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THURSDAY DECEMBER 27th, 1917

The Advocate wishes all its readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year

A SYMPATHETIC PEOPLE

The quick response of the public to the needs of the suffering people of Halifax is very creditable, showing the strong bond of sympathy that underlies all human relations. The prompt action of the Town Councils, Red Cross and other organizations and many individuals of this county will in after years be a source of satisfaction to all our citizens.

ALCOHOL'S WORK

The tragedies detailed elsewhere in this issue by which two young men of this town and a woman of Queens County lost their lives and which can be traced directly to the craving for strong drink show that had Prohibition come earlier many valuable lives would have been saved. The coming generation however will grow up free from the dreadful evil of alcoholism.

THE WAR

The war still drags on with no immediate prospect of peace. Russia has signed an armistice with the enemy and is negotiating for peace but with no signs of success as the enemy wants too much. While Russia wants a peace with no annexations and no indemnities and with the right accorded to all nationalities to determine their own political status Germany wants the whole of western Russia left in tutelage to her self and Austria.

The enemy in spite of quiet on the Russian frontier has been for weeks unable to make any headway in France and Belgium and very little in Northern Italy. Venice is still safe. Jerusalem and all south western Palestine is in the hands of the British.

Russia has divided into two warring camps—the Bolsheviks of Great (northern and central) Russia and the newly independent Ukrainian (southwestern) Cossack (southeastern) and Siberian governments.

Large masses of enemy troops are being shifted from the Russian front and they may strike a hard blow in France or Italy or Mesopotamia or Syria at any moment. But for the present all fronts look fairly well for the Allies.

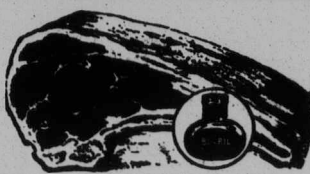
MEDICAL INSPECTION OF SCHOOLS.

Our oft repeated demand for medical inspection of school children, previously made by the Newcastle Town Improvement League and several times before that by the Northumberland County Teachers' Institute, is steadily gaining support.

It has been repeatedly endorsed by the Women's Institute of Newcastle and was vigorously supported at the last Provincial Convention of the N. B. Women's Institute and adopted.

At the annual meeting of the St. John's Associated Charities a short time ago, the principle of Medical Inspection was heartily endorsed. At that meeting Hon. Dr. Roberts gave an address strongly urging "the necessity for medical inspection in the schools. Numberless children are attending school in a diseased condition and perhaps the disease is latent and is not suspected. This child is not only in need of medical care, but it is a menace to other children. Many children are malnourished for life, lose their sight or hearing, simply because the defect was not discovered. Medical supervision of the school would help overcome the disability. Hon. Dr. Roberts, continuing said: "Marriage ought not to take place between people who are diseased," and told of the results of a medical examination of the schools in Boston and New York and said that the discoveries in regard to the condition of the children can hardly be believed. Normal school teaching ought to include the ability to recognize different diseases. Particular attention should be paid to children between eleven and fifteen years of age.

A recent issue of the St. John's Globe has the following editorial on that subject: "Medical inspection in the schools of England about a year ago revealed a startlingly low physical condition, and aroused the public to a sense of the responsibility that lay with the nation to alter the existing state of affairs. The future of the Empire depends upon the children of today. This is always true, but the war has



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Joint of Beef
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goodness of the beef

There has been no
increase in the price of
Bovril during the War.

emphasized this fact in a way that the most careless cannot longer ignore. Of course, medical inspection is but a step in the right direction. Probably when the results of that inspection are placed before the people there will be awakened the same sense of personal responsibility as stirred the English people to immediate action. There is no doubt that many children are hampered in their school work by physical ailments that in the incipient stage are not especially serious, but neglected develop conditions that become permanent. All sorts of things contribute to the defective mental and physical inability of the children, improper feeding, lack of a knowledge of sanitation, neglected minor ailments, things that of themselves are scarcely noticeable in the individual, but that when multiplied in hundreds of children produce a low ratio in the health reports, and lower the mental and moral standards of the community. Medical inspection in the schools will place the actual conditions before the public and then it will be necessary to find out the causes and to check them at the outset. It is a step in the right direction, and while the difficulties are many, weighed against a sturdy nation they should become as nought. A majority of the children in the schools in Saint John will suffer from the nervous and economic strain of the war. This suffering will doubtless be due more largely to what is technically called "reflex action," rather than to direct influence, but science has shown how seriously the physical conditions are influenced by the mental. To-day no one can afford to neglect whatever will make for the welfare of to-morrow.

A BOLD AND WISE STEP

Only five days after the election, the Union Government has prohibited the importation of intoxicating beverages into any part of Canada on and after December 24th instant, unless it was ordered previously, in which case it may be imported up to the 31st of next month. No liquor may be sent from any part of Canada into a dry province after the last day of next March. It is also intended to shortly decree the suspension of the manufacture of such beverages. All of these regulations will remain in force during the war and until one full year after the conclusion of peace.

