

Christmas Services at St. Lawrence.

The Evening Telegram.

—I beg to submit for publication in some remote corner of your esteemed paper a few ramblings relative to our Christmas services at St. Lawrence. For technical reasons of the Prohibition Act, by a irresponsible, this place has often in the limelight the past year or two, with the result that we have given the proverbial black eye, an unenviable reputation for being a "black eye" place. But I am happy to inform you, Mr. Editor, that the aspersions cast upon us are more imaginary than real, that in almost every instance it was a case of more smoke than fire, and the parties involved in the transaction "were more sinned against than sinning." Happily the smoke has cleared, and the principals as well as the most ardent supporters of the same have realized their mistake and have selected the time to give us a black eye instead. As a result of this account, a celebrated reverential manner, the old custom of renewing it with a sprinkling of a drop from the that cheers, was conspicuous by its absence. The people being wholly unacquainted with the old custom, the midnight services in the church, which was thronged with devout worshippers afforded an opportunity to welcome the old custom, and renew their homage to the Divine Babe in the crib. The celebrant of the Mass was the Rev. Father Conway, our dear pastor, who succeeds Father Battcock, Parish Priest, the latter being obliged to vacate the parish on account of ill health. We hear that the Rev. Father will be accepting a parish in the Pacific Coast, where the climate will be more congenial to him. A special feature of the mid-winter service was the singing of the Mass by the Rev. Father Conway, together with that of the choir, a very nice effect. Immediately following the last Gospel the Rev. Father ascended the pulpit and delivered a powerful sermon on the subject, "The Babe in the Crib," describing in vivid and unimpeachable language the creation of the world, the wonderful mysteries of incarnation. A goodly number of separated brethren were present on the occasion who were delighted to hear the sermon, and the Rev. Father's sermon to be most eloquent and effective, and the preacher a chaste and polished pulpit orator. This was endorsed by the whole congregation. The Rev. Pastor has announced his intention of holding a series of lectures in the near future to the young men of the parish. This movement is very much appreciated by his parishioners, and we hope for the Rev. gentleman large appreciative audiences. Father is a very fine speaker, and who would him preach will not forget him nor his subject matter.

The old time custom of mummering is still in vogue, and was much in evidence during the Christmas festival. By the turn of the year, together with numerous other customs, the holidays were spent in an incessant round of social enjoyment. So great an unanimity of feeling prevailed that each with the other in making the Christmas season a happy one, and we hope to see that this year's Christmas season to become a little more happy than last year's, and with little for the few individual cases in which we will get over our troubles in the coming winter.

Yours sincerely,
RESIDENT.
St. Lawrence, Xmas 1921.

Mayable Concert at Rencontre.

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—Would you kindly allow me to give a brief description of a concert which was held here a few days ago. On the evening of the 10th and 11th at Rencontre East, a concert was held in the E. W. A. Hall. The scene presented a crowded audience each night, and we learn that one and all were delighted with the performance and the whole enjoyed themselves immensely. Mr. W. B. Fortune, the organist, gave the audience a very good address. Then the performance began at 7 p.m. with a patriotic song, entitled "The Laddies who are won." The programme consisted of eight songs, dialogues and recitations. The names of those who participated in the performance are the following: Mr. and Mrs. Mullins, Nellie Mullins, Jessie Mullins, Irene Collins, Hilda Collins, L. Mullins, John Mullins, William G. Coffin, Onslow, Albert James and Benj. (brothers). All characters in their parts with a thorough understanding of the play, and trying to make the play as interesting to the audience as possible.

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ence, which goes to show that the citizens of this small and isolated settlement have a great love and interest in working for their most loyal and dearest friend--the Church, for the proceeds of this entertainment goes towards the upkeep of the same.

The programme closed with a song entitled "The Call to Arms" and the National Anthem, and with three hearty cheers from the audience the gathering dispersed. Then when the hall was cleared away and everything in readiness, a dance ensued, to the great delight of the young folks, who kept up the enjoyment until the " wee sma' hours" of the morning, when everybody left for their home, all being pleased with the evening's sport.

ONE OF THEM.
Rencontre, East, Dec. 21, '21.

Mesmerizing Gladstone.

At a dinner party the late Mr. Gladstone once consented to be mesmerized by a man who said he could mesmerize anybody. Mr. Gladstone said he did not think anyone could have the least influence of that kind over him. What happened was a practical joke which the statesman did not enjoy. He was seated in the middle of a room whilst various passes of the hands near his face and head were made. Then he was given a plate to

hold up close to his face, and pass his hand three times round the back of it, close his eyes, and then pass his hand three times round his face in the same manner. The back of the plate had been held over a lamp until smoked black, and so Mr. Gladstone's face was smeared with black rings. He saw nothing amusing in it, and the onlookers felt very uncomfortable. He hated being laughed at.

JUVENILE T. A. & B. SOCIETY.—A Special Meeting of the above Society will be held on Sunday next, 15th inst., at 2.30 p.m., for the purpose of distributing tickets for the Annual Treat. A large attendance is requested. By order, J. P. KELLY, Sec. Guardians.—Jan. 13, 21

Minard's Liniment For Garget in Cows

Just Folks
Robert A. Gault

THE PATIENT MAN.
He didn't mind the petty cares.
The little things which make us fret.
Like frequent climbing of the stairs.
For looks of mother's sewing set.
The noise the children made at play.
The costly things their hands destroyed.
Somehow he seemed to smile away.
He was not easily annoyed.

