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MARRIED.—On Dec. 22, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. H. Jones, incumbent of Ingersoll, the marriage of Miss Marion, eldest daughter of the late Mr. J. H. Jones, of Ingersoll, to Mr. J. H. Jones, of Ingersoll, was solemnized.

DECEASED.—On Dec. 22, at the residence of the deceased, by the Rev. J. H. Jones, the funeral of the late Mr. J. H. Jones, of Ingersoll, was held.

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THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 25-11 p.m.—Fine, decidedly cold weather and high pressure are prevalent over Manitoba. The pressure is decreasing further west, with rising temperature. A depression is developing over the lake district. In Eastern Canada high pressure prevails, accompanied by mild weather and local rains.

Minimum and maximum temperatures: Calgary, 24° below—24°; Winnipeg, 12° below—8°; Port Arthur, 30°—36°; Toronto, 32°—43°; Kingston, 34°—40°; Montreal, 32°—44°; Quebec, 28°—32°; Halifax, 32°—38°.

Local temperatures—Highest, 45°; lowest, 38°.

TODAY'S PROBABILITIES.

TORONTO, Dec. 26-1 a.m.—The indications for the next 24 hours for the lower lakes region (covering the peninsula and as far east as Belleville) are: Fresh to high southerly to westerly winds; partly fair; some local rains, followed by lower temperatures and light local snowfalls.

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LONDON AND ENVIRONS.

—The Toronto Mail has increased the price of its morning edition to 50¢ per year and of the evening edition to 40¢.

—Mr. Wm. Eardley, of T. B. Escott & Co., has left on a trip to his old home in London, Eng. He will be gone a month or two.

—The nearest boy we ever heard of was the one who put barbed wire across the chimney of a neighboring house so Santa Claus couldn't leave any presents there.

—Detective Allen arrested Richard Barrett, of Lambeth, on a charge of assaulting and wounding Joseph Sanders. Squire Smyth remanded the prisoner until Dec. 29.

—The Ball Electric Light Company are now filling the long-felt want of an entire electric incandescent system for offices, residences, churches, stores and manufacturing plants.

—Mr. John Livesey, manager of the Bell Telephone Company, Lindsay, formerly connected with the agency in this city, is visiting his old home. "Jack" is doing well in that progressive town.

—A. R. Sachdev, of London, while going down the steps that lead to the G. T. R. depot the other evening, fell, badly spraining his ankle. He was helped aboard the train at Windsor. (Detroit Free Press.)

—John Padfield, of the Bell Telephone office, this city, was presented with a handsome diamond ring by his fellow employees in this city. He is now traveling in the interests of the company, and his friends will be glad to hear of his success.

—Mr. Marshall was unseated in East Middlesex last week through the action of Mr. S. F. Glass, who voted at two different polling subdivisions. Frank is an old college chum of the late Mr. Marshall, and he thought him better than to get caught like that. (Aylmer Express.)

—On Tuesday evening Color-Sergeant Goodwin presented with an address, an album bound in morocco and a bamboo portrait case by the members of the drill corps connected with the Cadet Templars of Temperance and Goodwill.

—The event took place at the residence of Mr. McKee, East London.

—A Windsor telegram says: The Political Unionist of Adams has decided to resign a paper of their own, either at London or Toronto, and will be quite pronounced in dealing with the matter of closer relationship between the two cities.

—United States. A subscription list has been circulated in Windsor, Essex county, during the present week, and this morning had over 700 names attached.

—Christmas chicks. The other evening a London West lady was presented with a pair of young chicks which were hatched on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. The new-comers were raised in the vicinity of St. Thomas. They are vigorous and healthy, and bid fair to come to the scratch when gardening begins "in the sweet by-and-by."

—Discipline must be enforced. There are three men from the military barracks stationed in different parts of the city as guards. Their duty is not to aid their men in fighting the city police force, but to aid the city police force against any stragglers from the barracks. This is a direct result of the trouble of the men from the school got themselves into the hands of St. Thomas. Any of their number found conducting themselves improperly will be arrested by the guards and taken before the authorities at the barracks.

