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## A RED CROSS HOSPITAL TRAIN.

The Red Cross hospital train has played a great part in France in lessening the discomforts of the wounded. Thanks to this means of transportation, the wounded have been transferred to base hospitals with a minimum of suffering.

The following is an interesting description of one of these trains which has appeared in an English publication. In this connection it is of interest to remember that one of these palatial trains were equipped by the Canadian Red Cross at the outbreak of the war and is now on active service.

The first coach of the train is the office of the quartermaster-sergeant, then come the hospital coaches, which are like hospital wards, with clean bed linen and the small comforts of a well organized institution. The beds are supported on brackets in three tiers, and those brackets are so constructed that the bed can be taken out and carried out of the car, so that the unloading of the patient from his stretcher is rendered an easy process. And how great a matter that is can be realized if it is remembered that terribly shattered bones and deep wounds have only too often to be dealt with. The beds can be turned into bunks, when the cases are not serious ones. The ward cars have both gas and electric light, and the light can be lowered so that those desiring to sleep are not inconvenienced.

After the ward coaches for nurses and orderlies and a kitchen coach that might well awaken the envy of a housewife. Everything that the heart of a cook could desire is here in its right place, easy of access, made to the very shape that seems most useful and satisfactory.

The sleeping quarters of the medical and nursing staff are in the next coach, and these are curtained off from the passage, which, of course, runs the whole length of the train. Here, too, are dining-rooms, the seats of which can actually be converted into beds. There is also a fully-equipped surgery and dispensary. Other coaches contain beds, for 36 more patients, more orderlies, a kit store, and a second kitchen, and coaches for 50 sitting-up patients.

Every train carries a dispenser, who has a completely equipped dispensary. This, perhaps, is one of the most remarkable features of the trains.

The train has in all 14 coaches. It has a most ample supply of hot water (each kitchen has 90 gallons of cold and 60 gallons of hot water; each hospital coach 60 gallons cold and 6 gallons of drinking water in a separate tank).

The train is steam-heated and has extra slow-combustion stoves. It is painted a light grey color outside and white inside, and so is exceedingly clean.

The Princess Christian train was collected for by its donor and was then handed over to the War Office. Then the four millers of the United Kingdom, who had raised a large sum of money for the Red Cross work, decided to devote about \$24,000 to provide two complete hospital trains for the Red Cross.

## LOADING THE TRAINS.

The "front" for a hospital train means one or the other of about a score of towns—mentioned as "Railhead" situated behind the firing line, within sound of the guns, where casualty clearing stations have been erected for the purpose of concentrating the wounded brought off the field.

When the train reaches the railhead the ambulance convoys come to it with their freight of wounded men. This is an impressive moment. Instantly the train becomes the scene of great activity, an activity ordered and controlled. The officer commanding sorts out patients, filling some coaches with stretchers, others with sitting cases. Orderlies are busy along the side of the line. Some are carrying stretchers, others helping men pick-a-back fashion. Doctors and sisters in the wards are directing the placing of patients. Every one is busy. Then the work ends, the cars disappear, and the journey to the base is begun.

## LOCAL DRUGGIST SAYS: "TAKE ONLY ONE DOSE."

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## A Sure Cure.

It is related of a rural editor that he received this question from one of his readers:—

"What is the matter with my hens? Every morning I find one of them laid out stiff and cold on the hen-house floor."

Next day this answer duly appeared in the query column:—

"Your fowls are suffering from death. It is an old complaint. The only treatment that we can prescribe is burial."

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

## BECKWITH COUNCIL

The Municipal Council of Beckwith met in the township hall on Wednesday, Dec. 15th, all the members present. Minutes of the last session were read and adopted and signed by the reeve.

The following communications were read: a Bylaw respecting the Goodwood Telephone Co., Ltd., and the Beckwith and Montague Rural Telephone Co., Ltd.; circular from the Soldiers Aid Commission, also from the Drummond Council to improve the Town Line.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. Davis, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer, in favor of Daniel Barton, for \$27.97, being refund of taxes re Town Line Survey.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. Davis, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of Elizabeth Douglas for one hundred and sixty-two dollars and fifty cents (\$162.50), re purchase of road through Douglas farm.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. J. McEwen, that an order be drawn on the Treasurer in favor of J. C. Elliott for \$50.00, part salary as collector of taxes.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. A. Scott, that the bylaw repealing such parts of bylaw No. 419 as conflict with bylaw No. 417 be now introduced and read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by R. J. McEwen, seconded by R. A. Scott, that the bylaw repealing such parts of bylaw No. 419 as conflict with bylaw No. 417 be read a second time and then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Bylaw was then read a second time and then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. Davis, that the following orders be drawn on the Treasurer:—John Comrie, overcharge in taxes, \$1.00; R. Jones, refund of dog tax, \$1.00; Mrs. Wm. Duff, overcharge in taxes, \$1.00; refund of statute labor, \$9.00.—Carried.

