

Little Brown House.

O Little Brown House, by the side of the road,
They have left you alone, I know.
Your windows are barred—your doors are locked,
And your roof is covered with snow.
As the tinkle of sleigh-bells fills the air,
And laughter and merry chime,
I'm wondering to-night if your old heart mourns
For the days of "Auld Lang Syne?"
O Little Brown House, does your fireplace miss
The gladness of bygone days,
'Ere those you loved left your sheltering roof
To tread life's harder ways?
Do you yearn for the friends who used to come,
Or the games they used to play,
For the lovers who parted on your doorstep
At "the end of a perfect day?"
O Little Brown House, you have memories
That nothing can take away;
And hearts that gave you secrets to keep
You will never, never betray.
Now, as I'm wishing Christmas joys,
To old friends tried and true,
I want to tell you our love remains,
O Little Brown House, for you.
—G. M. R.

STEAMERS REFLAGGED.

The S.S. Mahone, which went ashore at Codroy about two weeks ago has been reflagged and is anchored in Codroy for the winter. The ship drove ashore in a gale, having a part cargo of fish aboard, and it was feared that she would become a total loss. The ship was chartered by the Burgeo & LaPoile Export Co.
The S.S. Aireade, which went ashore near Quebec recently while enroute to St. John's from Montreal, has been reflagged and has gone on dock for repairs. The ship had a large cargo of flour as well as other merchandise, which has been taken off the ship and is not damaged to a great extent. Nothing has been heard of the pilot who disappeared suddenly from the ship.

SHIPPING NEWS.

The S.S. Kyle, while passing through Stag Harbor Run on the way north, grazed a submerged rock but sustained no damage. The cause of the grounding was due to a buoy which marks the rock being under water owing to the weight of ice being on it and could not be seen until the ship was on top of it. After the ship had been examined by the diver it was found that there was no water in the hold.

Miss Marcella Gosse, of Spaniard's Bay, daughter of Mr. Joseph Gosse, Road Inspector of the Department of Public Works, who has been in training as a nursing sister at the General Hospital for the past three years passed her final examinations on Monday last with high honours and was awarded the regulation diploma. Nurse Gosse has joined the staff of the Hospital as a sister and will devote her future to that work.

NEW DINER MAKES FIRST TRIP ON ROAD.

The new N. G. Ry. diner No. 7 went out for the first time last Sunday attached to the express. This car which has just been completed at the car shops is of the standard size with fittings for eighteen and is equipped with modern conveniences. It is of the vestibule end type and compares favourably with the new sleepers "Ferryland" and "Harbor Grace" which were put into commission on August 24th. With the exception of the trucks the diner was built by the local tradesmen and is a splendid example of their work.—Free Press.

WELCOME FOR ARCHBISHOP ROCHE.

A giant parade and demonstration was arranged in honor of the home-coming of His Grace Archbishop Roche, who returned from a visit to His Holiness the Pope, at Rome, by the S.S. Rosalind on Dec. 10th. At the Cathedral an address of welcome was presented to His Grace to which he made a very suitable reply.

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C. E. Russell - Proprietor.

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Bay Roberts, Friday, Dec. 18th.

Rev. A. G. Bowering Writes From Florida

We were pleased to hear recently from Rev. Allan G. Bowering, a valued subscriber of the Guardian and a talented Bay Roberts boy, who has made good in the United States. He is now residing in DeLand, Florida, and is supplying a church there during the winter months, but hopes to visit his native land in the Spring. Rev. Bowering writes,—"Here I am in the South for the Winter. Florida is certainly a busy State at this time. There are so many people who want to see this wonderful country for themselves. I left New York State in October and we motored down here. The trip was about eighteen hundred miles. It is very interesting to see so many things growing in the winter—cotton is growing in the State of Georgia and oranges, grapefruit, lemons, peaches, flowers, etc., in Florida. We purpose returning to New York in March.

"This wonderful 'boom' and influx of people in the State is largely due to a very fine system of advertising and Florida has its disadvantages as well as its advantages. This leads me to think that if our own beautiful Island—Newfoundland—were properly known, with its climate and beautiful scenery, opportunities for game and fishing etc., thousands of people would spend their summers enjoying them.

"I believe that Florida would be a splendid place for many of our Newfoundland people to find work for several months in the winter, when there is not much to do in Newfoundland. It is also a fine place for older people to keep warm in the sunshine and for sick people to improve in health."

We agree with Rev. Mr. Bowering that if sufficient advertising were done, Newfoundland, which has been called "the Norway of the New World" would be the meeting place of tourists from all parts of the world. Every Newfoundlander should consider it his duty to advertise the country from which he hails—the paradise of the Sportsman.