—A New Year's wedding. Cards of invitation have been issued to friends to attend a reception at Stratford on New Year's day, in which Mr. S. J. Radcliffe, B.A., who was on the staff of the Collegiate in 1888, is deeply interested. On New Year's day he will be married to Miss Isabel Scholz, of the Friends City. Along with a myriad of friends the Sun offers sincere congratulations on the approaching happy event. (Owen Sound Sun.) His many London friends wish him happiness too, the sly fellow. Mr. Radcliffe is the newly-appointed English master at the Collegiate Institute of this city.

—A Pleasant Herb Drink. The best cure we know of for Constipation and Headache is the pleasant herb drink called Lane's Family Medicine. It is said to be Oregon grape root, combined with simple herbs and is made for use by pouring boiling water onto the dried roots and herbs. It is remarkably efficacious in all blood disorders, and is now the sovereign remedy with ladies for clearing up the complexion. Druggists sell the packages at 50¢ and 75¢.

—In patent medicines the largest and most complete stock in the city may be found at Szosnow's drug store, 184 Dundas street. 471

—If you bring this advertisement with you you can get a dozen cabinet photos and nice frame for \$2 at Chapman's. 471

A SEASON OF JOY.

Christmas, and How it Affects Our Charitable and Public Institutions.

In the General Festivity the Sick Patients, the Orphans and the Aged Poor in the City are Not Forgotten.

"It's a gloomy Christmas"—a universal remark. So it is comparatively. The festive season is now in its glory and the average citizen is reminded of a couple of hundred times a day that the temperature is undesirable by these aggravating specimens of the genus homo. Still, it is Christmas and if Jupp. Pluvius doesn't display the charity that is expected at this joyous season, that fact does not prevent the manifestation of the general good-fellowship, sociability and open-heartedness on the part of its creatures here below, and which only Christmas can bring forth in its most generous.

"There never was as large a crowd in the city before Christmas as there has been to-day," said a leading druggist merchant, who further expressed himself as being heartily glad that the holiday trade. The appearance of the streets during the week has been by no means keeping with the weather. Last night the business thoroughfares were crowded and nearly all pedestrians were Santa Clauses carrying bundles and packages of various sizes and shapes with which to give some of the children of the poor.

The number of courses is somewhat limited, the quantity is unlimited and the quality unexcelled. Roast beef and plum pudding, the 30 odd tenants can have to their hearts'—or more correctly stomachs'—content and do not think that a better dinner than many of them would have partaken of had they been at liberty in the "cold, cruel world" instead of being crowded into the quarters for the winter.

Nor are the inmates of the charitable institutions, dependent though they are upon the public, forgotten in the festivities of the day. The little ones of the Protestant Orphans' Home awake in the morning to find their stockings well filled with the gifts which the children of the poor have brought them.

The stock of Christmas cheer sent to this deserving establishment speaks well for the generosity of many, for during the past few days provisions, clothing and other things useful have been voluntarily poured into Victoria Hall and thence transferred to the Home, at Mount Hope.

As the poor have made have the occasion joyous for their fatherless and motherless charges. From a prettily decorated Christmas tree last night presents were distributed to each and every one while to-day is for them one of special enjoyment. The patients and inmates of St. Joseph's Hospital, a related institution, are also being cheered by the gifts.

At the Aged Men's and Aged Women's Homes the kindness of the Women's Christian Association has manifested in the form of presents of the comfort of the old people to whom the day will be a pleasant break to the monotony of their lives. The Women's Refuge and Infants' Asylum have also received their share of the gifts.

The spacious halls of the asylum are decorated and festooned with evergreens and flags. Christmas day always brings a great deal of entertainment to the management in encouraging the visitations of local musical talent, but past that, the reader can judge by his or her own experience.

CHIT-CHAT.

Reminiscences of Galway—London as it was—Christmas's sentimental ideas—Climate—Changes.

"Did you ever see a genuine Irish fight?" asked Assistant City Clerk Abbott, as he wrote a report of the coroner's inquest.