The little disappointments came.
As come they must to all of us.

But he was never quick to blame
And never one to make a fuss;
"What can't be helped," he used to say.
"A man must bravely try to bear.
And he will spill a happy day
Who whimpers at a little care."

"Toys will be broken, and the dreams
Of every man will go astray.
There's always much to do, it seems,
And many a little bill to pay.
And many an unexpected task
Which falls upon us unawares.
Escape from these it's vain to ask,
For life's a round of petty cares."

When irritations come to me
And I am vexed and sorely tried,
His patient form I seem to see
Standing and smiling at my side;
In fancy I can hear him say,
Although his voice is long-since dumb:
"Be glad you have the strength to-day
To meet the petty cares that come."

MINARD'S LINIMENT FOR GARGET
IN COWS.

Household Notes.

If you are using raisins for cake, cover them once or twice with hot water and then with cold to insure cleanliness.

Maryland beaten biscuits are delicious when made with buttermilk, into which one-fourth teaspoonful soda has been stirred.

Apple-orange marmalade is made with a proportion of seven pounds of green apples to three oranges. About five pounds of sugar are necessary.

Velvet can be cleaned and made to look almost new. Invert a hot flat-iron, cover with a thickness of wet muslin, turn the velvet on the wrong side and place next to the muslin and brush it gently as it steams.

Minard's Liniment for Burns, Etc.

MAMMON.

SOMETHING-FOR-NOTHING SHOPS

Like the London National Investment Corporation, Limited, whose apparently philanthropic programme I discussed last week, the British Investors' Association importunes all and sundry to accept something for nothing. The Association modestly affirms that it is "the financial house which provides the widest service to investors." It might be supposed that this claim would vex the Investment Registry, the old origin something-for-nothing shop, but no doubt the two concerns, though seemingly rivals in the courtship of the investor, are on quite good terms with one another. Is not Lord Morris chairman both to the Registry and the Association, and does not Mr. Arthur G. Cousins, managing director of the Registry, act also as a joint managing director of the Association? With the same generosity as the Registry, the Association gives away fascinating little treatises on financial topics, and supplies—again gratuitously—detailed critical reports or any list of securities which an investor cares to forward. It likewise gives away a weekly circular entitled "Market Notes." To assist the investor in these ways the Association, it is stated, maintains an expert staff which makes a special study of all factors affecting investment values. Being a bit dubious about these lavish offers, a correspondent inquired whether there was no subscription for the weekly notes. The secretary of the Association replied that there was not, and went on to explain the reason why. "We are constantly re-modelling our services," he wrote, "in order to give the maximum of satisfaction." If, therefore, they made a charge for the weekly circular they might be in an "awkward predicament," because those who had subscribed for copies would naturally expect it to be continued on the existing lines, whereas "we might desire to alter their whole character." The letter added:—

We think you will readily appreciate the position, and we have explained the matter in some detail because we find that investors unacquainted with our name have appeared to be suspicious of any service offered free of charge. A moment's reflection, however, will show that our method is really far more satisfactory, as free services do not involve any obligation, and we rely on the soundness of the work we do to bring us custom.

To the suspicious-minded that "awkward predicament" theory will look rather thin, but lawyers may think perhaps that the words I have detailed are not without significance. There is, I fancy sometimes, the possibility of a really awkward predicament arising if parties who take payment for advance in regard to investments deal as the principals—not as brokers or agents—with those whom they advise. Common sense ought of course, to tell the investor that the heavy expenditure which these free services must entail is not incurred without a hope of profit. He should know, too, that the profit cannot come out of any custom of his in so far as it is restricted to instructions for the buying and selling of securities on the London Stock Exchange. The Registry, the Association, and the rest of the outside concerns can only get transactions carried out on the Exchange by employing inside brokers and paying their commissions, just as an individual investor has to do. As I explained last week in the case of the London National Investment Corporation, every such concern must accordingly make its profits out of particular securities, which it acquires for issue to the public. One of the things the investor should always ask is: Or what terms did the "issuing houses" buy or underwrite the debentures or shares which it offers to the public? This information is almost invariably furnished by "issuing houses" whose prospectuses are advertised and exposed to the criticism of the Press. Almost invariably, however, it is absent from the particulars circulated among potential customers by the Investment Registry and other institutions doing business on similar lines. Yet the terms upon which an industrial or other trading company raises new debenture or share capital are obviously of importance as a practical indication of its position, and when that information is withheld by those who invite applications for the debentures or shares, the cautious investor will draw his own conclusion—especially if the offer comes from a "house" which out of its profits on occasional offers of this kind has to defray all the running expenses of an elaborate "free service" organization.

By the way, the British Investors' Association asserts that "underwriting is one of the simplest and soundest of business transactions!" Without disrespect to Lord Morris and Mr. Cousins, I venture to characterize that statement as nonsense. Inasmuch as it is coupled with a promise to give large and small investors alike "facilities to participate in the highest class of underwriting business," I believe that the majority of independent and competent financial authorities will agree with me that it is pernicious nonsense.—Truth.

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