OMISSION.

We regret to have unintentionally and accidentally left out a line of type which marred the following sentence in the Note of Thanks of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parsons, Shearstown. The corrected sentence is:

"We also wish to thank all who assisted in any way during my absence from home, especially Mr. Jas. G. Baggs, who assisted both before and after the death occurred. Also Messrs. Thos. Fry, and, as already published, follows the balance of the names.

Confirmation Services Election of Officers

AT SHEARSTOWN, COLEY'S PT. and BAY ROBERTS.

On Sunday last Confirmation Services were held at Shearstown in the morning, Coley's Point in the afternoon and Bay Roberts at night. His Lordship Bishop White arrived from St. John's to conduct the Confirmation and was the guest of Rev. E. M. and Mrs. Bishop at the Rectory. At St. Matthew's at night there were fifteen male and twelve female candidates in the Confirmation class. Rev. G. H. Seavey was Chaplain to the Bishop. After confirming the candidates His Lordship the Bishop spoke on the subject of "Christ as a Guest." As the Master enters a life He comes as a Comforter, Fire, Light and Guide. He appealed to all to take Christ as a continual Guest into their lives for this was the only life that would bring joy and happiness. A very large congregation listened to the eloquent address which the Bishop delivered.

GETS CONTRACT FOR BARRELS.

Bay Roberts Firm To Supply Oil Company With Casks

Mr. Wilfred Dawe, of Bay Roberts, we learn, has secured a contract from the Imperial Oil Co. office here, to supply all the barrels for the local trade, about 25,000 a year. This is an instance of what patience and perseverance can do. The Dawe factory at Bay Roberts has been turning out excellent home made products for several years past with, it must be admitted, very little encouragement from the public or the trade of St. John's. His chance came, when Mr. Oldfield, the representative of Imperial Oil Co. here, saw specimen oil barrels that Mr. Dawe had made. There was one shown at the Bank when the Annual Fair was on, and all who knew anything about barrels said, on examining it that it was perfect.

Mr. Oldfield pronounced it the best barrel that he had ever seen, and knew at once that he had come upon a long felt want here in the Imperial oil trade. He will now take all that can be made by Mr. Dawe, and has, we understand, signed a contract for 25,000 for next year's delivery. The barrels are made of birch and witch hazel, and the only problem now, we understand, is to get a sufficient supply near Bay Roberts to carry on the industry for future years.

There is plenty of birch in distant parts of the country which can be brought there, but the supply of witch hazel is limited. We are informed, however, that Mr. Dawe has said that he can get a supply in Conception Bay for many years, and that he does not regard this feature of the business as a serious problem. We understand that he is able, so far, to turn out the barrels at about \$3.00 each, and with the machinery that he has for making them the work can be done very rapidly.—Trade Review.

ITEMS OF NEWS.

Misses Gertrude McLeod and Gladys Russell spent a few days in St. John's during the week. They returned by Wednesday night's train.

Mr. Edward Delaney, who is attending St. Bon's College, arrived from St. John's this week to spend his holidays with his mother, Mrs. P. F. Delaney.

Messrs. Stephen Kearley, Arch Bradbury, John Badcock and Wm. Mercer arrived recently from Boston, Mass.

CHILD SUFOCCATED WHEN HOUSE BURNS.

A tragedy occurred at Doting Cove on December 14th, when the house of Mrs. Moses Abbott was destroyed by fire and her 4 year old son was suffocated in the smoke. The full particulars of the case are not yet known but it is learned that when the fire started the mother was away from the house. The child was in the upstairs part of the house and it is not known whether there was an effort made to save him or not.

DASHING SCHOMBERG, L. O. A.

The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers of "Dashing Schomberg" Lodge, L. O. A., was held in the Orange Hall at Coley's Point on November 30th and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—W.M.—Bro. Willie French D.M.—Bro. Wilfred Greenland. Chaplain—Bro. Isaac Dawe. Rec. Secty.—Bro. Abram Snow. Fin. Secty.—Bro. Arthur Kelly. D. of C.—Bro. Wm. Greenland. 1st Lecturer—Bro. Joseph Bradbury. 2nd Lecturer—Bro. Wm. Russell. Inside Tyler—Bro. Isaac Goosney. Outside Tyler—Bro. Jacob French.

"SUNBEAM" ROYAL BLACK PRECEPTORY.