"Well, sir," continued the venerable official, "I have—and many of them. In 1825 I was a druggist's apprentice in Galway. There used to be settlements of fishermen on the beach, but they would never recognize municipal authority and the two often came in conflict. I remember well a celebration of St. John's Day there. It ended in a big fight with bludgeons between the fishermen and the townsmen who after a good many heads were broken. The men fought hand and foot, but they were not to be compared with the women. Why, I saw scores of them take off their stockings put big stones inside and then wrap them around their wrists and pitch into the battle. I have also seen clergymen with their shillaloes right in the thickest part of the fight, cracking away in an endeavor to stop the row. They do a great deal of good, as they are really the only persons who can pacify a crowd of that kind. No, I never took part in one myself, but I have viewed plenty of these fights, and they have to be seen to be appreciated. It's hard to tell how they are caused; the people seem to fight just for recreation. When I came to London in 1843," he continued, "there was only one place where the place—at the corner of Dundas and Ridout streets. Ridout was the business street then. Two years after I settled here the south side of Dundas street caught fire and the houses were completely destroyed as far east as Clarence street and then down to the river. Next year the north side of the street was blotted out in the same way. The fire was a good thing in some respects; for instance, brick stores were built in place of the old wooden ones. Yes, London looks a good deal different now; I can look a good deal different now. Property sold pretty cheap in those days. Would you believe it? The lot on which McCormick's factory now stands was purchased by a settler for a common bureau!"

"When I got married," remarked Lee Hing, an intelligent Richmond street Chinaman, "I don't want my wife to do any work. I will get a cook and of course I could do the washing."

His ideas gollan laughed at his little joke. His ideas of matrimony would do credit to many a

husband in this enlightened country. The Chinese colony in the city is steadily increasing. There are about fifteen of the nationality here now and they seem to be an industrious and inoffensive lot. There are a few Chinese in the laundry business, and as their expenses are kept at a minimum by a system of domestic economy not generally practiced here, they manage to make both ends meet. A little bit of money goes a long way in their own country, and with a few dollars saved up in America they can return home and live like lords.

A number of the local Chinamen are regular church attendants, and a special Chinese class is held in St. Andrew's Church Sunday school. "Our people worship idols in China," said Lee Hing, "but here we worship God here. I would not work on Sunday for \$10, because it would not be right." Lee showed his listeners a letter he had just received from his mother in Hong-Kong, and told them about his beautiful sisters and his sweetheart, whom he was going to bring out to Canada one of these days when he could afford it.

"There is no denying the fact that there is a big difference in the climatic conditions of the country compared with a quarter of a century ago," remarked one of the "oldest inhabitants," as he looked scornfully at the miserable aspects of the city in my hand. I have here we had sleighing from November until April, while such a thing as a green Christmas was unheard of. The snow was usually three to six feet deep in the first three months. The half-hearted winters, with an exception or two that we have had during the past ten or fifteen years can hardly be attributed to the action of the frost. Anybody up of the country has a moderating effect on the temperatures, because the trees used to absorb moisture and leave greater freedom to the action of the frost. Now, the present soft snap is hard on business; people don't seem to spend as much money as they would if we had genuine Christmas weather."

C. C. RICHARDS & Co. I have used my MINARD'S LINIMENT successfully in a serious case of group in my family. I consider it a remedy no house should be without. Cape Island. J. F. CUNNINGHAM.

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"By their fruits shall ye know them." This is a judgment of truth; it is applicable to the people of the world. The "Sunlight" is the product of the H. McKee & Co.'s cigar factory. They speak with a line of business. In these delinquent days, not the finest of materials, but a conscience to a connoisseur are indispensable.

W. T. SZOSNOW, druggist, 184 Dundas street, keeps a full line of toilet articles.

"Impossible," says G. Woodward, M.D., "to praise St. Leon Mineral Water too highly." Dr. Woodward, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., adds: "St. Leon renews and regenerates the system in all cases where faulty, and even removes the worst rheumatic pains. This has been proved by practical experience life-long. Shipped in barrels and car loads all over. Apply to Head Office, Toronto, Ont."

"The proof of the pudding is in the eating." K. D. C. has just tested. It has proved itself to be the king of medicines, the greatest cure of the age, and the only perfect dyspepsia remedy on the market.

Monthly Prizes for Boys and Girls. The "Sunlight" Soap Company, Toronto, offer the following prizes every month till further notice, to boys and girls under 16, residing in the Province of Ontario, who send the greatest number of "Sunlight" wrappers: First, \$10; 2nd, \$6; 3rd, \$3; 4th, \$1; 5th to 14th, a Handsome Book; and a pretty picture to those who send not less than two wrappers. Send wrappers to "Sunlight" Soap Office, 43 Scott street, Toronto, not later than 29th of each month, and marked competition; also give full name, address,