The Government is to be congratulated upon its action. This is the greatest step yet taken to win the war. A sober people are best fitted to succeed in any undertaking. This one action justifies the Union Government's existence. It is not likely that either party would so soon have taken such far reaching steps had there been no union of parties.

Prohibition proving such a necessary factor in winning the war, it will doubtless be continued as an equally important factor in the moral and economic life of the country when peace shall have been established.

The new Government is acting well and so far, bids fair to be the best the country has ever known.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—General Kaledines is besieging Rostov-on-Don.

Petrograd, Dec. 12.—Countess Panin, former vice minister of public welfare, has been arrested. She is charged with having returned all the ministry funds to the state bank, leaving the safes in the ministry empty when the Bolsheviks took control. The members of the constitutional democratic party now in prison will be tried by revolutionary tribunals. Bolshevik leaders express the opinion that the probable penalty will be exile abroad for one year or more.

London, Dec. 9.—The Bolshevik Russian government announces that General Kaledines, Duffell and Korniloff all Cossacks of southeastern Russia have revolted, aided by the Constitutional Democrats and Bourgeoisie (middle class).

A CHANGE AT NORMAL SCHOOL.
Miss Alethea Watson of Harcourt manual training instructor at Normal School, has resigned her position

Christmas In The Churches

The Holy Season Duly Celebrated
With Special Sermons
and Music

The Christmas audiences in all the local churches were good, and the subject of Christmas was ably handled in all the pulpits. Special Xmas music was rendered on Sunday, the 23rd, or on Christmas Day, as follows:

Anglican

The services of St. Andrew's church (Newcastle) were celebration of the Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and Matins and Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion at 11 o'clock.

The anthem at the 11 o'clock service was "Hark! What Means Those Holy Voices."

St. Mark's (Nelson) service on Christmas Day was at 2:30.

Both churches were "greened" according to the old English custom and on St. Andrew's altar were choicest cut flowers, some given by the Altar Guild and others by members of the congregation "In Memoriam."

According to usage the offertories at all services were given to the rector of the Parish.

Baptist

11 a.m.

Glory to God in the Highest—M. L. McPhail.

The Names of Jesus—J. Lincoln Hall.

7 p.m.

Ring Ye Bells—C. Harold Lowden.

White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks—Arthur W. Nelson.

Catholic

Midnight Mass, Christmas Eve.

Holy Night—Soloist Miss M. Morrison.

Miss Quarta, by Jos. Belgen's.

Soloists Messrs M. Travers, J. A. Creaghan, C. H. Morris.

"Adeste Fideles"—Soloists Messrs E. McEvoy and R. Creamer.

The above was repeated at 11 a.m. Christmas Day.

Methodist

11 a.m.

Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem—J. T. Field.

White Shepherds Watched—R. Smart.

7 p.m.

O Little Town of Bethlehem—Niedlinger.

White Shepherds Watched Their Flocks—F. N. Shackley.

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear—Strelezki.

Presbyterian

11 a.m.

Christians, Awake, Salute the Happy Morn—Shelley.

Girls! Lemon Juice Is Skin Whitener

How to Make a Creamy Beauty Lotion for a few Cents

The juice of two fresh lemons strained into a bottle containing three ounces of orchard white makes a whole quart of the most remarkable lemon skin beautifier at about the cost one must pay for a small jar of the ordinary cold creams. Care should be taken to strain the lemon juice through a fine cloth so no lemon pulp gets in, then this lotion will keep fresh for months. Every woman knows that lemon juice is used to bleach and remove such blemishes as freckles, sallowness and tan and is the ideal skin softener, whitener and beautifier.

Just try it! Get three ounces of orchard white at any drug store and two lemons from the grocer and make up a quart of this sweetly fragrant lemon lotion and massage it daily into the face, neck, arms and hands.

THE BOLSHEVSKI PROGRAM

A recent London dispatch from Petrograd says that the Russian government has declared that all lands with their living and slaughtered stock, all buildings, and the produce of the lands shall henceforth be national property under the management of the land committees. Under this proclamation private property in land is declared abolished, and the houses of the land owners are to be used as schools, hospitals, shelters and theatres. (Landowners here evidently means the nobility and not the peasants, whose small holdings are the common property of the villages as among the Dukhobors! Canada.)

The proclamation announces that instructions for the transfer will be issued shortly. The proclamation concludes:

"Therefore the destruction and pillage of estates, buildings, stocks, and produce is to the great detriment of the peasant laborers themselves, and all measures should be taken to guard the integrity of the properties in the interests of the people."

The workmen have taken over the control of factories in the Petrograd district under a decree issued by the Bolsheviks.

