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**A NOBLE DOG.**

An interesting story of the faithfulness of a dog is printed in the *Summerside Pioneer*. It is to the effect that two little girls were walking along the shore accompanied by a large collie. The latter suddenly ran ahead in great haste, and at a certain point plunged into the water, swam out for a considerable distance, and returned with a young lamb which had fallen over a bank into the water. The girls went home to tell their fa-

ther, but the dog remained to guard the lamb. On their return they met the dog, with the lamb trotting by his side. The lamb was soon restored to its mother, none the worse for its adventure. The correspondent who sends the story to the *Pioneer* asks this question: "Don't you think a dog like this ought to escape taxes?" The editor replies, that he certainly thinks it should, and his view will be shared by every reader of the story, which may well be used to illustrate talks on the general subject of kindness to animals.

**ALBERT COUNTY WON GERMAN GUN**

Final Results of Victory Loan Announced—Only One District Fell Down.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 5.—The victory loan workers after weeks of effort succeeded this evening in getting the exact totals for all the counties and have handed out a grand total of which New Brunswick may well be proud. Although the total is not so large in comparison with the objectives, New Brunswick has done better this year than last. The grand total is \$15,635,000 and the objective was only \$9,000,000. Every district with the exception of Lower Gloucester went over its objective so that all except one have won the Prince of Wales' flag and some have won several crests. Albert County will be the proud possessor of the German gun which will be a monument to the excellent work of her county committee who tripled their objective. St. John City and County subscribed a total of \$5,598,500.

"She's turned me down!" moaned the young man who had vainly wooed an heiress. "In proposing," said his friend, reprovingly, "you ought to have told her George, that you were unworthy of her. That ball seldom fails." The luckless one gave a gloomy laugh. "Yes, I was going to tell her that," he said, "but she said it first!"

**2 CHRISTMAS DAYS**

Island of Madagascar the Only Country Thus Favored.

Queen Ranavalona II on Ascending Throne Became First Christian Ruler and Adopted "Glory to God in Highest" Motto.

There is only one spot in the whole world where Christmas is celebrated twice each year and that is the island of Madagascar, off the eastern coast of the southern end of Africa, and which dominates that part of the Indian ocean.

Marco Polo, the great traveler, first made this island known to medieval Europe in 1293. It was nearly two hundred years later when a Portuguese traveler obtained the first authentic information about the island, in 1497. From that time on there were attempts by the Portuguese, French and English to settle the island, and they met with defeat at the hands of the wild and savage Hovas, who controlled the island, and many died from malaria fever in the lowlands of the coast. On Christmas eve in 1672 all the Frenchmen at Fort Dauphin were murdered by the natives. In 1810 a Hova chief, Radama I, a young man, allowed the Christian missionaries to teach their Bible doctrines in the island, and by 1820 Protestant Christianity was effectively introduced among the Hovas.

First Christian Ruler. Radama died in 1828, and one of his wives became Queen Ranavalona I. She was bitter against the Christians and persecuted them in many cruel ways, and she had her warriors from the interior mountains of the island massacre the native Christians, who refused to renounce the Christian God and go back to the worship of idols. The cruel queen reigned until her death in 1861—a wicked record of 33 years. Then her son, Radama II, became king, and although he was a great drunkard and led a wild life himself, he allowed the Christian missionaries to come into the island again. He was assassinated in the palace in 1863, and his widow, Rasoherina, was proclaimed queen. Upon her death in 1868, a niece of Ranavalona I ascended the throne as Ranavalona II. When a girl, her gentle charities and sympathy with the Christians during their persecutions had won respect and love, and when she became queen it was understood that Madagascar would be a really Christian ruler on its throne. Between 1830 and 1835 the entire Bible had been printed in the Malagasy language, and a copy of the Malagasy Bible placed near the throne; while on the canopy above, in golden letters, were the words: "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men." With one hand on the Bible, the queen addressed the people, expressing the hope that they would adopt the Christian faith, but added: "In this matter you shall not be compelled."

Ordered Idols Destroyed. She ordered her own household idols and the chief national idol to be burned and gradually her example was followed by the general destruction of household idols among the Hovas. She married the prime minister the following year and made a public profession of her faith, and from that time on the Christian religion has been growing fast in the island.

The words over the canopy at her coronation the queen knew to be spoken by the angels in the sky when the shepherds heard the noise of wings at the time the Christ was born in Bethlehem. Christmas is celebrated all over the island now. But the Hovas have a different way of computing time and by their system Christmas falls some time in November, and they celebrate it then. The Christian date of December 25 is also celebrated by the natives along with the missionaries. But it is not a Christmas of snow and sleighbells. It is a tropical country and Christmas day is under a torrid sun, but the sky is brilliant and the magnificent flowering trees of many vivid colors are filled with many peculiar birds of brilliant plumage, while the grounds beneath is bespangled with wild blossoms of varied hues.

Too Late. It was Christmas eve. Staring at the dying embers of the fire was a beautiful woman. Her face was worried, and she clasped and unclasped her hands in nervous excitement. "Christmas eve," she murmured, "and no money to buy baby a Christmas gift!" Mechanically her eyes wandered around the room until, with a guilty start, they rested on something standing on the mantelpiece. It was baby's money-box. "If I only dared!" she thought; "but what would John say?" For a few moments she stood debating the awful question in her mind, and then reached for the box. "John need never know," she said. With trembling hands she broke open the box and emptied on the table a collection of buttons, nails, and so on. John had been there first!

**THE CHRISTMAS GARLAND.**

Cora A. Matson DeLeon.  
Make one wreath more;  
Yes, one wreath more,  
To hang outside, above thy door,  
That all who pass this way may see  
The Christ-tide spirit is with thee.

Miss Greene had been invited to be bridesmaid at quite a smart wedding and spent much time in planning her new frock.

At last it was ready; and when she tried it on she asked Mrs. Jones from next door to come and see it. "It's sweet, my dear!" said the good lady, admiringly. "And certainly you look a lady, whatever you are."

Miss Greene's face told her she had made a mistake, so she corrected herself hurriedly.

"No. I mean you are a lady, whatever you look!"



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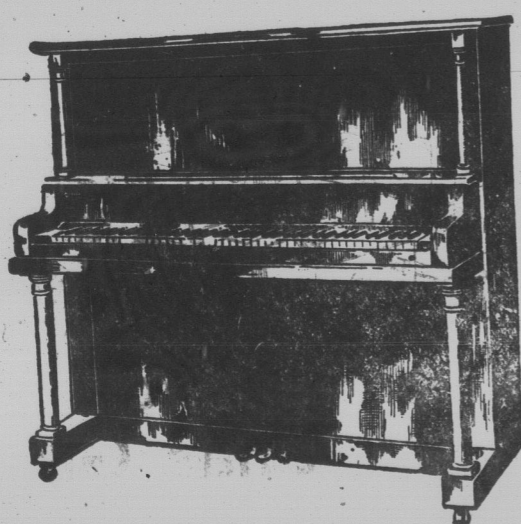
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