Moved by R. A. Scott, seconded by D. B. McLaren, that the following accounts be paid: Francis Saunders, placing and repairing culvert, \$6.00; G. M. Kemp, blacksmith work, \$2.75; Geo. Poole, paid for gravel and drawing tile, \$10.00; Peter McLaren, work on road and valuing sheep, \$2.75; Herald Printing Co., printing \$23.50; W. H. Shail, placing culvert, \$6.00; Jas. T. Drummond, placing culvert, \$6.00; W. J. Lightbody, fence viewer, \$8.00; A. W. Cram, moving dump wagons, \$3.00; John Baird, repair on dump wagons, \$12.00; Jas. Warren & Son, repair on dump wagons, \$16.50; Wm. Branton, grading side road 3rd con., \$3.00; Allan Cameron, repair bridge, \$7.00; R. J. McEwen, extra grant side road 5 & 6, 6th con., \$3.50; Municipal World, 53 cts; J. W. Robertson, care of hall, \$6.00; selecting jurors, \$3.00; Board of Health, \$6.00; cleaning McTavish Award ditch, \$2.00; fees Drummond's Award ditch, \$4.00; Allan Cameron, valuing sheep, \$1.50; Jas. Bell, building culvert and repair on crusher, \$5.75; bonus on wire fence, Kennedy's cemetery, \$1.05; Peter McLaren, bonus \$29.25; Norman McLaren, bonus, \$19.25; Geo. Shail, work on town line, \$6.62; Drummond Council, tile, \$2.40; Dr. J. A. McEwen, professional services Samuel Morris, \$4.00; A. F. Stewart, postage and stationery, \$1.50.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. J. McEwen, that the bylaw to appoint D.R. officers and poll clerks to hold the municipal elections in the municipality of Beckwith for the year 1916 be now introduced and read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. Davis, that the blanks in the bylaw to appoint D.R. officers and poll clerks to hold the municipal elections in the municipality of Beckwith for the year 1916 be filled in as follows: deputies—No. 1 Denis McCarthy; poll clerk, Willard Kilfoyle; No. 2 Peter McLaren; poll clerk, Howard Mains; No. 3, W. O. Leach; poll clerk, W. A. Robertson; No. 4, Jas. A. Dowdall; poll clerk, Thos. Stewart; and then read a second time, then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Bylaw was then read a second time and then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. A. Scott, that the bylaw to provide for the payment of township officers in the municipality of Beckwith for the year 1915 be now introduced and read a first time.—Carried.

Bylaw was then read a second time, then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Moved by D. B. McLaren, seconded by R. A. Scott, that the bylaw to provide for the payment of township officers in the municipality of Beckwith for the year 1915 be now introduced and read a first time.—Carried.

Moved by R. A. Scott, seconded by R. Davis, that the blanks in the bylaw to provide for the payment of township officers be filled as follows: Councillors \$3.00 per day, Board of Health \$3.00 per day; selectors of jurors \$3.00; caretaker of hall \$6.00 per annum, and then read a second time then a third time short and passed.—Carried.

Bylaw was then read a second time, then a third time and finally passed. Council then adjourned.

J. W. ROBERTSON, Tp. Clerk.

About fifty-five Canadian officers, most of whom have been wounded, are being brought back to aid in training and organizing troops here during the winter.

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## The Christmas Season

Not a Day but Weeks Needed to Manifest Its Spirit.

CHRISTMAS proper is never a day. It is really a week or about a month. When the almanac says December has come, then all hearts begin to feel the presence of that midwinter festival. Each day adds to this feeling.

The Romans perceived that one day did not contain all the import of the midwinter gayety. Their Saturnalia continued seven days. It began as a one day celebration and was observed Dec. 19; but as it was soon found that brief period was a cup too small to contain the wine of pleasure, it was extended to three days. At last it was enlarged by the Emperor Claudian so as to take in the 26th. In form the festival has now been changed back into the one day shape, but in reality Christmas is much larger under our presidents than it was under Claudian and Caligula.

It is a great midwinter period and may well be looked upon as a type of the public happiness or the public misfortunes of a given date. In the early Christian church it became a single day, because being asked to stand for the birth of Jesus it had to be a formal day rather than a week, but no such limitation could keep it from having adjacent times which partook of its spirit as dawn partakes of day.—Professor David Swing.



## The Story of the Magi.

The story of the Magi, as it is given by the evangelist Matthew, is astonishingly brief and unadorned. He tells us without preface that when Jesus was born in Bethlehem certain foreigners arrived at Jerusalem.

He does not tell us how many they were nor of what race nor of what station of life, although it is fair to infer from the consideration with which they were received at the court of Herod and from the fact that they carried treasure boxes with them that they were persons of distinction.

The most important statement in regard to them is that they were Magians—that is to say, disciples of Zoroaster and members of the sacred or priestly order of Persia, which was then widely scattered among the oriental nations and included men of exalted rank. They came from the east, a word which to the dwellers in Palestine could hardly have any other meaning than the ancient region of Chaldaea, lying beyond the Jordan and the desert.

