton attended him.

The town is just beginning to stir up over municipal politics. The town elections will take place the first of next month. In ward one, Councillor W. H. Beck will doubtless be returned without opposition. In ward two, Councillor Dr. H. V. Kent will also take his seat for another term unopposed. In ward three, through some unstated understanding, Councillor Cameron retires from the field and W. K. Murray will be elected by acclamation. There will in all probability be a contest for the mayoralty, but if there is not J. H. Kent, coal merchant and general dealer, president of the Y. M. C. A., will take the chief magistrate's chair. A short time ago Mayor Stuart's friends were circulating a requisition asking him to come out for re-election, and if an unusually large requisition should be presented and sufficient pressure brought to bear he may not withdraw.

Truro is to have a new corporate mercantile company in the near future with a capital stock of $60,000. The Smith-Stanfield Company, Ltd., with power to carry on a wholesale and retail stationery and fancy goods business in the provinces. The capital stock is to be divided into 600 shares of $100 each, and the company will be composed of Frank Smith, merchant; Frank Stanfield, manufacturer; John Stanfield, manufacturer; Emma M. Stanfield, accountant, and Charles J. Thomas, bookkeeper, all of Truro. Frank Smith, Frank Stanfield and John Stanfield are to be the provisional directors. The former is at present manager of D. H. Smith & Company, of this town and the two latter are of the Truro Knitting Mills Company, Ltd. The D. H. Smith & Company business will be taken over as a going concern.

Rev. A. D. Morton, pastor of Pleasant Street Methodist church, has been made the recipient of a suit of clothes, overcoat with fur collar and a pair of gloves by members of his congregation. At a public service he heartily thanked the unknown donors. Mr. Morton is just recovering from a quite serious illness and has been on furlough for more than a month. He will resume duty next week.

Rev. Mr. Aitken, of Hantsport, has accepted a call to Pleasant street Methodist church in this town, subject to the decision of the Methodist conference to be held in Amherst in June. It is understood the Hantsport people, in view of this, have invited Rev. E. B. Moore to become their pastor and he has accepted.

There are two vacant churches in Truro—the First Baptist and the First Presbyterian.

The Ministerial Association of Truro have united in observing the week of prayer and meetings are being held every evening in the various churches. On Sunday a general exchange of pulpits will take place.

The News Publishig Company have purchased and completely remodeled the property vacated recently by J. J. Snook. They have just finished moving their plant and are now occupying four flats 22x78. During the moving the Daily News was published regularly and the large edition of the Weekly News was sent out to subscribers this week as usual. New presses have been installed and the property greatly improved.

MEDICAL STUDENTS GO TO SOUTH AFRICA.

Majority of Toronto's Field Hospital Corps Are of This Class.

Toronto, Jan. 9.—(Special)—Fifteen recruits for the field hospital corps for South Africa selected here from 200 applicants, received a big send-off from the local military men tonight. The chosen are all experts, most of them being third and fourth year medical students. Col. Neilson, director of the medical staff, today inspected the equipment of the hospital which he believes will be the best that has gone to South Africa during the war.

CANADIANS IN BOSTON.

Annual Meeting of Club Last Night Those Chosen Officers.

Boston, Jan. 9—At the annual meeting of the Canadian Club of Boston, held at the Copley Square hotel this evening, these officers were elected:

President, Henry W. Patterson.
Vice-president, John F. Masters.
Secretary, Wm. D. McVey.
Assistant secretary, J. Whitman Bailey.
Treasurer, Chas. H. McIntyre.
Historian, Thomas F. Anderson.
Chaplain, Rev. S. H. Roblin, D. D.
Robert H. Upham, who retires after two years' active service as president, presided at tonight's meeting. The report of the historian referred to the movement in favor of closer trade relations between the United States and Canada, and expressed regret that more substantial progress had not been made during the year in that direction. Reference was also made to the remarkable period of prosperity through which the dominion is passing.

Carnegie Remits Tenant's Rent.

London, Jan. 9.—In the recent rent collections on the Skibo Castle estate, Andrew Carnegie remited from twenty to twenty-five per cent of the amounts due.

What is it?

Vapo-Cresolene is the vapor of Cresolene. You put the Cresolene in the vaporizer, then light the lamp just beneath. When the vapor rises, you inhale it. What is Vapo-Cresolene? It's something like carbolic acid, only much more powerful. It kills all germs of disease and heals inflamed membranes. It's the perfect cure for whooping-cough. Nothing equals it for asthma, catarrh, hay fever, colds. 3

Vapo-Cresolene is sold by druggists everywhere. The Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a lifetime, and a bottle of Cresolene complete, $1.50; extra supplies of Cresolene 25 cents and 50 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. VAPO-CRESOLENE CO., 180 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

OPEN JANUARY 1902

The Front Door Of A Stupendous Year has been Entered.