The Annual Meeting and election of officers of "Sunbeam", Royal Black Preceptory, No. 851, was held at Coley's Point on December 16th. Next year's officers are as follows: W.P.—Sir Kt. Joseph Roach. D.P.—Sir Kt. Augustus Bishop. Chaplain—Sir Kt. Stephen Bradbury. Registrar—Sir Kt. George Tippett. Treasurer—Sir Kt. John J. French. 1st Lecturer—Sir Kt. Edward Bradbury. 2nd Lecturer—Sir Kt. Willie French. 1st Censor—Sir Kt. Azariah Russell. 2nd Censor—Sir Kt. Wm. Mercer. 1st Standard Bearer—Sir Kt. John Snow. 2nd Standard Bearer—Sir Kt. Isaac Goosney. Inside Pursuivant—Sir Kt. Robert Badcock. Outside Tyler—Sir Kt. Edward Snow. Committeemen—Sir Kts. Geo. Thompson, Wm. French, Christopher Bishop.

BOSTON NEWS.

The salaries of Boston's municipal councillors and Mayor have been increased. At a meeting of the City Council recently the salary of the Mayor of Boston was increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000, effective as from Jan. 1st, 1926, when the Mayor-elect, Malcolm Nichols, assumes the office. Many salary increases were also voted to officials on the staff of the Council.

The first drowning mishap of the season occurred on Monday last when two lads aged 15 and 8 years lost their lives when the ice broke on a river near Dedham, where they resided.

November passed out with an icy farewell, the last two days showing an unusual drop in temperature. Sunday, in particular, was a keen, frosty day, and the statistical experts tell us it was the coldest Nov. 29th for 20 years. Many there are who visualize Newfoundland as an Arctic area in winter time, but Boston and the surrounding districts feel the chilly blasts to no lesser degree than the homeland; in fact, the climatic conditions of the New England States and Newfoundland are very similar. It is true that in Newfoundland the snowfall is greater than in Massachusetts and the winter season is more prolonged, but the intensity of cold is no greater.

Of our experience in Boston in winter time, we are content to admit that Newfoundland has no monopoly of storms and gales and frozen water pipes.—From the "Telegram."

Miss Dattie Parsons and Miss Winnie Butt and Master David Parsons were in St. John's last week. They returned on Friday.

Buy Dawe's (Better Built) Doors.
Also No. 1 Drum Heading.
Wm. Dawe & Sons Ltd.,
Bay Roberts.

The S.S. Peveril arrived in port this (Friday) evening with a load of coal, and will discharge at the Avalon Coal Company's premises, Coley's Point.

Lost

Between Klondyke and Railway Station, by way of Badcock's Lane and Railway track, a WATCH-FACE RIM, minus crystal. Finder please return to this office or Railway Station.

Preliminary Announcement!

Keep Wednesday night, DEC. 23rd, open for the CHRISTMAS CONCERT by the pupils of the Superior and the Primary Meth. Schools in Snowden Hall. PARTICULARS LATER.

FORSALE!

1 JUMBO 6-horsepower Stationary Engine, with two saws, mandrills, belting, etc., complete.
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1 FORD Touring Motor Car.
1 "Slow-but-Sure" Combustion Stove.
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NEWFOUNDLAND POSTAL TELEGRAPHS

NOTICE!

Local Wireless Stations have been opened at Burgeo and Cape LaHune, Tariff 25c. for first 10 words and 2c. for each additional word. Address and signature free.

Telephone Stations have recently been opened at Laurenceville connecting with Norris' Arm and Big Barachois, connecting with Placentia.

GEORGE J. VEITCH, Superintendent.

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Big Sale of Dress Goods 2,000 Yards 25 per cent. Under Cost. Nicholle & Inkpen Co. Ltd. 315 Water Street. St. John's.



Funeral Notice!

The members of Victoria Lodge, No. 3, L. O. A., are requested to meet in their Hall on Monday, Dec. 21st, at 12 o'clock to attend the funeral of the late Brother ELIJAH MERCER.

By order of W. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel H. Simmons, of Spruce Brook, spent the week-end here visiting friends. They left by Monday morning's train for Whitbourne enroute to their home.

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Christmas Goods for Christmas Season.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON is fast approaching us and we are consequently confronted with the thought, Where shall we procure a suitable gift for our family and friends, for the giving of such a gift always helps to strengthen the cords of good-will and friendship that help to make life worth living.

When making your selection we would suggest for you to see our variety which ranks with the best in town and includes such articles as TOYS, BOOKS, FANCY STATIONERY, PERFUME, FANCY CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, SILVER BUTTERS, MARMALADE JARS, BISCUIT BARRELS, FRENCH IVORY PHOTO FRAMES, HAND MIRRORS, BRUSH and COMB SETS, TABLE CLOTHS, FANCY CENTRE PIECES and BUREAU SCARFS, MISSES, LADIES' and GENTS' HOUSE SLIPPERS.

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