Another Year Has Rolled By

Making another big increase in the business of this store, making for us many new friends, renewing our old friendships and extending our scope of activity to new fields.

For 1918 we wish everyone a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

Our Policy will be to sell only GOOD GOODS at as fair prices as possible, and we ask you for a continuance of the valued patronage you extended us during the past year. Make a resolution during 1918 to Trade at Home. Your home merchants help to keep up your own churches, schools, public roads and charitable institutions besides giving you good merchandise and honest treatment.

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STARS NOT SCARS

By Herbert Kaufman

War is scaping the mines, shearing the flocks, exhausting the paddocks, consuming the leather, butchering the herds, emptying the granaries, spending the chemicals, wasting the genius, squandering the vitality. Tomorrow expected to use.

Hungry foundries whine for labor's savings and orphan's peace. We are making cannon out of daily bread—starving knife and fork to feed the guns.

Each new offensive is another tax collector. The mounting toll of cripples and dependents' pale philanthropy, and the Recording Angel shudders at coming trials of suddenly resourceless women.

Progress has quit highway building to captain battle. The dollar, the hammer, the plow and the test-tube are trench chums.

The most potent and enlightened group of peoples Time knows have pledged their prime men and the last greats of national wealth to just ideals.

Life and chattels were never before so cheap—principle never so dear.

Though half the universe be wrecked and half our kind be slain, Democracy shall perish. We, too, O Lacedaemon, can perish in the past! We, too, O Winkfield, have hearts to harvest despotisms!

They lied who swore the ages had rot our fiber and shrunk the measure of a man. We have bred true to form—centuries have not dulled the splendor of ancient faiths; self-living has not seduced the race.

Behold our millions march forth to serve duty and hark to the huzzas as they pass!

We could have ransomed all the misery and lighted the last attack corners of earth with the gold and zeal now promoting peace.

Civilization might have a sun-ladder of the timbers in her crucifix.

And yet these things shall sooner come to pass because we found it sweeter to endure a space of grief and desolation than suffer supreme shame.

History will not count the present as a loss. The world has so gained in humaneness, in efficiency, in the realization of community power that our children shall inherit: stars instead of scars.—December Cosmopolitan.

TO THE BOYS.
The Dept. of Agriculture at Chatham would like the attendance of the boys and girls for a few minutes.—Listen!

In order to advance education, and interest along farm lines, it is necessary to have the whole hearted cooperation of the boys and girls; and to this end, we are setting out to organize clubs, composed of boys and girls, for the purpose of raising pigs, hens, and calves.

Now, boys and girls, what are these clubs and how are they managed? Ten boys and girls, between the ages of twelve and eighteen, in the one locality can form a club. You are organized by appointing one of your number a president, another a secretary, etc. Each member is then presented with, say, a pig. He keeps this pig and raises more pigs, one of each of the first two litters is given back to the person giving the pig and thus you pay for your pig; and at the same time you are making money. The pig is to be cared for by yourself. You will be required to go to the nearest fair to show your stock, and you will have an opportunity of winning prizes. Think of it, boys and girls; win—big prizes! But that sounds funny, does it not? But other boys and girls are doing it, so can you. Listen to this!—J. Robt. Reed, a boy in the state of Louisiana, won \$122.00 in prizes at the State fair, and refused \$400.00 for his sow and litter. Of course Robert's case is rather unusual, but it just shows what our boys and girls can do.

RED CROSS LOST NO TIME.

The local Red Cross Society went to work as soon as the news of the Halifax disaster reached them. They have forwarded to Halifax, four boxes of relief supplies, consisting of sheets, towels, hospital night shirts, blankets and other bedding.

The Surgical Committee sent a large supply of bandages and dressings.

The Surgical Committee have also packed two boxes to be sent to Nursing Sister Allen Creaghan, No. 3 Canadian General Stationary hospital, France.

Messrs J. A. Creaghan and D. A. Jackson donated \$50 towards comforts for soldiers to be sent Miss Creaghan.

For Sale

5 Passenger Overland Car, Horse, Sleigh, Wagon and Harness, also Piano, Three Burner Oil Stove with oven and all other household furniture.

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Teacher Wanted

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Public Notice

Collectors of rates are required to make their returns to the Undersigned on or before the 31st day of December and will govern themselves accordingly.

The regular annual meeting of the County Council will be held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday the 5th day of January 1918. The warden will take the chair at ten o'clock sharp.

All persons having any claims against the said Municipality are requested to file the same and any person indebted to the said County will please pay the same to the Undersigned.

Dated this twenty fourth day of December A.D. 1917

E. P. Williston
Secretary Treasurer
Municipality of Northumberland

In wishing my many patrons
the Compliments of the Season
I thank you all for your patronage and trust I will be favored with a continuance of same during 1918. May it be full of prosperity to you all.

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