Their explanation of their journey to Herod was that they had seen an appearance in the heavens (whether one star or many or a comet they did not say) which led them to believe that the King of the Jews had been born, and they had come to do reverence to him. Herod was greatly troubled at hearing this and sent for the chief priests and scribes to inquire where the prophets had foretold that the Messiah should be born.

They answered at once that Bethlehem was the chosen place. Then Herod, having asked the Magi how long it was since they first saw the appearance in the sky, sent them away to Bethlehem, promising that when they had found the young Christ he also would come to do reverence to him.

Having set out on their journey, they saw once more the celestial sign, and its motion was such that it guided them to the place where Jesus was. Coming into the house—for Joseph had now found better shelter than a stable—they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and prostrated themselves before him in worship. Opening their treasure chests, they presented to him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. Then, being warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they took another road into their own country.

The conjunction of the planets Jupiter and Saturn is one of the rarest of sidereal events. It occurs only once in 800 years. This conjunction, all astronomers agree, happened no less than three times in the year 747 A. U. C., shortly before the birth of Christ.

It may be that we have here, in this "fairy tale of science," a confirmation of this beautiful story of religion, a hint and trace of

The light that led The holy elders with their gifts of myrrh.—Rev. Dr. Henry van Dyke

## THE OLD CHRISTMAS HYMNS.

It is good to think of the old time Christmas hymns again as the Day approaches; good to get out worn hymn books, the prettiest for the piano rack, with tunes as well as words, and play and sing them over, just as we should re-read, if pleasure and duty join hands, the story of Scrooge and Marley's Ghost.

It is even good to recall the titles more or less familiar to all of us, according to our bringing up. There are "Hail to the Lord's Anointed," "As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold," "Angels from the realms of glory," and "Hark, what mean those holy voices," each reiterating in rhythmical melody the story of the ancient chronicles.

In the little church where the flaring star poised a bit nsteadily over the white head of the beloved pastor, "Oh, come, all ye faithful," ushered in the day, and no matter how fast sped the minutes, how near the approach of the dinner hour, or how expectantly youngsters thought of unfringed stockings, if the early morning service invited them there was always plenty of time for "Joy to the world, the Lord is come," "When marshaled on the mighty plain," "Brightest and best of the sons of the morning," "Hark, the herald angels sing," "It came upon the midnight clear," and that best loved of all, "While shepherds watched their flocks by night."

## SONG OF THE TREE.

Once out of midnight sweet with mystery  
The wonder of all wonders came to be,  
So shall the dawn a marvel make of me.  
For when in all my beauty I am born  
In the first glimmer of the Christmas morn  
Angels of Innocence in mortal guise  
Shall look upon me with their faithful eyes:  
And, looking, see  
A greater thing in me  
Than the bare figure of a tree.  
Behold! in every limb  
I thrill with praise of him  
For whom I stand in memory.

Kings of the east and wise men three  
There were  
Who brought to him rare frankincense  
and myrrh.  
So do my balsamed branches when they stir  
In the warm airs that move about this room.  
And render forth their homage in perfume.  
Lift up your hearts anew, O careworn men!  
Look up with glad, believing eyes again;  
And, looking, see  
A greater thing in me  
Than the bare figure of a tree.  
Behold! in every limb  
I thrill in praise of him  
For whom I stand in memory.  
—Tom Daly.

## The Christ Child.

Oh, the beauty of the Christ Child,  
The gentleness, the grace,  
The smiling, loving tenderness,  
The infantile embraces!  
All babyhood he holdeth,  
All motherhood infoldeth,  
Yet who hath seen his face?

Oh, the nearness of the Christ Child  
When for a sacred space  
He nestles in our very homes,  
Light of the human race!  
We know him and we love him,  
No man to us need prove him,  
Yet who hath seen his face?  
—Mary Mapes Dodge.

## HUNTING FOR 5-CLAUS



## Hymn For Christmas Morning.

Hark, a burst of heavenly music  
From a band of seraphs bright,  
Suddenly to earth descending,  
In the calm and silent night,  
To the shepherds of Judea,  
Watching in the early dawn  
Lo, they bear the joyful tidings—  
Jesus, Prince of Peace, is born!  
Sweet and clear those angel voices,  
Echoing through the starry sky,  
As they chant the heavenly chorus  
"Glory be to God on high!"  
And this joyful Christmas morning  
Breaking o'er the world below  
Tells again the wondrous story  
Shepherds heard so long ago,  
Who shall still our tuneful voices,  
Who the tide of praise shall stem,  
Which the blessed angels taught us  
In the fields of Bethlehem?

Hark, we hear again the chorus  
Ringing through the starry sky,  
And we join the heavenly anthem,  
"Glory be to God on high!"  
—Mrs. M. N. Meigs.

Horses and Water.  
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