

CHRISTMAS CONTRIBUTIONS ACKNOWLEDGED BY W. C. A.

Timely Gifts to Gladden the Hearts of the Aged and the Afflicted.

The Women's Christian Association very heartily thanks those kind friends who have so generously given of their substance to gladden the hearts of the aged and afflicted ones in the various homes under its care. From Mr. and Mrs. A. Beck, \$5; Miss A. Matchett, \$5; Mrs. H. A. Boomer, \$5; Mr. John Wright, \$4; Mrs. R. W. Puddicombe, turkey; Mrs. W. Duffield, Mrs. J. C. Duffield, turkey; Miss Hopkirk, \$1; Mrs. J. A. Murray, \$1; a friend, \$1; Mrs. Bucke, apples; Mrs. C. B. Hunt, goose, oranges, flour; Mrs. Thompson, rolled oats; Mrs. L. McDonald, groceries; Mrs. Frank Reid, fruit; Mrs. John Marshall, fruit, groceries; Mrs. Booker, books, groceries; Mrs. W. Thompson, rolled oats; Mrs. A. McCormick, malt flakes, etc.; Mrs. F. Hanley, fruit and flour; Miss Pope, oranges; Mrs. S. Stewart, fruit and canned goods; a friend, rice and sage; Mrs. Marr, sugar; Mrs. R. D. Millar, potatoes; Mrs. Macbeth, sugar and breakfast food; Mrs. W. J. Carson, groceries; Mrs. J. I. Anderson, rolled oats; Mrs. T. F. Kingsmill, clothing; Mrs. Alf Tyler, coffee; Elliott & Marr, box of raisins; A. Gill, tea, oranges and lemons; Mrs. Thomas Kent, flour and meal; Mrs. T. A. Browne, sugar; Mrs. J. W. Scandrett, sugar; Mrs. W. W. Scandrett, oranges, canned goods, flannel; a friend, 6 jars preserved fruit; a friend, groceries; Mrs. L. Gibson, sugar; Mrs. Kennedy, clothing; Mrs. V. Cronyn, fruit and groceries; Mrs. Betts, groceries; Mrs. Glover, clothing; Mrs. J. W. Jones, oranges, apples, currants and raisins; Mrs. S. Munroe, cabbage; Mrs. T. A. Rowat, canned goods; Mrs. G. Rowat, canned goods; Mrs. G. M. Reid, groceries; Mrs. Moore, groceries; a friend, potatoes; Mrs. Graydon, groceries; a friend, flour; Mrs. Stewart, groceries, canned goods and fruit; Mrs. Waugh, flannel; a friend, clothing; Mrs. J. S. Ashplant, flour; a friend, canned goods; Mrs. A. E. Cooper, oranges, canned goods; Mrs. A. M. Hamilton, rolled oats and flour; a friend, oranges, lemons; Mrs. A. Little, piece flannel; Mrs. Gordon, clothing; Mrs. J. A. H. Beattie, groceries; Mrs. Pope, oranges and groceries; Mrs. English, oranges, raisins, nuts, currants; Mrs. White, potatoes; Mrs. C. S. Moore, sugar and oranges; Mrs. Jones, oranges, apples, raisins and currants; Mrs. Steve, flour; a friend, rolled oats; Mrs. G. M. Reid, rice, currants, tapioca and rolled oats; A. M. Hamilton, rolled oats; Mrs. Ed Reid, currants, rice, tapioca, rolled oats; Mrs. Parsons, tea, oranges, rolled oats; Mrs. Parsons, tea,

rice, cornstarch, sugar; a friend, clothing; Mrs. A. Gillean, groceries; a friend, five pounds coffee; Mrs. Howell, groceries; Mrs. U. A. Buchner, groceries; the Misses Somerville, books, etc.; A. Gill, tea, oranges; a friend, toys and picture books; Mrs. F. Reid, fruit sent direct to the different homes. Infants' Home—Mr. and Mrs. Lovelace, meat and candy; Chantler Bros., side of lamb; Mrs. St. John Hyttenrauch, chicken and candies; Miss Freeman, fruit, Christmas cards; Mrs. A. Beck, infants' hoods; A. M. Hamilton & Son, tea, beans, salt and cereals; Mrs. Nattrass, children's dresses; Mrs. Hopkins, infants' socks; Mrs. Beattie, 20 yards cotton flannel; Mrs. Yarker, cotton flannel; Mrs. Cl. T. Campbell, apples; Mrs. D. S. Perrin, sugar; Robinson & Little, turkey; Mrs. Pope, flour; Mrs. T. McCormick, cakes and candies; Edward Adams & Co., tea, sugar, currants, raisins, mixed peel; Mrs. Wheaton, six pairs stockings.