WIRE THE WORLD—WIDE MESSAGE

"Whosoever Will" May Enter Into Conscious Union With the Forces of God and Good-Will to All Men.

Entered according to Act of Parliament of Canada, in the year 1901, by William Baily, of Toronto, at the Dept. of Agriculture, Ottawa.

Washington, Jan. 5.—In this Dr. Talmage's first discourse for the new year he speaks words of encouragement to all the timid and doubting. The text is Exodus xii, 2, "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you."

The last month of the year has passed out of sight, and the first month of the new year has arrived. The midnight gate last Wednesday opened and January entered. She deserves a better name, for she is called after Janus, the heathen diety who, they supposed, presided over doors and so might be expected to preside at the opening of the year. This month was of old called the wolf month because, through the severity of its weather, the hungry wolves came down seeking food and devouring human life. In the missals of the middle ages January was represented as though suffering from the cold, and having a bundle of wood under the arm, suggestive of the warmth that must be kindled.

Yes, January is the open door of the year, and through that door will come what long processions, some of them bearing palm leaves and some myrtle, others with garlands of wheat and others with cypress and mistletoe. They are coming, and nothing can keep them back— the events of a twelvemonth. It will, I think, be one of the greatest years of all time. It will abound with blessing and disaster. National and international controversies of momentous import will be settled. Year of coronation and dethronement, year that will settle Cuban and Porto Rican and Philippine and South African and Chinese destinies. The tamest year for many a decade past has dug its millions of graves and reared its millions of marriage altars.

We can expect greater events in this year than ever before, for the world's population has so vastly increased there are so many more than in any other year to laugh and weep and triumph and perish. The mightier wheels of mechanism have such wider sweep. The fires are kindled in furnaces not seven times, but seventy times heated. The velocities whirling through the air and salling the seas and tunneling the mountains will make unprecedented demonstration. Would to God that before the now opening year has closed the earth might cease to tremble with the last cannonade and the heavens cease to be lighted up with any more conflagration of homesteads and the foundries that make swords be turned into blacksmith shops for making plowshares.

The front door of a stupendous year has opened. Before many of you there will be twelve months of opportunity for making the world better or worse, happier or more miserable. Let us pray that it may be a year that will indicate the speedy redemption of the hemisphere. Would to God that this might be the year in which the three great instruments now chiefly used for secular purposes might be put to their mightiest use in the world's evangelization—the telegraph, the telephone, the phonograph! Electricity has such potent tongue, such strong arm, such swift wing, such lightning foot, that it occurs to me that it may be the angel that St. John saw and heard in apocalyptic vision when he started back and cried out, "I saw another angel flying in the midst of heaven having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth and to every nation and kindred and tongue and people!" They were tongues of fire that sat on the heads of the disciples at the Penticost, and why not the world called to God by tongue of electric fire? Prepare your batteries and make ready to put upon the wires the world wide message of "whosoever will."

Furthermore, this month of January has the greatest height and depth of cold. The rivers are bound in crystal chains. The fountains that made highest leap in the summer parks now toss not one jet, for every drop would be a frozen star. The sleds craunch through the hard snow. Warmest attire the wardrobe can afford is put on that we may defend ourselves against the fury of the elements. Hardest of all the months for the poor, let it be the season of greatest generosity on the part of the prosperous. How much a scuttle of coal or a pair of shoes or a coat or a shaw may do in assuagement of suffering between the 1st of January and the 1st of February God only knows. Seated by our warm registers or wrapped in furs which make us independent of the cutting January blast, let us not forget the fireless hearth and the thin garments and the hacking cough and the rheumatic twinge of those who through destitution find life in winter an agony. Suppose each one of us take under charge one poverty stricken household or one disabled man or one invalided woman. On our way home from such a charity, though the wind may be howling and the night tempestuous I should not wonder if we could hear a voice that was heard on Galilee and at the gates of Nain and by the pool of Bethesda saying, "Inasmuch as ye did it to them, ye did it to me."