Home for Incurables—Mr. W. Thompson, Christian Guardian for 1903 and one dozen books; Mrs. Gates, oranges, apples, prunes and biscuits; Mrs. Moncrieff, oranges; Memorial Church, flowers, cake and sandwiches; Miss Sanders, tea, sugar, biscuits; Mrs. T. Strong, turkey; Miss Fox, tea, sugar; Mrs. D. S. Perrin, sugar; Mrs. George Robinson, turkey; St. George's Society, 26 loaves bread, tea, sugar, beef, flour; Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, rolled oats, oranges; Mr. Thomas McCormick, candles and cake; Miss B. Hobbs, oranges, raisins, currants, sugar; Mrs. Beattie, goose; Mrs. McIntosh, beef, magazines, shoes; Mrs. William Chapman, handkerchiefs, slippers; Mr. J. H. Chapman, two suits men's underwear and one piece casecloth; Mrs. Stevely, goose; Mrs. Ginge, beef, fudd; Hill Street Methodist Mission, pies and cakes; Mrs. Complin, oranges; Miss McKellar, canned goods; Mrs. V. Cronyn, turkey; A. M. Hamilton & Son, salt, cornmeal, rolled oats, beans, barley, split peas; a friend, oranges; Mrs. Richards, apples and oranges; Mr. J. E. Adkins, oranges; Mr. Mann, quartered corn.

Aged People's Home—Mrs. W. A. Young, men's and women's clothing; Mrs. W. T. Strong, Mrs. Little, turkey and flannel; Mrs. B. A. Mitchell, rolled oats; George Robinson, turkey; Mrs. Love, flour; Mrs. Darch, rolled oats, apples; Mrs. Cl. T. Campbell, apples; Mrs. D. S. Perrin, large box of fancy biscuits; A. M. Hamilton, raisins, etc.; Mrs. Arnold, rolled oats, sugar and biscuits; Mrs. Baldwin, turkey; Mrs. Taylor, magazines; Mrs. Puddicombe, mince pie; Mrs. Cronyn, prunes; Mrs. Hyman, tea; Mrs. Munroe, oranges; Mrs. C. Williams, magazines; Mr. Thomas McCormick, box of confections for each inmate; Flower Mission, a plant for each inmate; Mrs. C. B. Reid, Mr. G. G. Reid, Mr. G. Reid, fruit, cake; Mrs. Moule, magazines; Mrs. T. H. Purdon, honey; Mrs. T. P. McCormick, biscuit; Mrs. Morgan, salt; Mrs. Anderson, clothing; Mrs. A. G. Reid, tea; Mrs. G. Reid, Mrs. Jos. Hamilton, groceries.

RICH WOMAN GOES HUNGRY

And Lives on Charity of Her Neighbors.

Has Plenty of Property, But Refuses to Provide for Herself.

New York, Jan. 10.—The World says: With only the occasional barking of her pet terrier to break the quietude, and a large, loaded revolver to protect her against imaginary burglars, Caroline Groshon, a centenarian recluse and spinster, lies ill in her little peaked house in Fisher's Lane, Eastchester, Borough of the Bronx. Although she is the owner of two houses and a number of antiques valued at thousands of dollars, she is being kept alive by philanthropists who furnish her the necessities of life.

"Caddy," as the old woman has been known to three generations of that quaint little suburban hamlet, refuses to mortgage her property to pay for her sustenance, because she wants to leave it free and clear to historic St. Paul's Church, of which she is the oldest member.

Neighbors, who have been furnishing "Caddy" with food for years, find that they either have to keep up their good work or else leave her to die of starvation, as she absolutely refuses to do anything to help herself.

"Caddy's" parents were of the French blue-blood. They came to Eastchester after losing a fortune, and settled on the very spot where today their last surviving heir lies ill. This is one of the reasons the aged spinster gives for not wanting to leave the old homestead. She says that her parents lived and died in that house, and that she wants to do likewise.

Up to fifteen years ago "Caddy's" sister lived with her. In their younger days they were considered handsome, and the story is told that they were both disappointed in love and that they decided never to marry. Both of them kept their word.

JAS. McVICAR, OF WINDSOR

Succeeds Mr. C. B. Edwards in the Collegiate Institute.

Principal Radcliffe's Choice Ratified— 40 Applicants for Position.

It was decided at last night's meeting of board of education committee No. 1 that Mr. James McVicar, of Windsor, be appointed to the position made vacant by Mr. C. B. Edwards' retirement.

Principal Radcliffe, in submitting his report, said that out of some forty candidates for the position he had settled upon Mr. McVicar as first choice. He felt satisfied that Mr. McVicar could fill the position most acceptably.

The committee, deciding to abide by Mr. Radcliffe's choice, the report was submitted to the board of trustees and accepted. Mr. Radcliffe was instructed to inform Mr. McVicar of the decision. It is thought Mr. McVicar will take charge about Feb. 1.

Mr. Dicks, of South London, applied for free tuition for his three children, who are attending the Wortley road school. He contends that his children are exempt from school fees, and asks that he be granted similar privileges. The matter was left over for further information.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Hamilton for the able and unselfish way in which he had filled the chairmanship of the committee.

In reply Mr. Hamilton expressed his pleasure at this mark of appreciation, and hoped that he would continue to be of use to the committee.

The following members of the committee were present: Mr. W. T. Hamilton, W. W. Gamage, Dr. English, C. J. McCormick and J. O. Dromgole. Of the board of trustees Messrs. MacRobert, Strong and McCormick were in attendance.

At the close of the meeting Mr. Hamilton gave a supper to the committee and board at his residence.

A BAY CITY STORY

**Two Babies Born to the Same Woman
Inside of Four Weeks.**

Bay City, Mich., Jan. 10.—Capt. John P. Ryan, submarine diver, says he is in receipt of a letter from his wife, now at Hamburg, Ont., saying that she gave birth to a daughter on Monday morning at the home of her parents. On the morning of Dec. 8 last Mrs. Ryan gave birth to a daughter at her home in this city. She did not make a good recovery, and her mother took her to her Canadian home. The first baby weighed 10 pounds, and Mr. Ryan says the letter gives the weight of the second as 12 pounds. Both mother and children are doing well.

Inquiries made of a New Hamburg physician fail to confirm the story.

Large Store at Hamilton Burned.

Hamilton, Ont., Jan. 10.—The large department store of Stanley, Mills & Co. was completely gutted by fire which started about 8:30 last night. The adjoining premises on both sides of the store were damaged considerably by smoke and water. The good work of the fire department prevented the flames from spreading after three hours' good work, although Bill Jewell's store on the east side caught fire several times. The damages could not be estimated last night, but there is little of the Mills stock left, and only the front walls of the building.

BIG STEP TOWARD A SETTLEMENT

Britain and Germany Satisfied With Castro's Reply.

FRANCE LIKELY TO TAKE A HAND

Venezuelan Blockade Continues Till Arrangements Are Made for Arbitration.

London, Jan. 10.—President Castro's reply to the powers, accepting the arbitration conditions of the allies, was delivered to the foreign office yesterday afternoon by Craig Wadsworth, third secretary of the United States embassy. Mr. White, the charge d'affaires, is ill, and has been in the country most of the week. The reply is regarded as having much more finality than expected, and as definitely settling the submission before the arbitration tribunal. It is the only one of all the difficulties to arbitration.

It was said at the foreign office that President Castro's reply was entirely acceptable to Great Britain. The question of the time for raising the blockade of the Venezuelan coast has not been decided, but is now being discussed between London and Berlin.

LONG STEP AHEAD.