Behold, also, as it is possible in no other month of the year, the wondrous anatomy of the trees in January, the leaves of the last year all gone and not so much as a bud of a new botanical wardrobe appearing, the trees standing with arms stretched toward heaven, one of the greatest evidences of the wisdom and the power of the Creator. The leaves appear only once and then die, but these great arms are stretched up toward heaven in silent prayer for scores of years, now mailed with ice, now robed in snow or bowing to the God of the tempests as he passes in the midnight hurricane. In July the trees stand glorifying the earth; in January they stand defying the winter. Under the same tree the child plays with his toy and, growing up to manhood, sits under it in sentimental or philosophic mood and, having passed on to old age, rests himself under its shade. In these January days the trees seem to say: "The leaves that rustled their music in the last summer are dead and gone, but the leaves that will adorn this uncovered brow and these bare arms shall have as much beauty and glory as their predecessors. Only wait. There are beautiful and lovely things to come in your life, O human spectator." Oh, the tree! Only the Almighty and the Infinite could have made one. Gothic architecture was suggested by it. But for the arch of its bough and the pointing of its branches the St. Chapelle of Paris and other specimens of Gothic arch would never have been lifted. No wonder the world has taken from it many styles of suggestiveness— the laurel for the victor, the willow for the sorrowing, the aspen for the trembling, the cypress for the burial! But, unlike ourselves, they cannot change their place and so stand watching all that passes. Some of them are solemn monuments of the centuries. Thank God for trees, their beauty, their shelter, their interlacing branches—not only for the trees in June time coronation, but in January privation of everything but graceful structure! Let the iconoclastic ax not be lifted against them. "Woodman, spare that tree!"

Behold also in this January month the increasing daylight. Last month the sun went down at 4.30, but in this month the days are getting longer. The sunrise and the sunset are farther apart. Sunlight instead of artificial light, and there is for our dear old battered earth growing light. "The day-spring from on high hath visited us." We shall have more light for the home, more light for the church, more light for the nation, more light for the world—light of intelligence, light of comfort, light of rescue, light of evangelization, light from the face of God, light from the throne. But, you say, the light increases so slowly, each day of this January only one minute longer than its predecessor, the sun setting the first day of January at 4 o'clock and 43 minutes, the sun setting the 2nd day of January at 4 o'clock and 44 minutes, the 3rd day of this month the sun setting at 4 o'clock and 45 minutes, the 4th day of January the sun setting at 4 o'clock and 46 minutes. This evening it will be set at 4 o'clock and 47 minutes. The day enlarges very little, and the reign of sunlight is not much increased, but do not despise the minute of increasing light each day of this January, and do not dispise the fact that more light is coming for the church and the world, though it come slowly. As we are now in this season gradually going toward the longest day of next summer, so our world is moving forward toward the long day of emancipation and Christly dominion. It may now in the state and the church and the world be January cold, but we are on the way to July harvests and September orchards.

In this very month of January, 1643, two months after a great battle had been fought between the army of the King and the army of Parliament, shepherds and travelers between 12 and 1 o'clock at night heard the battle repeated in the skies—the sound of drums, the clash of arms, the groans of dying men and then the withdrawal of the scene into complete silence. These shepherds and travelers repeated in the neighboring towns what they heard, and large numbers of people, expecting that all was a deception, went out on the following night, and they heard the same uproar and tumult in the heavens—the two armies in battle. The King, hearing of this seeming combat in the heavens, sent embassadors to inquire into the mystery. In the night they also heard the conflict and came back to the King and took solemn oath as to this mysterious occurrence.

Whether those shepherds and travelers and embassadors of the King were in delusion I cannot say, but this I know—that the forces of God and the forces of Satan are now in combat, the heavens as well as the earth in struggle as to who shall win this world for blessedness or woe, and, as the armies of God are mightier than the armies diabolic, we know who will triumph, and we have a right to shout the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. The King of Kings, the Lord of Hosts, the God of Joshua and Havelock, leads in the conflict. I have no fear about the tremendous issue. My only fear is that we will not be found in the ranks and fully armed to do our part in this campaign of the eternities.

Furthermore, I notice that January has been honored with the nativity of some of the greatest among the nations. Edmund Burke was born this month, the marvel and glory of the legal world; Fenelon of the religious world, Benjamin Franklin of the philosophic world, William H. Prescott of the historic world, Sir John Moore of the military world, Robert Burns of the poetic world, Polycarp of the martyr world, Peter the Great of the kingly world, Chrysostom of the sacred rhetoric world, Daniel Webster of the statesman world.

In this month, at Hampton Court, 1604, a new translation of the Holy Bible was ordered. There were Bibles of all kinds abroad, some of them translations from Hebrew and Greek by incompetent men, and the church and the world cried out for a Bible translated by a group of the good and the learned. King James disliked the Bibles abroad and appointed a commission of fifty-four men, afterwards reduced to forty-seven. Those men presented the world with a Bible that held mighty sway among the nations for more than 250 years, the revision of the Bible thirty years ago being founded on that revision, which began under King James of 1604. The old translation, made more than two and a half centuries ago, sustained the martyrs in the fire, illumined the homesteads of many generations, was the book that was read aloud at the embarkation of the forefathers from Delft Haven, cheered the weary voyagers on the Mayflower, comforted them in the wilds of America, was the book on which the first American congress, as well as the last, took the oath and with which all the Presidents of the United States have solemnized their entrance into office, is the book that has advanced the world's civilization as no other influence ever could and which now lies on the table of more homes than any book that was ever printed since Johann Gutenberg borrowed money of Martin Brether and John Faust to complete the art of printing. What a January in the world's history — the January that gave the ages a book like that!

But January, like all the other months of the year, has had its sadnesses and its disasters. During this month died Linnaeus, the botanist of Sweden and the world, who called the roll of the flowers and shrubs and trees, putting them into companies and calling them by their names, his beautiful statue standing in a park of Stockholm, a rose in bronze held in his right hand. During this month expired Francis Bacon, and Garrick, and Galilei, and Louis VI., and William Pitt, and Francis Jeffrey of the immortal pen, and Disraeli the first, and Edward Everett, and Bruce and Catiline. In this month died Peter the Great, the man of whom it was written: "He gave a polish to his people and was himself a savage. He taught them the art of warfare, of which he himself was ignorant. From the sight of a small boat on the River Moskwa he erected a powerful fleet, making himself an expert and active shipwright, sailor, pilot and commander. He changed the manners, customs and laws of the Russians and lives in their memory as the father of his country."

According to my text: "This month shall be unto you the beginning of months. It shall be the first month of the year to you." Through it make preparation for the other eleven months. What you are in January you will probably be in all the other months of the year. Prepare for them neither by apprehension nor too sanguine anticipation. Apprehension of misfortune will only deplete your body and gloom your soul and unfit you for any trouble that may come. On the other hand, if you expect too much disappointment will be yours.

Between these just opened gates of the year and the closing of those gates there will be many times when you will want God. You will have questions to decide which will need supernatural impulse. There may be illnesses of the body or perplexities of mind or spiritual exhaustions to be healed and comforted and strengthened. During the remaining twenty-six days of this month lay in a supply of faith and hope and courage for all the days of the eleven months. Start right, and you will be apt to keep right. Before the ship captain gets out of the New York narrows he makes up his mind what sea route he will take. While you are in the narrows of this month make up your mind which way you will sail and unroll your chart and set your compass and have the lifeboats well placed on the davits and be ready for smooth voyage all the way across or the swoop of a Caribbean whirlwind.

What you fear will probably not happen. There is a member of your family about whose health you are worried. There is something in the cough or the pallor or the irregular heartbeat or the shortness of breath that makes you apprehensive of decease. No, that frail one will outlive you. Or you are fearful that your business will collapse. No, that rival firm in your line of business will go into bankruptcy and leave the field clear for you. You fear defamation or that the adder of slander will spit on you its poison. No, you will live in honor after your assailant has died in disgrace. Fear no one but yourself. Have your tongue and hand and ear and eye and foot under proper control, and there are not enough enemies on earth or demons in the pit to do you permanent damage. Do not let another moment of this hour of the new year pass, till, by a complete surrender of your heart and life to God through the atonement of Christ, you are panoplied for whatever comes, whether it be a skirmish or a Chalons. Employ this month usefully, and there is a strong probability that you will employ the rest of the year usefully.

Now that the train of months has started, let it pass, January followed by February, with longer days, and March, with its fierce winds; and April, with its sudden showers; and May, with its blossoming orchards; and June, with its carnival of flowers; and July, with its harvests; and August, with its sweltering heats; and September, with its drifting leaves; and October, with its frosts; and November, with its Thanksgiving scenes; and December, with its Christian hilarities. March on, O battalion of the months, in the regiments of the years and the brigades of the centuries! March on and join the months and years and centuries already passed until all the rivers of time have emptied into the ocean of eternity, but none of all the [illegible] ought to render higher thanks [illegible] God or take larger comfort [illegible] more magnificent resolve [illegible] the first month of the y[illegible]

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