Berlin, Jan. 9.—President Castro's acceptance of arbitration conditions of the allied powers was received today at the foreign office here, where it is regarded as being a long step toward a settlement of the question. The foreign office is strengthened in the hope that most of the points will be arranged amicably during the preliminary discussion at Washington before reaching the Hague arbitration court.

FRANCE MAY MIX IN.

France probably will join the European powers in the blockade of the Venezuelan coast, says the New York World's Port of Spain correspondent. The French claim that Venezuela has failed to make the first payment of \$200,000 due on the French claim Dec. 31. Venezuela also owes the French claim \$200,000, and the company refuses to extend credit to the Government. President Castro is deeply incensed. His attempts to borrow money from the Bank of Venezuela have failed. The foreign office is deeply incensed. His attempts to borrow money from the Bank of Venezuela have failed. The foreign office is deeply incensed. His attempts to borrow money from the Bank of Venezuela have failed.

The foreign bankers are waiting for change in the Government before negotiating any loan. Gen. Matos, the leader of the revolution, in a public letter, guarantees a satisfactory settlement with the allies within 24 hours after the element in Venezuela of Venezuela. He asserts that Castro delays the settlement in the hope of uniting the people. There is hunger now, and there will be starvation later. Seven hundred idlers at Guaira have gone to join the revolutionists, and there is a rumor that on Friday the allies will cut the cable and then land and seize the foreign houses.

TO REMAIN THERE.

The Hague, Jan. 9.—In view of the events in Venezuela the Dutch cruiser Holland has been ordered to remain in West Indian waters, and the battleship De Ruyter is proceeding to New York, Jan. 9.—During the continuance of the Venezuelan blockade the steamers of the Red D Line will be run by the Porto Rico line to San Juan, Porto Rico, and thence by a small vessel of the same line to Caracas, from which place they will be taken to Venezuelan ports by a United States war vessel.

10,000 PEOPLE

WELCOMED HIM

Johannesburg People Give the Colonial Secretary a Warm Reception.

Johannesburg, Jan. 9.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain arrived here yesterday, and was demonstratively welcomed by 10,000 people.

Cape Town, Jan. 9.—Alfred Beit, the well-known South African financier, has had an apoplectic stroke at Johannesburg, and is reported to be dying. Dr. Janse, who passed through Cape Town this morning on a special train, bound for Johannesburg, the firm of Werneir, Beit & Co., of London, confirmed the announcement from Cape Town of the serious illness of Mr. Beit, and said the latest reports received regarding his condition are more reassuring.

May Lose His Sight.

Toronto, Jan. 10.—David Kippen, of Milton, was brought to the general hospital here yesterday. He was carrying a box of dynamite, when it exploded, injuring his face and eyes. He may lose his sight.

The Duty On Lead.

Montreal, Jan. 10.—J. L. Retailick, chairman of the Lead and Silver Mining Association of East and West Kootenay, accompanied by Messrs. Alexander, G. D. Potter and G. O. Buchanan, representing the united boards of trade of Kootenay, have arrived in the city to confer with the members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association regarding the duty on lead, which the Government will be asked to impose at the approaching session of Parliament. The report that the producers and consumers have reached an amicable agreement regarding the amount of the proposed duty is denied by a large consumer in this city.

RAILWAY SMASH NEAR MORO, ILL.

No Fatalities, But Many Persons Said To Be Injured.

TWO BIG FOUR TRAINS COLLIDE

Fatal Petroleum Fire in Galicia—20 Houses Destroyed and a Girl Burned to Death.

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—A wreck occurred on the Big Four road near Moro, Ill., tonight at 8:30. The conductor is to be a particularly strong feature, as indeed it always has been. This year a rare treat is in store for the guests of the literary society on the evening of Jan. 30. Mrs. McKay Leslie, the brilliant young New York soprano, who has been secured for the occasion, achieved a triumph at her sensational debut in that city just a year ago. Carnegie Hall was crowded with a music-loving audience, assembled to hear the annual Christmas performance of the "Messiah," with Damosros and his orchestra. At the last moment the two soprano soloists sent word that they were unable to sing. In great perturbation Mr. Damosros consulted Mrs. Skinner, the celebrated vocal instructor, who informed him that a pupil of hers, Mrs. Leslie, who was then in the audience, could sing the solos. 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